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2012 Allora Show inaugural "Pocket Rocket" Dirt Squirt Race sponsor Beetle Wakeford looks over the bike that is first prize for the event with Allora New Year's Eve Party organiser Ted Cowley. The "Pocket Rocket" mini motorcycles will be demonstrated at the gala New Year's Eve event in a lead up to the annual Show.



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Mini Motorcycles Take Centre Stage

It may not be a 500cc Grand Prix at Phillip Island but the Pocket Rocket mini motorcycle demonstration is going to be just as exciting among the fanfare and celebration of Allora's Gala New Year's Eve Party on December 31st at the Allora Showgrounds.

A passing glance in the window of Allora's True Value Hardware of late reveals one of the "Pocket Rocket" racers, the same as those that will be put through their paces around a circuit on New Year's Eve. The mini motorcycle on display is actually the prize for the inaugural "Dirt Squirt Bike" race at the upcoming Allora Show on the 10th & 11th of February, generously sponsored by Beetle & Sue Wakeford of Allora True Value

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Allora RSL Ladies Auxilliary

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Hardware. The mini bikes are the latest addition to the entertainment line-up offered by the Allora Show Society for family's on Saturday evening, the "Dirt Squirt" racing underway from 5.30 pm.

For those thinking the "Dirt Squirt" race is their opportunity for local glory, the New Year's Eve "Pocket Rocket" demonstration

under the guidance of Beetle Wakeford will provide a preview of what to expect in the "Dirt Squirt" event at the Show, and a taste of "Pocket Rocket" racing for wannabe competitors. The bikes are just 900 mm in length and stand 600 mm tall, powered by a 49 cc motor. Entry into the Allora Show "Dirt Squirt" event is open to all ages, with grid positions for races drawn from a hat and the races conducted on a marked circuit.

Yes you'll need your own a "Pocket Rocket" to enter, and a visit to Ebay could see you add one of the mini motorcycles to your garage for between \$150 to \$200, the machines freely and easily available.

It's free entry for the 2012 Allora Show "Dirt Squirt" race, but all bikes must be 49cc Pocket Rockets and rigid safety requirements apply. Nomination forms are available from Allora True Value Hardware or Mrs. Wendy Ardrey, Secretary of the Allora Show Society, 4667 3778.

If you're interested in a taste of what Casey Stoner might be experiencing as he takes a Moto Grand Prix checked flag, make a point of taking in the "Pocket Rocket" demonstration at the Allora Showgrounds on New Year's Eve. It might be just the spark to motivate you to nominate for what is going to be a tremendously exciting inaugural "Dirt Squirt" Challenge at the Allora Show.

Glyn Rees



Local boy Matthew Kanowski, who has completed Year 12 at The SCOTS PGC College, is heading off to Ireland.

Matthew sets sights on Ireland

For some, graduating from high school means diving into university or the workforce, but for graduating SCOTS PGC student, Matthew Kanowski it is all about packing his suitcase as he prepares to spend a gap year abroad in Ireland and the opportunity to travel throughout Europe.

Matthew said he could not wait to head overseas but was nervous at the same time. "It's really scary because I haven't ever lived away from home before, but it's going to be awesome"

"I've always wanted to go overseas given my family heritage. Having an Irish accent would be pretty cool, so I'll have to work on that next year" he said.

Matthew will head to Clongowes College, a leading Independent

School for boys in Ireland. It has a very strong and proud tradition in rugby and Matthew is keen to share his knowledge of the game with eager students. The SCOTS PGC College have hosted a number of Clongowes old boys over the years at the College as a part of the reciprocal GAP Exchange programme between the two schools. Dean of Students, Ben Manifold said, "The SCOTS PGC College has been involved with the GAP Student Exchanges for over 10 years. The opportunities and life experiences gained by these students have often been life changing. For many it is the opportunity to take a break from formal studies, travel the world and reflect on what they want to do in the future."

