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Allora's Bailey Harm Nominated For Citizen Award

Nominees for this year's Citizen of Year Awards have been announced by the Southern Downs Regional Council.

These awards recognise outstanding individuals who have gone above and beyond to make a positive impact on their communities.

With the winners set to be revealed on Australia Day, Southern Downs Councillor Morwenna Harslett extended her congratulations to all nominees and acknowledged their

dedication to serving the community.

"Each nominee has been nominated because someone in their community respects their contribution and wants their efforts to be recognised and celebrated," Councillor Harslett said.

"Each of these individuals has left a positive mark, whether through volunteering, advocacy or leadership and they remind us of the incredible potential we have as a community when we work together."

Citizen of the Year Award:

Beatrice Hawkins, Cathy Halliday, John Skinner, Marissa Clarke, Mary Puglisi, Megan Strong, Morwenna Arcidiacono, Paul Graham, Rebecca Telfer, Sandy Venn-Brown, Sharon Young, Stuart Perrett and Wayne Foster

Junior Citizen of the Year Award: Ashley Wren, Eva Palmer and Isabella Sullivan

Cultural Citizen of the Year Award: Kenneth Parsons, John Telfer and Elise O'Brien

Junior Cultural Citizen of the Year Award: Ryon Gibson

Sportsperson or Sports Administrator of the Year Award: Damien Lawler, Kate Dearden and Shelley Doyle-Peasnell

Junior Sportsperson of the Year Award: Bailey Harm and Hayden Watts

Community Event of the Year Award: Darling



Bailey Harm.

Downs Heavy Horse Event, Killarney P-10 State School 150 Year Celebration, NAIDOC Ball and NAIDOC Week Events, Shakespeare Under The Stars - Stanthorpe Little Theatre and WarwickCon Headspace

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MP David Littleproud formally endorsed as candidate for Maranoa

Leader of The Nationals and Member for Maranoa David Littleproud said he is humbled to be endorsed again by the LNP local Federal Division Council as their candidate. "It is a huge privilege to be entrusted with the Maranoa local Party members' vote of confidence and to be preselected again," Mr Littleproud said.

"I am only here because of my local community and my local members, who I never take for granted and have a huge appreciation for. Each and every day, I consider it an honour to represent Maranoa and the people of regional Australia in the greatest institution of Australia, which is the Federal Parliament. I do not take my position lightly and I know that I will continue to fight for Maranoa families. As we head to the Federal Election, I am ready to step up a gear and work hard. In fact I am ready to work harder than I ever have before. Elected representatives should have to work hard because we are in a position that shapes our great country."

Mr Littleproud added the future of Australia depends on the 2025 election.

"I've got enormous motivation to get back in as the Federal Member for Maranoa and to get this country moving again in the right direction. Our country needs strong leadership and it needs to get back on track. The cost-of-living crisis is hurting families in Maranoa and all over the country, especially in regional Australia. People will ask themselves, are they better off after almost three years of Labor? Unfortunately, most Australians will say 'no' because the cost of everything, including electricity, gas, food and housing has skyrocketed under Labor policies.

"As the local candidate and Federal Member of Maranoa, I am proud of the Coalition's plan for cheaper energy, with nuclear energy in the long-term and increasing gas supply in the short-term. Our energy plan will also secure high-paying jobs in Maranoa."

Mr Littleproud has been the Member for Maranoa since 2016 and the Leader of The Nationals since 2022. Mr Littleproud is also the Shadow Agriculture Minister and previously served as



David Littleproud with Maranoa Electorate Council Chair Rob MacKenzie.

the Minister for Agriculture, Natural Disaster and Water Resources, Emergency Management Australia, under the former Coalition Government.

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Cat Christmas Quilt Raffle



Sonia Prendegast, Barbara Corby, Phyllis Shooter and Margaret MacDonald.

Members of the Allora Arts and Craft Group Phyllis Shooter, Barbara Corby and Sonia Prendegast, have devoted a lot of work over the past few months, making the Cat Christmas Quilt. The project was given to the Group by Margaret MacDonald. The quilt was put to a raffle, raising \$1,000, to be donated to the Allora State School to help kids go the school camps this year. The raffle for the quilt was drawn at the annual Christmas lunch with Allison Denny being the winner. Allison's kids commented on the perfect quality of the work on the quilt. The Group thanks all in the community for their support including the Warwick Credit Union for the use of their window to display the prize.

