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Pictured above at the recent Pacific Seeds Awards night were: Back row - Russell Hughes (PHR Allora), Guy Sellick (PHR Clifton), John Chandler (PHR Allora) and Wayne Frizzell (PHR Allora).
Front row - Simon Potter (PHR Allora) and Clare Pavey (PHR Warwick)

re-sellers that consistently show a level of professionalism, product knowledge and after sales support to their clients, along with a willingness to see agriculture advance within their service area. The Southern Downs has three such Pursehouse Rural branches located in Clifton, Allora and Warwick and they in conjunction with their Central Downs outlets at Pittsworth and Melrose maintain a strong relationship with Pacific Seeds. Mr John Chandler manager of the Pursehouse Rural store at Allora, said that "Pacific Seeds is recognized as being a leader in Australian and international summer and winter seed research, production and supply. For us to be recognized by a company such as this makes you realize that what we do does mean something even

when times are tough". John believes that this commitment by Pursehouse Rural to the industry and their clients must be maintained and with the support of companies such as Pacific Seeds will allow rural communities and the people that farm around them to continue to contribute to a strong agricultural economy.

PURSEHOUSE RURAL EXPERIENCE SHINES THROUGH

In a year that to date has offered up many challenges to both primary producers and the suppliers that service their needs, some things just don't change! The Pursehouse Rural team in Queensland has again been recognized for their ongoing commitment to both their clients and the wider agricultural community. At the recent Pacific Seeds annual awards ceremony held in Toowoomba, Pursehouse Rural was awarded the prestigious agent of the year award for the central and southern downs regions. This award is presented to those seed

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Banish holiday boredom

Hundreds of children will be entertained with Council-run programs over the school holidays, with free or low cost activities planned across the region.

Council event organiser, Tracy Vellacott is urging residents to grab friends, family and a picnic basket together to get up, get out and get active these school holidays!

"Our libraries and swimming pools, not to mention our beautiful parks, offer families great opportunities for summer fun," Mrs Vellacott said.

Holiday programs for Council libraries and swimming pools are detailed below.

Library Fun

If your children are regular library users then they know all the great things available for young people in the region's libraries. If not, school holidays are a great time to introduce children to their local library and library staff, and to explore the fantastic collection of books, DVDs, CDs, magazines and puzzles available.

Warwick Librarian, Marianne Potter said that libraries provide plenty of low cost, holiday fun for children in a safe and welcoming environment.

"Over the Christmas holidays a range of crafts activities will be available during library hours at both the Warwick and Stanthorpe libraries," Ms Potter said.

Library Activity Sessions

Warwick:

Design your own Christmas cards on Wednesday 15th December, starting at 9am.

Where: Library Meeting Room (the library will be closed so you will need to knock on the front door and be let in.) Bookings are essential. For further information please contact the Warwick Library on 4661 0342.

Stanthorpe:

Wednesday, 15th December – come along to make a peg reindeer, reindeer paper chains, Norwegian Hearts. Suited to children aged 8+.

Friday, December 17 - Christmas activities from 10am to 11am for children aged 5+.

WEATHER FORECAST				
Day	Forecast	Min/Max		
THU	A Few Thunderstorms. Mostly Cloudy.	Warm.	16	31
FRI	Showers Early. Mostly Sunny.	Warm.	19	31
SAT	Scattered Thunderstorms. Afternoon Clouds.	Warm.	18	29
SUN	Heavy Rain. Mostly Cloudy.	Mild.	16	26
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Solution in classifieds section

coupon book, a little Christmas tree, a shapes Christmas tree and magic reindeer food.

Decoration Station - from 20th to 24th December come along and make some decorations at your leisure. All activities are self paced and are open to all ages.

The Great Australian Train Treasure Hunt - find the 16 Australian trains hidden throughout the Stanthorpe library and write their code in the space provided. When you're done write your details in the space provided and place it in the entry box. Entries close Saturday 22 January 2011.

Summer Reading Club

Southern Downs libraries are creating holiday fun during the summer break with Animation Station: Read it Make it Move it, the 2010-2011 Summer Reading Club program.

