

Allora Swimming Club Notes -

On Monday night, 7 December we held our mid-season breakup, with our annual David Rackley Memorial 50m freestyle handicap swim. Some of our swimmers are already on holidays, but it was great to see so many turn up for the Rackley. As usual, our Patron Marg was very organised and the night ran smoothly. Thank you to our Life Members who came along to help out – Dale, Garry, Maree, Marg Otten, Marg Rackley, Heather, Angela and Sharon. Your support is very much appreciated. Following the seven heats, we had four quarter-final swims, two semi-finals and our hotly contested final. Swimmers making the final included James Kay, Vanessa Bryson, Tom Atkinson, James Gilmore, Nick Van Der Poel and Lachlan Henry. First place was awarded to James Kay, followed by Vanessa Bryson and Lachlan Henry. Congratulations to James and well done to all swimmers who participated. The night concluded with a free swim and hot chicken and gravy rolls, followed by dessert. Club resumes on Monday, 25 January 2010. We wish you all a very Merry Christmas, Happy New Year and safe travelling over the holidays.



Allora Swimming Club Patron and Life Member Marg Rackley presenting the David Rackley Memorial Shield to winner James Kay.

PRAWN orders – It's not too late to order – Angela will be taking orders down the street on Friday, so call in and see her - \$22.50/kg. If you have ordered prawns, they will be available for collection from Angela Van Der Poel's from 1.30pm on Thursday, 23 December.

Hoey, Ross Hentschel, Cameron Stevens, John Byrne, Sean Coker.

The "headspace Warwick Cricket Association" competition will halt after this weekend's fixtures, resuming on the 3rd January, 2010 when Allora will take on "Diggers" at local cricket headquarters, Slade Park.

All inquiries to Glyn Rees on 0417 765 801.

Warwick Cricket Association

POINTS TABLES

(at the 9/12/2009)

A GRADE

TEAM	W	L	B.P.	TOTAL
Diggers	5	2	6	26
Wheatvale	5	2	6	26
Inglewood	4	3	6	22
Maryvale	3	4	2	14
Allora	3	4	2	14
Colts	1	6	0	4

RESERVE GRADE*

TEAM	W	L	B.P.	TOTAL
Criterion	4	2	4	20
Sovereign	3	3	2	14
Carey's	4	2	1	17
Killarney	1	5	2	6

* Note - one round lost due to rain.

Glyn Rees

Allora Hungry for Success in Final Game of 2009

The Allora "Foodworks" Eleven will be keen to register a win when they take on Wheatvale at the Allora Cricket Oval on Sunday in what is the final round of Warwick Cricket Association fixtures for 2009.

Wheatvale are currently in level top position on the Cricket Association premiership ladder, having collected the maximum points in their last start when they won by forfeit over fellow competition leaders "Diggers". Allora on the other hand went down to a committed "Colts" outfit who won their first game of the year by five wickets at Warwick's Queens Park.

This Sunday will see the return of Allora team skipper Cameron Masters, up and coming bowler Lauchlan Hoey and handy all rounder Ross Hentschel. Steve Hughes is fresh from a top score in the Allora side's last outing of 56, and will be looking to continue his aggressive batting style. Adam May's form with the bat this season has been sensational, and along with team mates Sean Coker, Brady Glass and Cameron Masters have got runs of late. Allora will need all its batsman to fire on Sunday to get the runs on the board to trouble Wheatvale.

The Allora Cricket team to play Wheatvale at Allora at 9.30 am this Sunday is: Cameron Masters, Adam May, Andrew Petersen, Steve Hughes, Brady Glass, Travis McMicking, Lauchlan

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Blue Care Warwick and Allora/Clifton Community Care Service Manager Sue Hoopmann is presented with her award from Reverend Douglas Jones, General Secretary, Uniting Church in Australia (Queensland Synod)

Blue Care honours its long-serving staff

Blue Care, Australia's largest not-for-profit provider of community health and residential aged care, has honoured its long-serving staff in Warwick and surrounds.

The 2009 Blue Care Staff Recognition Night, held at a recent ceremony in Brisbane, honoured 194 individuals across Queensland and New South Wales who have reached a career milestone of 20 or more years of continuous service.