The Allora Arts and Craft Group meets each Tuesday at St David's Anglican Church Hall at 9 am to noon. The group gathers to quilt, embroider, slow stitch, knit, crochet, scrap book, all whilst sharing friendship, caring and the occasional coffee. You're welcome to take along your project and join in - just \$4 per day. Enquiries - Jan Hemphill on 0499 559 894

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President of the Allora Show Society has put a call out for volunteers to help as this year's Allora Show.

It takes a dedicated team to bring this amazing event to life so any time you could help at the Show would be appreciated.

Assistance is needed in a variety of tasks such as -

- Pre-event setup and post-event cleanup

- Rodeo setup and pull-down
- Preparation of the main arena for horse events
- Show Jumping stewards
- Gate Keepers, Marshalls, and general Stewards

If any of these roles are of interest please contact the Allora Show Society Committee.

Additionally, the Society is specifically seeking volunteers to help behind the bar. Due to changes in Public Liability insurance, all bar servers must have their RSA (Responsible Service of Alcohol). The Show Society is happy to assist you in obtaining your RSA if you're willing to lend a hand!

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Grant For Allora Show Society

The Southern Downs Regional Council has granted the Allora Show Society \$7,500.

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meaning additional fun for the kids at the Show.

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Record for Australian red meat exports in 2024

Last year was the largest year for red meat exports in history, with records set for beef, lamb, mutton and goatmeat, according to Meat & Livestock Australia (MLA). In 2024, Australia exported 2.24 million tonnes of red meat to 104 countries, representing the largest volume of red meat ever exported. High volumes were exported across all red meat categories:

- Beef exports reached 1.34 million tonnes.
- Lamb exports reached 359,229 tonnes.
- Mutton exports reached 255,098 tonnes.
- Goatmeat exports reached 51,489 tonnes.

Global Supply Analyst at MLA Tim Jackson said the latest data from the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry highlighted Australia's strong



reputation as a reliable supplier of high-quality red meat, with overseas demand remaining strong as domestic supply rose.

"In 2024, the cattle herd and sheep flock both reached maturity, and slaughter lifted substantially," Mr Jackson said.

"At the same time, the global supply landscape was favourable for Australia,

with beef exports from the United States easing as the American cattle herd reached a 72-year low following years of drought.

"Global economic pressures continue to affect consumer confidence. However, high levels of trust and an industry-wide dedication to quality has driven demand for Australian red meat internationally."

Australia's market access position was also important in driving exports. 87% of exports went to countries with which Australia has a free trade agreement, including 95% of our beef exports.

The United States was the largest market for beef, lamb and goatmeat, while China was the largest market for mutton in 2024.

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2024 Year in Review

10th

January

24th

Storms Lash Allora

AND THE WINNER IS...



On New Years Eve storm cells built up between Clifton and Allora with the most damage happening in Allora.



Allora locals had the opportunity to vote for their favourite mural to be painted on the wall of the IGA building.

7th

February

28th

IT'S SHOWTIME IN ALLORA

Wind Farm Proposed For Allora Region



The best of the best will be at the Allora Show this weekend.



A number of landowners on the Eastern side of Allora have been approached by Wind Prospect Pty Ltd to discuss plans for turbines in or near their property.

20th

March

27th

Not In My Backyard...



Warriors Claim The Barrett Shield



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.



Local league heroes the Wattle Warriors defeated the Warwick Cowboys 22 - 12 to win the 2024 Barrett Family Shield on Saturday evening at Clifton's Platz Oval.

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2024 Year in Review

3rd

April

17th

Southern Downs New Look Council



Sheryl Windle, Carla Maree Pidgeon, Cynthia McDonald, Sarah Deane, Russell Wantling, Ross Bartley, Joel Richters, Morwenna Harslett

People Power Wins

The company which had been looking into the possible creation of a wind farm in the Goomburra district, east of Allora, has abandoned further action on the matter.



3rd

July

10th

Author Piques Kids Imagination



During the School holidays acclaimed children's author Rory H. Mather visited the Allora library to the delight of his audience.

It's A Winner Just Like Matthew

This huge mural of Matthew Denny has attracted plenty of attention in Allora since being completed last Friday. Matthew, Allora's favourite son, was one of the first 14 athletes to be named for the Paris Olympics starting on 26 July.



