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## Is Allora Community Hall At Risk?



Southern Downs Regional Council wants the views of the Allora community on a number of important matters including the Allora Senior Citizens Centre, Allora Library, Allora Sports Museum and Allora Community Hall. Locals are asking why is there a connection between the Community Hall and other facilities?

*(Council's response and survey details on page 3)*

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**Letter to the Editor...**

Dear Editor,

Allora is and always has been a sporting town. As a result, the vast majority of the citizens of Allora reflect the values of sport, including teamwork, a sense of fair play, reward for effort and sticking up for your mates.

Every person who plays sport in Allora and those who represent Allora in sport, are champions as far as the town is concerned.

We are so fortunate in Allora that, approximately 25 years ago, a dedicated group of people formed a committee and established the Allora Regional Sports Museum.

Not only does the museum house a collection of sports memorabilia that is world class, it also honours past sports champions of Allora and district.

The committee of the Sports Musuem has been lobbying SDRC for a number of years to allow them access to other buildings in the old Allora Shire Council complex to accommodate the museum's expansion. The understanding was that the Sports Musuem was to expand into the library building and the library was to move into the Senior Citizens centre.

It appears that, at the eleventh hour, another group has decided that they have a better claim to the library than the Sports Musuem. I am not sure what this group wants the building for and I don't want to know. As far as I am concerned we, as citizens of this town, must honour the commitment made to the Sports Musuem.

The good people who have been tasked with deciding who gets the old library don't come from Allora and they don't live in Allora. They may not understand the values that Allora people hold dear. They need our help.

It is up to us as citizens of this town to complete the survey that SDRC has requested.

Your response to the survey must make it clear to SDRC that you want the Sports Musuem to move into the library building.

This is the right thing for us to do.

Yours sincerely

John Ellwood  
ALLORA

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**Opportunity For Allora Locals To Have A Say**

With the ownership of the Allora Senior Citizens Centre transferring to Council shortly, a decision needs to be made on the best use of this facility as well as impacts on the Allora Hall and Allora Sports Museum.

Southern Downs Mayor Vic Pennisi encourages the Allora community to provide input through Council's Allora Community Halls and Precincts Survey.

"As part of the consultation process, Council is considering the possibility of relocating the Allora Library & Council Customer Service Centre to the Allora Senior Citizens Centre, which could allow for the expansion of the Allora Sports Museum," Mayor Pennisi said.

"A third component of the community consultation is for Council to consider the financial investment required to upgrade the Allora Hall and whether this is the most effective use of limited resources given other options available.

"There are a number of issues to consider to effectively meet the growing needs of the Allora community including long-term maintenance of each building, suitability for the

activities, the capacity of each venue and the financial investment required to bring each building up to standard.

"Council has limited funds and it is imperative to get decisions around the Allora community halls and precincts right the first time around."

**To complete the survey go to [www.surveymonkey.com/r/7JWWMTG](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/7JWWMTG) before 5pm Friday week 8 December 2023.**

**For those without access to computers hard copies will be available at the Allora Library. Also library staff will be on hand to assist the community complete the survey online.**

**Some of the questions asked in the Survey -**

- Do you consider the Allora Senior Citizens building a suitable home for the Allora Library and Customer Service Centre?
- How important is the Allora Sports Museum to you?
- Would you like to see the Allora Sports Museum expanded? Noting that this would require the relocation of the Allora Library & Customer Service Centre.
- If the Allora Senior Citizens building is transformed into a community hub that

includes the Allora Library, Council Customer Service and a meeting place for the community, how important would it be to also invest significantly in the upgrading of the main Allora Community Hall?

• If the Allora Senior Citizens building is transformed into a community hub, that includes the Allora Library, Council Customer Service and a meeting place for the community, there will be a need to remove the old Fire Shed to address the septic tank issues. How important is the unoccupied fire shed to you?

