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Wednesday, 13th December 2023

## Gay Erskine A Winner On & Off The Court



Celebrations for Gay Erskine's 80th birthday recently took place on the family property "Tarragunda" in the Goomburra Valley. Obviously a popular lady as over 65 people, some from as far away as Denmark attended the party. (story page 4)

*Merry Christmas*  
&  
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**Publishing Arrangements**

The last edition of the Allora Advertiser for 2023 will be Wednesday 20th December 2023.

Our first edition of the Allora Advertiser for 2024 will be back on 10th January.

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### Letter to the Editor...

Dear Editor,

#### Halls - Simply the Facts

The Southern Downs Regional Council released a survey seeking our views on four questions - future use of the Senior Citizens' Hall, expanding the Sports Museum, knocking down the Fire Station and whether we want the Community Hall opened. The Senior Citizens' Hall future use is in the spotlight with an option to move the Library to the Senior Citizens' Hall to enable the Sports Museum to extend.

Circling in our Community are rumours, stories and misinformation about a group wanting to take over the Senior Citizens' Hall that is simply not true.

The Facts are:

1. There is no Petition submitted to Council about the Senior Citizens' Hall.
2. There is no move by a group to take over the Senior Citizens' Hall.
3. There is no group seeking to take over the Library building.
4. The decision on the future use of the Senior Citizens' Hall has not been made by Council - source the CEO SDRC and Mayor.
5. The Council has welcomed submissions &/ or presentations to Councillors in a Councillor Information Session from anyone who has thoughts on how the Senior Citizens' Hall can be used for the benefit of the community. Phone the Council and book yourself into a session.
6. A submission and presentation at a Councillor Information Session occurred a couple of months ago.
7. I was invited to present at a Councillor Information Session this month with representatives of the Sports Museum - I declined because this would be a repeat of a session already conducted.
8. Community members have the right to express their views and be heard by Council, free from fear of repercussions.
9. It is Council administration's role to provide technical and well-reasoned recommendations to Councillors who ultimately decide for the community by vote.
10. It is elected members (Councillors) role when voting on decisions that impact the whole community well beyond the election cycle that these decisions are based on sound reasoning, net cost benefits including social impact costs and with a strategic lens on what is best for our community over the forward years.
11. It is the Community's role to elect the members (Mayor and Councillors) to make these decisions for us.

Many residents I have spoken with are committed to building a united and thriving Allora, focussed on the liveability of our community and the wellbeing of our community members as demonstrated by the those attending Yoga in the Senior Citizens' Hall and the fantastic turn out for the Allora Bush Christmas party held on the weekend.

Can we please stop being divisive and tearing each other down. When this occurs, the only winners are Council because we are divided therefore no consensus, giving a free pass to Council to push their decisions down the road. Be united, find our common focus and be a united voice to Council. Let's get the Allora Community Hall open!

Kim Birch  
Resident of Allora

# Merivale Street To Open Soon

Work is nearing an end at the Merivale Street crossing on the western side of Allora.

After being washed out by flooding the crossing will have a larger, more solid culvert.

A spokesperson for the Southern Downs Regional Council said the culvert is well advanced with final concrete works almost completed. In the next two weeks erosion protection works, road sealing and signs should be finished.

The increased size of culvert will provide increased flood immunity whilst concrete batter and erosion works will provide a more resilient structure for future flood events.



Work almost finished.

The culvert capacity has been increased from 1/375mm diameter concrete pipe to 3/1200x900mm concrete box culverts.

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Merivale St After flooding and out of action

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Gay Erskine has been a very well respected and active contributing member of our community since arriving 22 years ago, playing and coaching elite level Squash. She's also a horse lover and chartered accountant.

Prior to all this, Gay was born in Rhodesia/Zimbabwe and immigrated to Australia in 1978.

At one stage she was ranked number four in the world on the Women's Squash Tour.

Gay captained the South African Springbok Women's Squash team and was honoured with the Southern African Sportsperson of the Year in 1976 (out of all sports and both sexes!).

She continues to enjoy squash, training and competing each week at the Allora squash courts and played a significant part in bringing Squash from Warwick to Allora, which has proven to be a popular sport for the local Allora community.

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# Allora Golf Report



**Friday, Duck Run. Thanks Allora Hardware** - Winners were - 1st: Mark Ellwood, 2nd: Jimmy Anderson.

Approach shot on the 12th: Wayne McKewen.  
Pin shot on the 16th: Wayne McKewen.  
Long putt on the 18th: Mark Ellwood.

**Sunday - 3 person ambrose. Thanks Allora Sports Club** - Winners were - 1st: Sam, Garth, Macca - 51.7 points, 2nd: Ty, Trav, Tommy Morris - 54.7 points.

Nearest the pin: 4/13 - Sam, 7/16 - Gus, 8/17 - Willy.  
Approach shots: 2/11 - Trav.  
Long putt: 6/15 - Jimmy

**On Sunday 17 December - Ty Gardner Concreting monthly medal (stroke event).**

# Book Launch

Southern Downs Poet, Marco Gliori admits that standing behind a microphone, encouraging people to smile, steering proceedings, and sharing his community's stories has become a huge part of his life. Some of the yarns he tells are inspired by local experiences, others by distant landscapes and characters he has met, whilst taking the road less travelled. Allora features in Marco's new book *Poet on the Verandah*, with poems such as 'Ode to Golfers' first recited at the Allora Golf Club at the opening of the Maher-Rickert Bridge, plus 'Ode to Netballers' recited for Laura Geitz at the ceremony whereby she and Wayne Bennet were inducted to the Allora Sport's Museum's Hall of Fame, not to mention his poem 'Pride of Place' a poem recited by Marco on U-Tube featuring the creative talents of the Allora Photography Group, and 'The Melbourne Cup Came Waltzing' written for last year's Cup Visit.



