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## Sports Funding A Huge Boost For Allora



**The Allora Sports Club Inc. has received funding of \$179,974** to be used on the Allora Golf Course.

Club Secretary John

Ellwood was delighted with the grant that will be used to build a new bridge across to the golf course plus others repairs.



**The Allora Tennis Club has received funding to the amount of \$321,146** to be used for resurfacing the four tennis courts.

President of Club, Mandy Mutch is over-the-moon on what this will mean for the future of tennis in Allora.

(for full details see page 2)

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# Bees at Home in Allora

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# ALLORA SPORTS CLUB INC.

The grant monies will be used on the Allora Golf course.

Firstly, the funds will assist with the cost in repairing wash-outs in the creek banks which were caused by the three flood events earlier this year. If the wash-outs in the creek banks are not repaired, they will get worse with every flood and there is a real risk that the sixth tee box and seventh green could be damaged beyond repair.

The grant monies will also be used to pay for a drain that was necessary at the sixth green because a spring had opened up following the floods.

Finally and importantly, the grant will be used to build a new bridge to access the golf course. The original bridge has borne the brunt of

many floods over the past 25 years and had weathered well until this years floods. The assessment team from the Department of Sport and Recreation deemed that whilst the existing bridge is serviceable, it will continue to deteriorate with continued flooding and should be replaced.

The committee of the Allora Sports Club appreciates the professional manner in which the grant application was managed and they are very excited with the decision.

The funding was allocated through the Queensland Government Community and Recreational Assets Recovery and Resilience Program.

John Elwood, Club Secretary

# ALLORA TENNIS CLUB

After many years of applying for grants to improve the facilities at the Allora Tennis Courts it has finally happened.

Mandy Mutch, President of the Allora Tennis Club received notification that funding to the amount of \$321,146 has been granted through the Queensland Government Community and Recreational Assets Recovery and Resilience Program. This follows \$100,000 funding received by the Club last week from the State Government Gambling Community Benefit fund.

These funds will mean

huge improvements including resurfacing the four courts, bringing them up to a high standard, allowing official tennis tournaments to be held at Allora. Also to benefit will be School Groups and competitions for Seniors. At present the courts are only suitable for social games.

Part of the funding will also be allocated to upgrade the fencing around the courts.

The President will be liaising with the Committee, tennis players and any Allora residents who would like to give feedback on the project.

# 2022 Graduating Class - Year 10 - Allora P-10 State School

The 59th annual Allora P-10 State School Awards Night was held on Tuesday 15 November, celebrating 155 years of local schooling. It was an entertaining evening with music provided by the School Bands.

The School Captains welcomed those in attendance, Dr Shaun Kanowski presented his Principal's address and Mrs Alana McMillan, President of the P&C delivered her annual report.

Sports Captains presented the annual Sports Report, with the presentation of certificates, trophies and medallions for sport, by Mr Perry Cronin, President of the Allora Regional Sports Museum.

Special Awards were presented by Mrs Barbara Reedman who recently retired as the School's Business Manager, after more than 32 years of service.

Councillor Marco Gliori of the Southern Downs Regional Council, who attended on behalf of the Mayor, presented the Year 10 students with their graduation medallions.

Former School Captain Adina Gunnis presented the Academic Awards. Adina graduated from Allora 10 years ago. At her Year 10 Awards Night in 2012, she tied for the Dux trophy and was awarded the Lex Ellwood trophy for leadership and community service as well as the Conductor's trophy for Instrumental Music. Adina now works as a Child Safety Officer in Rockhampton.



Year 10 Graduating Class of 2022 - Back: Cameron Betts, Toby Burgett, Oscar Briggs, Jackson Sparksman, Callan Grace, Seth Morris, Denovan Oloman. Centre: Gorgia Chandler, Belinda Atherton, Chelsie Schrag. Front: Jack Phelan, Ben Barbierato.

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## If you are affected by a barking dog -

If a dog is barking excessively, it is the owner's responsibility to ensure that this does not continue. Council believes the most effective and successful way of managing a nuisance barking dog is for the person affected by the problem (the customer/complainant)



to communicate their concerns directly with the dog owner/keeper.

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Both the Letter and Noise Nuisance Diary together with the Barking Dog Fact Sheet are available in Council's Barking Dogs Information Package.

# Days for Girls - Allora and District Update



Brisbane Conference of Days for Girls Australia.



Allora and district Days for Girls (DfG) recently hosted Stephen and Peta Tancred who gave an insightful presentation about Stanthorpe Rotary's involvement in the distribution of DfG kits in Nepal.