**This week The Allora Advertiser put questions to the Council and received this response from a Council Spokesperson -**

**Q - The Community Hall is a separate issue. If Tenders closed mid November for contractors to repair the Hall why is there a question asked about the importance of the Hall to the community?**

**The survey is focused on the Library, Senior Citizens Centre and the Sports Museum to provide Council with a greater level of understanding of the community sentiment prior to making decisions**

**on these facilities. Decisions surrounding the Allora Community Hall and the old Fire Shed will need to progress in due course, and one question on each was included in the survey to provide some initial high level input from the community. While tenders closed for hall repairs in mid-November, Council wants to understand the importance of the facility to the community to assist decision making with consideration to repair costs.**

**Q - Also the Allora Fire Station being removed, why? The Allora Advertiser has been told the current septic system services the 3 buildings so why does that need to change?**

**While the current septic system services the buildings, it is undersized and provides a service across multiple allotments. It can only be fixed through the creation of additional area. Council cannot continue to develop the precinct without this rectification, which again makes the question important in providing information on community sentiment.**

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The Garden Circle would like to thank all those who

opened their gardens during the year for members to explore and enjoy.

Next Wednesday 6 December the Circle will get together for Christmas lunch starting 12 noon at the Golden Wattle Cafe.

If garden lovers would like to join the Garden Circle make a note of the next meeting, Tuesday 6 February.

There's always lots to talk about, admire and discover that the earth really does laugh in flowers.

## Hendon Artist Creates Mural At Clifton High



Year 7 agriculture students at Clifton High School thought it a good idea to have a mural painted on the western wall of the science block to brighten the area. This has been achieved through the work of Donna Mitchell who is an artist in her own right as

well as a visual arts teacher. The School's Head of Junior Curriculum, Rebekah Turkington said the wall is an eye-catcher as well as being a nice reflection of what the school is all about. The work was funded from school improvement funds.

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# Allora P-10 Awards And Graduation



Tristan Emms receiving the 2023 Dux award from Mrs Rauchle, Principal.

On Tuesday 14 November, Allora P-10 State School hosted its 60th Secondary Awards evening to acknowledge the sporting, cultural and academic achievements of students from Year 7 -10 and to celebrate the graduation of the Year 10 cohort for 2023.

To present Awards were Former student and successful local businesswoman Katie Dennis, local icon Marg Rackley, former Head of Department

(Curriculum) Robyn Westerman, Leading Seaman Alison Dennis and Councillor Ross Bartley.

Thanks to Julie Garton for the beautiful floral arrangements, the Instrumental Concert Band's amazing performances and everyone who contributed to make this event such a success.

The School is also grateful for the wider community support and sponsorship that is received each year.



2023 graduating Year 10 class with guest presenters and Mrs Rauchle.



Proud parents, with Maddy Coupe, winner of Runner up to Dux, Mayor's Medal and Humanitarian Awards for 2023.



Claire Eckersley, Sportsperson of the year, State Medallist and National Medallist, with Marg Rackley.



SCOPE Food and Nutrition Award presented to Bee Collins by special guest speaker, Katie Dennis.



Bob Deacon trophy for Community Service presented to Jorja Barbierato by Councillor Ross Bartley.



Long Tan ADF Award presented by Leading Seaman Alison Dennis to Tristan Emms.

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5:00pm	Allora Rock Band	MAIN STAGE
5:30pm	Cocktails Under the Christmas Stars	PL TRAVERS PARK
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6:00pm	Cowley Family Christmas Carols	MAIN STAGE
6:45pm	Helly Hoops	MAIN STAGE
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# Santa's Storytime Coming To Allora

Christmas activities herald in the festive season with the little ones invited to Santa's Storytime at the Allora Library on Wednesday 6 December from 3pm. To add to the excitement let the kids dress in their favourite Christmas outfit.

Santa's Storytime will have an earlier session at the Warwick Library from 10.30am on Wednesday 6 December then moving



to Killarney on Thursday 7 December from 3pm at Killarney Book Exchange.

# Carols In The Park

This year, Southern Downs Regional Council promises to celebrate our country charm with a festive line-up of free community events. Nothing says Christmas like Carols in the Park.

Warwick's Leslie Park on Sunday 10 December will be transformed into a Christmas wonderland as local entertainers jingle their way through all the Christmas Classics.

