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## Heavenly home changes hands

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Jeremy Tovey and Sue Dalton pictured on the grounds of the former Methodist Church after the recent sale of this iconic Allora building.

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### Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

Further to my recent correspondence to your publication, I am pleased to advise that the SDRC has agreed to fund up to \$8,000 of repairs and renovations to the Memorial Park in Allora. To the wonderful citizens and former citizens of this great town who pledged money to fund the repairs, thank you very much. In view of the SDRC decision, I will not be calling on you for your pledge. I understand that the SDRC decision to fund the repairs was not supported by all councilors. It will be interesting to review the meeting minutes to determine which councilors voted against the funding and their reasons for doing so.

Yours sincerely,  
John Ellwood

### Help fight Australia's biggest killer this February

Every 10 minutes an Australian suffers a heart attack. Sadly, many do not survive with 48 Australians dying every single day from heart disease - someone's family member, wife, husband, or special friend that means the world to them. Given that heart disease is our biggest killer, it would be impossible for all Australian communities to not be impacted in some way.

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That's why this February we invite all Australians to get involved with REDFEB, heart health awareness month, to raise much-needed funds for ground-breaking research into heart disease. Getting involved is as simple as wearing red and donating to Heart Research Australia during the month of February. For more information or to donate, please visit [www.heartresearch.com.au](http://www.heartresearch.com.au)

On behalf of the thousands of Australians impacted by heart disease every year, thank you for your support.

Nicci Dent  
CEO, Heart Research Australia

# Locals wanting to preserve Stark's Trough



L-R Sandra Harrop, Paul Stark, Flora Sparksman, John Sparksman, George Smith, Don Crawford, Kerry Smith and Jackie Gallagher.

Stark's Trough is an important part of Allora's history and well worth preserving. George and Kerry Smith from Drayton House are co-ordinating the project with completion due by Easter. At the meeting in Dalrymple Park last week interesting ideas were thrown around. An urgent job that needs to be

undertaken is for a support block placed underneath the middle of the huge log. To preserve the log a natural substance could be used. Two new plaques are on the agenda with possible safety barriers erected. George is hoping to contact Tree Specialists who can supply information such as age of tree, history and

when felled etc. The Stark family is happy to donate to the project. Within the next couple of weeks ideas from the community would be most welcome before the next meeting at the end of February. Contact George

or Kerry at Drayton House. A working bee will be conducted on Saturday 19 February early from 7am to remove the soil and debris from the Trough. Any help would be appreciated - just bring along hand tools and bucket.

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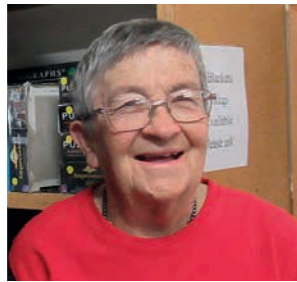
*Daphne (Daph) Whatley*

In 1974 Daph arrived in Allora from King Island.

Appointed the local Director of Nursing and was responsible for building all Health Facilities in Allora.

Being community minded Daph joined Scope in 1977 as a Charter Club member and is still heavily involved to this day. During her years in Scope Daph has held national, zone and local positions.

Meals on Wheels was started by Daph in Allora and was the first Meals on Wheels in Queensland



run out of a hospital. After 40 years Daph was made a Life Member.

Her years of local involvement includes volunteering at Allora's Community Auction, Heritage Weekend, Allora Show, Op shop and helping out at Mary Poppins House. Good on you Daph!

# Allora festival receives extra funding



Clint Kenny and Kirsty McKenna with Percherons. (Photo Katy Driver)

The Darling Downs Heavy Horse Festival (DDHFF), to be hosted in Allora next month, is a beneficiary of leftover funding from Southern Downs Regional Council.

To help run the event, the Heavy Horse Festival had originally applied for \$14,565.95 through the Tourism Recovery Funding budget but just missed out in the competitive process.

They will now receive the full amount.

The leftover funding came from successful applicants that had to return funds due to their event being downscaled or cancelled due to COVID-19.

The returned funding had been allocated for Mi-bike Motorcycle Insurance Australian Superbike Championship (cancelled), Qld Motorists Re-Enactment Weekend 2021 (scaled down) and Grazing the Granite Belt Spring Edition (scaled down), totalling \$43,143.