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FRI	A Few Showers. Mostly Cloudy.	Mild.	15	26
SAT	Showers Early. Morning Clouds.	Warm.	15	28
SUN	A Few Showers. Mostly Cloudy.	Warm.	18	28
MON	Thunderstorms Late. Mostly Sunny.	Warm.	17	29
TUE	Sunny.	Warm.	16	29

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Letters to the Editor...

Dear Editor,

I refer to your "Looking Back - To The Editor, Allora Guardian December 3 1893, by Isaac Hardwick" [Allora Advertiser issue 3173, 24 November 2011].

The integrity and honesty of Hardwick reflects the high principles of a by-gone era.

Just over two weeks earlier, the *New York Examiner* reported on a Baptist ministers convention where Dr. Hescocx, a brilliant scholar made his starting statement. "There was and is a commandment to keep holy the Sabbath day but that Sabbath day was not Sunday ... There is no scriptural evidence on the change of the Sabbath institution from the seventh to the first day of the week."

Cardinal Gibbons, another notable Biblical scholar of his time states in "Faith of Our Fathers", you may read the Bible from Genesis to Revelations, and you will not find a single line authorizing the sanctification of Sunday. The scriptures enforce the observance of Saturday, a day which we never sanctify.

In *Binneys Theological Compend.*, which contains the doctrines of the Methodist Church, is this admission. "It is true there is no positive command for infant baptism ... nor is there any for keeping the first day of the week (Sunday)".

The editor of "The Christian at Work", a Presbyterian paper, wrote in an editorial: "Some have tried to build the observance of Sunday upon apostolic command, whereas, the apostles gave no such command on the matter at all ... The truth is as soon as we appeal ... to the Bible, the Sabbatharians have the best of the argument."

The legacy of error arising in the Council of Laodicea in AD 336 remains with us to this day. See Genesis 2:1-4, Exodus 20:8-11.

Bob Wood, 28 November 2011



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BAD JOKE OF THE WEEK

A CASA inspector goes to check out Santa. They meet, and Santa shows him the fully loaded sleigh.

The inspector checks out the equipment, the load balance, etc. "Everything's looking good, Mr. Claus, so it's time we move on to the flight test." They board the sleigh.

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Mystery Unravelled

The mystery tool pictured in last week's Allora Advertiser prompted plenty of community debate, but after numerous suggestions it was found that what appeared a type of pliers uncovered by local resident Ken Muir are in fact a pair of Lasting pliers.

Lasting pliers/pincers are used by people working with leather (shoemakers) and canvas. The shoemaker's lasting pincers/ pliers were used for stretching leather over a Last, which is a form in the approximate shape of a human foot, used by shoemakers and cordwainers in the manufacture and repair of shoes. Lasting is the process of moulding the completed upper (section of a shoe being made) around the Last. Lasts typically come in pairs, and throughout their history have been made from many materials, including hardwoods, cast iron, and more recently, high density plastics. While the Lasting Pliers were used to stretch and mould leather, they were also used as a small hammer during the process.

The pliers are also used in saddle making, and were commonly found in the tool kit of a farrier.

Many thanks to all that were in contact to solve the riddle, especially Mrs. Ele Clark who identified the tool as Lasting Pliers.

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??? This Week's Mystery Item ???

Ken Muir has provided us with another brain teaser from his recently uncovered box of mysteries. Can you identify this weeks antique gadget? Give Ken a call on 4666 3368 or Glyn Rees on 4666 3803. Hopefully we can let everyone know in next weeks Allora Advertiser.



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Looking Back...

Allora's Past 25 years ago December 1986

Allora Shire Council News

The Allora Shire Council was upset to find on receiving a copy of the latest Darling Downs and Southern Border Tourist Region publication, that the town of Allora had been left off the map in the opening pages of the tourist association's full-colour magazine. The Shire Clerk, Mr. Lex Ellwood, said that he would point out the omission to the association. The Council had received a request from the Tourism Minister, Mr. McKechnie, to increase its contribution to the regional tourist association but Mr. Ellwood said that the Allora Council felt that their \$70,000 contribution was adequate to cover the Shire's tourism needs.

