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Heavy Horse Festival Coming To Allora



The inaugural Darling Downs Heavy Horse Festival is locked in for the 12th and 13th March at the Allora Showgrounds. Pictured are Clydesdales from the Coolibah Ridge Horse Stud at Gowrie Junction. *Photo courtesy Katy Driver. Story inside page 3*

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Letters to the Editor

CALL TO ARMS

What a great article in last week's Advertiser about the Boer War Memorial in Allora's RSL Park. The visit by the Light Horse in May of this year will be a fitting tribute to all of the Allora and District men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice, not only in the Boer War but across all conflicts. It will be an extremely moving ceremony.

Unfortunately, I can't help but feel ashamed that the RSL Memorial Park has been allowed to fall into such a state of disrepair. The park needs immediate

restorative action to ensure it is in top condition, not only for the Lighthorse visit and the Anzac Day commemoration, but also for the hundreds of visitors to the park each year.

The most pressing issues are firstly the sandblasting and repainting of the stately fence around the park and also the cleaning and repairing of the older monuments, which is an extremely delicate operation.

The responsibility of maintaining the RSL Memorial Park rests with the SDRC and they have been approached to do the work required. There has been no action from the SDRC to date and it appears as if they will abrogate their responsibility. The RSL has also been contacted and they refuse to fund any maintenance costs associated with the park.

The RSL Park lawn and garden has been maintained over the past six months by Wendy Ellwood. Wendy has obtained quotes for the work required and the amount is \$8,500.

Allora has a reputation for taking care of business and as such this is a "Call to Arms" to the community to raise the funds necessary to complete the work required.

If you can assist in any way, please contact John Ellwood on 0427 425 256.

Letter contributed by John Ellwood



Repairs & maintenance well overdue at Allora's RSL Park.



Cleaning needed and names need restoring.

Safer speeds in Allora



The speed limit on one of Allora's main streets is set to be changed in coming weeks.

Transport and Main Roads Southern Queensland Regional Director Bill Lansbury said the speed limit on Warwick Street was reviewed following concerns raised by the community to Southern Downs Regional Council.

"We've listened to the community and taken their concerns to the Speed Management Committee for review," Mr Lansbury said.

"The Speed Management Committee includes representatives from the Queensland Police Service, Southern Downs Regional Council and Transport and

Main Roads.

"The speed limit review process considers a range of factors such as road condition, road function, roadside environment, road construction standards, prevailing traffic speeds and crash history.

As a result of the review, the speed limit will be reduced on a section of Warwick Street, Allora from 60km/h to 50km/h between Raff Street and Forde Street.

"I urge all motorists to observe the new speed limit once the signs are installed and always drive to the conditions."

For more information, contact 4639 0777 or email DownsSWR.office@tmr.qld.gov.au

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Heavy Horse Festival

Well known for holding the Heavy Horse and Harness Spectacular at the Warwick Show for 10 years the Darling Downs Heavy Horse Festival team decided to expand this event and create a stand-alone show at Allora.

Now under the banner of its own incorporated organisation there was a need to increase the operating committee and with everything approved by Fair Trading it's all systems go. However the organisation will still work closely with the Allora Show Society to create a mutually beneficial event.

President of the Darling Downs Heavy Horse Festival is Clint Kenny with Vice President John Polzin, Secretary Clare Gorwyn and Treasurer Gail Fleetwood. Committee members are Roy Fleetwood, Bob Rattray, Pete Lowry, Scott Jenkins, Michael Bradford and Matt Herron.

The two day festival is a celebration of all breeds of draught horses and the roles they played in the development of the Downs.

Nowadays their popularity has grown as a pleasure horse.

The weekend of 12th & 13th March will see the full range of Heavy Horse events from led classes showing off the best of the breeds, including Clydesdales, Shires, Percherons, Draught Horses, Gypsy Cobs and Drum Horses, to harness events, ploughing and working classes where the horses pull slides and logs through obstacle courses. A feature will be the ridden heavy horse with a range of classes including the introduction of Heavy Horse Dressage as a competition event.

