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Dalrymple Creek Flooding Causing Headaches



Debate is raging in Allora over a claim made by many people that a levee bank constructed at a Berat property has made a major impact on the flow of Dalrymple Creek. A group of concerned locals attended a meeting in Allora Monday with representatives from Southern Downs Regional Council. (Story on pages 4 and 5)

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Allora Organisations Receive Funds

More than 740 organisations across the state have been successful in receiving a share of almost \$30 million thanks to the Gambling Community Benefit Fund (GCBF) Disaster Recovery Round. Attorney-General and Minister for Justice Shannon Fentiman said this round was the biggest in the fund's history with grants of up to \$100,000 to support groups hit hard by recent natural disasters.

"When local community groups are impacted by a natural disaster it impacts the entire community," the Minister said.

"The grants are not only helping organisations replace damaged items and undertake repairs, but also become more resilient against future weather events."

The Allora Tennis Club Inc. received \$100,000 to upgrade Court Surfaces.
The Allora Branch of the QCWA received \$27,180 to upgrade facilities.

Closing In Warwick

The closure will mean the loss of one registered nurse and two receptionists. Patients can contact the Rose City Medical Centre by phoning (07) 4574 4810 to have their record sent to another Practice. Last day of operation will be Wednesday 16 November but will remain with phone contact Monday to Friday between 9am and 1pm until Friday 16 December.

POSTPONED

FREE TRAINING WORKSHOP
Project Planning & Communication workshop which was due to be held on the 16th November has been **POSTPONED** to the 21st February 2023

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In Flanders Fields

By John McCrae

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie,
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.

The poem and the poppy

During the First World War, red poppies were among the first plants to grow on the Western Front in Europe. They bloomed across the wasted battlefields of northern France and Belgium.

The flower gave Canadian medic Lieutenant-Colonel John McCrae the inspiration for his poem, In Flanders Fields. McCrae's poem recalls the red poppies on the graves of soldiers

who died on the Western Front.

McCrae was a surgeon attached to the 1st Field Artillery Brigade during the Second Battle of Ypres in 1915. Over a 17-day period, he was treating the injured men. The suffering and loss of life he witnessed in the dressing station were hard to bear. The death of a friend and his burial in a cemetery close by moved him to write the poem.

A Remembrance Day Service will be held this Friday November 11.

This year's service will be held at the Allora P-10 State School Hall and not the Allora Cenotaph due to the possibility of inclement weather. Members of the public are welcome to attend from 10.30am. The service starts at 10.45am with one minutes silence at 11am.

The 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month attained a special significance in the post war years.

The moment when hostilities ceased on the

Western Front became universally associated with the remembrance of those who had died in the war. This first modern world conflict had brought about the mobilisation of over 70 million people and left between 9 and 13 million dead, perhaps as many as one-third of them with no known grave.

The allied nations chose this day and time for the commemoration of their war dead.

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Contentious Levee Bank

Two community meetings were held in Allora on Monday afternoon to discuss the topic, both involving concerned locals who have properties impacted by floodwaters and representatives of Southern Downs Regional Council (SDRC).

The representatives included CEO Dave Burges, Mayor Vic Pennisi, Deputy Mayor Ross Bartley and a member of the planning and development staff.

The first meeting was organised by John Ellwood of the Allora Sports Club.

The second meeting was organised by Col Willett.

After hearing what all concerned parties, SDRC resolved to seek legal advice and hoped to have a make decision on whether the levee bank would need to be removed or not within 30 days.

The concern is the levee bank will direct floodwater into neighbouring houses at Berat.

Many residents believe multiple floods earlier this year along Dalrymple Creek were made worse by the levee bank, particularly around the corner of Raff and Jubb streets.



Area before flooding occurs.

Allora Sports Club's golf course was also greatly affected by flooding.

Further downstream, parts of Merivale Street were washed away and have yet to be repaired.

During the first meeting, Mayor Vic Pennisi indicated part of the problem is SDRC have not been able to determine thus far when the

levee bank was built.

Their historical records indicated it was built in the 1960s and Council would need evidence that makes it clear it was built more recently.

Some clarity was provided by Shirley Cornhill, who owned the land in question for 40 years.

She said a levee bank

was constructed then, but it was very small.

Several neighbouring landholders said they were prepared to sign affidavits regarding their knowledge of when the levee bank had been most recently constructed.

In 2013 or 2014, the levee bank was made much larger, at an estimated



John Ellwood, convener of a meeting with representatives of SDRC.



Col Willett explaining to Council about flooding in Raff and Jubb Streets.

height that may be as high as six or seven feet.