Allora's Past 50 years ago December 1961

THANKS

Warwick Centenary Queen Competition
I wish to sincerely thank the people of Allora and district, the Junior Farmers, and the members of my committee, for so generously supporting me in the recent fund raising campaign as "Miss Allora".
Glenis Geitz.

Allora's Past 100 years ago December 1911

True Snake Yarns

Snakes, frogs and butterflies appear to be in plentiful supply just at the moment, and representatives of the first named genus have provided more than one local resident with an exciting interlude lately.

One episode in particular is worth recording. The Rev. S. Baggaley was chatting with an ecclesiastical visitor on the rectory verandah on Wednesday when, without warning, a six foot brown snake dropped from the rafters and missed effecting a landing on the said visitor's head by what is estimated at one-sixteenth of an inch. Mr. Baggaley seized his visitor's umbrella and made a vigorous onslaught on the intruder. The umbrella sustained somewhat severe injuries, which was all the damage done, if we omit the severe shock to the reverend gentlemen's nerves.

Mr. H. W. Stay was in the act of feeding a horse in his stables a day or two ago when a lengthy brown snake emerged from the feed stuff and made a vicious dart at his hand. Luckily for Mr. Stay, the reptile had been disturbed in the act of swallowing a frog, which acted as a buffer between its fangs and Mr. Stay's hand, and in this case also, no harm resulted.

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- 1813 - Ludwig von Beethoven's 7th Symphony in A, premieres.
- 1854 - Pope Pius IX proclaims Immaculate Conception, makes Mary, free of Original Sin.
- 1874 - Jesse James gang takes train at Muncie Kansas.
- 1926 - Disappearance of Agatha Christie.
- 1931 - Coaxial cable patented.
- 1941 - San Francisco's 1st blackout, at 6.15pm.
- 1952 - 1st TV acknowledgement of pregnancy (*I Love Lucy*).
- 1956 - 16th Olympic games close at Melbourne, Australia.
- 1967 - Beatles "Magical Mystery Tour" album is released in UK.
- 1974 - Irish Republican Socialist Party forms.
- 1974 - Soyuz 16 returns to Earth.
- 1978 - Commencement of the 1st day/night WSC cricket supertest at VFL Park.
- 1984 - 73rd Australian Men Tennis: Mats Wilander beats K Curren (67 64 76 62).
- 1985 - 60th Australian Womens Tennis: M Navratilova beats C Evert (62 46 62).
- 1992 - Galileo's nearest approach to Jupiter (303 km).
- 2009 - Bombings in Baghdad, Iraq kill 127 and injure 448.
- 2010 - With the second launch of the SpaceX Dragon, SpaceX becomes the first privately held company to successfully launch, orbit and recover a spacecraft.

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Tony Minuti
Acting Chief Executive Officer

Allora Advertiser CHRISTMAS BREAK CLOSING TIME

This year, the Allora Advertiser office
will CLOSE 12.00pm on FRIDAY, 23rd DECEMBER 2011 and
will RE-OPEN in the New Year on MONDAY, 9th JANUARY
2012.

The final issue of The Allora Advertiser newspaper for 2011 will come out on
Thursday, 22nd December.

All copy to be included in this paper is required by **Tuesday, 20th December 2011, at 5.00pm.**

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Be Always Safe with Christmas lights

South West Queensland residents and businesses are being urged to be conscious of electrical safety as they prepare to celebrate the festive season. General Manager Service Delivery Southern Paul Jordon said Ergon Energy did not want to see the festive mood dampened by unsafe electrical practices.

"We are urging residents to take a responsible approach to electrical safety - particularly at this time of the year," he said.

"Festive lighting that has been stored for 11 months has been subject to heat, humidity and possibly insects or rodents.

"It should be checked thoroughly before use by a qualified electrician to ensure correct and safe operation.