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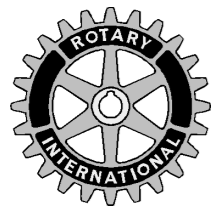
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6.55pm	1st Drawing for Prizes
7.00pm	Santa Arrives
7.05pm	Heritage Highlanders
7.20pm	Ron Smart & Co
7.35pm	Regional Council
7.40pm	Final Drawing for Prizes
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SAT	Showers Late. Afternoon Clouds. Mild. Humid.	17 27
SUN	Light Rain. Morning Clouds. Warm.	16 30
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• PUBLIC NOTICES •

ALLORA GOLF CLUB ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - 14th December, 6.30pm start, at Allora Sports Club. Followed by ALLORA SPORTS CLUB ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING at 7.30pm.

FAREWELL DR. ELLIS

Dr. Kaye Ellis will be farewelled by Condamine Medical Centre doctors and staff at a private function in coming weeks.

She has played an integral role within the Allora community being the sole practitioner for the town since the departure of Dr. Mishra and Dr. Dreiling. Dr. Ellis departs to engage in further studies. She will be greatly missed by staff and patients alike. The Condamine Medical Centre wishes Dr. Ellis well with her future endeavours.

The Allora Practice will be closed from December 25th to the beginning of February (Date to be advised). Initially it will be open several days each week - with the intention of increasing access as more doctors are recruited. The Condamine Medical Centre will continue to support the Homestead and Almerah.

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- Christmas Service Times
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CHRISTMAS EVE - St Davids Allora, 11.30pm
CHRISTMAS DAY - St Davids Allora, 8.00am

St Johns: Goomburra
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Christmas Service, Holy Communion
Service Times
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Among those honoured from the Darling Downs was Warwick and Allora/Clifton Community Care Service Manager Sue Hoopmann, recognised for 22 years of service. Ms Hoopmann said Blue Care community nursing was challenging, exciting and rewarding.

“When I accepted a job with Blue Care, I didn’t imagine for one minute that I would love the work so much,” she said. “After 23 years I can’t see myself leaving – I’m continually being provided with opportunities to learn and grow in all aspects of my life.”

Registered Nurse Shirley Mason from Blue Care Allora/Clifton Community Care was honoured for 25 years of service. “The thing I’ve enjoyed most about my work is seeing people’s lives improved and knowing they are able to cope with their problems in a more positive way with Blue Care support,” she said.

Blue Care Executive Director Stephen Muggleton paid tribute to the organisation’s long-serving staff. “Although each person has a unique role, what remains the same for each and every one is their commitment to making a difference in people’s lives and for that Blue Care says a very big thank you.”

Long-serving staff received a certificate, Honour Booklet and specially commissioned ‘blue star’ badge, which signifies their extraordinary commitment to the organisation.

Mr Muggleton said Blue Care received a ‘Queensland Great’ Premier’s Award during Queensland Week 2009, being publicly recognised for making a lifetime commitment to the state. “This award, along with being voted by the public as a Queensland Q150 Icon was significant for Blue Care and is largely due to these long-serving staff members whose ongoing commitment and dedication has made Blue Care the organisation it is today,” Mr Muggleton said.

“Their work over the years has brought kindness and dignity to people when they most needed and least expected it.”

Blue Care started in 1953 as the Blue Nursing Service. The not-for-profit organisation supports the elderly, people with a disability and others in need in the community to remain independent for as long as possible.

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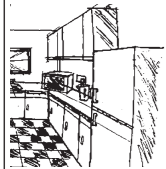
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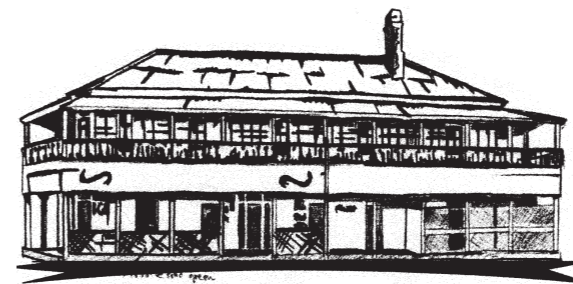
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Hamblin to Steer A Grade in 2010.

Warrior Legend Cameron Hamblin has been officially appointed A Grade Coach of Wattles for the upcoming season. Cameron is a Wattles Legend and has won five Wattles Warriors Clifton Courier Footballer of the year awards, he has coached A-Grade before as a captain coach and coached the U/18 team last season and is now looking forward to concentrating on the 2010 players and welcomes any new or old players who would like to play for Wattles. President Barry Glass has organized three pre-season trial games, two will be played at Platz Oval Clifton in March. Barry is looking forward to the upcoming season in his new role. The club is planning different social functions and entertainment and meals after games at our home games. Reserve Grade and Under 18 coaches will be announced over the following weeks.

