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Allora's All Aboard for Bush Christmas



Locals and visitors made another huge turnout for this year's Allora Bush Christmas celebration. (more photos page 4 & 5)

Merry Christmas
& HAPPY NEW YEAR

from the team at Wade Real Estate

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Mason Family Helps Make a Difference for T1D



Benjamin (left) and James shared their stories with local Federal Member, David Littleproud and Opposition Leader, Peter Dutton (not pictured).

What does fifty million dollars' worth of hope feel like? Just ask Allora's Benjamin and James Mason who, along with parents, Hayley and Mark, recently joined a national delegate of one hundred brave Type 1 Diabetes advocates as part of JDRF's "Kids in the House - KITH" program, to address members of parliament in Canberra.

Their big goal? A world without Type 1 Diabetes. Did you know that about eight people are diagnosed with T1D in Australia every day? Life for sufferers is expensive and fraught with complex medical decisions on an hourly (sometimes minute-by-minute) basis. Each one has their own unique story of life with this relentless, life-long, and scary condition. Educating decision-makers about the impact of T1D and advocating for ongoing funding for research is the key to achieving their goal. Mission accomplished: The Masons returned home smiling with the knowledge that they had made a difference. Together with the leaders of JDRF and the brilliant scientists they confirmed bipartisan support and the announcement of \$50.1 million towards ongoing research, meaning terms like 'smart insulin', 'gene manipulation' and of course the big one... 'cure' feel far less futuristic and fill the lives of Australia's T1D sufferers with great hope.

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Police Reports: Allora, Clifton and Warwick

VEHICLE STOLEN FROM ALLORA

Between 1600hrs Saturday afternoon 23/11/2024 and 0700hrs Sunday morning 24/11/24 the pictured 1996 Toyota Landcruiser 4wd wagon - Qld reg. 342VAR - was stolen from where it was parked, locked and secured roadside out front of the owners Jamie and Danii Falconer's residence in Herbert Street, Allora. Dark blue in colour. The owners are still in possession of the keys. The vehicle had half a tank of fuel. It has not yet been recovered and Police



are urging anyone with any information as to its theft and/or current whereabouts, please to come forward either through contact of local Allora Police (4666 3222), Policelink 131 444 or Crimestoppers 1800 333 000.

Damian F. GRACE
Sergeant 7722
OIC Allora Police Stn.
Ph (07) 4666 3222

ARMED ROBBERY AT CLIFTON

Police have released an image of a silver 2024 Volkswagen (VW) Tiguan they are seeking in connection to the armed robbery of a service station in Clifton on Tuesday 3 December.



Around 4pm a man armed with a knife entered the business on King Street and threatened the console operator, demanding cash. The staff member complied and was not physically injured.

The offender stole a quantity of cash and then fled the scene in the silver 2024 VW Tiguan without registration plates (pictured). Anyone who may have seen the vehicle or has any information on its whereabouts is asked to contact police.

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FATAL TRAFFIC CRASH, WARWICK

The Forensic Crash Unit is investigating following a fatal two vehicle traffic crash at Warwick on Friday night.

Initial investigations indicate that at around 7:10pm, a 2021 Kia Sportage and a 1999 Nissan Patrol have collided at the intersection of East Street and Pratten Street.

A passenger in the Kia, A 29-year-old Warwick woman, sustained critical injuries and was later declared deceased at the scene.

The driver of the Kia, a 40-year-old Warwick man, sustained serious injuries and was airlifted to Toowoomba Hospital for treatment.

The other occupants of the Kia, a 5-year-old girl, a

3-year-old girl, a 1-year-old girl, were all transported to Warwick Hospital with minor injuries.

The driver of the Nissan, a 25-year-old Warwick man, was also taken to Warwick Hospital for treatment.

The Forensic Crash Unit is investigating the circumstances of the crash and are appealing to anyone who may have witnessed the incident, or may have relevant dashcam or CCTV footage, to come forward.

If you have any information for police, contact Policelink by providing information using the online suspicious activity form 24hrs per day at www.police.qld.gov.au/ reporting or call 131 444.

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ROLL UP, ROLL UP!