The Stanthorpe Festival Association will also receive up to \$30,000 for the 2022 Stanthorpe Apple and Grape Harvest Festival under the Tourism Recovery Funding budget.

As the total for both slightly exceeds \$43,143, any shortfall will be funded from council's operating budget.

# Police lament horror start to February on Queensland roads

In a horror start to February, 12 people have lost their lives on Queensland roads with police pleading with motorists to take more care.

Acting Chief Superintendent Ray Rohweder of Road Policing and Regional Support Command said people must take individual responsibility for their safety, acknowledging that safe driving starts with the person behind the wheel.

"It is only February 7 and 12 people have sadly lost their lives on our roads. That is horrendous and our thoughts are with the countless lives that have been devastated by these crashes.

"Everyone knows that speed kills, driving while distracted kills, drink and drug driving kills, driving while fatigued kills and not wearing a seat belt kills.

"We all know this. This is nothing new, yet we continue to see motorists ignoring the warnings, disregarding the road rules and taking unnecessary and often fatal risks when driving and it has to stop.

"Stop and think about your



manner of driving. The forces of physics are very unkind in crashes and you may think you're safe inside your vehicle, but our road toll says otherwise.

"Drive like it is the most important thing that you are doing because it is. Get it wrong and people die.

"We need motorists to be better and do better, it's that simple. Road safety begins with the person behind the wheel," Acting Chief Superintendent Rohweder said.

Lives lost on Queensland roads for 2022 so far sadly stands at 32 an increase of 6 from 2021. This includes:

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# Our Region Could Benefit From These Grants

The Culture, Heritage and Arts Regional Tourism (CHART) program is a \$3 million Australian Government program that aims to support community cultural, heritage and arts organisations in regional Australia as they recover from the impacts of COVID-19.

Applications can be made until the funding is fully allocated, or until 29 April 2022 (whichever is sooner). Maximum grant of \$3,000 and projects must be completed by 30 June 2022. Types of activities that may be eligible -

- **Collections management.** e.g., Conservation, cleaning or development of collections or exhibits.
- **Minor capital works.** e.g., Ramps, handrails and building modifications that improve accessibility, wayfinding signage, storage facilities, display cases and furniture, air-

conditioning systems.

- **Modifications.** e.g., Modifications that improve volunteer conditions, including furniture and kitchen facilities.
- **Equipment.** e.g., Cameras, printers, scanners, display screens/televisions, routers and WiFi facilities.
- **Outsourced professionals.** e.g., Designers (web and graphic), researchers, curators, conservators, historians and digitisers.
- **Printing and fabrication.** e.g., Banners, flyers, brochures, signage, shop-front improvements, QR code/guiding demarcation.
- **Public events.** e.g., Community events and special interest programming. Guest speakers and informative events must demonstrate a benefit beyond the organisation's existing membership base.
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educational and visitor experience, volunteer management, resilience and significance training, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultural material treatment, copyright, sustainability (accessing and de-accessioning). (Please note that travel costs are not eligible.)

• **Specific operating ex-**

penses. e.g., for reopening - additional COVID-19 cleaning and hygiene measures.

Further information is available at Culture, Heritage and Arts Regional Tourism (CHART) Program - Australian Museums and Galleries Association Inc (amaga.org.au)

## SDRC to Carry Out Road Works at Pratten

Important safety works to upgrade Pratten's road network are expected to commence on Monday 21 February, weather permitting.

Sections of Hope Street, Bugden Street, Lester Street, Elliot Street and Ross Street will be bitumen sealed as part of Southern Downs Regional Council's ongoing commitment to provide safe roads for the

community.

The four week project will operate under traffic-control arrangements and may cause minor delays for road users during construction.

On-site staff will help make sure local residents in the area still have access to and from their properties.

Standard construction hours will be between 6.30am and 5pm, Monday to Friday

## Exciting new hearing clinic in Warwick now visiting Clifton, Allora and Stanthorpe

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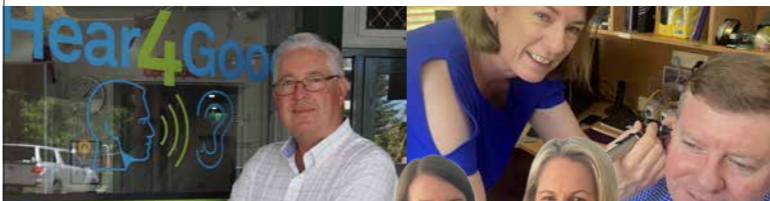
Local Hearing Aid Specialists Sharon Jamieson and Michelle Arnold have connected with Mark Paton to bring the Hear4Good concept to Warwick and Southern Downs. Hear4Good Southern Downs brings back the idea that people are the centre of all hearing solutions and unlike most other hearing aid shops they are completely Australian and proudly local.