The light horse and ponies have not been entirely left out with harness classes for our 'smaller cousins' included. Demonstrations will also be held such as wheelwrighting, blacksmithing, horse-works and sheep shearing.



Clare's beloved clydesdale Sonny. Photo Katy Driver

Stall holders are welcome with application forms now available.

Any Allora community groups that would like to be involved in this event with

displays and demonstrations are welcome - email ddheavyhorses@gmail.com

or phone Clare on 0438 160 588 or Clint on 0417 607 196

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Should Allora Be Part of CelticFest?

Considered to be a boost to tourism in our town the word is out - does Allora want CelticFest? The event is being run by the Warwick Caledonian (Scottish) Society with support from two other lead community groups being Warwick Thistle Pipe Band and Inverness Highland Dance Studio. It's a 3 day festival with the ticketed day being held at the Warwick Showgrounds on Saturday 26 March, where many Celtic experiences will be brought to one venue. It's hoped that many of the visitors will stay over and explore our region on Friday 25 and Sunday 27 March. Already Clifton and Glengallan are onboard so surely Allora would benefit by being involved. Lyn Wright is the Allora contact if community groups and businesses would like more information. Phone Lyn on 0408 753 085 or email lynwright007@gmail.com

Great Australian Bites Cancelled

In light of the unfolding COVID-19 environment across Queensland Southern Downs Regional Council has decided to cancel Warwick's Great Australian Bites. Scheduled to take place in Warwick on Saturday 22 January from 4pm to 10pm, however with community safety a primary concern, the event has been cancelled. Council will investigate an alternative event to occur later in the year.

Headspace Not Operating Face To Face

For this week until Friday Headspace Warwick will be offering over the phone and online appointments only. The centre will not be open as staff will be working from home. Headspace Warwick will still be providing service and answering all enquires, however it will be over the phone for now. Direct all enquiries to 4661 1999.

JAMES LISTER MP
Member for Southern Downs



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Supreme Beast of Clifton Show 2021. Speckled Park Bull named Wattle Grove Freedom P646 was prepared by Steve Hayward and Kellie Smith of Allora.

2022 Clifton Show Postponed

President of the Clifton Show Society Haydn O'Leary has advised that the Clifton Show scheduled for February 11, 12 and 13 has been postponed. With 110 Shows being held since 1901, Clifton is proud that it has rarely missed holding its annual show. "However these are extraordinary times and given the current situation the Committee passed unanimously to postpone. There was a number of factors considered in making the decision, with the main factors being the potential risk to our local community, the potential financial implications involved with a last minute cancellation due to changes in the situation or government directives and the difficulties in conducting an event with the current requirements" Mr O'Leary said. The Clifton Show Society has apologised for the inconvenience caused to all its loyal competitors and sponsors. The Committee will continue to monitor the situation as the year progresses with the view to running an event of some kind should the conditions change and a suitable date is available.

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Successful applicants will be provided with a free high-quality UPF50+ portable shade marquee (3x3 meters) to give kids some extra sun protection.

Cancer Council Queensland CEO Ms Chris McMillan said that shade is an essential part of children's sun protection and reduces their risk of skin cancer.

"Shade has been shown to be an effective environmental intervention to reduce the burden of skin cancer in Queensland. Shade provision can reduce

Ultraviolet Ray (UVR) exposure by up to 75%." Ms McMillan said.

More than 4000 Queenslanders are diagnosed with melanoma each year, with more than a third of childhood (under 15 years of age) melanoma cases in Australia being diagnosed in Queensland over the past decade.

Marquees are available per site so that organisations with multiple sites may be eligible for more than one marquee.

Unfortunately, numbers are limited therefore not all applicants can be guaranteed to receive the marquee.

Applications for Cancer Council Queensland's Portable Shade Project are open until **28 February 2022**.

