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Not In My Backyard...



A huge crowd attended the Community Meeting on Thursday evening at the Allora Sports Club to learn more about the proposed Wind Farm in the Goomburra Valley. (story pages 2 and 3)

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Today (Tuesday 19th)

department has dealt with,

or is dealing with. Wind

representatives, concerning

wind farm or renewable energy

developments or development

opportunities near Allora, or

elsewhere in my electorate of

Later James Lister issued

"Local people turned out

in force at the Allora Sports

Club last Thursday. People are

worried about the impacts of

wind farms on the community.

They're worried about large

transmission lines and turbines

spoiling the landscape and

foot towers and turbines. And

they're worried that a lucky few

landholders will be rewarded

for hosting wind generators.

while the rest of the community

only get to experience the

government hasn't told us

"The state Labor

"They're worried about 600

South Downs."

this statement -

their properties.

disadvantages.

Prospect Pty Ltd, or its

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promoted for a 6.30 start

and those who arrived

just prior to that time were

disappointed to find that the

The initial speaker.

Graham Park, gave a

measured address outlining

approaches being made by

the proponent company,

the point that landholders

about renewable energy

infrastructure should be fully

got to ask the right

Director, South East

Queensland, Scott Reed

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questions." Mr Park said.

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"As landholders we've

Mr Park and following

are approached

emphasised

Regional

Wind Prospect Ptv Ltd.

speakers

informed

who

event was well underway.

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reinforced the need for landholders to continue asking questions and urged them to get legal advice from a law company with experience in such matters before signing anything.

Mr Reed suggested and other speakers suggested that the establishment of a wind farm would bring about additional costs insuch things as insurance and local government rates, although the matter of council rating was later addressed by Southern Downs Mayor Vic Pennisi, who told the meeting that rates charges would be levied on the energy operating company for each tenure of land upon which a wind tower sat.

He said landhowners will not be paying rates on those tenures.

Probably the most passionate speaker during the night was Katy McCallum from Kilkivan, who spoke of the fight that community waged against Powerlink. She told those present

"You guys all need to stay united," she said.



a big ticket issue for every country town in Australia at the moment.

Member for Southern Downs James Lister gauged the mood of the meeting correctly and drew strong applause when he said he's happy to oppose this in Parliament if that's what the community wants.

WIND PROSPECT PTY LTD RESPONDS

The Allora Advertiser contacted Wind Prospect following Thursday night's meeting and the company's Regional Development



James Lister MP Wants Answers in parliament I tabled a question to the Energy Minister Mick de Brenni about what's going on. What plans discussions has the state government had with Wind Prospects Pty Ltd about renewable energy projects in our back "Will the minister please advise if he or his

> Member for Southern Downs James Lister MP in parliament yesterday.

> > near Allora, yet company reps have been knocking on doors east of Allora spruiking cash for wind turbines to landowners.

"The Labor government lines, solar farms and wind farms on communities in the bush."

Enthusiastic citv-driven support for renewable energy infrastructure is in direct contrast to the majority feeling in the Allora district where a public meeting on Thursday night demonstrated strong opposition to any idea that a wind farm should be established in the

attended the meeting at the Allora Sports Club.

demonstration that the town needs its Community Hall. this was it, with all seats and standing room in the Sports Club occupied and the crowd spilling out onto

The meeting had been



Scott Reed from AgForce.

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that the community needs to stick to together.

Ms McCallum said this is

anything about a windfarm "I've seen what's happened

with MacIntvre Windfarm west of Warwick. Acciona knows that the Labor government in Brisbane unconditionally sides with wind farms, solar farms and Powerlink against communities in country areas. It emboldens the big end of town to ride roughshod over the needs and wishes of locals

and local councils. in Brisbane can override local council planning laws to allow wind farms. In fact Labor's introduced a bill into parliament to further empower the state aovernment to impose power

Landholder Graham Park. Manager, Michale Sale was shocked to hear that close to 300 people had turned up. In a statement issued later, Mr Sale said there are currently no plans for a wind farm development in the vicinity of Allora.

"As part of our standard practice, Wind Prospect has conducted preliminary enquiries with several landowners in the Allora area as part of an initial scoping phase," he said.

"This process is essential as we explore potential

locations throughout to Queensland host renewable energy projects to help Australia reach its clean energy targets.

"Wind Prospect is committed to following a thorough and transparent process in evaluating various locations.

"Early communication and engagement with local communities. landowners and stakeholders are an integral part of this process,' Mr Sale said.



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Driver Awareness Training For Warwick

The Queensland Service is Police conducting the next awareness driver day on Sunday 5th May from 3pm to 5pm at Morgan Park Warwick.