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"Only electrical equipment approved for outdoor use should be exposed to the weather and Ergon Energy recommends extra low voltage equipment be used in outdoor situations.

"As an additional safeguard, Ergon Energy recommends an approved safety switch be fitted to all Christmas lighting installations and to turn off lighting when going to bed.

"These devices provide residents with added safety and protection by cutting power to the faulty circuit in a fraction of a second.

"Customers can call Ergon Energy on 13 10 46 for advice on the installation of these devices.

"Our prime concern is to ensure people are Always Safe and enjoy the Christmas season without incident or injury."

Mr Jordon added that with the use of festive lights and displays becoming more elaborate, it was also timely to consider the impact on the environment and adopt a more energy efficient approach to Christmas lighting displays.

"There are a number of ways customers can enjoy the spectacle of Christmas and benefit the environment at the same time by adopting Ergon Energy's energy saving tips, including the use of solar and LED lights," he said.

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Warning on handling bats

Queensland Health is warning Queensland residents to avoid contact with bats.

The period between September and December is when most flying foxes give birth, and when authorities typically see a surge in the number of notifications of bites and scratches from bats.

Senior Director Communicable Diseases Dr Christine Selvey said scratches and bites required treatment to prevent the potential development of Australian bat lyssavirus (ABL) infection.

"It is a common occurrence throughout the birthing season for many young bats to be orphaned for different reasons, and people may feel inclined to pick them up or help them," Dr Selvey said.

"Only vaccinated people who have been trained in the care of bats should handle a bat, regardless of its condition."

Dr Selvey said each year there were more than 100 reported cases of potential exposure to ABL through people being scratched or bitten.

"The virus can be transmitted through a bat bite or scratch, or through exposure to their saliva," she said.

"Because bats don't normally approach humans, bat bites and scratches most commonly occur as a result of someone trying to rescue or pick up a sick, injured or distressed bat."

Since 1996 there have been two deaths linked to exposure to ABL.

"Prompt treatment following a bite or scratch from a bat can prevent serious disease and possible death," Dr Selvey said.

Dr Selvey recommends anyone who comes into contact with a sick or injured bat should make contact with a fully-vaccinated wildlife rescuer or carer who is trained to handle and care for bats.

"Residents can phone the Department of Environment and Resource Management on 1300 130 372 for advice," she said. In the event someone is bitten or scratched by a bat or exposed to bat saliva through the eyes, nose or mouth, Dr Selvey advised:

1. Do not scrub the wound - wash the wound gently but thoroughly for about five minutes with soap and water. If available, an antiseptic with anti-virus action such as povidone-iodine, iodine tincture, aqueous iodine solution or alcohol (ethanol) should be applied after washing.
2. If bat saliva has got in the eyes, nose or mouth, flush the area thoroughly with water.
3. Contact a doctor or the nearest hospital immediately. Treatment involves a course of vaccinations that is necessary to protect the person against ABL. If the bat is available and tested and the results are negative for ABL, the course of vaccinations will not be required.

For more information visit health.qld.gov.au or call 13 HEALTH (13 432 584).

Cunningham's Gap reconstruction update

The reconstruction at Cunningham's Gap is tracking well, with six of the 11 pavement reconstruction sites now complete. The majority of major works is scheduled to be complete at 10 sites by Christmas 2011, weather permitting.

Completing the 10 sites will ensure access for two lanes of traffic through the Gap over the Christmas and New Year period. No work is planned to be carried out over the holiday season, however contractors will remain on site to monitor the road and ensure safe travel for all road users.

The remaining site at Clayton's Gully was the most badly damaged. At this site a new stretch of road 600 metres long and four lanes wide will be built along a new alignment. Work is due to start in early 2012.

At least \$40 million has been committed to reconstructing the Gap.