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Tighter regulations to stamp out commercial goat theft

AgForce has welcomed tighter regulations for wild game harvesting in a bid to stamp out the theft of commercial goats across Queensland.

The changes, which include the need for harvesters to obtain a signed consent form from landholders, were introduced following a rise in goat thefts – sparked by soaring meat prices.

Figures from the State's Major and Organised Crime Squad (Rural) reveal the number of goats stolen has almost doubled in the past 12 months – with 429 head reported stolen across the State last year compared to 220 head in 2020.

With cases of both stolen and legal goat carcasses being processed through kangaroo chiller box facilities, concerns have been raised over animal traceability.

AgForce Sheep and Wool Board President Mike Pratt said he hoped tighter regulations would curb the problem, but urged producers to ear-tag kids at marking time and to remain vigilant and report all suspicious activities to police.

"The domestic goat market in Australia has gone from strength to strength over the past decade, and Queensland has been a key player with many producers receiving prices upwards of \$10 per kilogram," he said.

"Unfortunately, the downside of that is that we are seeing callous individuals trying to cash in by taking what isn't theirs.

"Some producers have lost hundreds of thousands of dollars as a result, and, as well as the financial implications, there is an emotional toll, with many producers left devastated."



(Image - Meat & Livestock Australia)

Tighter regulations mean that the food safety programs and management statements of wild animal supply chain businesses must now ensure compliance with the following:

- All wild game harvesters are required to obtain written consent from each landholder where harvesting of wild game is undertaken.
- The consent form must contain contact details for the landholder and list the species of wild game permitted to be harvested on the property.

- The consent forms for each landholder must always be carried by field harvesters when in possession of wild game carcasses.
- All Safe Food accredited field depot operators and wild game processors that source field shot wild goats must retain a copy of the consent form on file and contact the landholder within 48hrs of receipt. This will verify the accuracy of the information on carcass tags and consent forms before the animals are sent or presented for further processing.

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- Applications for round two of the Agricultural Shows and Field Days program open 28 January 2022.
- \$7.9 million available for eligible organisations.
- Program helps support events after the disruptions caused by the pandemic.

Applications under round two of the Coalition Government's Supporting Agricultural Shows and Field Days program will open on 28 January 2022.

Minister for Agriculture and Member for Maranoa David Littleproud said the Supporting Agricultural Shows and Field Days program is a way to give show societies a much-needed cash injection after the disruptions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

"Agricultural shows and field days generate over \$1 billion in sales for small businesses every year," Minister Littleproud said.

"For some communities and charities, agricultural shows or

field days are the financial boost they need to get them through the year.

"Not only are they essential for business, agricultural shows and field days provide a way for people to show off their latest innovations and technology, increasing productivity and profitability for all involved in the agriculture sector."

Applications for support under this second round of funding open on 28 January 2022 and close on 17 February 2022.

Grants from \$10,000 to \$70,000 will be available for eligible show societies and field days organisations to help provide the confidence and resilience they need to go ahead and plan their events in 2022 and beyond.

Applicants will be able to claim for eligible expenditure incurred for events cancelled in the period from 1 January 2021 to 31 December 2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic, up to the maximum capped amounts listed in the following table:

Grant groupings	Attendance numbers (2019 or 2018)	Maximum grant available (GST excl.)
Small agricultural shows and field days	Up to 1,999 attendees	Up to \$10,000
Medium agricultural shows and field days	2,000 to 4,999 attendees	Up to \$15,000
Large agricultural shows and field days	5,000 attendees and up	Up to \$70,000

"Economics aside, agricultural shows and field days are a great day out and provide the much-needed opportunity for communities to come together, catch up and support each other," Minister Littleproud said.

"These grants provide show societies and field days

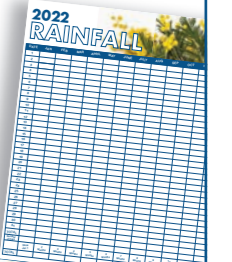
organisations with the confidence they need to go ahead and plan their events in 2022 and beyond."