Mr Ellwood said neighbouring landholders complained to SDRC at the time, however nothing was done and as many years of

drought followed, flooding was not front of mind.

Another point of contention is if the levee bank is large enough to be Council's responsibility.

The measurements are

not clearly defined in the state legislation, so councils do not have authority over smaller levee banks, considered to be category 1.

Mr Ellwood said a letter from the State Minister

makes it clear the levee bank is large enough to be SDRC's responsibility.

Following the meeting, Mr Ellwood said he was satisfied with the response from SDRC, although he has been a little bit frustrated with the situation.

Mr Willett, a resident of Hillside Road, said flooding has made that road impassable several times this year, including in recent weeks after just 30 to 40 millimetres of rain.

He said a new drain installed by SDRC has actually made the situation worse, and SDRC made it clear the road was not high on their priority list.

He believes a metre-high bank should be constructed at the corner of Raff and Jubb streets to protect nearby properties from floodwaters, or else it could get ugly.

"I do fear something like Grantham," he said.

SDRC will be conducting a flood study covering Allora and surrounding areas, supported by Federal Government funding.

Deputy Mayor Bartley said the study will cover area past Kital Road, which was not included in a previous flood study done in 2010-11.



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Toowoomba Catholic Schools Excellence Awards



Dr Pat Coughlan and Mary Donnelly.

The outstanding educators and staff at Toowoomba Catholic Schools have been celebrated at their annual Excellence Awards.

The awards identify and showcase practitioners who model, demonstrate and live excellence in their roles, all day, every day.

Dr Pat Coughlan, Executive Director: Catholic Schools said "We are privileged to have an outstanding staff who believe in and are committed to inspiring young people to learn and reach their full potential."

Mary Donnelly a Year 5-6 teacher from St

Patrick's School in Allora was an Award finalist.

The 'Mary Donnelly experience is explained by parents as one in which their child is not only educated but thoroughly engaged by her wit and intelligence.

It is this experience of Mary that has had a positive and lasting impact on the community of Allora.

Mary's leadership of pedagogy and pastoral care, professional development of staff, expert differentiation of curriculum, authentic relationships and willingness to go the extra mile are the hallmarks of her career.

New Roof For Goomburra Town Hall



The ROOF is DONE and dusted after nearly two years of fundraising. A big thanks to those who attended the events plus made donations. The Gambling Community Benefit Fund grant was a huge boost to the coffers. Thanks also to Albert Baker Roofing Pty Ltd.

The bank balance is a bit poor but we have a great investment in the hall for future years. Due to the rising costs of materials and knowing just what was under the roof our budget was blasted.

Please come along and support the Goomburra Town Hall Christmas Party and Dance on Friday 25th November. Fun starts at 5.30 pm with Santa at 6.30 and a Dance from 7 o'clock with cost \$15 adult and children free. A barbecue and bar will be operating. If you're interested in the Santa run, please provide a surprise to the value of \$10.

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As always the group is requesting donations of ladies new knickers, small hotel style soaps, new face washers, new 100% cotton (non-stretch) material or monetary donations. Please think of Days for Girls if you are doing a cupboard clean out. Items can be dropped into Allora True Value Hardware store, Cassaz Colourful Curls Allora or Bryson's Florist Warwick. Please mark donations as Days for Girls. If dropping items in can you please text, phone or email contacts below so that items can be collected. Monetary donations over \$2 are tax deductible and can be transferred to: Allora Days for Girls, BSB 064032 Acc: 10127292. Items can also be dropped off at gathering times.

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



Preparing silos to manage a wet harvest

Recent heavy downpours and more rain on the forecast has eastern Australian grain growers bracing for another wet harvest, with logistical and grain quality issues already front of mind.

While growers are very much at the mercy of the weather when it comes to being able to harvest crops, they can start to prepare their silos to store grain above the deliverable moisture content to open up selling options.

Grains Research and Development Corporation's (GRDC) Grain Storage Extension Project co-ordinator Chris Warrick advises what growers should be doing now to prepare their silos to store wet grain.

Mr Warrick said while some growers might choose to delay harvest, giving

crops the chance to dry out and get back to the desired deliverable moisture content, others might have to harvest wet grain to avoid future rainfall events.

"Preparing silos so growers have the option to take grain off the above deliverable moisture content is a tool they can use to manage the difficult logistics of a wet harvest," he said.

"Drying with aeration requires really high airflow. Growers will need 15 litres of air per second per tonne or more to carry the moisture out of the grain," he said.

"Aeration cooling only requires 2-4 litres of air per second per tonne and can be retro-fitted to cone bottom silos, sheds or bunker sites.