Events Calendar

2011

December -

- Fri 9 Allora Bush Christmas Street Party**
Herbert Street Allora, 5.00pm
- Sun 18 RSL Womens Auxiliary Christmas Cent Sale**
RSL Hall Allora, 2.00pm
- Sat 31 New Years Eve Family Fun Day/Night**
Allora Show Ground, 5.00pm

2012

January -

- Sat 7 Wattles JRLFC Meet & Greet**
Leyburn

April -

- Fri 27 Allora QCWA International Day - Chile**
Allora QCWA Hall

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Asphalt resurfacing - Following the completion of reconstruction at the 10 sites, asphalt repairs and final resurfacing will be carried out. The final asphaltting is planned to start in mid-January 2012, weather permitting, following the busy holiday period. The asphaltting will be carried out as day works under intermittent stop/go traffic control and is planned to be complete by February 2012.

Slope stabilisation - Major work to clean the rock face above the highway is now complete. The department is currently rockbolting, shotcreting and installing safety mesh to stabilise the slope near the top of the Gap. Final post-construction assessments will be carried out to confirm all the identified unstable material has been removed.

Traffic conditions -

- 24 hour stop/go traffic control will remain in place at a number of locations at Cunningham's Gap, including from the top of the Gap to Fig Tree Gully up until Christmas.

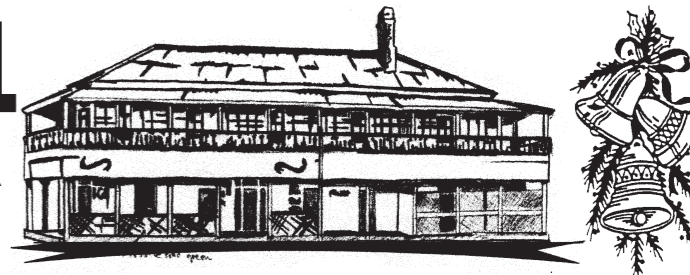
- From the Christmas and New Year period onwards the 24 hour traffic control will be removed, with only short term lane closures planned to be in place while the remaining work is underway at the Gap.

- While all efforts are made to minimise disruptions, motorists may experience delays. The department appreciates your patience while these essential works are carried out.

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ALLORA CRICKET CLUB **May's 153 Steers Allora to Victory**

Warwick "Bulls" Mitchell Shield Captain Adam May turned on an inspirational performance on the Wheatvale State School Oval on Saturday, thrashing the Wheatvale bowling attack as he built a personal total of 153 and steered the Allora side to their third successive win in the past month. The 200 cm all rounder who is averaging a little over 69 runs from his only three games this season also impressed with the ball snatching 2 for 22 of 5.4 overs with his off spin. It was a memorable weekend for Adam, on Sunday lining up to lead the Warwick "Bulls" Mitchell Shield side into battle against Stanthorpe where he continued where he left off at Wheatvale the afternoon before, punishing the Stanthorpe bowling attack to the tune of 113 runs off just 76 balls. His twin centuries in club and representative cricket are believed to be the first in the Warwick Cricket Association in the past two decades.

Saturday's success has the Allora Foodworks/Railway Hotel Allora Eleven with a solid hold on fourth place on the "Commonwealth Bank Cup" Warwick Cricket Association ladder, a reward for recent successive defeats of Sovereign Hotel, Maryvale and now Wheatvale. Their tally of 6 for 299, batting out their forty over allocation, is a club record since it reformed in 2006. Wheatvale returned fire with a total of 8 for 141, Allora taking the honours by 158 runs.

Wheatvale were without many of their key players on Saturday, while Allora took to the field without representative wicket keeper Aaron Vietheer and junior Darling Downs and South West representative Brodie Frizzell. Nonetheless the win has Allora well placed to secure and "A" Grade appointment when the competition splits into "A" and Reserve Grade after New Year.