This is following on from a previous session that was held in Warwick and was very well received.

This training day aims to provide the skill and knowledge of safely handling yourself in a high stress situation.

Drivers need appropriate resources can be in place.

Please make vou bookings online at - www. morganparkraceway. com.au/event/gps-driverawareness-training-2 or scan the QR code at right with your mobile device.

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to register before This is what can happen when a driver is Sunday 28th April so not paying attention and rear-ends a ute on a busy motorway.



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Do We Preserve The Old Allora Fire Station?

Southern Downs Regional council is inviting feedback about how to preserve the building's heritage, following a recent engineering assessment that found the structure is unsound in its current state.

Late last year Council sought community feedback in relation to the following question:

If the Allora Senior Citizens building is transformed into а 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?

A total of 186 responses were received, with 61% of respondents indicating that the old fire station building was not at all important. This result was presented to Council at its January 2024 Ordinary Council Meeting, Council requested and further clarification on



local sentiment prior to the permanent and irreversible removal of the building.

Input is crucial in understanding how to celebrate the heritage of the Old Allora Fire Station, so Council invites the community to share your thoughts on how we can preserve the landmark's history for future generations.

Having a say is easy. Simply complete the survey online at - www.sdrc.qld. gov.au/living-here/haveyour-say/have-your-sayold-allora-fire-stationbuilding before 5pm on Friday 29 March 2024.

Hard copies are also available at Council's Customer Service Centres and libraries.

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Southern Downs Likely To Have A New Mayor Mayoral position with the

At 12.30pm Tuesday 19 March, as Allora Advertiser was going to print, the following results were available. 79.87% of the Votes

have been counted for the

Southern Downs Regional Council -Melissa Hamilton 46.89%

Vic Pennisi 37.05% Lindsay Goodwin 16.06%





79.84% of the Votes have been counted for Councillor positions with the Southern Downs Regional Council

At this stage eight candidates are leading the votes (however that could change as more votes are counted)

Sheryl Windle Carla Pidgeon Cynthia McDonald **Russell Wantling** Sarah Deane Morwenna Harslett Joel Richters **Ross Bartlev**



Allora might be a small town but they really know how to stage a big event with their showgrounds the location of two days of wonderful celebrations of the contribution that heavy horses, mules, bullocks and other draught animals and pioneers made to the development of the Darling Downs

However the Festival is more than just heavy horses with craft stalls, live music, food stalls of all varieties and just to add something really different a jousting contest by two fully armoured knights on horseback and lots more

A variety of heritage demonstrations bv blacksmiths, wheelwrights and farriers were warmly received by the crowds of people who flocked to their venues.

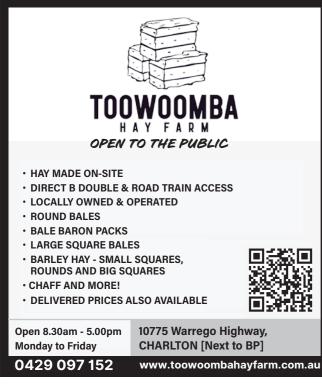
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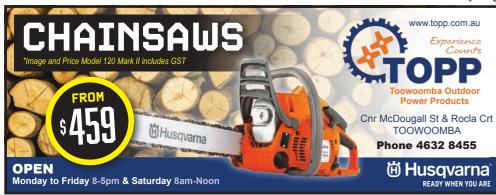
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Growers Urged To Report Mouse Numbers

Grain growers across Australia are being urged to check paddocks for mouse numbers and record mouse activity as part of a national campaign aimed at early detection and effective control ahead of this year's winter crop.

Grains Research and Development Corporation (GRDC) supported mouse researcher Steve Henry from CSIRO. Australia's national science agency, is encouraging growers to monitor and log mouse activity this season through the free MouseAlert website, via X (formerly Twitter) using @MouseAlert or though the FeralScan Pest Mapping app.

MouseAlert is a free online tool that allows growers to record and view mouse activity in their area, aiding in the collective efforts of the National Mouse Group to track and manage mouse populations effectively.

"We are urging growers to get out of their utes and check their paddocks. Even if you think mouse numbers may be low, get out, walk through paddocks and look closely for any signs of current mouse activity. High

and the second second Mouse in Wheat Stubble photo CSIRO

stubble loads can hide the signs of mouse activity," Mr Henry said.

"While mouse numbers varied across cropping zones, if present in high numbers, they could have devastating impacts on crops being sown in the coming months.

"This year, we are seeing localised and patchy mouse activity. In some areas, good summer rains could lead to increased mouse numbers. but conversely, flood events may have helped to keep mouse populations low. The key message is to monitor," Mr Henry said.