Further information will be available on 28 January 2022 from the Community Grants Hub website (communitygrants.gov.au).

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Letter to the Editor

MESSAGE FROM ANDREW WESTERMAN, CONSTITUENT OF SOUTHERN DOWNS

This article is in reply to the "Message from James Lister MP, Member for Southern Downs".

First, let me congratulate the member on the birth of his daughter and wish her all the best in a world that has given us significant challenges. While I share the member's sentiment towards the 20-21 COVID years, we must not speak too soon about the 'end' of restrictions, as the Omicron variant continues to ravage our population. Whether we like it or not, history tells us that pandemics are not 'here today, gone tomorrow'. We should be mentally preparing ourselves for many years of life that will hardly be normal.

We cannot say at this stage whether 'living with the virus' is a workable option. For decades, living with polio was a sad reality, but concerted efforts globally have all but eliminated this scourge. We must take each year as it comes. The most likely outcome, following an evolutionary trajectory, is that a variant that is able to be dormant, but then suddenly active and infectious, will emerge as the final winner of the virus 'arms race'.

But that is for scientists and the future to determine. Certainly, we should not abandon the drive to free us from COVID. Meanwhile, restrictions and inconvenience will become the 'new normal'.

The member is well aware that emergency powers are required to enable directives such as border closures, lockdowns and public safety restrictions. To date, it cannot be illustrated that these have been any more 'coercive and discriminatory' than anywhere else in the world where management of COVID has

been effective. Using this kind of language is divisive, making people more fearful than hopeful.

People choosing not to vaccinate fall into two broad categories - those for whom vaccination would be life-threatening and those who choose not to be vaccinated. I respect anyone's decision in regard to their health, but all actions we take are not without consequences. And, demonstrably, not being vaccinated has consequences, as we see pandemic deaths still much higher in the unvaccinated population.

If I were to drive at twice the speed limit on a road, one might argue that, if I am alone in the car, the risk I take is my own. Unfortunately, we know that this risk also applies to others on the road, and consequences can be fatal - not just for us, but for others. No-one would think it 'coercive' to engage police to pursue people driving at twice the speed limit - they would consider it normal. Likewise, police 'discriminating' between someone driving safely and someone driving recklessly would hardly raise an eyebrow.

Whether the member agrees with actions taken for public safety or not, the fact remains that such measures are unremarkable and common. The fact that he chose to vote against the powers gives me no comfort, as we would have, had the bill been voted down, a situation where even measures that are moderate and sensible would not be able to be legally employed.

The unvaccinated may choose their path in life. They can insist that there are grounds for rejecting vaccination, but they should not have the right to impose their decisions and views on others, especially babies and the elderly, the two most vulnerable groups. Thus, to frame restrictions as discrimination is simply unfair. The unvaccinated cannot simply claim that their actions have no consequences beyond them.

The member did not provide evidence that restrictions on the travel of unvaccinated people "hurts our hard-working small businesses and farmers". Any business person is well aware of the requirements for staff safety. This is not some new imposition, but a normal part of workplace safety.

The member is attempting to divide where we should be working together for sensible solutions. Already, the logistics sector has been pragmatic enough to address supply chain issues. Let's not denigrate good, practical solutions for hollow political gain.

I urge the member to reconsider his position and express the need for us to come together as a community for the safety of all, especially those most vulnerable.

Andrew Westerman



Not Long Now Until The School Bell Rings

The kids are ready and so is Mum.

It's been a longer Christmas break than normal but we're nearly there.

Both Allora P-10 and St Patricks School Allora will open next Tuesday 25th

January for the supervision of children of essential workers (as defined by the Queensland government).

Then the BIG date - Monday 7 February - it's back to School for all students.

Looking Back...