"If you are going to store grain with higher moisture, make sure you're monitoring it regularly. Smell the air,

check the temperatures, and ensure it's cooling down, not heating up.

"When using aeration cooling fans to hold higher moisture grain, growers will need to run fans continuously whenever ambient conditions are under 85% relative humidity, regardless of temperature.

Without constant air-flow, higher moisture grain is likely to heat, sweat and turn mouldy.

GRDC has an updated fact sheet on saving weather damaged grain for seed that growers can access via the website - grdc.com.au/resources-and-publications/all-publications/factsheets



GRDC National Grain Storage Extension Project Coordinator, Chris Warrick. Photo courtesy GRDC

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Wattles Reform and In Gear for 2023



It may well be early days across the Toowoomba Rugby League region but local heroes the Wattles Warriors are steaming towards another season of positive events.

League faithful across the Central Downs are still celebrating the club's 2022 success which included an A Grade premiership win and a Reserve Grade Grand Final appearance.

Wattles convened their well-attended Annual Meeting to appoint the committee to guide their 58th season at their Platz Oval Clubhouse on October 26th.

Amanda O'Halloran was returned as club President, continuing since first appointed in 2019.

Tony Morris and Janeen Maguire are Vice-Presidents with Cathy Morris continuing as Treasurer.

Well entrenched Wattles supporter Emily Henry stepped into the vacant Secretary roll.

Long serving Wattles stalwart Jack Duggan will continue as club Patron.

WATTLES LADIES TO RUN ON IN NEW SEASON - The Wattles Club break new ground in the coming season with the introduction of a women's team on their playing roster.

As President Amanda O'Halloran remarks, "to have a women's team on our match day program has been on our wish list for quite some seasons, and it is tremendous that now it's happening."

"We have had significant interest shown by prospective players based locally and further afield, and we have recently appointed a well credentialed coach in Jade Parkinson."

It's quite an historic occasion for the Wattles club to have a women's team join their ranks, adding further to the organisation's achievements over a 58-year history.

Parkinson comes with an impressive resume coaching and achieving in junior rugby league circles with Toowoomba's Valleys, Pittsworth and also Zone 4 representative league.

Additionally, he's had involvement in Toowoomba Clydesdales junior grade teams and programs.

Wattles newest team mentor can also claim expertise in the sport of boxing, a former State coach who has had National and State champions under his wing.

There's still much to be done before the Wattles ladies line up to run on in 2023.

While Parkinson's primary focus currently is establishing numbers, "skills and drills and honing up the girl's ability in relation to contact rugby league will be first and foremost."

The building of the team will see many prospective players come from various rugby league backgrounds, some having played the contact tackle game, some involved in league tag.

Early mail indicates a widely spread interest by young woman to don the Wattles green and gold, which is more than encouraging for coach and club.

Parkinson will join Cameron Hamblin (Under 19), Tony Morris (Reserve Grade) and Travis Burns (A Grade) on Wattles new season coaching bench, Burns also the club Coaching Director.

The Parkinson family's arrival at Platz Oval will be a family affair with Jade's daughter Hannah Parkinson, who has Toowoomba Clydesdales experience, also running on for Wattles in the new year.

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Amanda O'Halloran appointed to continue as President of the Wattles Rugby League Club for 2023

campaign isn't wasting any time, hosting an information evening and gathering for players to meet team



Jade Parkinson will coach Wattles initial woman's rugby league team in the coming TRL season.

and club officials at 7 pm this evening, Wednesday, November 9th at Platz Oval. Glyn Rees



Wins All Round for Allora District Cricketers

The Allora Cricket team have pinned themselves to the top of the Warwick Cricket Association premier-ship ladder with two wins under their belt, after success over Warwick Colts at Keith K.O. Masters Memorial Oval on Saturday.

Matthew Higgins, Laura Schiewe and Alex Strike starred in the result, Higgins hitting 44 and taking three wickets in a classy all-round effort.

Colts batted first to be all out for 137 over thirty overs, John Cleary (31) and Alex Costello (17) fairing best with the bat.

Matthew Higgins and Laura Schiewe snared three wickets each, Jamie Holmes (2) with Jack Duggan and William Ole a wicket a piece.

The Allora eleven were struggling at 3 for 28 courtesy mainly of two wickets by Colts medium pacer J Fern after their first five overs at the crease.

Gavan Schiewe (9) steadied the ship before middle order heroes Alex Strike (35) and 44 by Higgins set Allora on a course for victory at 4 for 139.

Victoria Hill banked their first competition points of the year with a nail-biting win over Maryvale at Warwick cricket headquarters Slade Park.