The new clinic at 55 Guy Street, Warwick will be fully equipped with soundproof testing booths to provide highly accurate hearing assessments. If needed a wide range of Digital and Bluetooth enabled hearing technology can be provided. Unlike some other hearing aid shops, we are not owned by a hearing aid manufacturer. Therefore, we have access to all brands of hearing aids, meaning that the solution provided is the one that suits the best.

The clinic is accredited to provide fully funded services for Pensioners and Veterans.

Transferring to the new local clinic is simple; a phone call to 4661 3893 or simply dropping in to see the familiar faces is all that is needed. You can then continue to receive the services you require, and the current services you have are completely transferrable.

Michelle and Sharon had become uncomfortable with the way hearing services were being delivered and they felt that developing a truly local service without the pressure of a multinational company would benefit the local people. When the opportunity came to connect with Mark Paton's Hear4Good concept they felt it was time. For the self-funded retirees, the Hear4Good concept guarantees competitive prices, plus a wide choice of devices and comprehensive rehabilitation programs. They are looking forward to being able to tailor hearing solutions for the individual.



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## The next chapter on the life of the former Methodist Church has begun.



On 1st February 2022 the Church changed hands from Sue Dalton to Jeremy Tovey who owns the old Parsonage next door.

Since buying the Parsonage Jeremy has also admired the old Church because of its uniqueness and it being a part of Allora's rich history.

With his skills and workmanship for renovations and beautifying the Parsonage he now wants to turn his talents to the Church. Sue was extremely happy that the building could be handed to someone who appreciates the history of the building.

Sue and John Dalton started visiting Allora in 1975 travelling from Toowong every weekend. Sue being a nurse and John an Architect. In 1977 they heard the Church was to be demolished to make way for units. They didn't want this to happen so they outbid the potential buyers and became the owners that year. They loved the atmosphere and the lovely peaceful feel of the building.

John, being an award winning architect, set to work making modifications with the help of Sue but they kept the original interior design of the church intact. Additions at the rear were built by John with the help of neighbour Tim Chester and included materials from the old Allora railway shed.

Sue had sheep and donkeys out the back and held meditation and sewing groups in the back room. John passed away in May 2007 but left a lasting legacy.

Jeremy said he sees this as a unique opportunity as it's a local attraction and an important part of the town's history.



*Above: Sue and Jeremy pictured in front of the bathroom vanity which was originally a sideboard from George's Cafe in Herbert Street. The unique and historic salvaged elements used for the interior renovations are just another reason why Jeremy fell in love with this property.*



*The interior of the church remains largely untouched.*



*Reinstating the property's original wooden street numbers will be one of Jeremy's first projects.*



## A Good Season For Sorghum Crops On The Darling Downs

A new \$11.6 million, five-and-a-half-year joint investment is aiming to address lodging in sorghum – an issue that is consistently rated as the most significant concern facing Australian sorghum growers and costing on average \$12 million worth in yield loss annually.

This strategic investment aims to de-couple the relationship between height, yield and lodging to increase the water-limited yield potential of sorghum, reducing grain-fill yield loss by 25 per cent. The knowledge and techniques developed will allow breeders to chase yield harder without greater lodging risk.

The investment comprises in-kind and cash investment between Grains Research and Development Corporation (GRDC), global commercial partner Advanta Seeds and trusted long-term partners University of Queensland (UQ) and the Queensland Department of Agriculture and Fisheries (DAF).

UQ researcher Professor David Jordan will lead the project with grain grower investment through GRDC, with UQ and DAFQ's world-leading expertise in sorghum research combining with Advanta's industry expertise and global scale.

Ultimately, this pre-breeding research seeks to provide commercial sorghum breeders with the tools and germplasm to rapidly deploy pre-breeding outputs to

growers, fast-tracking the path to market.

GRDC Business Partnering Manager, Brett Ford said the research partnership follows extensive engagement with growers, advisers, researchers, and industry about what they see as a key priority for investment.