It's that time of the year again to **RENEW or JOIN the Allora Show Society**

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Allora's Bush Christmas 2024



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Allora Advertiser Christmas Closure

The last edition of the Allora Advertiser for 2024 will be **Wednesday 18 December**. Our first edition for 2025 will be **Wednesday 8 January**. We will **CLOSE** on **Wednesday 18 December at 4pm** and **RE-OPEN** on **Monday 6 January at 9am**.

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Pacific Seeds Awards Night And Christmas Party - Another Huge Success

Pacific Seeds' annual Agents and Industry Christmas Party, held last Thursday night at the Toowoomba Royal Showgrounds, recognised some of the most outstanding rural retailers and growers on the Central and Southern Darling Downs.

Farmer of the Year winners were Colleen and Jason Mundy from Mundane Grains at Yandilla.

RIGHT: L-R Pacific Seeds Territory Manager for Southern and Central Downs Bill Smith, Winners Colleen and Jason Mundy, Pacific Seeds staffer Ally Brosnan and Pacific Seeds Managing Director Andrew Short.



LEFT: L-R Guests Derek, Andy and Allison Gilmore.
ABOVE: L-R Keara Butler (Pacific Seeds), Steph Gillam (Pursehouse Allora), Chris Kunde (Pursehouse Clifton), Tina Tuckey (Pacific Seeds) - Pursehouse won the Grower Focus Award.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM PURSEHOUSE RURAL

Thanks for shopping with Pursehouse Rural! A friendly reminder of our trading hours over the Christmas period

1 Forest Plains Road 07 4666 2800 Mon-Fri 8am to 5pm pursehouserural.com.au	<p>Wednesday 25th December CLOSED</p> <p>Thursday 26th December CLOSED</p> <p>Friday 27th December OPEN</p> <p>Saturday 28th December OPEN 8am-12pm</p> <p>Wednesday 1st January CLOSED</p> <p>Thursday 2nd January OPEN</p>
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Celebrating Community Success

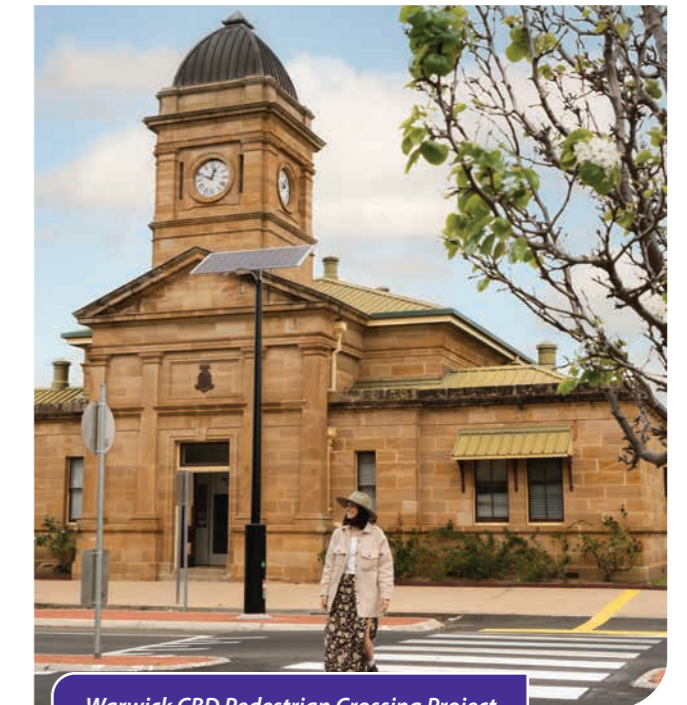
Several landmark projects were completed this year, highlighting Council's strong commitment to fostering a vibrant community and sustainable region.

WARWICK CBD PEDESTRIAN CROSSING PROJECT

24 pedestrian crossings on Palmerin, Guy, Grafton and King Streets have been upgraded to raised or level priority zebra crossings following safety concerns. The \$1.6m project enhances the business centre's safety, liveability and economic growth potential.

This \$1.6m project also included upgrades to footpaths, kerb ramps, advanced warning signage, tactile indicators and new energy efficient solar lighting.