Allora won the toss and elected to bat in what appeared great conditions for cricket. Allora Skipper Cameron Masters was mighty pleased with his side's effort against Wheatvale, the superb innings of Adam May, and also the side's "pocket

rocket" Matt Kiernan. Kiernan, who scored a season best 41, is proving a tenacious competitor in Allora colours, his enthusiasm rubbing off on team mates. He has four matches under his belt for Allora after crossing over from the disbanded Killarney club, averaging better than 24 opening the batting for the Allora Foodworks/Railway Hotel Allora Eleven. He also has six wickets from two matches, with best figures of 4 for 8 against Sovereign Hotel. Kiernan and his former Killarney partner Nat Hooper are contributing to a consistency with the Allora line up, and that much need on field enthusiasm and competitiveness. Hooper is a very athletic performer in the field, and a more than capable gloveman behind the stumps as he showed again on Saturday.

Veteran all rounder Scott Sparksman blazed a quick fire 20 not out when Allora trumped Maryvale a fortnight back, and he repeated the dose on Saturday, using the heavy hand to extract 23 not out from the Wheatvale attack in the later stages of Allora's allocated 40 overs.

Skipper Masters himself was one of Allora's mainstays, hitting his second half century for the year with a solid 52. "Lauchlan Hoey bowled well in his first match back since the season opener in early October, his figures could have been better but for some dropped catches" noted Masters. Hoey's eight overs resulting in 2 for 27 including the valuable wicket of Matt Hagenbach for 36.

Young debutante Tom Higgins was a keen competitor in the field, and finished the day with a run out, throwing the stumps down from mid on to put an end to J. Bullivant's innings.

Top scorers for Wheatvale were opener Brendan Malone scored 54, Matt Hagenbach 36 and C. Billborough 20, while Carly Cooper finished with 2 for 53 off eight overs to top the bowling figures.

Allora batting: Matt Kiernan 41, Nat Hooper 2, Kris McLennan 4, Adam May 153, Cameron Masters 52, Andrew Petersen 0, Scott Sparksman 23 not out, Mitchell McLennan 0 not out, Tom Higgins DNB, Nick Morris DNB, Lauchlan Hoey DNB.

Allora bowling: Lauchlan Hoey 8-0-2-27, Kris McLennan 6-0-0-48, Andrew Petersen 8-1-1-22, Scott Sparksman 5-0-2-19, Adam May 5.4-1-2-22, Matt Kiernan 1-1-0-0.

Allora will be out to keep their winning streak alive this weekend when they take on Inglewood at Allora Oval at 12.30 pm on Saturday. The match will be the final outing for the Allora Foodworks/Railway Hotel Allora Eleven for 2011, as they have drawn a bye for the final round of competition the following weekend.

The team to play Inglewood at Allora Oval at 12.30 pm on Saturday is: Cameron Masters (c), Matt Kiernan, Nat Hooper, Kris McLennan, Mitchell McLennan, , Nick Morris, Scott

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21st Birthday...

HAPPY 21st JUSTIN

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Love Shaz, Roger and Jason

Birth Notice...

*CANTWELL - Neil & Merrida proudly announce the arrival of their
son, WILLIAM ALEXANDER, on 30/11/2011, 8 lb 2½ oz. A brother
for Carly and Claire.*

• PUBLIC NOTICES •

**ALLORA LANDCARE GROUP will meet on
Thursday, 15th December, in the Blue Cow Hotel,
Allora, at 7.30pm, to be followed by a Christmas
function. All welcome.**

PUBLIC NOTICE

WHEREAS by virtue of the authority vested in me by the
provisions of section 96 of the *Transport Operations
(Road Use Management) Act 1995*, I, Desmond James
Canning, Superintendent of Traffic in the District of
Warwick, hereby direct that all vehicular traffic be
prohibited from using that portion of the road within the
City of Allora, on Friday 9th December 2011 as advised
in the accompanying Schedule.

THE SCHEDULE

**Herbert Street Allora between Warwick Street and
Drayton Street and Muir Street
adjacent to Allora Community Hall.**

Alterations and closure are for the safe and efficient
control of vehicular and pedestrian traffic during the
preparation and conducting of Rotary Club of Australia's
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1961 League Heroes Reunite

You could almost hear the crowd cheering, smell the dressing
room liniment, taste the steaming hot pies, and relive the trys
scored in the Railway Hotel Function Room on Saturday,
members of the 1961 premiership winning Allora Rugby
League side were the special guests at a reunion organised by
Mrs Margaret Phelan.