"Lodging was clearly that issue that mattered most to improve yields and yield stability," Dr Ford said.

"This co-investment is the sweet spot for effective research and development, with an outstanding combination of resources in grain research and commercialisation. Each partner has 'skin in the game', contributing expertise and financial support to the investment.

"GRDC's aim as strategic investor is to support research unique to the Australian grain industry. This collaboration will improve the accuracy and speed of sorghum pre-breeding, supporting faster commercialisation of innovation right here in Australia – and levy payers are set to benefit."

Professor David Jordan said the UQ team looked forward to working with the partners to continue to lead the way on global sorghum research and development.

"In this project we are bringing



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together Australia's leading sorghum research expertise with the capacity of global industry innovator, Advanta Seeds," Professor Jordan said.

"As part of this project, we will investigate and introduce methodology that will establish consistent, robust and replicable methods that induce lodging, testing stem composition and structure – which has never been done anywhere in the world.

"We'll assess diverse sorghum populations to identify the key genes and genetic locations associated with reduced propensity, to lodge and draw on this knowledge, so that we can create advanced genomic tools that enable breeders to develop high yielding hybrids quickly and efficiently to tackle the issue.

"We have had a longstanding

track record of delivering significant value for sorghum growers over many decades, and this five-year investment will ensure this work will continue.

Sorghum is the fifth-largest grain globally in terms of volume. As a nation, Australia produced roughly 20 per cent of volumes produced by the USA (the largest producer), making us a significant but medium size player on the global stage.

Dr Ford said the joint research project would put Australia at the centre of global sorghum pre-breeding research and would allow commercial breeders to rapidly deploy pre-breeding outputs.

"The collaboration creates a multi-win situation and Australia's sorghum growers should benefit most directly and tangibly from the agreement," he said.

# Allora Bowls Report

**WEEK 3** - What started out to be a hot & muggy bowls night ended up with a shower of rain to cool us down near the end of play. Wendy had the air-conditioning pumped up in the bar for those who wanted to escape the heat.

Results this week: Rink 1: Peaky Blinders 10 d. Phoenix Rising 8; Rink 2: Gina's Babies 17 d. Railway Hotel 11; Rink 3: Doesn't Matter 18 d. The 2 Poc Crew 6; Rink 4: Do it Again 17 d. Beers, Bowls & Bitches 4; Rink 5: Stone Cutters 15 d. Pig Lures 7; Rink 6: The Three Stooges 14 d. What a Show 13; Rink 7: Fire Ants 12 d. Generation Gap 6.

Raffles were won by Adele, Moley, Bev, Danny, Robyn, Leanne, D Smith, Cheree. Craig had a crack at the Jackpot, turned up a Jack and won \$60, Well done.

Touchers won by Ty, Max, Bev, Moley, Chris Brown & Beetle.

Winners on the night were Doesn't Matter & Losers Railway Hotel.

Sending out a cheerio call to Bruce (Simmo) who will not be playing this season, miss writing Bruce again for Touchers.

To all our new players, the only way you are going to improve your game is to turn up each week & try your best, a big thank you to Lynn P & Patto for helping a new member of my team, very much appreciated.

Big thank you to all the sponsors, Tony Morris Tiling, Allora Butchery, Railway Hotel, Percy Fruit and the Allora Sports Club and our new sponsor for the Jackpot T.C.L Cleaning. Thanks Leanne. Thank you to all our helpers each week, great job done by all. See you all back on the green next week.

# SDRC Disaster Dashboard Revamped

Southern Downs Regional Council's online Disaster Dashboard has undergone important changes to enhance the one-stop-shop experience for users.

Council's Local Disaster Coordinator Michael Bell said the enhancements were integrated to increase community resilience through improved preparedness and awareness.

"We can't ignore the fact that our region is prone to natural disasters such as bushfire and flood however the reality is we can all take ownership and

responsibility for how we prepare ahead of time for these inevitable events," Mr Bell said.

The dashboard's newest functions include:

• **Get Ready Southern Downs** (disasterdashboard.sdrc.qld.gov.au/viewinteractiveguide) is an electronic booklet, which contains important material and interactive information and links in one handy location. The material and links contained within the electronic booklet provide current information to assist users prepare and get

ready for future disasters.