Santa's little helpers have also been extra busy

with a free Christmas movie "Elf" screening in Leslie Park on Sunday 17 December from 6pm.

As Mayor Vic Pennisi says "The true magic of Christmas lies in connecting with family and friends and we are delighted to again offer good traditional Christmas fair with a sprinkle of Southern Downs country charm. Whether you're young or old, there is something for everyone on our Christmas calendar."

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# Concerns Over Council's Saleyards Project

Livestock selling agents at Warwick are unhappy with the latest redevelopment plans for the Warwick Saleyards believing Southern Downs Regional Council (SDRC) has backed away from an earlier proposal.

Representatives of the Warwick Livestock Selling Agents Association are reported to have walked out of an information session organised by the Council to update interested parties on the planned upgrade.

The agents claim the plans presented at their information session were not those agreed to earlier by the Association.

In response to the agents' reaction, SDRC said it is committed to supporting the region's biggest industry by delivering the Warwick Saleyards Redevelopment Project on time and within the current budget allocation.

In a media statement, Council said the \$7.5 million project balances immediate infrastructure issues with a future-focused strategy whilst allowing the project to remain viable within a tight budget.

It said Council has worked closely over the years with key industry representatives, including the Warwick Livestock Selling Agents Association, to prioritise

the extensive wish list of upgrades needed to secure a sustainable future for the facility.

Council's Chief Executive Officer Dave Burges acknowledged the contributions of all stakeholders to date and was aware of new areas of concern from some parties.

"The Warwick Saleyards is a major economic pillar in the identity of the Southern Downs and the facility has been connecting our rural and agricultural community with stock and station agents for more than 60 years," Mr Burges said.

"However, the livestock industry has evolved since the saleyards started operating and there is no question that development is needed to ensure the region has quality facilities which meet current animal welfare standards and are safe for workers.

"Council has consulted extensively with the Warwick Livestock Selling Agents Association on addressing the long-term viability of the facility and they supported the design as it was being finalised prior to going to tender.

"With tenders submitted beyond our budget reach amid rising building costs, we have had

to reconsider the extent of the first stages of the redevelopment.

"We have looked to determine the best affordable outcome and consulted with the Warwick Livestock Selling Agents Association to put forward affordable options for consideration, while delivering the same yard layout which was endorsed by selling agents in August.

"Unfortunately, the Warwick Livestock Selling Agents Association opted to terminate those discussions."

Council is proceeding with the project and current design which

provides for ground level buyer laneways with a solid roof.

Raised buyer walkways will be considered in future stages of the redevelopment and further consultation will be undertaken once the current stages have been completed and put to use.

It is anticipated that stage 1 will be complete in March 2024 and will deliver 120 new selling pens, five ramps, a new weighbridge, various holding pens and one processing area.

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# Santa Arrives at Goomburra Town Hall Christmas Party

Children were delighted to see Santa arrive in his red truck with streaming Christmas decorations and flashing lights. Santa was quickly followed into the beautifully decorated hall with Gina acting as Santa's elf giving out the many presents for the children, who then sang 'Jingle Bells' for Santa.

Leading up to Santa's arrival the Warwick City Band entertained the crowd with Christmas Carols. The music resonated within the country air and surroundings adding a very Merry Christmas vibe. The Goomburra Town Hall (GTH) committee appreciated the time and effort of the Warwick City Band volunteer members to make

the night a success.

On display and in use were the three new gazebos obtained from the Southern Downs Regional Council, through the Grants to Community funds.

Thanks to local businesses that donated prizes to be raffled. Lone Wolf Earthworks, Allora Pharmacy, Allora Butchery, El Caballo, Gordon Country, 4362 Therapy, Allora Home Hardware, Wild Sage and for advertising our events Allora Advertiser. It is through their generosity that funds are able to be raised to "Keep the GTH insured". These sort of people make things possible.

The GTH committee would

like to thank those who attended and hoped they enjoyed the BBQ cooked by Shane and Christo (Allora Butchery meat of course) and served by Denieka (GTH Secretary) and Angula Jenny (GTH Treasurer) and Robyn manned the raffle and food ticket booth. Terry (GTH Vice president) and Wes made sure no-one went thirsty and at the delight of the children (maybe not all the parents) Mary-Lou (GTH president) gave out candy canes, whistles, ice blocks



and organised games.