After a two course lunch and some formalities, Chaired by
former Allora local and 1961 Warwick & District Rugby League
Vice President Mr Tom McVeigh, the afternoon was spent
catching up with old friends, reliving a season of glory and
perusing a memorabilia display. The programs with the
premiership heroes names now etched in local sporting
folklore, the jerseys that were the attire for the weekend battles,
Graham Shelley's battle weary metal tagged boots, the black &
white photos of young tough men skilled at the game of rugby
league, the scrapbook filled with the memories and exploits of
a year of very special achievements - a week by week record
leading to that Grand Final success, and the blazer that
epitomizes all that is achievement, club spirit and pride. It was
all there... along with the bonds of friendships formed fifty
years ago as strong as ever, as were the memories that gained
momentum as the afternoon unfolded.

Those tries, especially the important ones never faded for
those involved. Former hooker Frank Collins was one to
proudly wear the green colours of Allora, "we had a scrum near
the line against the feed" recalls Frank. Half Barry "Spike"
Donegan barked some advice to his hooker, "we need this one
Frank" or words to that affect. In went the ball with the
opposition enjoying the loosehead advantage, a flurry of legs,
boots and skin piercing tags as opposing hookers contested
the "pill", and then Donegan spread the ball to five eight Bevan
Crothers and as Frank broke from the scrum he was just in time
to see champion Allora winger Johnny Doyle touching down
over the try line. Another great Allora try, a damn handy scrum
win by Frank. The try could have been scored yesterday if the
enthusiasm of the recollection was anything to gauge by, and
the smiles and satisfaction of two who played a role in players
Collins and Donegan.

The Railway Hotel Function Room rang with many tries like that
across Saturday afternoon, and the odd tale of testosterone
fired "on field tests of strength & stamina", that aren't so readily
acceptable in today's version of the "greatest game of all".

But the story of the year is a story written in Queensland rugby
league folklore, about a battle hardened Allora forward who
was handed the ball in the 1961 Warwick District Rugby
League Grand Final at the Warwick Showgrounds to attempt to
convert a penalty into valuable scoreboard points. It was real
Grand Final footy in front of a big crowd, Pittsworth Captain/
Coached by Darling Downs league legend & former Queensland
representative Kev Boshammer, were the tough, hardened and
very capable opponents. They were on top of the Allora side in
the first half, leading 6 - 0 at half time after two tries by Nev
Cronin & J. Barrett. With five minutes remaining in the match,
reluctant hero Brian Phelan stepped forward nonchalantly to
attempt one of the most important kicks of his career. He had
missed two earlier penalty goal attempts in the game, but Allora
supporters and league devotees lapsed into thunderous cheers
& applause, waving their flags as the big back-rower hoisted
the ball over the cross bar from a mighty 55 yards out and in
front of the posts. "The ball was still rising as it went over the
crossbar" according to touch judge, former Test match lineman
Leo Cronin.

Brian Phelan's kick is listed in rugby league archives as one of
the greatest kicks in St. George Cup Premiership history, the
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Sparksman, Adam May, Lauchlan Hoey, Steve Hughes and Aaron Vietheer. All players are required at the oval by 12.15 pm on Saturday, all inquiries to Glyn Rees on 4666 3803.

“Commonwealth Bank Cup” Points Table 2011/2012

Team	Played	Won	Lost	Bye	N/R	B/P	Total Points
Diggers	6	4	2	1		5	21
Maryvale	6	4	2	1		1	17
Wheatvale	6	3	2	1		4	16
Allora	6	3	2	1		3	15
Colts	6	2	3	1			8
Sovereign	6	1	3	2		1	5
Inglewood	6	1	4	1			3

Points Table After 8 rounds with 2 rounds washed out.