• **Get Ready - Spin the Wheel** (disasterdashboard.sdrc.qld.gov.au/viewsdrcwheel) is a fun and interactive webpage that allows users to ask the "What If" around what they should do if the unexpected happened.

Find the Disaster Dashboard at [www.disasterdashboard.sdrc.qld.gov.au](http://www.disasterdashboard.sdrc.qld.gov.au) for information on current weather warnings, local road closures, power outages, emergency news, map layering and river heights.



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# Wattles Kick Off 57th Season



Fresh from celebrating his 37th birthday on Sunday, Travis Burns is about to step into his 22nd senior level season continuing at the coaching helm of local hero's the Wattles Warriors.

While rumours have the veteran former NRL/Super League star strapping on the Asics yet again, he is committed to a seat on the bench and focusing on his coaching career and support across all team levels.

In what was his first year as a senior coach in 2018 he ushered the Warriors to the TRL grand final denied in a narrow finish against Valleys.

Allowing for the season that wasn't in 2020, Burns has guided his side to finals finishes each year since

taking on his mentoring role.

While not giving much away he is looking to a year of achievements in 2022, and in saying that he suggests across all grades.

Wattles opened their new season campaign with their initial training session at Platz Oval on January 18th.

Club President Mrs Amanda O'Halloran was hoping for plenty of numbers to get the season under way and is happy with the roll up of late.

Aside from Burns, Wattles endorsed coaches for the coming season see Garth Lonergan & Nick Morris again heading up the Wattles grand finalist side of last year while legendary club identity Cameron Hamblin takes charge of the Under 19 squad.



Looking fresh faced back at the start of the 2011 Toowoomba Rugby League season; Aaron Scheid, Jason Nightingale & Tim Hentschel are booted up for a come back a decade later in 2022.

In changes to the 2022 TRL roster with the demise of the former Under 18 grade, the premierships now includes an Under 19 grade.

An Under 17 grade has been added to the junior ranks and will contest the Warwick & District Junior Rugby League premierships.

Wattles can boast some

exciting additions as they look to launch the coming 103rd TRL season, running on in the traditional pre-season challenge of the Barrett Family Shield on Saturday, March 12th at Platz Oval.

The Barrett Family Shield will celebrate its 30th year anniversary this year having

# Allora Golf Notes



For the second week in a row, we have seen a score of 25 points win the Percy's Fruit Duck Run. Wal played beautifully in the windy conditions to win from Kenny on 21. Kev won the approach and Ray the long

putt. Rod, Garth, Tommy Morris and Kev won a ball in the rundown. Thanks Percy.

The Railway Hotel Monthly Mug was also played in windy conditions on Sunday with John winning on 37 points in a countback from Mark. Lenny was in third place. Great shot by Channy on the 7th to win the eagles nest.

Next Sunday is the Monthly Medal. See you on the links.

Wattles way after spending last year with the Highfields Eagles Under 16 line-up.

The imposing Dokshen, a year 11 student at St Mary's College in Toowoomba is also a rugby union player of note, and a former Queensland Reds scholarship holder.

Wattles talent stoked reserve grade outfit will have the benefit of some mature age experience in the coming season as they launch towards another grand final berth.

Former A grade premiers winners Tim Hentschel and Aaron Scheid are back in solid training keen to win a spot in the regies, and will be joined by another former Wattles mainstay in Jason Nightingale.

Glyn Rees

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Allora's Past 25 years ago February 1997

### Paul Harris Fellowship

At a dinner in the Community Hall well-known local identity and former chairman of the Allora Shire Council, Jim Deacon, was honoured for his work in Local Government and the local community as well as his involvement in many local Rotary projects, with the presentation of one of Rotary's highest awards to individual members – a Paul Harris Fellowship. The presentation was made by Sir Clem Renouf, a former world president of Rotary International, who was also guest speaker for the evening.

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Allora's Past 75 years ago February 1947

### Harvest Festival

Last week the Allora Salvation Army Corps conducted its Harvest Festival celebrations. After special services in the hall on Sunday, the concluding function was a concert and sale of goods in the Shire Hall on Monday evening. The hall was packed for the concert at the conclusion of which stall holders did good business selling various lines of produce.

Allora's Past 100 years ago February 1922

### Bitten by Snake

While drawing hay on Monday Mr. George Rickert was bitten on the leg by

a black snake which had been pitched onto the load amidst the hay. His brother Mr. Syd Rickert, who was working with him, at once scarified the wound and applied the usual bush treatment, afterwards bringing the bitten man to Allora for medical aid.