Allora DfG executive members, Heather, Lenore and Kaylene attended the 'Decade of Days' conference of Days for Girls Australia Limited in Brisbane last weekend. The self-funded attendance allowed them to liaise with other DfG groups, co-ordinators and people from PNG, Kiribati, Fiji, Timor-Leste, Solomon Islands and Marshall Islands. Presentations from USA, Canada and Cambodia provided insight into cultural, health and educational issues associated with menstrual health for girls

and women in their societies and how DfG is helping to change attitudes.

The 2022 refugee pack, which Allora DfG contributed 510 packs, is to be sent to Somalia via World Vision Canada. Last year's kits are currently being distributed to Burundi in Africa.

DfG Australia has been asked to provide 2500 kits for Sudan with the Allora group offering to give 200+ kits if needed.

This Friday the Christmas breakup will be celebrated at MacKillop House in Allora. If you'd like to attend please bring along something for a shared lunch. Projects will finish at 11am and then everyone can enjoy the Christmas meal and frivolity.

To know more about DfG contact 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.

# Dux of Allora P-10 State School



Former School Captain Adina Gunnis, presents the Academic Excellence Award to Oscar Briggs, Dux of the School. Runner-up to Dux was Denovan Oloman.

# Sportsperson Of The Year



Chelsie Schrag receiving her trophy from President of the Allora & District Sports Museum, Perry Cronin.

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Around 7 pm there will be our Christmas Dance. The "Heartbeat" band will be all geared up ready to tune the hall with great music and a mix of dance from ballroom to rock and roll. Adults are \$15 a ticket, children are invited for FREE making the night family friendly.

The committee are thankful for the continued support of Goomburra Valley Campground, Allora Barber, Allora Butchery and Railway Hotel for their great raffle donations. It is only through the support of these great local businesses and yourself that funds can be raided so that the hall can be used by our community.

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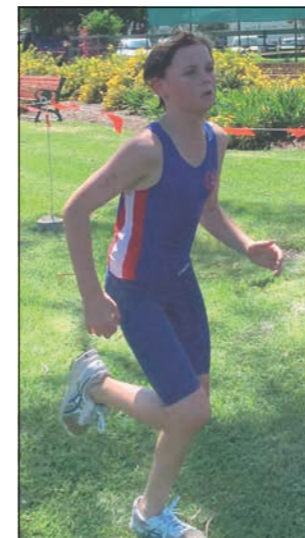
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## Congrats Tom!



St Patrick's School student Tom recently participated in the Downs Aquathon trials which were held in Dalby. Tom ended up finishing fourth in his age group which is a wonderful achievement given this is the first time he has competed in an Aquathon. Tom has qualified for the next stage of Aquathon events.

For those of us who are unaware, Aquathon is a combination of running and swimming - done solo and sometimes as part of a team relay. Aquathons usually have the swim followed by a run.

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# The Back Paddock

## Labor's Reasons for Ag Show Funding Cuts

A story appeared in last week's Allora Advertiser from Member for Maranoa, David Littleproud, expressing disappointment that grants to agricultural shows are no longer being made

available by the Australian Government.

Murray Watt, Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry has been asked for an explanation as to why the grants have

been discontinued and if there is potential for any other funding for the various agricultural societies which run local shows.

Senator Watt issued this statement.

*"While there were many competing priorities for funding in the October Agriculture Budget, the Albanese Government's overriding priority was to strengthen Australia's biosecurity defences.*

*This year Australia has faced a number of increased biosecurity threats, including foot and mouth disease*

*and lumpy skin disease which, if they were to reach our shores, would have a significant impact on our ag industry.*

*By prioritising biosecurity in the Agriculture Budget, we are protecting the industry and rural communities long term.*

*The previous Ag Show funding was largely about helping shows survive COVID-19, and that challenge has now been overtaken by other priorities.*

*The Government is looking at other avenues that may be used to support grants in this space."*

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## Chilean Needle Grass - One Of Australia's Worse Weeds

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This grass has been found on the Darling Downs in southern Queensland.

Currently monitoring is being carried out along the roadside just south of Allora for Chilean Needle grass.

Southern Downs Regional Council undertakes control of declared weeds on its lands

such as roads and reserves. Control of weeds on roads that are fenced into private property (unfenced roads) is the responsibility of the property owner.

Chilean needle grass, unlike many other weeds, has little ability to spread on the wind.

The main method of spread is human-assisted such as -

- it adheres to clothing, livestock, vehicles and farm machinery
- it can be found in contaminated seeds or fodder
- it is transported by slashers and earthmoving equipment.

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# Allora Bowls Notes



**ROUND 11** - A very memorable night with us observing a minutes silence for our past member Lyn Wright. Lyn was not only a player but the Scribe for the Allora Advertiser each week. The earliest I can find of her scribing is in 2010 when each week she would make players aware of the rules of the game from our Mum's Rule Book as back then many of the teams had no idea of how to play bowls. Lyn, along with a few other 'experienced' players also helped coach kids from school on their activity afternoon, Russell was super excited when Cody who he helped coach had his first try at Skip and did an excellent job.