The run rich win came on the back of a thrilling 96 not

out by Joe Morris.

Maryvale won the toss batting and building an impressive total of 2 for 196, opener Mitch Darton (66) and Michael Bourke (55 not out) opening their shoulders to the Victoria Hill bowling attack.

Of the Hill eleven's bowlers Joe Morris had Darton caught behind while Harry Sandhu bowled fellow opener Andrew Ryan for 34.

Morris certainly swung the willow in his superb unbeaten innings deserved of a century that included five boundaries and four sixes.

Victoria Hill lost a steady flow of wickets in the run chase but held their nerve to win in the second last over.

Damien McDonald added a valuable partnership late in the game with Morris.

Ricky Sandhu (28) and Harry Sandhu (26) were also in the runs for Victoria Hill as they built a total to edge past their opponents for the loss of six wickets, while Maryvale bowlers Kieran Bourke and Michael Bourke collected two wickets each.

This Sunday the Allora Green Ants meet Sovereign Hotel at Warwick's Slade Park, and on Saturday Victoria Hill take on Wheatvale at Allora's Keith K.O. Masters Memorial Oval.

Glyn Rees

Allora Golf Notes



It is great to be able to announce that the new sponsor of the weekly Duck Run is Allora Hardware. Golf in Allora has a great history with the Allora Hardware business, with previous owners Beetle and Sue Wakeford being tremendous supporters over many years. As part of the sponsorship, Allora Hardware will continue ownership of the 15th hole.

We had a really good roll-up of 21 players for the Allora Hardware Duck Run, with Garth the winner with a cracking 23 points from Kenny on 20 in a countback from Hethe. Kenny won the NTP, Kev the approach and Rod the long putt.

Sunday we played for the Railway Hotel Monthly Mug with the winner being Jason Nightingale who was resuming from a long spell. Jason scored an impressive 41 points to win from Aaron on 40 in a countback from Hethe who was in third place. Congratulations to Rob Hoey who won the eagles nest on the 16th. Thanks to Robyn from the Railway for the great sponsorship.



Club secretary John Ellwood and Andrew Peterson of Allora Hardware.

This Friday will be the Duck Run and Sunday the Monthly Medal. Don't forget the Open Day on the 20th November. The first round

of the Matchplay is complete so players please arrange to play your next round matches. See you on the links.

Clifton Benchrest Shooting Club News



third was Michelle Ford with a score of 556.10.

The Junior Open Rimfire competition was again hotly contested. Cooper Steffen was rewarded with first (577.13 - how close is this to Dad Luke's score?). Second was sister Amelia with a score of 575.11 and third was Mia Edwards scoring 522.5.

Gary, with a score of .3488, was pipped at the post by wife Helen who won the Centrefire competition after lunch with a score of .3458. But Gary fought back and shot the Smallest Group in Centrefire (.238). Michelle Ford was third in Centrefire scoring .4168 over her five groups.

Next rifle competition day will be on Sunday 20 November which is the Stan Buckley Memorial Shoot. Marg Buckley and members of her family are planning to attend. Stan was one of the original Founding Members and did much to promote the Club in its formative years.

Margaret Sullivan

The wind on Sunday 16 October proved quite tricky in patches for competitors in the Club's monthly Rimfire and Centrefire shoots.

Rifle Captain Gary displayed his usual accurate form, winning the Men's Open Rimfire with a score of 593.28, then following this up with the three Best Cards of the Day: Hunter Class (199.7/200.20); RBA (244.13/250.25) and Rabbit & Crow (150.8/150.15).

Second and third in the Men's Open Rimfire were Luke Steffen (578.22) and Chris Brown (571.14) respectively.

First in the Ladies Open Rimfire went to Ashleigh Brown (576.14), second was Helen Manteit (563.13) and

Allora Bowls Notes



as there are 5 teams on 12, Stone Cutters, Peaky Blinders, Beers, Bowls & Bitches, Railway Hotel and Do It Again just itching for a chance to be at the top.

Lucky Raffle winners this week were Dave Sparksman, Josh T, Doug, Matt, Patto, Bryce and Kris.

No luck for Bryce for the second time this season missing out on the Jackpot again. Great to see all tickets sold, \$200 next week so hopefully another sell out.

Touchers on the night - Trevor, Beetle, Leanne, Chris B, Robyn and Kate.

Winners on the night were Gina's Babies and Losers - Generation Gap.

Next weeks trophy to be supplied by Beers, Bowls & Bitches. Thank you ladies.