Allora's Past 125 years ago February 1897

### Pickpockets at Allora

At the Allora Show on Wednesday last some of the pickpocket fraternity were present. One Warwick resident reports having been relieved of his purse containing about 30/-. No doubt these "gentlemen" will pay Warwick a visit next week when it behoves all to keep a sharp lookout.

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# Success at the Country



Proud Age Champions at DDRSA Country Championships are Alyssa White, Bailey Harm, Nick Denny and Kaitlyn Fischer.

The Allora Swimming pool has remained a hive of activity over the summer with squad training for almost 100 children continuing daily. The swim team has been preparing for the climax of the season, putting in the hard yards over summer holidays to reap the rewards by season end.



Winners of the bronze medal at WP Kemp Mixed Medley Junior relay in Gatton are Maeve Moore, Ellyn Moore, Will Peters and Chloe Harm.



Winners of the Gatton WP Kemp Senior Mixed Medley Relay, Bailey Harm, Alyssa White, Ellyse Kruger and Will Day.



Youngest club members Kaitlyn Peters and Sylvie Moore ensure our Assistant Coach Bear is on duty in Goondiwindi.



Winners of the Bob Wharton Shield for Senior Country Relay Champions, Ellyse Kruger, Alyssa White, Bailey Harm and Nic McGahon pictured with Club Coach Andrew Fidge.

# Swim Championships

Allora Swimming Club continues to attend meets across the Darling Downs. We had 25 swimmers put in a strong performance at the WP Kemp Memorial Meet in Gatton to kick start the New Year. The team are putting out some great performances with Personal Best swims aplenty as they vie for qualifying times for the Qld Sprint Championships. Our Senior A Relay Team of Will Day, Alyssa White, Ellyse Kruger and Bailey Harm put on a great show winning the WP Kemp Memorial Senior Mixed Medley Relay. With depth in our numbers, our Junior A Team was able to come home for the bronze medal spot. The team of Will Peters, Ellyn Moore, Chloe Harm and Maeve Moore were committed in their efforts.

The showcase event of this meet is the WP Kemp Memorial Sprint Final. The fastest 10 freestyle swimmers are selected for the sprint event. The club enjoyed cheering on both Will Day and Bailey Harm in

the final, with Bailey securing the 2nd place position. Bailey Harm added another pool record in the 13 years 50m Freestyle to his ever-growing list of pool records across the Downs.

The Club enjoyed a friendly day of racing at Inglewood with 32 swimmers competing in the western heat. This meet had to be rescheduled from December due to the flooding in Inglewood at the time. Allora took home a number of age champion positions, and our congratulations are extended to Maeve Moore, Ellyn Moore, Jett White and Alyssa White. The team secured plenty of medal wins too.

Our biggest commitment this season was to the DDRSA Country Championships, held in Goondiwindi on the 22nd January. We travelled with 61 Allora Swimming Club members, our largest competing team ever in 55 years of club history. Many swimmers stepped up to their very first competitive meet and we congratulate them.

Goondiwindi provided an opportunity for more PB swims, more state qualifying times and plenty of medals won amongst the team. Congratulations are extended to our four Country Age Champions, Bailey Harm, Nick Denny, Kaitlyn Fischer and Alyssa White who will now be invited to receive their awards at the DDRSA Dinner at Highfields in March.

Allora certainly rewrote the record books at Country Champs, with Maeve Moore breaking the 9 years 50m Free, Ellyn Moore breaking the 12 years 50m Breast and Bailey Harm breaking an astounding 8 records across the 13 years age group. These record-breaking swims were certainly highly entertaining for the fanatical Allora crowd.

Our greatest achievement at Country Champs was in our Relays. Being a club of 'mates', our kids certainly step up in relays. Our Senior A Team of Alyssa White, Ellyse Kruger, Nic McGahon and Bailey Harm were winners of the

Bob Wharton Shield for the Senior Country Relay bragging rights. We are exceptionally proud to add Team Allora to the shield for the very first time in our Swimming Club history and we thank these swimmers for their outstanding effort. To add to the club tally, our Senior B Team of Nick Denny, Will Day, Kaitlyn Fischer and Lily Osborne came home strong for the Bronze Medal position to wrap up a very exciting 1,3 finish for Allora. Competing against much larger regions, the Allora team should be immensely proud of their outstanding efforts on this very long and hot day.