To end the night the Christmas Cake, which was crafted by Denieka, was cut by John the oldest and Alice the youngest at the Christmas Party.

# Allora P-10 Team at ATSIAP State Challenge

Last week, Allora P-10 State School's Junior ATSIAP team, Will, Rhyanna, Rikaya and Fletcher, attended the State ATSIAP finals after winning the DDSW final in Term 3.

The team had to prepare a social media package to encourage First Nation youth to make healthy life choices.

They also had to prepare and deliver a persuasive essay about why their peers should follow the team's campaign to improve First Nation health outcomes. The team competed against twenty other schools from across Queensland.

The team stayed at the Women's College at UQ in Brisbane for a 3 day camp. They attended Uni experience days at Griffith University, Gold Coast

campus and UQ, St Lucia Campus, where they listened to inspirational speakers who shared their journey to Tertiary Education.

They enjoyed various hands-on activities across different faculties including a 3dimensional task that had them using their wrists as keypads.

An additional 2 challenges were given at the camp as a Trivia Competition and an impromptu advertising campaign with 2 minutes preparation.

The Allora P-10 team won the advertising challenge. Fletcher was awarded the "Spirit of ATSIAP" trophy for 2023 for exhibiting all the ATSIAP principles and leadership while Will was highly commended for this award.

The team were

acknowledged for their respectful behaviour and care shown for other competitors by organisers.

Mrs Linda Sharman was proud of their hard work that went into preparing their submissions this semester,

often in lunch breaks, and commends them for their persistence and optimism throughout the competition.

The team is looking forward to the 2024 ATSIAP challenge.

# Busy Ladies Making Good Things Happen



It has been another productive year for The Days for Girls (DfG) Allora branch.

Members can be congratulated on the wonderful work they have done sewing and packing DfG pads for girls and women in countries that don't have access to menstrual health products.

At Allora, gatherings are held monthly at the St Patrick's Parish and DfG members are grateful for the use of the Parish function room.

Next year, DfG will conduct a multi-draw raffle at the Allora Heritage Weekend held over the

Australia Day long weekend. Any individuals or businesses who would like to contribute to the raffle please get in touch with a member of the Executive. This is the major fundraising event for the year. Goods for the raffle will be assembled about mid- January.

If you'd like to help DfG please contact any of the 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

# Report From Clifton Benchrest Shooters



Rimfire place getters - Back L-R: Rebekah R, Tyson K, Ashleigh B, Jason E, Chris B, Luke S and Gregg B. Front L-R: Cooper S, Vincent A, Helen M, Michelle F and Mia E.



Last month's rifle competition was held on October 15th. It was a great day with only a little bit of wind. Everybody had a good day and enjoyed a chat in between rotations.

In the benchrest shoot, first in Men's Rimfire with a score of 585.10 came Chris B. Chris also took out 2 of the 3 Best Cards of the Day: RBA (240.7/250.25) and Rabbit & Crow (150.5/150.15).

First place in the Senior's Centrefire went to Luke S with a score of .5340. In second place Margaret S with .6398, she was thrilled to have also shot the smallest group of .314. In third place was Gregg B with .6680.

Jason E took out second place in the Men's Rimfire with a score of 579.22 and in third place Luke S with 577.10.

In the Factory Rimfire

shoot, first place went to Tyson K with a score of 556.17. In second place was Gregg B with 533.6 and very close behind in third Vincent A with 532.4.

First place in the Women's Rimfire went to Michelle F scoring 580.19, she also took out one of the 3 best cards of the day, Hunter Class (196.7/200.20). Second place was Ashleigh B with 574.17 and third Helen M with 557.9.

Cooper S romped home for first in the Junior Rimfire with a score of 581.21. In second place with a score of 569.11 was Rebekah R and in third Mia E with 542.6.

Last month's Pistol competition was held on Saturday 14th of October and was enjoyed by all who participated.

First place went to Vincent A with a great score of 238. In second place Simone A with 223 and third Peter A with a score of 219.