Over summer, Southern Downs libraries are calling for all young readers, movers and makers to come in and take part in the Summer Reading Club, run in partnership with the State Library of Queensland.

Children will be able to participate in a range of exciting and interactive creative writing and arts activities and online games which encourage the love of books and reading as well as literacy and computer skills.

Participants can chat online to children's author John Danalis, write their own whacky fairy tales like Jan Turner Jones, follow Fiona Bazley Hodges blog on making a Stopmotion video, write their own ending to a story started by Duncan Richardson, and choose their own adventure with Josie Montano.

The Summer Reading Club is a free school holiday program with activities designed especially for children from birth to 16 year-old and their families and friends.

The program continues to build on the enormous success of previous years. Last year attracted more than 6,500 children and young people from 215 public libraries and Indigenous Knowledge Centres across Queensland.

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This year, the Summer Reading Club draws on the Animation Station theme, exploring ways of bringing the written word to life through storytelling, performance, song, cartooning, and cookery amongst a host of other possibilities.

The Club is run through the interactive website www.summerreadingclub.slq.qld.gov.au as well exciting activities and events held at local libraries.

Visit your nearest library to register to participate in this year's program, receive your free participation pack, go into the draw to win great prizes and have lots of fun.

For more information on what's happening in Southern Downs libraries over the school holidays, contact the Warwick Library on 4661 0342 or Stanthorpe Library on 4681 2141.

WIRAC Holiday Programs

There is no better place to spend the school holidays than WIRAC. Keep your kids off the couch these holidays and get them active at WIRAC. Programs include all the sports and facilities that WIRAC has to offer, including swimming, stadium sports and rock climbing.

Centre manager, Don Warrener also highlighted the need for pool safety over the holiday period.

"Traditionally drowning figures and aquatic accidents peak over the summer period as more people take to the water, possibly in locations they are unfamiliar with," he said.

"With the school holidays' starting, whether you are going away or staying close to home, you need to be aware of safety issues in different aquatic environments."

"If you're at the beach, swim between the flags and always enter the water slowly and feet first.

"If you're at the pool, follow the directions given to you by lifeguards, observe and obey any safety signs and be aware that flotation devices are no substitute for adult supervision."

Holiday Intensive Learn to Swim Program

WIRAC offers a great way to fast track swimming education over the holidays, with its 5-day intensive Holiday Programs. There is three (3) week-long programs to choose from. Cost is \$54.50.

Week 1 - Mon 13th Dec to Fri 17th Dec

Week 2 - Mon 10th Jan to Fri 14th Jan

Week 3 - Mon 17th Jan to Fri 21st Jan

Holiday Activity Program

There is three (3) week-long holiday activity programs available during these school holidays.

Week 1 - 20th Dec to Fri 24th Dec

Week 2 - 10th Jan to 14th Jan

Week 3 - 17th Jan to 21st Jan

The program will run daily from 9am to 3pm for children aged between 5 years and 11 years. Activities will include swimming, rock climbing, Zumba, futsal, badminton, Flippa Ball and lots of other games and activities.

Cost is \$8.10 per day per child or \$32.40 per child for a week. To book in, please talk to the team at Reception on 4661 7955.

Rock Climbing & Swim Program

During the holidays, join us on Thursdays at WIRAC for rock climbing and a swim. Rock climbing starts at 10.30am, through until midday and then children can swim afterwards. Cost is \$5.00.

Inflatable

Over the holidays, there will be HUGE fun with the Inflatable on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays between 12.00 and 2.30pm.

For more details on any of the holiday programs and activities being run by WIRAC, call the Centre on 4661 7955.

THE ALLORA MEDICAL PRACTICE

wishes the Allora Community a Happy and Safe Christmas and New Year and would like to thank them for their ongoing support.

The surgery will be closed for the public holidays only and will be opening at 8.30am for all normal working days.



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THURSDAY 30th - OPEN 8.30AM
FRIDAY 31st - OPEN 8.30AM
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Wattles Rugby League Football Club Inc.

take this opportunity to wish our members, supporters and sponsors a

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

IMPORTANT DATES

- 6.30pm, Tuesday, 4th January - Platz Oval, Clifton. TRAINING COMMENCES U18, Reserve Grade and A Grade.
- 3.00pm, Saturday, 22nd January - Wattles players, families and supporters MEET & GREET, at the Downs Hotel, Drayton. A great opportunity to meet the 2011 coaching staff. All enquiries 0488 970 025.