GOOD LUCK MATTHEW - GOING FOR GOLD!

8th

May

22nd

Mayor Hamilton Cuts The Ribbon

- Allora's Mural is officially opened -



L-R Professor John McVeigh, Councillor Carla Pidgeon, Mayor Melissa Hamilton, Professor Margaret Baguley and artist Jordan Bruce.

Successful Family Fun Day at Allora



St Patrick's P & F Annual Golf and Bowls Day was well supported. Smiling for the camera are Shannon Gardner, Travis Burns, Jake Burns and Ty Gardner who won the golf event.

7th

August

14th

State Fire Commissioner Opens Allora Facility



Officials from Qld Fire Department were in Allora on Saturday for the recommissioning of the Allora Facility. James Lister Member for Southern Downs joined with the Rural Fire Brigade for a photo.

Matthew Creates History

Matthew Denny is Australia's first male discus thrower to win a medal at the Olympics. Matthew, son of Karen and John Denny, is proud of what he has done and gave thanks to his team and everyone who supported him. His best throw on the day was a huge 69.31 metres.



19th

June

26th

Tiny Home Takes Shape

Ellen and Graeme Allen of Allora are thrilled with their Tiny Home which was delivered to their Geitz Road address last week. Builder was Mark Collins of Mountain Made Tiny Homes from Upper Wheatvale.



Expansion One Step Closer

A meeting of the Southern Downs Regional Council decided unanimously to remove the old Allora Fire Station building from the site and go ahead with the future redevelopment of the Allora Community Precinct. This leaves the way open for the Sports Museum and the Allora Library to make a move. Pictured President of the Museum Perry Cronin.



11th

September

25th

Allora's Coming Attraction



Doug Partington's Wikner Ford Special, the oldest Australian racing car will be on permanent display at the Allora Sports Museum.

Full Time For Wattles Hero



Allora has lost one of its most popular community members and devoted Wattles supporter with Jack Duggan passing away last week.

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2nd October 9th

Matt Duggan Does It Again



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It's Obvious - Allora Loves Matthew



L-R Cr Carla Pidgeon, Matthew, Mayor Melissa Hamilton and the Town Crier.

20th November 27th

Allora Show Society New Executives



L to R: Ian Tate, Christina Hooper (Senior Vice- President), Danielle Solomon (Secretary), Carol Lyall (President), John Lee-Lewes, Joe Maher, Shirley Cornhill (Junior Vice-President), Robyn Westerman. Front: Dorothy Rubie (Patron)

School's Out For Allora's Year 10



Year 10 Students and special guests attend the 61st annual Awards Night.

11th December 18th

Allora's All Aboard for Bush Christmas



Locals and visitors made another huge turnout for this year's Allora Bush Christmas celebration.



This dazzling display by Greg and Amanda Bowe can be viewed at the corner of Warwick and Arnold Streets. (Photo courtesy Daphne Whatley)

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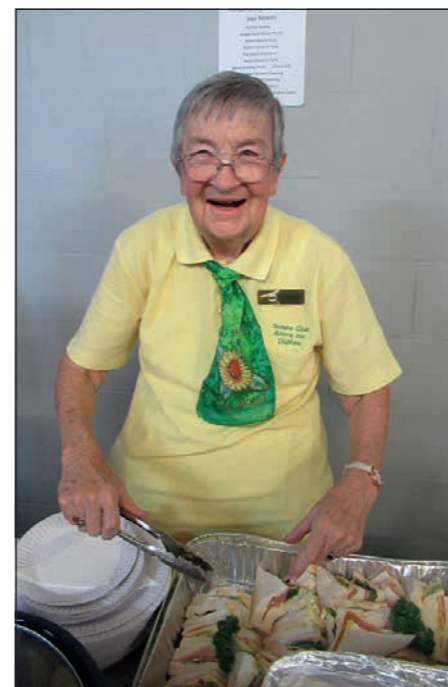
Funny Fotos from our 2024 File



Principal Blaikie showing his style as a dancer (check out the flashy sox).



Erm.. How do you spell Matt again?



Daph may well laugh - ok, what's she put in the sandwiches?



Is this the real Dog Man - could be?



Here's a little ray of sunshine.



Yummy treats - which one will I go for...



If it looks like a duck but doesn't quack like a duck... it must be a goose!



They asked me to pull a rabbit out of my hat. Flat chance!

