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Thank You Mrs Westerman

After contributing 39 years of service to the education of Queensland school students Robyn Westerman has announced her retirement. A popular teacher who has been with the Allora P-10 State School from January 1990, she leaves the School as Head of Department Curriculum (Secondary).

Principal Dr Shaun Kanowski thanked Mrs Westerman for her contribution to education in Queensland State Schools -

“Since commencing her employment with the department on 23 January 1984, her skills as an educator and school leader have shaped the lives of the students she has taught at numerous schools, including Blackall P-10 State School, Kalkadoon State High School and Kingaroy State High School, before her posting to Allora P-10 State School on 24 January 1990, where she grew her career until her retirement. May both Mr and Mrs Westerman have a long, healthy and happy retirement.”



Mrs Robyn Westerman.

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Chainsaw accident puts Allora man in hospital

The Toowoomba-based RACQ LifeFlight Rescue helicopter was called in to airlift a man to hospital after he was seriously injured in a chainsaw accident on a property in the Allora district on Thursday morning of last week.

It's believed the man, aged in his 70s, was using the chainsaw on a private rural property when the accident occurred, causing serious abdominal trauma.

Queensland Ambulance Service (QAS) paramedics rushed to the scene and assessed the nature

of the man's injuries ahead of seeking back-up and administering initial treatment.

The rescue chopper was called to the scene just before 9.30am.

The RACQ LifeFlight Rescue pilot landed the aircraft on the property where the RACQ LifeFlight Rescue Critical Care Doctor and QAS Flight paramedic then worked alongside local QAS paramedics to treat the man.

The patient was flown to the Toowoomba Hospital in a serious but stable condition.



The RACQ LifeFlight helicopter on the local property.

Mary Off To Vietnam And Cambodia



Allora local Mary Higgins, who is a student at Griffiths University, studying Psychological Science and Business, has been awarded a Scholarship under the New Colombo Plan.

The program aims to lift knowledge of the Indo Pacific in Australia, with students supported to study for up to a year in several regions and undertake internships, mentorship, practicum or research.

Mary is passionate about ending gender-based violence (GBV) and hopes to learn how Southeast Asia

addresses GBV, and how they support survivors.

"Growing up in Allora, a small town of just 1200 people, I've seen my community come together through droughts, floods and many other crises, which has inspired me to work further toward social justice on a grander scale," Mary said.

"This will undoubtedly be a rich learning opportunity both culturally and formally and I hope to build lasting connections with like minded individuals to create positive impact internationally."

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Police investigate break-ins

Allora Police are investigating two incidents in which premises were entered during the last few weeks.

On Sunday night the 27th November, the Massie Community Hall on the Warwick Allora back road was broken into, when unknown offenders forced open the hall's rear door causing minor damage.

A quantity of soft drink only was taken.

It appears this incident was most likely targeted, as there had been an event held at the hall earlier in the evening.

The following day, Monday 28th November, a residence in William Street, Allora was the subject of a daylight burglary, after the home owner had stepped out for a short period of time.

In this instance, the rear glass door to the home

was smashed to gain entry, after the unknown offenders had first unsuccessfully attempted to force open a window.

Several rooms of the home had been gone through, with the thieves taking a small amount of coin, foodstuffs and several spare handbags.

In this case, the owner of the home had noticed a strange vehicle parked opposite the place on their way uptown.

There had been two male persons seated inside the vehicle.

A subsequent doorknock by Police after the event, determined no one else had been targeted, nor had anyone seen the suspect vehicle since.

If anyone has information in relation to either of these matters, they are asked to contact Allora Police.

Rude awakening after big night out

A couple of young roosters who had been visiting the big smoke have found that over-indulging in the evening can lead to an unfortunate turn of events the following morning.

On Sunday morning 11th December, Allora Police Officers were recalled to duty by a member of the community when two young males were located apparently passed-out in their vehicle in front of a store on Warwick Street.

The duo could not be awoken by the citizen who had then become concerned as to their welfare, calling both Police and Ambulance.

As it turns out, the two had partied hard in Toowoomba into the early hours of the morning, before deciding to drive home.

Arriving in Allora, they fell asleep then while they were waiting for some breakfast when the store opened up.

The owner of the vehicle was breath-tested and charged by Police with being in charge of a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor.

He had returned a blood-alcohol reading of 0.108 per cent.