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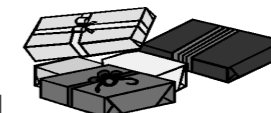


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Events Calendar

2011

- January -**
- Tue 4** **Wattles Training Commences U18, Reserve & A**
Platz Oval Clifton, 6.30pm
- Wed 5** **Wattles Tag League Commences, All Grades**
Platz Oval Clifton, 6.30pm
- Sat 8** **Wattles Juniors Season Launch**
Leyburn Hotel, Leyburn, 4.00pm
- Sat 22** **Allora Heritage Weekend**
& **Sun 23** Allora Showgrounds
- Sat 22** **Wattles Meet & Greet**
Downs Hotel, Drayton, 3.00pm
- February -**
- Sat 19** **Wattles Junior Sign-On & Muster**
Platz Oval Clifton, 4.00pm

IMPORTANT INFORMATION for the inclusion of calendar entries - Clients who advertise their events in The Allora Advertiser in a display (box) advertisement sized at least 2 column x 8 cm, will automatically receive, as a bonus, a calendar entry. These entries will be in a 2 line format as above, starting in bold with date and event, and venue and time. For those clients who phone to place their entry in the calendar prior to advertising, the entry will be included as date claimer only, until the advertisement is booked. If people wish to contact The Allora Advertiser and discuss their particular needs, please feel free to do so. Ph 4666 3128.



APPLICATIONS FOR RATING CONSULTATION GROUP

Applications are invited from interested residents of the Southern Downs who wish to provide ongoing input and advice into reviews of the SDRC rating system.

Members of the group will be selected from the community via an Expression of Interest process.

Applicants are requested to provide support details in regard to why they are interested in representation on this group, as well as details of any relevant government, business, or rating experience. Contact details should also be provided.

It is desirable that group members be available for meetings during working hours as well as after hours.

Participation is entirely voluntary.

Notes on the Rating Consultation Group are available on Council's website at www.southerndowns.qld.gov.au or inquiries may be directed to Gillian Buganey, Acting Director Corporate Services on telephone 4661 0300.

Applications, closing Friday, 7 January 2011, should be forwarded to:

Att: Andrew Ireland
Southern Downs Regional Council
PO Box 26
Warwick Q 4370

Rod Ferguson
Chief Executive Officer

Letter to the Editor...

Dear Editor,

Holly smoke, what a tirade about nothing from "one name" Julie (*The Allora Advertiser 9/12/2010*). Surely she will now take on the Reverend Les. What a flibbertigibbet, to make such a choice of words, about someone she knows absolutely nothing about. One could have been flabbergasted if not too busy laughing, at the lackadaisical, haranguing pomposity of her own chosen favourite subject that interests so few, to bash me with.

Serendipity will not be for those who judge others by such quixotic mindlessness. Perhaps a quantum leap is required to remove from the quagmire, the urge to rant and rave. I at least favour multiple subjects for my writings, infused with the perspicuous aims, to be totally ignored, and periodically destined to the dust bin, if one has a bad heart or a bad temper!

Melba Morris

BAD JOKE OF THE WEEK

Two Alabama State Troopers were chasing a Camaro east on I-20 toward Georgia.

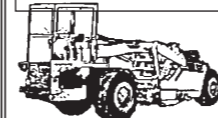
When the suspect crossed the Georgia line, the first Trooper pulled over quickly.

The rookie Trooper pulled in behind him and said "Hey Sarge, why did you stop?"

The Sarge replied, "Stupid rookie, he's in Georgia now. They're an hour ahead of us, so we'll never catch him."

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Merry Christmas Maranoa

Federal LNP Member for Maranoa Bruce Scott is extending to his constituents his wishes for a very Merry Christmas and happy New Year.

"I wish everyone a wonderful Christmas Day, filled with laughter and love and good cheer for the New Year," Mr Scott said.

"But we shouldn't forget the true meaning of Christmas, which is about celebrating the birth of Christ and the spirit of giving with family and loved ones."