Growers should also be aware that the emergency permit for ZnP50 expired at the at the end of December 2023, so 25g/kg zinc phosphide baits (ZnP25) are currently the only registered bait available. Zinc phosphide bait must be spread according to the label rate of one kilogram per hectare.

Growers are reminded, as with the use of any registered product or product under permit, to report unexpected outcomes (including lack of efficacy or off-target effects) directly to the Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines (APVMA)'s Authority Experience Adverse Reporting Program.

The Back

Darling Downs Heavy Horse Festival

The organising committee of President Clint Kenny, Vice President John Polzin, Secretary Clare Gorwyn, Treasurer Kate Stewart and a band of many dedicated

volunteers are to be congratulated.

This year's festival will be hard to beat next year but the organisers are likely already thinking of new ideas.



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Heavy Horse Festival





Barrel Racing.



Jocelyn Cockbain and Oscarville Elle and buggy.



Blacksmiths.



Michelle Passeri, Viarna Odgaad and Matilda Brand on Clydesdales.



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Win The Barrett Shield

As has been the case since 1993 the Allora-Clifton based Wattles Warriors will battle out the Barrett Family Shield pre-season A Grade rugby league clash against the Warwick Cowboys this Saturday evening for the right to house the prestigious trophy for the coming year.

The match traditionally ushers in the Toowoomba Rugby League season, this 32nd contest hosted at Clifton's Platz Oval, supported by pre-season reserve grade and Under 19 trials.

Wattles last hoisted the Shield as victors in 2022, a success that opened the season that led to the club's fifth A Grade premiership.

The Shield has seen eighteen Warwick successes and twelve to Wattles, with a draw in 2000 at Platz Oval.

Wattles have trained well across all grades through the pre-season, and Burns is looking forward to seeing his top combination in action.

The Toowoomba Rugby League can boast a no more intensely contested encounter in the crank up for the 2024 season on the Southern Downs, Wattles President Amanda O'Halloran

Junior Warriors a Tower of Strength over Gremlins

Wattles Juniors have hit the ground running in the leadup to the 2024 Warwick & District Junior Rugby League season. After three consecutive weekends of pre-season trials, club President Aaron Gilmore and his committee are more than pleased with their teams, officials and volunteers as they steer towards the commencement of official fixtures on April 20th.

Wattles juniors have ventured to Pittsworth to take on the junior Danes, hosted the Tenterfield Tigers and last Sunday the Stanthorpe Gremlins in successive weeks.

Against the Gremlins Wattles fielded all teams but for Under 12's, the Gremlins lacking a team in that age group. Coaches were impressed with the effort of all the teams.

Wattles Under 13 team will be in action in Toowoomba this Saturday in the Walker Weekend Challenge. The Two day challenge is named after the Walker Family - Ben, Shane and Chris who had a close association with the Valleys Club.





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and her committe are expecting an overwhelming crowd at Platz Oval.

Barrett Family Shield and Pre-Season Trials - Platz Oval, Clifton - Saturday 23rd March 2024 Wattles Warriors Warwick Cowboys. Under 18 - 3.30pm, Reserve Grade 5.00pm, A Grade 6.30pm.

Glyn Rees



Wattles gifted back rower Ty Gardner will lead the Wattles Warriors top grade line-up in their pursuit of the Barrett Family Shield.



Coach Nick Van Der Poel with his Wattles Junior Team after taking on the Stanthorpe Gremlins at Platz Oval on Sunday.

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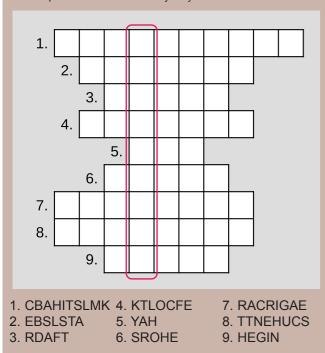
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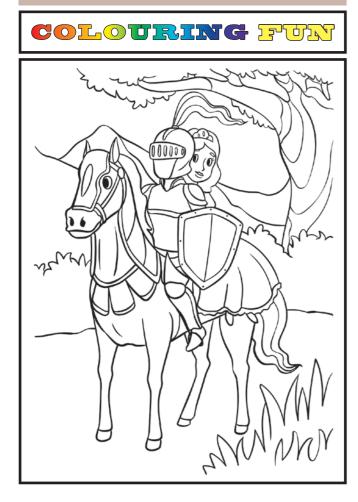


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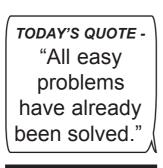
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I told my mom I was going to make a bike out of spaghetti.