Funding for the Warwick CBD Pedestrian Crossing Project was provided by the Australian Government's Black Spot Program.



Warwick CBD Pedestrian Crossing Project

WARWICK SALEYARDS REDEVELOPMENT

Council remains dedicated to supporting the region's livestock industry and ensuring that the Warwick Saleyards maintains a sustainable and competitive market position. Co-funded by Council and the Australian Government's Black Summer Bushfire Recovery Grants Program, Stages 1 and 2 of the \$7.5m redevelopment project delivered a modern facility and addressed critical viability issues including animal welfare, environment, biosecurity, industry standards, traffic management, technology and work place health and safety.

KEY UPGRADES:

- 120 selling pens and 35 holding pens to enhance animal management.
- Two processing areas for efficient operations.
- Three single-storey and two double-storey loading ramps, along with a ute loading ramp for improved accessibility.
- New buyer laneways with hard roof cover and overhead agent catwalks for better visibility and safety.
- Gravel pen flooring and partial soft shade for holding pens to ensure animal comfort.
- A dust suppression system, cattle troughs and lighting and electrical upgrades to enhance facility functionality.
- Scales and software for accurate weight measurements and data management.
- Extended posts in selling pens to accommodate future roof installations.



Warwick Saleyards Redevelopment



VICTORIA PARK DOG OFF LEASH AREA

The new dog off leash area in Victoria Park, Warwick is a haven for hounds, providing a safe and controlled environment for dogs to run, play and socialise.

Designed with every pooch in mind, the park features three separate fenced areas to cater to dogs of all sizes. It also includes amenities such as park benches and dog waste bins and bags.

This project was jointly funded by the Queensland and Australian Governments under Category D of the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements and Council.

"Whether it's chasing tennis balls, making new friends or simply enjoying the fresh air, the new off leash dog area in Victoria Park is the perfect pet-friendly park for Warwick's dogs to safely run free."

Councillor Sheryl Windle



Victoria Park Dog Off Leash Area Opening Ceremony

RESPONSIBLE PET OWNERSHIP

Keep your furry family members in mind this Christmas by making thoughtful, responsible choices for their well-being.

Adopt, don't shop: Visit Southern Downs ARK or Council's pound to give an animal a home.

Register and microchip by 12 weeks of age: Dogs must be registered, and all pets microchipped before 12 weeks.

Desexing is recommended: It's better for your pet and helps control animal populations.

Contain your pet: Pets must be secured at home or on a leash in public. Fines for off leash dogs have increased in 2024.

Council's Local Laws team can help with any questions about pet ownership.



Explore more of your own backyard this summer

Queen Mary Falls
Main Range National Park

The Southern Downs & Granite Belt Visitor App is Council's free travel resource to help you #SeeSouthernDowns this summer.



Do you have the MySDRC APP?

- Log a service request
- Follow road closure updates
- Find the Disaster Dashboard
- Get Council news and contact Councillors



STANTHORPE REGIONAL ART GALLERY & LIBRARY EXPANSION

Stanthorpe's reputation as a thriving creative hub has been elevated with the newly-expanded, state-of-the-art art gallery and library precinct that enhances literature, arts and cultural experiences for the community. The \$8m expansion project secures the town's status as a cultural centre by offering more space, enhanced services, a modern fit-out and improved fire safety for millions of dollars of artwork and books.

The project received \$2m in funding from the Australian Government, with Council contributing the remainder.

"Having this state-of-the-art precinct as a new space to bring us together encourages community cohesion, reduces isolation and provides a contemporary home for us to express our identity and learn about our past, present, and future. This project is more than simply art and literature – it's about building community spirit, showcasing exceptional local talent and enhancing our region's liveability to visitors as a must-see arts and cultural destination."

Councillor Morwenna Harslett



Stanthorpe Library



The new Stanthorpe Regional Art Gallery & Library

STANTHORPE STREETScape PROJECT

Safety and art have united to revitalise High Street for the next chapter of the Stanthorpe Streetscape Project. Led by community vision and consultation, the project delivers a new raised pedestrian crossing, designated disabled parking, functional art installations and mature trees to enhance the amenity and liveability of the Stanthorpe CBD.