A big shout out to Moley for looking after the greens especially with all this crazy weather and to all our sponsors, Railway Hotel, Allora Butchery, Allora Sports Club, Tony Morris Tiling and Right 1st Time Cleaning and thank you to all our helpers on the night. See you all back again next Tuesday night for another great game of social bowls.

Bev O'Halloran

ROUND 9 - I was confusing a few people by using the term Week so have now resorted to using what Round it is as we missed a night because of rain so 4 more rounds to go.

After a wet, cold blustery day it was a different story on the green, players were not heavily adorned with winter clothes on although the temperature did drop dramatically by the end of play.

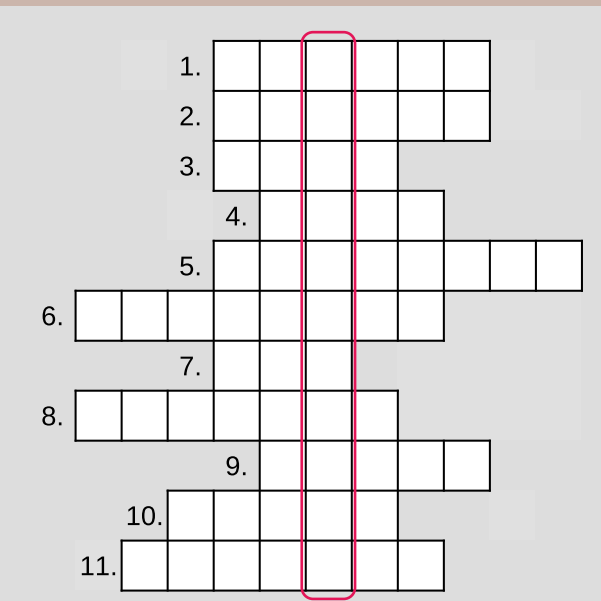
Results this week - **RINK 1:** Phoenix Rising 12 d. Doesn't Matter 9; **RINK 2:** Stone Cutters 13 d. Fire Ants 12; **RINK 3:** Do It Again 23 d. What a Show 1; **RINK 4:** Beers, Bowls & Bitches 19 d. Generation Gap 3; **RINK 5:** Railway Hotel 16 d. Peaky Blinders 13; **RINK 6:** Gina's Babies 17 d. The Three Stooges 6; **RINK 7:** Pig Lures 23 d. The Gecko's 9.

Pig Lures are still on top of the Leaderboard with 14 but it that could change

CREATIVE CORNER

WORD SCRAMBLE

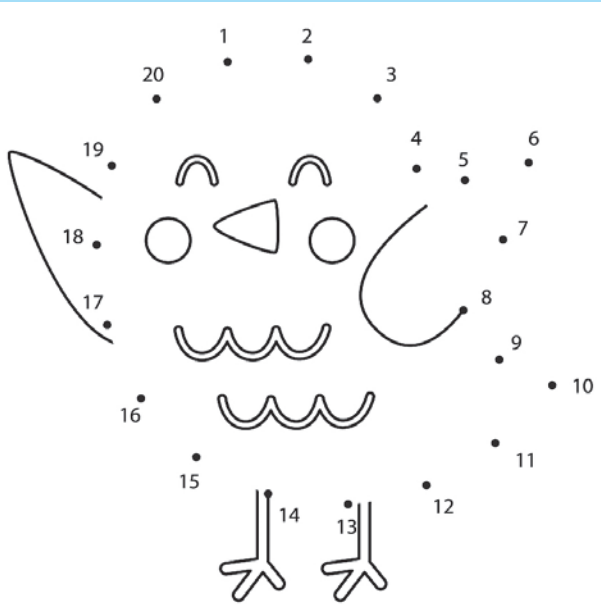
Unscramble the words below into the corresponding boxes provided to reveal the mystery word circled in red.



- 1. ADRAEP
- 5. RMLMAOE
- 9. NCAAZ
- 2. HEWATR
- 6. MREMBREE
- 10. EACPE
- 3. RYMA
- 7. RAW
- 11. SRCEEPT
- 4. ROEH
- 8. EAENTRV

CONNECT THE DOTS

Then colour in your completed drawing!



The Allora Advertiser has been advised by a reader that the funnel web spider that appeared last week on the front page is definitely a Monteith spider.



SUDOKU

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Solution below

TODAY'S QUOTE -
"When you harbour bitterness, happiness will dock elsewhere."

SOLUTIONS

WORD SCRAMBLE

- Remembrance
ANSWER:
11. Respect,
10. Peace,
8. Veteran, 9. Anzac,
6. Remember, 7. War,
5. Memorial,
3. Army, 4. Hero,
1. Parade, 2. Wreath,

SUDOKU

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