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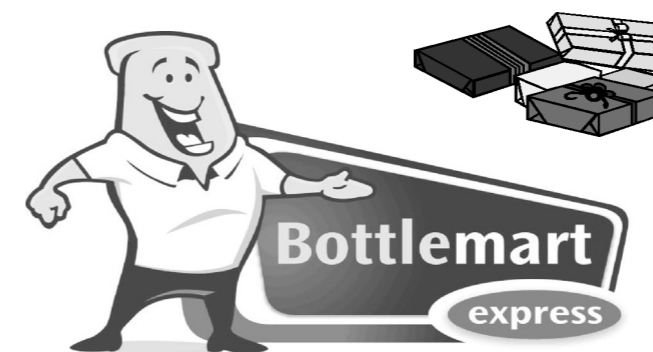
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Hendon Hotel Closes

According to a statement made in the Licensing Court on Wednesday, there will be no hotel at Hendon in the near future. The statement was made when the court was again considering the question of the licence of the Railway Hotel, Hendon. "I have inspected the hotel," declared Mr. P. G. Knyvett P. M., "and have ascertained that the licensee (Arthur Martin Masters) does not intend to proceed any further with his application for renewal. He only desires time to dispose of the liquor on the premises. The matter will therefore be adjourned until the end of this month." The hotel is an old landmark at Hendon, its history being closely associated with early days on the Darling Downs. It was built for Francis Kates in 1869 with the completion to Hendon of the Toowoomba-Warwick railway.

Allora's Past 145 years ago August 1864

Police Presence Required

The following letter was written by the Warwick Police Magistrate, Mr. J. C. White, on 20th August 1864, to the Colonial Secretary.

Sir, I have the honour to bring under your consideration the fact that Police protection is required at "Allora" on Dalrymple Creek about 14 miles from this.

There are two public houses in that locality and every Sunday there is a gathering of idlers from the stations in the vicinity - Clifton, Talgai, Pilton, Goomburra and Glengallan. Games are carried on as well as horse racing and the Sabbath closes frequently with scenes of riot and drunkenness.

I am informed that during the last shearing season scarcely a day passed without some lawless and disgraceful event and that life was often in danger for want of some Police control.

I am at present under the necessity of sending one of the Warwick Police force to that place every week to protect the peace and preserve order.

As however the shearing season is approaching - I have the honour to recommend that a district constable be stationed there as a permanency and that a lock-up be erected for the custody of prisoners as well as for the reception of parties under escort, the only place which an escort party can now put up being a public house.

(According to the 1864 Census, Allora had a total of 169 residents. Of the 50 completed residences, 46 had walls of slab or inferior and roofs of bark or inferior. The two public houses were the Princess of Wales and the Dalrymple. Allora's first police officer, Acting Sergeant Robert Grayson, was appointed on the 1st September 1864)

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NOTICE OF ELECTION - CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Southern Downs Regional Council

I, Trudy Fraser, Returning Officer, notify that the Councillor by-election for the Southern Downs Regional Council is to be held on the 30th day of January 2010.

I further notify that I have appointed the 21st day of December 2009 as nomination day for the election and the Southern Downs Regional Council Warwick Administration Office at 64 Fitzroy Street, Warwick as the nominated place for the purpose of receiving nomination forms of candidates for the office of one councillor for the area of the Southern Downs Region.

Nominations **must** be in the **approved form** and must be given to me before noon on nomination day together with payment of the nomination fee of \$150.

Nomination forms may be obtained from me at 64 Fitzroy Street, Warwick.

The nomination fee must be paid in **cash** or by **a cheque drawn by a financial institution**.

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"Thanks to this network upgrade, an 850MB full length film from BigPond® Movies could be downloaded in around 10 minutes with ADSL2+ as opposed to over an hour with 1.5Mbps ADSL.*

"And it is not just movies and songs that this upgrade is valuable for. Small businesses will also benefit by downloading large files like training videos, presentations or demonstration photos to help provide the materials needed for businesses in regional areas," Mr Beaman said.

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Allora Swim Team that competed at Crows Nest last Sunday: Back row - Zach Pout, Ally Van Der Poel, Abbey Pout, Anthony Bannister, Jack Bannister. Front row - Nick Van Der Poel, Trent Henry, Seth Pout, Cassidy Henry and Lachlan Henry.