Enquiries about the Clifton Benchrest Shooters can be made to President Vince Alberry on 0416 152 477.

# Allora Golf Report



## Friday - the Duck Run, thank you Allora Hardware.

The winners for this week were: 1st - Lindsay May - 22 points, 2nd - Wayne McKewen - 21 points.

Pin shot on the 17th: Mark Ellwood.

Approach shot on the 14th: Lindsay May.

Long putt on the 10th: Adam May.

## Sunday - Monthly Medal, thank you Ty Gardner Concreting.

The winners for the day were: 1st - Rod Simpson - 65 net, 2nd - Shannon Gardner - 67 net, 3rd - Kev

Hurley - 67 net.

Nearest the pin: 4th - Lachie Hunt, 7th - Hethe Ramus, 8th - Mark Ellwood, 13th - Aaron Simpson, 16th - Hethe Ramus, 17th - Beetle.

Approach shots: 2nd - Aaron Simpson, 11th - Tommy Brown.

Long putt: 5th - Jimmy Anderson, 9th - Tom Bartholomai, 14th - Aaron Simpson, 18th - John Ellwood.

**Upcoming events:**  
**Sunday 3 December**  
- Allora Railway Hotel  
**Monthly Mug.** Stableford - 11:30am shotgun start.

**Matchplay** - matches must be finished by 17 December 2023

If you wish to sponsor a golf day in 2024, please contact club captain Hethe on 0421 864 811 to arrange a day.

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# Allora Bowls Notes

**Round 13** - What a great night to end the bowls season, the weather was kind to us and everyone enjoyed a BBQ before the games commenced. The big match of the night was between the top teams Gina's Babies and Peaky Blinders. It was a tight tussle with Gina's Babies being the winners.



Runners up - John Cochrane, Danny Hughes & Dave Smith with John Ellwood.

Congratulations, Glen M, Rusty and Ty, you played a great game having been down a few times during play. Gina's Babies names will now be added to the Lyn Wright Memorial shield as winners of the Spring season.

There was a play off for 2nd place between The Three Stooges and Peaky Blinders with Peaky Blinders winning, congratulations to Dave Smith, Danny & John C.

Results for the night – **RINK 1:** Doesn't Matter 11 d. Cool Cats 6; **RINK 2:** Gina's Babies 13 d. Peaky Blinders 11; **RINK 3:** The Three Stooges 15 d. Do It Again 12; **RINK 4:** Beers, Bowls & Bitches

18 d. Stone Cutters 10; **RINK 5:** Thunder Thugs 13 d The Gecko's 8; **RINK 6:** Generation Gap 16 d. What A show 10; **RINK 7:** Phoenix Rising 16 d. Pig Lures 13. Well done to all players.

Lots of Raffle prizes with the lucky winners – Bec, Kerry x 2, Gary C, Chris B, Roanne, Ryan, Bev, Leanne, Matt, Lynn P, Julia, Ty & Fiona.

Jackpot of \$25 was finally won by Hethe after many attempts by many people, finally making it the draw of any picture card.

Touchers – Ken, John C, Liz, Dorelle, Kris & Fiona. Enjoy those chocolates.



Winning team - Ty Gardner, Glen McMillan & Rusty McMillan with Bev O'Halloran.

Winners on the night were Beers, Bowls & Bitches and Losers – What A Show.

A big thank you to all our sponsors Allora Butchery, Railway Hotel, Allora Sports Club, The GreenKeeper & Right 1st Time Cleaning. Also to Patto for the tireless work he does in organising the games for the season & keeping the show running and also to all our other helpers each week, Bec & Wendy for doing the bar, Fiona for helping me, Ryan our music man, Moley our greenkeeper and anyone else who helps out on the night. Must not

forget the people who are called on to sub for teams sometimes at short notice but are always willing to step in and play.

Play for 2024 starts on January 23rd, there will be a BBQ to celebrate the 90th birthday of the Bowls club commencing at 5.30pm, bring the family along.

That's a wrap up for the Spring season of social bowls & not one night missed because of rain. See you all back in 2024 with your teams organised.

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