Glyn Rees

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Members of the 1961 Allora Rugby League team gathered at the Railway Hotel on Saturday afternoon, reliving past glory as they celebrated the 50th anniversary of their winning the Warwick & District Rugby League Premiership and prestigious St. George Cup. Players from the 1961 season who attended were - Back: Dick Mahoney, Don Brown, Alwyn Lyons, Leo Johnson, Max Phelan, Pat Dwan, Brian Nicholls, Graham Shelley, Kev Collins, Frank Collins, Ken Ellis. Front: Brian Phelan, Phil Hughes, Keith Rix, Barry Donegan, Don Stewart, Bevan Crothers.

While opposition skipper Boshammer had his chance for glory minutes later from forty yards out, the kick was off line and Allora won the right to hoist the prestigious St. George Cup as 1961 Warwick District Rugby League premiers, for the first time since 1958.

The press reported of the match “The stars of the day were the Phelan brothers. Hero of the day was undoubtedly Brian for the way he brought the game out of the fire for Allora. His brother Max played a solid offensive and defensive game at centre and scored his side’s only try under the posts. Allora had attacked strongly for 10 minutes in the forwards, and then suddenly swung a backline movement into action that sent Max Phelan across under the posts. Captain/Coach Glen Day converted the try” to have Allora trailing Pittsworth 5 – 6.

It was a grand effort by all in Allora colours, with press rating the pick of players as “the Phelans, Graham Shelley, Barry Donegan & Brian Smith”, who played the second half with his head swathed in bandages after a head injury in the early minutes of the second stanza.

The Allora side that etched their name in rugby league history at the Warwick Showgrounds to win the St. George Cup on that 16th of September afternoon were: Dick Mahoney, Graham Shelley, Max Phelan, Glen Day, Ken Ellis, Bevan Crothers, Barry Donegan, Don Brown, Brian Phelan, Pat Dwan, Errol Day, Leo Johnson & Brian Smith.

Former Test referee Jack Casey awarded Allora the penalties 18 – 7, while Pittsworth won the scrums 18 – 16.

Rugby League is changing as time trudges on, but the game & its memory will never die while we can recall exploits and share



**Allora Golf Notes
11-4-09**

Last Sunday we played for the Railway Hotel Monthly Mug. The winner for the day was Neil Chandler with a 65 nett. Runner up was Lindsay May by a countback over Bill Murdoch. Pin Shots went to Noel Wallace on the 4th, Neil Chandler the 13th, Max Bielefeld the 5th, Adam Cummins the 16th and Rod Simpson the 7th and 14th.

Next week will be a foursomes fixture which is a pairs event with alternate shots taken so choose your partner wisely. The trophies will be supplied by Aarron Simpson with tee off at 12.00am.

Don't forget the Duck run is still running so enjoy a relaxing Friday afternoon on the course.

Don't forget your sand buckets and remember - to play is to live.

memories such as those by the 1961 Allora Rugby League team.

Glyn Rees



**Allora Swimming Club
News**

Unfortunately the weather won on Monday night with the wind blowing and the water too cold to swim in. We are now on our mid-season break and will resume on Monday 23 January 2012 at 5:00pm sharp. This night will be our annual David Rackley Memorial Handicap Swim. All swimmers are asked to attend on the night, with the current 25 metre freestyle swimmers being nominated to swim the 50 metres freestyle and all 50 metre freestyle swimmers being nominated to take part. This night counts as a normal club night towards three-quarters of swims for Championships. Swimmers not doing the Rackley swim will do normal swims between events.

Unfortunately Cooper Harm was missed from our list of 12.5 metre swimmers in the paper recently. Sorry, Cooper. Keep up the good work. Last week many of our 25 metre swimmers progressed to 50 metres in their freestyle. Thirty-four PBs were recorded last week. Well done and congratulations to all of these swimmers. Squad training has been going well with Angela Van Der Poel, with many of the participants not currently club members. Thanks Ange on a mighty effort. We look forward to seeing you all on 23 January and hope you all have a safe and happy Christmas and... keep swimming.