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New stars shine on Carols stage

Leslie Park is always a picture but it will become a masterpiece on Sunday December 20 when it takes on the magical mood of twinkling candles and glowsticks for Warwick's 2009 Carols in the Park. Rising stars and first-time Carol performers, Brad Davies, Matt Vels and Spencer Rawle will take the stage to entertain family, friends and the community. Just a couple of months ago, Year 11 students Brad and Matt, took out the People's Choice Award at the Warwick High School talent quest and now they will be performing at one of Warwick's most significant community events. The boys, working as 'Tailored Duo', have been performing regularly at the Warwick Golf Club.

In her role as a junior officer with Council's Communication and Events Team, Spencer Rawle has seen the inside working of Council-organised events, but with her own success in school musicals and local talent quests, Spencer was keen to audition for organisers and be part of the show.

"I get to sing my absolute favourite Christmas song by Mariah Carey, in front of the biggest audience I've ever performed to," Spencer said.

"This is a great opportunity for young performers just starting out."

Carols Organiser, Tracy Vellacott said that every year, local artists and musicians give up their time to practice and perform much-loved Christmas Carols to the eager crowd. "Fortunately, there's plenty of musical talent in our community and in the last few years it has been really exciting to hear seasoned Carols performers like Erin Hilton, Melissa Williams and Caitlin Alley supported by bright young talent," Mrs Vellacott said.

The audience is guaranteed a range of Christmas Carols and songs, for the young and old, from the traditional to the contemporary, on December 20.

From 5.30pm the Warwick City Band will entertain the early crowd vying for a good position, with the stage show commencing at 6.30pm.

Families will be able to grab a bite to eat from food stalls operated by the Lions and Rotary Clubs and in the event of a hot evening, the Girl Guides will be at the ready with snow cones.

The Warwick Rotary Club will again sponsor prizes for the



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best-dressed children in costume on the evening and children are encouraged to dress as angels, shepherds, elves and Santa's or their favourite Christmas character. For more information on Carols in the Park, contact Tracy Vellacott on 46610300.


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Letter to the Editor...

To Concerned Primary Producers of the Southern Downs,

A meeting has been organized to be held at the Freestone Hall on Monday 14th of December at 10.30am. The meeting has been arranged to discuss the ongoing dry state of the Southern Downs and the lack of recognition from both State and Federal Governments in their response to the area being in a serious enough state to be drought declared.

Points to be covered:

- The decision that was handed down on 21st April 2009 regarding the State drought declaration.
- Lack of representation on the local drought committee.
- Should the drought committee stay anonymous?

Please contact Michael Willett on 4667 3888 or 0439 669 657 for further details.

Michael Willett

Speech Night Awards List


The following students were rewarded for their efforts during 2009, at Speech Night. Congratulations to all students.

Dux of the School Brooke Westerman; Award for Academic Excellence Brett Weier; Diligence (Pride of Achievement) Alex Morris; Year 10 English, Mathematics, Science, Studies of Society and the Environment, Art, Food Studies, Office Computing, Business - Brooke Westerman; Mathematics Arthur Mendes; Art Katherine Newport; Health & Physical Education Matthew Kanowski; Graphics & Manual Arts Toby Stacey; Graphics Jack Wilson; Business Encouragement Tara Lester; Quicktype Speed & Accuracy Jesseka Morris.

Academic Awards: Year 10 Academic Achievement Arthur Mendes, Toby Stacey, Jack Wilson; Year 9 Academic Achievement Lee Christensen, Diligence Lauren Wilson; Year 8 Academic Achievement Abbey Harrison, Thomas Henry, Terry Heslin, Jessica Lester, Nicholas Morris, Diligence Caitlyn Butler, Kyle Thorne, Ally Van Der Poel; Year 7 Academic Achievement Thomas Cocks, Adina Gunnis, Danielle Logan, Benjamin Ranger, Diligence Sabrina Moat; Year 6 Academic Achievement Robert Bradfield, Jake Christensen, Taylor Goldwater, Kayla Heslin, Sarah Jakins, Daniel Jardine, Maria Strickland, Erin Weier, Diligence Jack Bannister, Travis Bott.