A lot of brotherly love on Rink 4 with the Patterson boys against each other. Disaster struck on one end with Greg P putting his three bowls in the ditch followed by opposition Russell putting his three bowls in the ditch. Greg P was up to his old tricks being down 1 point and then calling for another end to be played at 8.57pm which then ended up being a 9 all draw. Technically play finishes at 9pm.

Results for the night - **RINK 1:** Beers, Bowls & Bitches 14 d. The Three Stooges 7; **RINK 2:** Gina's Babies 21 d. What a Show

6; **RINK 3:** Phoenix Rising 16 d. Railway Hotel 9; **RINK 4:** Do It Again 9 DRAW Fire Ants 9; **RINK 5:** Stone Cutters 24 d. Doesn't Matter 5; **RINK 6:** Peaky Blinders 18 d. The Gecko's 6; **RINK 7:** Pig Lures 17 d. Generation Gap 9

With only 2 more nights left in the season top spot is being hotly contested between Pig Lures, Peaky Blinders, Beers, Bowls & Bitches and Do It Again all on 16 points.

Raffle winners this week - Ashleigh, Ty, Gary C x 2, Ryan and Doug. Well done to the Coopers. Doug had a pick of the cards for the \$20 Jackpot but to no avail, bad luck. Next week \$40.

Touchers for chocolates were Nat, Kym, Trevor, Danny, Bryce, Ty and Pam. Thank you Right 1st Time Cleaning for your sponsorship.

Winners on the night were Peaky Blinders while the Losers (on a count of ends with their draw with Do It Again) were the Fire Ants.

Team trophy next week to be supplied by Fire Ants.

Thank you to all our sponsors, Railway Hotel, Allora Sports Club, Allora Butchery, Tony Morris Tiling and Right 1st Time Cleaning.

Don't forget on the last night of play on 29th November there will be a BBQ dinner for all players and their families commencing at 6pm. Please come along dressed in your most colourful attire to end off the season. See you all back next week for another great night of Social Bowls.

Bev O'Halloran

# Life Members of Allora Swimming Club

In honouring our history, we are currently trying to relocate the list of all Life Members of our Allora Swimming Club.

I would encourage those who are life members or who know of others to contact Hayley

Mason, Club Secretary, with their contact details via email to alloraswimmingclub@gmail.com We thank you for your support in updating our records to enable us to keep in regular contact.

Donna-Maree Willett

# Campbell Crowned Allora Golf Open Champion



Shaun Campbell with Ken Wilson.



Warwick golfer Shaun Campbell won the Allora Golf Open at his first attempt on Sunday, shooting a one under par 67 off a scratch handicap. Shaun also won the best gross in "A" Grade and the Cornflower Cup with the best stableford score of 38 points. To complete a very successful day, Shaun is also the new course record holder beating the 68 set by our own 6 time Club Champion Kev Harrison in 2019. Congratulations Shaun - we look forward to seeing you back next year to defend your crown. Shaun on the left is pictured receiving the Cornflower Cup and Tray from sponsor Ken Wilson.

Runner up in the "A" Grade gross was Matt Burgess who shot a 4 over par 72. Other winners on the day were: "A" Grade net winner Tim Exelby and runner up Owen Britnell. "B" Grade gross winner Rod Simpson and runner

up Wayne McEwen. "B" Grade net winner Russell Sparksman and runner up Anthony Austin. "C" Grade gross winner Graeme Shepherd and runner up John Ellwood. "C" Grade net winner Danny Carroll and runner up Gene McMillan. Ladies division one gross winner was Elizabeth Telfer and net winner was Brooke Gilmore. Ladies division two gross winner was Di Johnston and net winner was Megan Sharpeley. The Allora Golf Open was another huge success with 67 golfers taking part on the day. Thanks to all travelling golfers, particularly the City members who are such strong supporters of the smaller golf clubs in our district.

The Allora Hardware Duck Run on Friday was won by Nick Morris in a countback from Shann. Rod and Andy won balls in the rundown. Rod won the approach, Nick Lake won the long putt and Tony Haig the NTP. Thanks Allora Hardware for your sponsorship.

Next Sunday will be the Allora Butchery Two Person Ambrose. See you on the links.

# Allora Rotary Swim Carnival Huge Success



The Allora Swimming Club welcomed over 200 swimmers for the annual Rotary Carnival last Sunday. A big crowd of about 300 enjoyed the day as they

cheered on the swimmers.

Allora had 54 local children competing with some outstanding results. Records were broken with Alyssa White taking one and Bailey Harm, three.

Congratulations to Allora Age Champs - Maeve Moore, Ellyn Moore, Ellyse Kruger, Bailey Harm, Alyssa White and Ayden Brown.