Music Festival and The Gympie Muster, all the while pausing to work with school students, sharing his talents and passing tips for creative writing.

And the last word from the man himself -

*"In rising to the challenge to keep alive a wonderful Aussie tradition, bush verse and yarnspinning, I accept that I am no Banjo Paterson, but a reasonably popular contemporary poet who was lucky enough to find enough people in my audience to keep doing what I love. Now, sitting back on my verandah, I get to share some of my more recent poems and ballads, together with a collection of deeply personal life stories that are contained in the middle of this book. Through these yarns, I get to reflect on the journey that I and others, have taken to get me here".*

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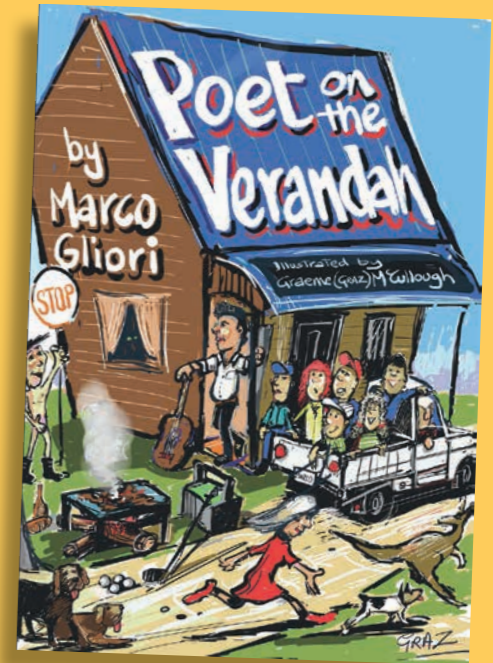
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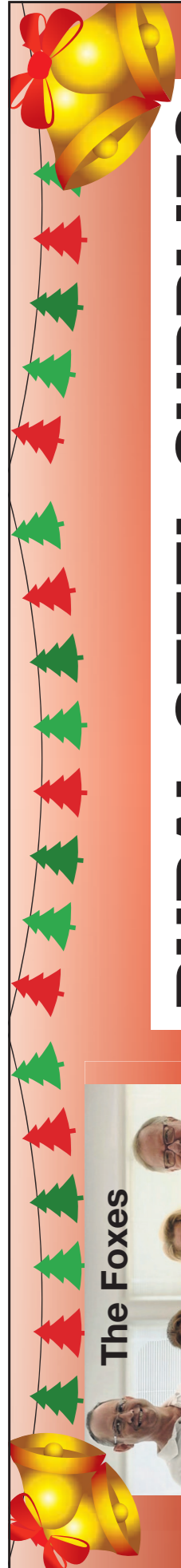


Alexia Lever



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RIGHT: Pacific Seeds Managing Director Andrew Short with Farmer of the Year Lloyd Gillam from Brookstead and Brad Jamieson from Pacific Seeds.

Over 200 guests including farmers, agents attended the annual Pacific Seeds Christmas Party and Awards Presentation

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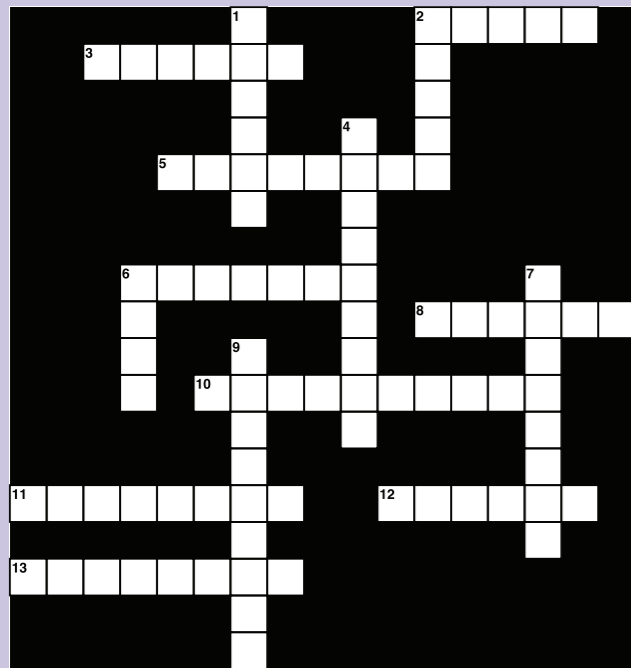




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- Across**
2. Rapacious desire for wealth.
  3. The centrepiece of Christmas dinner.
  5. Scrooge's bookkeeper.
  6. Returns from investments.
  8. "Bah! \_\_\_\_\_!"
  10. Concern for the misfortunes of others.
  11. Tuneful Christmas entertainers.
  12. Jacob \_\_\_\_\_, Scrooge's erstwhile business partner.
- Down**
1. Hospital founded in 1247 as the Priory of the New Order of our Lady of Bethlehem.
  2. One of Scrooge's four visitors.
  4. 25 December.
  6. Ghost of Christmas \_\_\_\_\_.
  7. First name of Scrooge.
  9. A gold coin originally worth 22s. 6d.
  13. Former employer of Scrooge.

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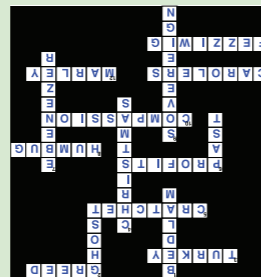
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There will be treats for the kids and you can even bring along your fur babies

then Mum can take a family photo with Santa.



## Country Market At Massie



Just off the Allora-Warwick back road, there is a growing local Country Market.

This Friday the 15th the locals will be operating a Twilight Market from 4pm to 7pm with food and drinks for sale.

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