You should have seen her face when I rode straight pasta.

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• ANNOUNCEMENTS •

WARD, Lawrence Peter "Wardy"

Late of Allora, passed away on 13th March 2024, aged 80 years.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Lawrie's funeral, to be held graveside at the Allora Cemetery, Allora-Clifton Road, Allora, service commencing at 9.30am, Monday, 25th March 2024.

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SCOPE CLUB OF ALLORA INC. MATE BYSTANDER PROGRAM presented by Michael Jeh



The aim of the program is to engage participants in discussions about abusive behaviour. The Scope Club is inviting parents, teachers and public to attend.

This special Program will be held at the

Allora P-10 School Hall on Monday night

25 March from 7pm

Newcomers Welcome To AGM



The Allora P-10 State School P&C has had a very busy 2023 with some big projects in the pipeline for 2024.

The P&C is not just for parents as any members of the wider community will be most welcome to join and share their expertise and knowledge for the benefits of others.

Work by the P&C is to support the Allora P-10 School and Students

If you'd like to join please attend the AGM to be held on Thursday 21st March, starting at 6pm in the School Staff Room.

• CHURCH NOTICES •

Allora/Clifton Anglican Church

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Enquiries - Rev Courtney Smith - phone 0447 728 227.

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ATTENTION.

On Palm Sunday, 24th March 2024 beginning at 11.15am, there will be the traditional

PALM SUNDAY WALK

from St. Andrew's Uniting Church.

It will proceed to Stuart Henry Park for prayers to mark the occasion. Transport will be provided where necessary. It will be followed by a shared lunch at St. David's Hall.

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Allora Golf Notes



Friday - the Allora Hardware duck run - The winners were: 1st: Nick Lake - 27 points, 2nd: John Ellwood - 19 points.

Approach shot: Noel Wallace. Pin shot: John Ellwood. Long putt: Shannon Gardner

Sunday - Ty Gardner Concreting Monthly Medal - The winners were: 1st:



runner.

Parents

School Hall.

Watch out for the kids from Allora P-10 this Friday as they'll be participating in the

School's Annual Cross Country at the Allora Golf Course.

The races start and finish at Stuart Henry Park behind the Bowls Club.

John Sparksman - 66 net, 2nd: Jason Nightingale - 67 net, 3rd: Tommy Brown - 67 net

Nearest the pin: 4/13 - Aaron Simpson, 7/16 -Tommy Brown, 8/17 - Aaron Simpson

Approach shots: 3/12 - Tommy Brown, 5/14 -Lindsay May, 9/18 - Jason Nightingale

Long drive: 1/10 - Aaron Simpson.

Upcoming events:

Sunday 24/3 - Allora Butchery 2-person ambrose Sunday 24/3 - our men's Pennants team take on

4 kilometres depending on age of

and

members are encouraged to

from about 12.30 to 1pm in the

Presentations will be made

attend and cheer on the kids.

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Allora Bowls Notes



ROUND 8 - It is not often that somewhat tells me when

they have made a faux pas but Codie thought his was well worthy of a mention in the notes. He was playing for Cool Cats on Rink 1, used the wrong bias with his bowl hitting the kitty on Rink 2 on the opposite end. He then laughingly queried if touchers had been on would it have earned him a chocolate, sorry Codie think you have to be on your own rink, nice try.

Some interesting scores again this week and a great battle between Doesn't Matter and What A Show, well played to both teams and Peaky Blinders going down to The Three Stooges by one.

RESULTS – RINK 1: Do It Again 17 d. Cool Cats 12; RINK 2: Generation Gap 22 d. Phoenix Rising 3; RINK 3: Gina's Babies 24 d. Spring Creek 9; **RINK** 4: Doesn't Matter 26 d. What A Show 18; **RINK** 5: Stone Cutters 17 d. The Gecko's 9; **RINK** 6: Pig Lures 19 d. Beers, Bowls & Bitches 9; **RINK** 7: The Three Stooges 13 d. Peaky Blinders 12.

TOUCHERS for chocolates were Duke, Moley, Toni, Hethe, Slug & Liz. Thank you Right 1st Time Cleaning for your sponsorship.

RAFFLE WINNERS – Julie, Kerry, Hethe, Denis, Kris and Wendy. Thank you Allora Butchery, Railway Hotel and Allora Sports Club.

Lucky Winners on the night were Gina's Babies and for the third time in a row Spring Creek came up Losers, even if you don't win your game you can still go home with a bottle of wine or a six pack. Thank you Millstone Group.

See you all back again next week for Round 9 of a great game of social bowls.



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