Special Awards: Mayor's Medal & Defence Force Award Brooke Westerman; Lex Ellwood Memorial Bursary Carla Frizzell; Humanitarian Award Alex Morris; Peer Award Jack Bannister, Erin Weier; Chaplain's Award Torey Currer, Stephen Logan; Debating Certificates Mitchell Farley, Matthew Kanowski, Sally Lyons, Brooke Westerman; Community Service Trophy Carla Frizzell; Community Service Medallions Katherine Newport, Brooke Westerman, Jack Wilson; Community Service Certificates Nathan Dwan, Mitchell Farley, Olivia Fiechtner, Sally Lyons, Toby Stacey, Brett Weier.

Music Awards: Instrumental Music Most Outstanding Effort Abbey Harrison; Instrumental Music Achievement Award Brodie Sharman; Instrumental Music Conductor's Award



Southern Downs
REGIONAL COUNCIL

NOTICE OF ELECTION

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Trudy Fraser
Returning Officer, 9 December 2009

Brooke Westerman; Instrumental Music Service Awards Nathan Dwan, Matthew Kanowski, Katherine Newport, Brooke Westerman; Music Encouragement Certificates Daniel Erhardt, Tenaya Mitchell; Musical Medallions (Best performances) Harley Attard, Joshua Henry, Jack Wilson; Musical Medallions (Most Significant Contribution) Brodie Ellery, Terry Heslin, Rebecca Lingard.

Sporting Awards: Sportsperson of the Year Matthew Kanowski; Pierre de Coubertin Award Alex Morris; Champion House (Gwynne Shield) Gwynne; Michael Butler Memorial Trophy Matthew Denny; State Representatives: Track & Field Matthew Denny, Brodie Sharman; Swimming Matthew Kanowski. Darling Downs Representatives: Swimming Matthew Kanowski, Ally Van Der Poel, Track & Field Jack Bannister, Matthew Denny, Brodie Sharman. Trophies: 15 & Over Swimming Matthew Kanowski, Carla Frizzell; Open Cross Country Alex Morris, Ally Van Der Poel; 15 & Over Track & Field Matthew Kanowski, Rebecca Lingard; Tennis Arthur Mendes, Lauren Wilson; Netball A Tara Lester; Netball B Brianna Perry; Rugby League A Matthew Kanowski; Rugby League B Brodie Sharman. Medallions: Swimming 11 Yrs Danny Fowles, Amber Christensen; 12 Yrs Thomas Cocks, Sabrina Moat; 13 Yrs Anthony Bannister, Ally Van Der Poel; 14 Yrs Brodie Frizzell, Clare Kanowski; Cross Country 11 Yrs Max Rubie, Angelica Rowan, 12 Yrs Jake Christensen, Adina Gunnis, 13 Yrs Anthony Bannister, 14 Yrs Lee Christensen, Katie Dennis, 15 Yrs Brittany Moore; Track & Field 11 Yrs Jesse Tumata, Amanda Riddle, 12 Yrs Jake Christensen, Danielle Logan; 13 Yrs Brodie Sharman, Ally Van Der Poel, 14 Yrs Brodie Frizzell, Katie Dennis, Touch Brodie Ellery, Brittany Moore; Soccer Brittany Moore.



By-election date announced

The by-election for the local government electorate of Southern Downs will be held on Saturday, 30 January 2010, Council has announced.

Returning Officer, Trudy Fraser, said that nominations will close at noon on Monday, 21 December 2009.

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Forms may be obtained from the Southern Downs Regional Council Warwick Administration Office at 64 Fitzroy Street, which is the nominated place for the purpose of receiving nomination forms of candidates.

Ms Fraser reminded people living in the electorate of Southern Downs to ensure that they are correctly enrolled to vote.

"All Australian citizens aged 18 years and over living in the Southern Downs electorate are eligible to vote in this by-election, as long as they are correctly enrolled to vote when the electoral roll closes," Ms Fraser said.

"If you're not on the electoral roll, you must fill in an enrolment form immediately and return it to the AEC by Wednesday, 16 December 2009.

Enrolment forms can be downloaded via the AEC website and are available at any AEC office or Australia Post outlet, as well as at any Medicare, Centrelink, or Australian Tax Office. Voting is compulsory at by-elections.

INDOOR BOWLERS: (Front) Glad Holmes, Eric Holmes, George Withnall and (Back) Debbie Niebling and Marj Hagin celebrated the year at the St. Andrews Indoor Bowls Club Christmas Party last Tuesday evening.



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