A brilliant day for the Allora Swimming Club.



Bailey Harm received the 14 years Age Champion trophy, winning all four events and breaking records in the 50 Back, 50 Breast and 50 Free. Congratulated by Life Members Heather Slatter and Marg Rackley.



Allora Swim Team member Alyssa White was named 15 and over and Open Age Champion, breaking a meet record in the 50m Fly.



Allora 12 and unders taking out the medals in the Mixed Junior Relays. Pictured are club members Sam Stenzel, Tom Peters, Mary Santo, Ella Hutchison, Maeve Moore, Chloe Harm, Lailah Murphy and Paige Priebbenow.

# CREATIVE CORNER

## WORD ↔ MATCH-UPS

Match up these swimming terms.

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| Swimming | Board   |
| Kick     | Stroke  |
| Stop     | Block   |
| No       | Pool    |
| Dolphin  | Watch   |
| Dive     | Race    |
| Free     | Kick    |
| Back     | Running |
| Starting | Start   |
| Relay    | Crawl   |
| Front    | Suit    |
| Swim     | Style   |

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# Books Books and More Books



This weekend the Warwick Sunrise Rotary Club is conducting its popular Pre-Christmas Big Book Sale. Great reading

with a huge selection of fiction, non-fiction, biographies, gardening, cookery, Australian history, humour, short stories plus lots for the kids.

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All proceeds go to Rotary projects and local charities.

## SUDOKU

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Solution below

### TODAY'S QUOTE -

"The less time I have to work, the more things I get done."

### SOLUTIONS

#### WORD MATCH-UPS

Swimming Pool, KickBoard, StopWatch, No Running, Dolphin Kick, Dive Start, FreeStyle, BackStroke, Starting Block, Relay Race, Front Crawl, SwimSuit.

#### SUDOKU

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## Looking Back...

Allora's Past 25 years ago  
November 1997

### Family Dance

More than 250 people attended the family dance in the Community Hall organized by the Allora State School P. & C. Association. Master of Ceremonies was Barry Geitz. International rugby league player and former pupil of the Allora State School, Grant Rix, drew the Whitsundays holiday prize. The lucky winner was Steven Dwan of Allora.

Allora's Past 75 years ago  
November 1947

### Diggers Ball

"A Night in Old Canton" was the title given by members of the Allora sub-branch of the R.S.L. to their annual Remembrance Day Ball. Lights, softly shaded with huge Chinese lanterns, and pennants bearing silver dragons and colourful Chinese figures were used in decorating the hall and provided one of the most decorative scenes witnessed at a ball in Allora for some time. For the non-dancers a fashion parade was organized by Mrs. Gertie Jensen of the 'Jeanette Salon' of Warwick. Allora mannequins were Misses Margaret Sinton, Shirley Huxley, Marie McDonnell, Una Shooter, Marie Donovan and Kathleen Donovan.

Allora's Past 100 years ago  
November 1922

### Irrigation at Allora

Although Dalrymple Creek, with its continuous chain of water holes, runs up through the Goomburra Valley, very little use is made of the water for irrigation purposes. From 1900 to about 1918 the late Mr. Andrew Rickert used to irrigate about 150 acres, and needless to say he died a very wealthy man. The main service pipe from the creek was a 6in. delivery. Although the site of the plant was 3½ miles away from Allora, the Council at the time objected to the large amount of water that was being used. Following the death of Mr. Rickert, the farm passed into the hands of his sons Syd and George Rickert who erected a new irrigation plant a few weeks ago at a cost of £500.

Allora's Past 125 years ago  
November 1897

### Narrow Escape

During the thunderstorm which passed over the district, the lightning which was very vivid, struck the fence bounding an oat paddock on the farm of Mr. James Wilson, Forest Plain. The lightning ran along the fence for 100 yards or so setting fire to the grass in five or six places. Even though the wind was blowing in the opposite direction, the fire slowly crept across the stubble and having consumed one stack of oaten hay, died out. Had the wind been blowing across the field nothing could have save a 40 acre paddock of magnificent oaten hay from being destroyed.

Colin Newport



'Villa Farm' (formerly Rickert's) in Kital Road in 1957. Photo courtesy the Patterson family

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# VIP Visit

The Allora Sports Club was honoured to receive a visit this week from Mark Henley who as most people are aware was the driving force behind getting the golf course established in Allora 25 years ago.

Mark was awarded life membership of the Allora Sports Club at the recent 25th anniversary of the Golf Club, however he was unable to collect the award in person and his son Steve represented him on the day. Mark toured the golf course with club secretary John Ellwood and in his words he was "blown away" by how far the course has come in the last 25 years.

Mark is pictured with John at the sign for the Maher-Rickert Bridge which was opened in November 2020.



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