As Officer in Charge at Allora Police, Sergeant

Damian Grace pointed out, this is not an ideal scenario in terms of the recent fatal traffic crashes about the Southern Downs in recent weeks.

"Please don't drink and drive," Sergeant Grace said.

"Enjoy the Season, but be sensible in terms of deciding to drive, if you have had a drink or two.

"Police will be out-and-about."


HAVE A COOL YULE

Allora's Police Officers, Sergeant Damian Grace and Senior Constable Ben Ogden said they would like to thank the Allora community and local residents for their support and assistance during the past year.

"We would like to wish all residents, their families, friends and any visitors to the area over this coming festive season – the Happiest of Christmas' and the Best of New Year's," the two Officers said.

"Please travel safely over this period and look after one another."

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Summer VaxBus in Allora on Thursday

Darling Downs and West Moreton PHN's Summer VaxBus is providing residents of Allora with an opportunity to receive their COVID-19 booster.

The bus is delivering COVID-19 Pfizer vaccines for children and adults and Novavax vaccines for adults. **All vaccines are provided for free, and no bookings are required.**

Darling Downs and West Moreton CEO, Lucille Chalmers said staying up to date with COVID-19 vaccinations is as important as ever.

The Summer VaxBus will be operated by the qualified Oceana Immunisation team.

To enquire about in-home vaccinations for vulnerable people call 1300 117 792.

While Medicare cards are not required for vaccination, participants will require a legal form of identification which can include a drivers licence or passport.

The Summer VaxBus will be in Allora tomorrow Thursday 15th December from 9am to 11am outside the Allora Post Office in Herbert Street.

Beyond The Fence: Darling Downs-Moreton Rabbit Board 1892-2022

This intriguing book was launched in Warwick last week by Chair of Darling Downs-Moreton Rabbit Board (DDMRB) Lockyer Valley Regional Councillor Janice Holstein. It tells the Board's story and that of rabbits in Australia.

The DDMRB maintains the oldest and longest purpose-built, rabbit-proof barrier fence still in use in Australia, if not the world. It is the only organisation in Australia that is specially dedicated to the eradication of rabbits.

Cr Holstein said, "Rabbits are Australian agriculture's most costly vertebrate

pest animal and are the single biggest menace to threatened native species. The DDMRB protects 28,000 square kilometres of south-east Queensland with a 555 kilometre fence, much of which is top netted for wild dogs. Keeping rabbits is illegal in Queensland and for over a century, the fence has protected valuable horticultural and agricultural areas, safeguarded the natural environment, and reduced the impacts of other invasive species".

Beyond the Fence author is Dr Margaret Kowald, a Brisbane-based professional historian whose

books reflect a wide-ranging interest in Queensland history.

If you'd like to purchase

a copy of Beyond the Fence hop onto the DDMRB's web site www.ddmrb.org.au/beyond-the-fence/



DDMRB Chair, Cr Janice Holstein, launching Beyond the Fence on 9 December 2022 in Warwick.

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Looking Back...

Allora's Past 25 years ago
December 1997

Beach Volleyball

Allora now has a beach volleyball court, thanks to the determination and hard work put in by a group of local school children. The children came up with the idea for the building of the court and collected signatures in support. The petition was presented to the Warwick Shire Council who offered to provide the materials required. With the help of the children who filled the sandbags which formed the edge, the court was built and opened with a game between Cr. Sue Cowley, C.E.O. Noel Kropp, Parks & Gardens manager Mal Crawford, and pool lease Kevin Harper versus some of the children, Shaun Jackson,

Kelvin Jackson, Matthew Stallman and Michael Gwynne.

Allora's Past 50 years ago
December 1972

Wattles A.C. Football Club

A Public Meeting will be held in the Old Shire Hall on Sunday, 17th December, with a view to re-establishing Football in Allora.

Support is urgently requested from any interested members of the general public and local business houses.

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Allora's Past 75 years ago
December 1947

Mail Service

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Downs, Mr. A. W. Fadden, approval has been given for a daily mail service, commencing the 1st January 1948, from Allora to Mr. L. G. Weier's via Ellinthorp and J. Cowley's, returning via Mullins, Frizzell's and Tickle's mail boxes, thence Cooper's, Hansen's and Hendon back to Allora.