Allora's Past 150 years ago January 1872

Wheat Industry Potential

At the 1872 Drayton & Toowoomba Agricultural Society Show a loaf of bread made from wheat grown by Mr. John Hegarty of Spring Creek and ground at the new Allora flour mill was on display. The bread was considered equal in every respect to that made from the best Adelaide flour and decidedly superior to most of the bread sold by bakers at the time. If, as was affirmed, wheat could be depended upon on the Downs as a paying crop so far as quantity was concerned, there could be no doubt whatever about the quality securing it a ready sale.

Allora's Past 100 years ago January 1922

Industry Develops

A considerable quantity of wheat has now been railed from the district. For about two weeks the Wheat Board has received wheat at the Allora railway station, the deliveries being limited, as far as practical to 4% of the individual

crops, the aim being to distribute the deliveries as evenly as possible among the growers. Since the New Year the Board has been railing grain from Berat on the Goomburra line from which centre about 3,000 bags have been sent away. A somewhat large amount of wheat had been rejected for first consignment, the chief reasons given being the presence of barley and hexham scent admixture.

Allora's Past 75 years ago January 1947

Potential Realized

Mr. W. J. T. Neale, officer in charge of the Wheat Board's Allora depot, reports that 18,020 bags have been delivered at Allora to date along with 3,712 bags being received at Ellinthorp. The depot at Goomburra is also receiving wheat and it is anticipated that approximately 3,000 bags will be received at that



The wheat dump at Berat.

centre. Mr. Neale anticipates that in Allora a crop of 25,000 bags will be received.

Tom McVeigh, former member of the State Wheat Board and M.L.A., has expressed an interest in seeing the history of the wheat dumps and grain sheds in the Allora district recorded. If anyone has any information or photos of dumps or grain sheds at Ellinthorp, Allora, Kital, Berat, Goomburra or Massie please contact an Allora & District Historical Society member.

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Jeremy's View

My love of reading newspapers

Readers probably know that I want to be a journalist when I grow up, and how much I love writing my column in the Allora Advertiser. But I also love reading too. The first book I ever read was a kids bible that was given to me for Christmas by my local Anglican Church in Stanthorpe called St Paul's. Now I love reading all sorts of books including history books but especially books about World War Two battles by James Holland. At that time I also started reading newspapers. It was a very memorable time to start reading newspapers because a couple of months after I started reading the Warwick Daily News and Stanthorpe Border Post, they both stopped printing their own editions and sacked most of their staff.



When I first heard this news of newspapers ending their printed edition, I just was so disappointed but I thought that the Daily News and Border Post were only temporarily going to an online only format. Because I thought that there would be no way that newspapers as old and respected and important to their communities as them could only be online. Now everyone knows that the those papers never returned to a printed format.

Thank goodness that the Allora Advertiser and the Free Times stayed, and the new Daily Journal and Stanthorpe Record started up to keep us informed with the printed local news that people depend on.

Now I read every newspaper I can get my hands on including the Australian and the Courier Mail and I also get the monthly journal called "The Spectator". Sometimes I go with dad on his road trips in the electorate and get to read other newspapers which I don't normally get like the MacIntyre Gazette, the Goondiwindi Argus, the Cecil Plains Crier, and of course the excellent Clifton Courier and Pittsworth Sentinel which are sisters of this newspaper. In fact, it was on one of dad's visits to Allora that I first met Mim and Ted at the Allora Advertiser, and Mim asked me to write a column for it. I love this photo of that day when Mim and Ted showed me the old printing Press which they still have out the back.

Jeremy Lister, age 10

TODAY'S QUOTE -

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Sunday was the Monthly Medal. Winner was Russell with a net 68 from Baz on 69 and Frizz on 70. Baz won the 2021 Medal of Medalists.

Next week will be a Two Person Ambrose sponsored by Allan and Kelly Hoey. Names in by 11.00 am with shotgun start at 11.30 am.

The Sports Club Committee is keen to have a gala golf day to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Allora Golf Club and the date selected is Sunday 2nd October 2022. All members please contact any past Allora golfers to arrange for them to help us celebrate a tremendous milestone. See you on the links.

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