The Allora Swimming Club will continue to meet at 5pm on Friday evenings with squad training continuing daily. The "A" Team will now prepare for State Sprints in February, Regionals in March and then Club Championships being held on 13th March to wrap up a great season of swimming.

Donna-Maree Willett Pres. Allora Swimming Club



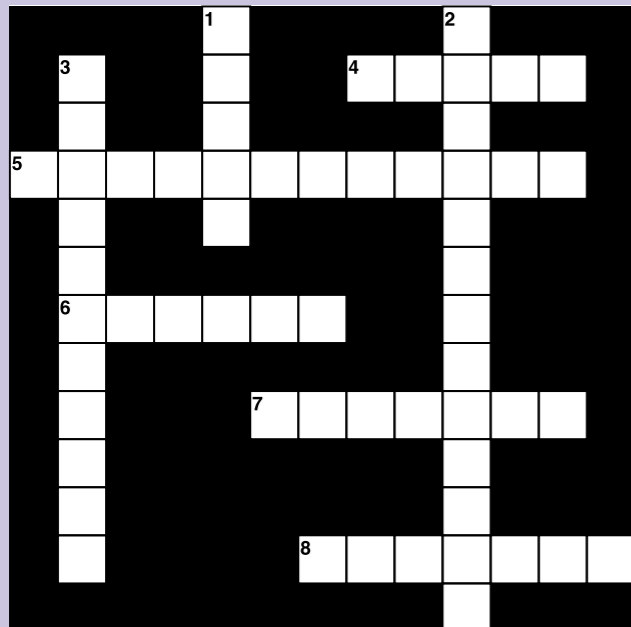
The Allora Swim team warm up in the park at Goondiwindi under the guidance of Yoga instructor Lorna Moore.



# CREATIVE CORNER



## CROSSWORD PUZZLE



**Across**

- 5. Heart specialist.
- 6. Deficient blood condition.
- 7. Clot obstructing a blood vessel.
- 8. Exercise to improve cardiovascular health.

**Down**

- 1. Fat circulating in the blood.
- 2. Medical device for stabilising the heart.
- 3. Cardiac arrest (5,6).

## SUDOKU

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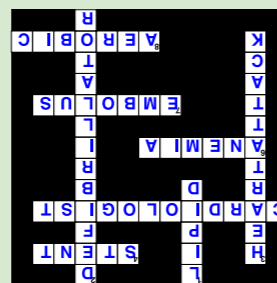
**TODAY'S QUOTE -**  
 "Today is not finished till tomorrow commences"  
 - Walter C. Meave

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#### SUDOKU

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#### CROSSWORD PUZZLE



## Jeremy's View

### My first day of Grade 5

I go to St Joseph's Primary School in Stanthorpe, and Monday this week I started Grade 5. My teacher is Mr Page who is the same teacher who I had last year too. I am even staying in the same classroom as last year when I was in Grade 4, and my brother William has moved up to Grade 3 and is now in the classroom just next door.

As usual, on the way to school, mum let me go into the newsagent to buy my favourite newspapers. Well actually my favourite newspapers are our local independent publications like the Allora Advertiser, Stanthorpe Record/Southern Downs Daily Journal, and Warwick Today/Stanthorpe Today. But on Mondays I just get The Australian, and I also get a weekly magazine called The Spectator. Because it was our first day back we spent the time putting everything in place doing things like organising our books and pencils. We also did Japanese with Mrs Kendall.

After lunch we went to school assembly but because of COVID rules we went to the big hall at the St Joseph's senior school over the road. At assembly we saw the new prep students who had just started school along with 14 other new kids who have just transferred to St Joseph's.

It has been a really long school holiday time because COVID meant that holidays were increased by two weeks. I enjoyed the school holidays and spending time with my new sister baby Amelia because she has just started smiling and laughing. But actually I do enjoy school and I like my teacher Mr Page. So going back was no problem for me I think. I think Grade 5 will be about the same as Grade 4, just a bit harder, but still okay.

At the end of the day, we usually catch a school bus home which stops just outside our place in Kyoomba. But Dad picked us up from school this time because William needed to go home quickly and get changed so he could start scouts at 4.00pm.

The photo this week is of me and baby Amelia before school.

Jeremy Lister, age 10



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