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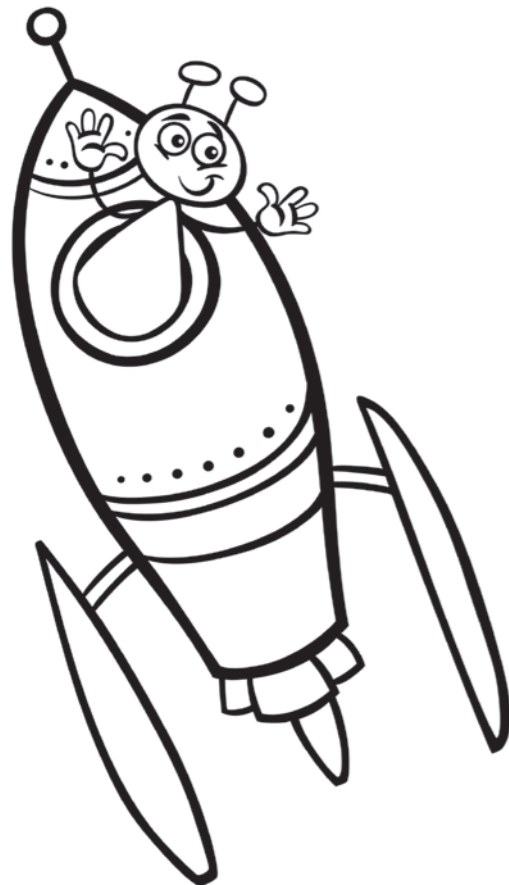
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TODAY'S QUOTE -
 "As I learned from growing up, you don't mess with your grandmother"
 – Prince William

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WORD SCRAMBLE

ANSWER: Star Trek
 1. Transporter,
 2. Stun, 3. Warp,
 4. Stardate,
 5. Frontier, 6. Kirk,
 7. Phaser, 8. Spock



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Allora Golf Notes



Nearest the pins:
4th: Darren Laherty, 7th: John Sparksman, 8th: Lindsay May, 13th: John Sparksman, 16th: Barry Brown Jnr, 17th: Wayne McKewen.

Approaches: 2nd: Kev Harrison, 5th: Jason Nightingale, 11th: Jonte May, 14th: Max Bielefeld.

Long putt: 6th: Don Crawford, 15th: Kev Harrison.

Coming up:

Sunday 19 January

- Ty Gardner Concreting Monthly Medal (stroke).

Sunday 26 January

- Allora Butchery 2-ball Ambrose.

Monday 27 January

- first game of the 2024 match play. 9.30am for a 10.00am start. The 2025 match play will be held later this year.

Friday's Allora Home Hardware duck run - The winners were: 1st: Darren Laherty - 21 points, 2nd: Ben Mills - 18 points.

Approach shot on the 12th: Bulla.

Nearest the pin on the 16th: Kym Williams.

Long putt on the 10th: Ben Mills.

Sunday's Amy's Cafe Monthly Medley - The winner's were: 1st: Jake Burns: 45 points, 2nd: Jonte May: 38 points, 3rd: Ben McMichael: 38 points.



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Expressions of interest open for Stronger Communities Program

Leader of The Nationals and Member for Maranoa David Littleproud is calling for eligible community organisations to apply for round nine of the federal government's Stronger Communities Program.

Under the program, grants between \$2,500 and \$20,000 are available, however, the maximum cost of a project cannot exceed \$50,000 and projects must be completed before December 31, 2025.

For this round, grant funding will be up to 100 per cent of eligible project costs, except for local governing bodies where grant funding will be up to 50 per cent of eligible project costs.

Groups eligible for the latest round of funding include local government bodies, incorporated not-for-profit organisations, incorporated trustees on behalf of a trust with responsibility for a

community asset or property, and Commonwealth, state, or territory government agencies or entities that is a fire service, rural fire service, country fire authority, state emergency service or similar.

"Community groups are the backbone of our Maranoa electorate and are part of what makes our region one of the best in Australia," Mr Littleproud said.

"I encourage all of our eligible community organisations to submit their expressions of interest for a chance to receive their fair share of funding via this latest round of the program."

Mr Littleproud said expression of interest forms are available online at david.littleproud.com.au or from his electorate office in Warwick and once complete can be returned via email to David.Littleproud.MP@aph.gov.au



David Littleproud seen here at the Allora Showgrounds.



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