Allora's Past 100 years ago
December 1922

School Break-ups

The breaking-up of the Allora State School for the midsummer holidays was celebrated on Friday last by a basket picnic. Unfortunately heavy thunder showers in the afternoon seriously interfered with the enjoyment of the day. In the presence of the Head Teacher, Mr. J. R. Dwyer, and staff, the president of the School Committee, Mr. Thomas Muir, distributed the prizes. Gold Medals for Proficiency were awarded to May Grayson 91.9% and Ross Patrick 87.9%.

The annual break-up and distribution of prizes at St. Joseph's Convent School took place on Wednesday morning. As many parents as could attend put in an appearance but the storm of the previous evening prevented some from coming. Father O'Shea presented the gold medal for Dux of the School to Harold Maher. Aileen Sullivan received the gold medal for Aggregate Merit. Attendance Medals were presented to Peter & William Reid and Jean & Maisie Lewis.

Colin Newport



The break-up picnic at the Allora State School in 1918.

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The dire flood crisis continuing to grip huge areas of land and communities within New South Wales, Victoria and South Australia has prompted the urgent relaunch of Rural Aid's Buy a Bale rescue campaign in the lead up to Christmas.

Rural Aid CEO, John Warlters, said "These floods have had unprecedented impact on rural Australians - families are losing their homes and livelihoods and entire towns are being wiped out."

"Hay supplies are running out and stranded animals are drowning and starving. Crops are rotting in the ground."

"It's time to bring Buy a Bale back, not only to provide much-needed fodder deliveries, but also to offer financial assistance, clean drinking water, volunteer and counselling support to Aussie farming families facing this crisis."

Rural Aid predicts at least a two to three-year recovery for communities, with the funds required to adequately support farmers and families estimated to be in excess of \$50 million.

Farmers have lost thousands upon thousands of hectares of crop, producers have lost livestock, fences and their homes, and rural communities and businesses have been isolated and inundated with water. It will take months - if not years - for people to recover

All donations received by Rural Aid ensure the ongoing provision of critical economic and empathetic assistance to farmers, including the expansion of their national mental health and wellbeing program.

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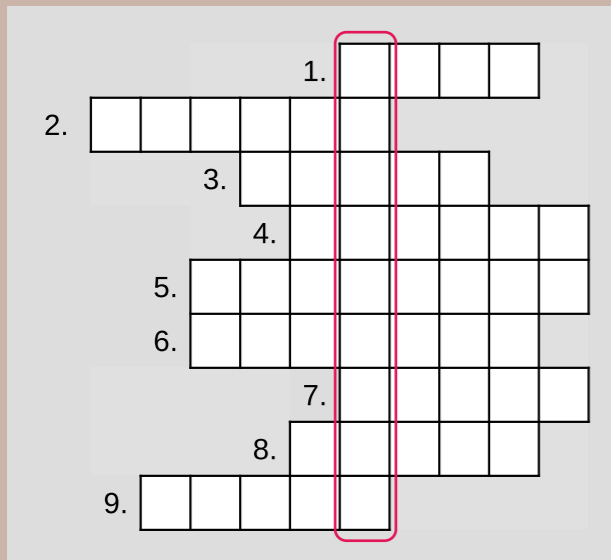
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Solution below

TODAY'S QUOTE -

"Ignoring the facts does not change the facts."

SOLUTIONS

WORD SCRAMBLE

ANSWER: Christmas
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1. Card, 2. Sleigh, 3. Merry, 4. Tinsel, 5. Presents, 6. Festive, 7. Myrrh, 8. Santa, 9.

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Helen Harm
Real Estate

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The boss told the applicant there was a vacancy for a responsible worker "Are you responsible?"

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Allora Golf Notes



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On Sunday we played for the Railway Hotel Monthly Mug. Winner on the day

was Nick Lake with 41 points from Macca on 36 in a countback from Andy. Congratulations to Tony Haig for his hole-in-one on the seventh. Fantastic effort Tony and thanks for shouting the bar to celebrate the achievement. Thanks to Robyn from the Railway for her tremendous support.

One matchplay quarter final played with Kenny defeating Kev.

The greens were renovated on Saturday and the club appreciates the help from the hardworking volunteers who gave up their Saturday to get the job done. Special thanks to Ray and Doreen who provided a sumptuous smoko for the workers.

Next Sunday will be the Ty Gardner Concreting Monthly Medal. See you on the links.

Allora branch will be closed from 24th December and will reopen 3rd January.

Please call or visit our Head Office Branch for enquiries during this period.

Thank you.

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