Over the years, each stage of the Stanthorpe Streetscape Project has been a labour of love, designed to improve the CBD and reflect Stanthorpe's rich artistic and cultural heritage.

This project was funded with the support of the Australian Government Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program in association with Council.



Stanthorpe Streetscape Project

Sustainable Celebrations

This Christmas, make the festive season truly memorable for all the right reasons. By practicing food safety and embracing sustainable choices, you can create a joyful, safe and eco-friendly holiday.

FOOD SAFETY IS A FESTIVE MUST

Keep your holiday meals safe with these handy tips.

Plan ahead: Don't overbuy. Ensure your fridge has space for food, and store drinks in ice buckets.

Watch the temperature: Keep food below 5°C or above 60°C to prevent bacteria growth.

Cook meats thoroughly: Defrost turkey in the fridge and cook it to 75°C at its thickest part.

Avoid raw eggs: Skip risky dishes like raw egg mayonnaise and eggnog.

Keep cold foods chilled: Serve dips and salads in small portions, topping up from the fridge.

Store leftovers safely: Refrigerate promptly, eat within 3 days and reheat to 75°C.

For more food safety tips, visit the Queensland Government's Health and Wellbeing page or contact Council's Environmental Health team.

CELEBRATE SUSTAINABLY

Sort-it Sally says, "Make it a sustainable Christmas! Reduce waste with these handy tips."

Shop secondhand: Visit Endeavour Foundation Recycle Shops for unique gifts and decorations.

Wrap creatively: Use old newspapers, fabric or last year's gift wrap.

Give thoughtfully: Choose experiences, homemade treats or low-packaging items.

Recycle and compost: Recycle materials at Council's waste facilities and compost food scraps to reduce household waste.

By adopting these practices, you'll enjoy a safe, sustainable, and happy Christmas on the Southern Downs.



Sort-it Sally at Endeavour Foundation Recycle Shop

COUNCIL CHRISTMAS BREAK Closures

★ **Customer Service Centres**
Allora, Stanthorpe and Warwick
Close: 3pm, Tuesday 24 December 2024
Re-open: 8.30am, Thursday 2 January 2025

★ **Waste Collection and Facilities**
Roadside domestic waste collections will continue as normal, including all public holidays. Council waste facilities will operate as usual, with all sites closed on Wednesday 25 December 2024 only.

★ **Southern Downs Libraries**
Allora, Stanthorpe and Warwick
Close: 3pm, Tuesday 24 December 2024
Re-open: Thursday 2 January 2025

★ **Visitor Information Centres**
Stanthorpe and Warwick Visitor Information Centres will operate as usual, with both centres closed on Wednesday 25 December 2024 only.

For emergencies during this time, contact 1300 MY SDRC (1300 697 372).

Allora Bowls Season Comes To An End



All done and dusted for another season and what a great night of social bowls it was. Everyone enjoyed a BBQ dinner before game commenced, thank you to Wendy, Hethe and Sue for a great meal.

Congratulations to Chris Brown, Moley and Beetle of Pig Lures on 21 who were season winners. Their names will now be added to the Lyn Wright Memorial shield as winners of the Summer season and to Doesn't Matter as runners up on 18. It was nearly a play off for runners up with Phoenix Rising wanting a win over Pig Lures and then playing off with Doesn't Matter but that wasn't to



(L-R) Kev Hurley, Bev O'Halloran and Kris Wright - Runners up team of Doesn't Matter.

be. With a drawn game of 12 it put Phoenix Rising one point behind Doesn't Matter. A big thank you to my team members in Doesn't Matter, Kris Wright and Kev Hurley. This time it really did matter as we have always been near the bottom

of the ladder and thank you to my best sub Russell Porter.

RESULTS – RINK 1: Doesn't Matter 16 d. Cool Cats 7; **RINK 2:** Gina's Babies 27 d. Got Ya By The Bowls 7; **RINK 3:** Slice of Wood Fired Pizza 13 d. Do It Again 12; **RINK 4:** Beers, Bowls & Bitches 20 d. Stone Cutters 2; **RINK 5:** Spring Creek 11 d. Toe Cutters 6; **RINK 6:** Generation Gap 19 d. The Flipper 12; **RINK 7:** Pig Lures 12 draw Phoenix Rising 12.

Well done to all players, it is wonderful to see everyone enjoying a great night of bowls each week.

TOUCHERS for chocolates – Codie, Ryan, Chris B, Kris, Ken & Lisa. Thank you to Leanne of Right 1st Time Cleaning for your continued sponsorship.

RAFFLE winners – Ben, Kev, Ashleigh x 2, Glen H, Kris & John E. Thank you to Railway Hotel, Allora Butchery, Allora Sports Club & Amy's Café for your sponsorship for the season.

JACKPOT winner of \$100 – Hethe. Thank you to the GreenKeeper for your sponsorship for the season.

Bev O'Halloran, fellow bowler and reporter

Allora Golf Notes



Friday's Allora Hardware duck run - The winners were: 1st: Len Hoey - 21 points, 2nd: Kym Williams - 17 points.

Approach shot on the 15th: Aaron Simpson.

Nearest the pin on the 13th: Errol May.

Long putt on the 10th: Rod Simpson.

Sunday's Amy's Cafe Monthly Medley - The winner's

were: 1st: Adam May +4 (kudos to Jonty May who pushed his dad all the way and came up just short!), 2nd: Donnie Daniels +4.

Nearest the pins: 4th: Lindsay May, 7th: Donnie Daniels, 8th: Sam McLary, 13th: Donnie Daniels, 16th: Garth Simpson.

Approaches: 3rd: Kev Hurley, 6th: Donnie Daniels, 15th: Adam May.

Long putt: 2nd: Nick Lake, 11th: Don Crawford.

Coming up:
Sunday 15 December - Ty Gardner Concreting Monthly Medal - stroke, followed by a Christmas BBQ sponsored by Ty Gardner Concreting.

Sunday 22 December - 4BBB sponsored by Allora Butchery.

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Solution this page

TODAY'S QUOTE -
 "When I get a headache I take 2 aspirins and keep away from children – just like the bottle says."



Helen Harm
 Real Estate
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BAD JOKE OF THE WEEK

My Grandfather, old Fred Smith, warned people the Titanic would sink but no one would listen.

So for the next hour he kept warning them until they got sick of him and kicked him out of the cinema.

SOLUTIONS

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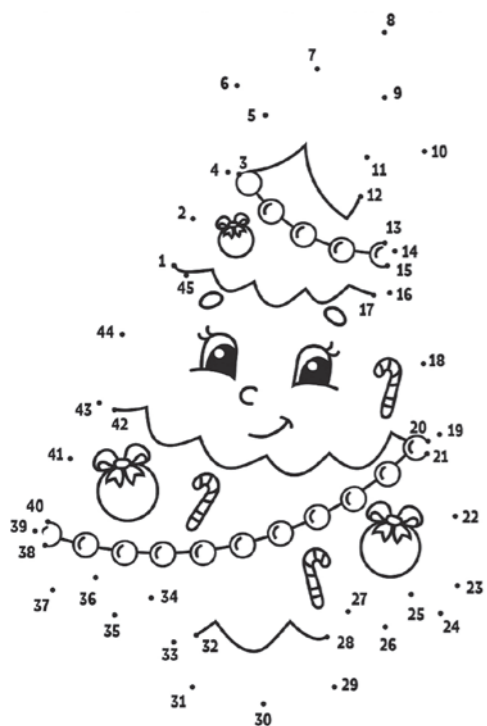
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Massey - Hendon Rural Fire Brigade District
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 Have your Bush Fire plan in place.

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Pig Lures Wins Lyn Wright Memorial Shield

For the uninitiated Pig Lures is a team of pretty good bowlers at the Allora Sports Club.

In fact they were good enough to win the season's competition which wrapped up last week.

Bev O'Halloran, on behalf of the Wright Family, presented the Lyn Wright Memorial Shield to (L-R) Beate Wakeford, Bev, Chris Brown and Peter Mole (Moley).

(Full round-up inside, page 11).



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