Mr Scott urged everyone across the Maranoa to shop locally this Christmas and support the region.

"After ten years of drought and now with the cloud of the Murray-Darling Basin problems hanging over them, a lot of our small business owners are really doing it tough," he said.

"Sometimes it can be difficult to get things locally, but I encourage anyone who can get something locally to buy it in town, rather than at a larger regional centre.

"The impact of money spent locally multiplies as it cycles through our towns' local economies.

"By spending money earned locally within our communities, we are supporting local jobs and helping local businesses to grow

Looking Back...

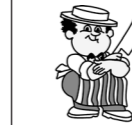
Sport in Allora

The Allora Rugby Union Football Club was formed at a public meeting called by Joe Nemeth in Kelly's Royal Hotel on the 27th May 1891. In its first match Allora defeated Greenmount 12 to nil at the Allora school reserve. Allora winger Robert Harrison broke his leg in the match and over £5 was subscribed for him on the grounds. In 1903 Talgai West and Goomburra fielded teams and by 1905 Allora had joined the Southern Downs Union with fixture matches between four Warwick teams, Allora, and Killarney.

The Allora Rangers Football Club was formed in 1907 and wore the familiar green and gold colours worn by later Allora football sides. Rangers won the 1907 premiership in a competition featuring sides from Clifton, Allora, Nobby and Greenmount. They defeated Nobby 25 points to nil in the final and would not have been short of a place to go for refreshments after the game. The team was captained by W. Clarke whose mother was licensee of the Princess of Wales Hotel, and included J. and T. Collins whose father owned the Club Hotel and J. and T. Flynn whose mother owned the Royal Hotel.

The C. E. M. S. (Church of England Men's Society) "All Blues" Football Club was formed in 1909. Not to be outdone the C. Y. M. S. (Catholic Young Men's Society) Football Club was formed soon after. 1911 saw their combining with the re-formation of the Rangers Football Club.

Rugby League made its first appearance in Allora in April 1917 with a match between Allora Town, captained by George Fisk, and Allora Country, captained by Gordon McMillan. After this match the Allora Boomerangs Football Club was formed. In



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and thrive."

Mr Scott said he would also take a moment on Christmas Day to remember the Australia Defence Personnel who are serving in various overseas countries and would be apart from their families for the festive season.

"While we are all lucky enough to spend the day with our loved ones, our troops serving overseas will be celebrating Christmas away from their friends and families," he said.

"If anyone would like to send our troops a Christmas message of goodwill and to let them know that we are thinking of them, you can email messagesothetroops@defence.gov.au or send a fax to 02 6266 7701."

1919 the Spring Creek "All Blacks" and C. Y. M. S. fielded teams and the Goomburra "Warriors" Football Club issued a public challenge to the Allora "Boomers". The Allora "Diggers" formed a team in 1920.

A meeting to form a combined side was called in 1922 resulting in the formation of the Allora Rangers Rugby League Club. They joined the South East Downs competition which included sides from Allora, Clifton, Greenmount, Nobby, and Back Plains. Allora were 1922 premiers and also defeated the Warwick premiers 40 to nil in an ambulance benefit match. Because of their superiority they were refused entry into the 1923 competition and had to split into two teams, Rangers and All Blues, playing for the "Ambulance Shield". The Allora and District League was formed in 1924 with teams from Allora, Table Top and Goomburra.

The Allora Rangers Club was re-formed in 1925 and played in the Warwick competition.

The 1926 season saw the emergence of Fred Laws, possibly the best footballer produced in Allora, when he first played in the Toowoomba representative side against Brisbane. He played for Queensland in 1927, Australia in 1928, and was picked for Kangaroo tours to England in 1929 and 1933. His brother Colin, played for Queensland from 1928 to 1932 and in 1931 was considered such a valuable member of the Toowoomba Bulimba Cup side that an aeroplane was sent to pick him up at the Allora racecourse for a match in Brisbane.

Allora has produced many excellent Rugby League players and teams over the years and we await with interest Tom McVeigh and John Croke's book on the history of Rugby League in Allora.

Please visit our web site www.allora-and-district-historical-society-inc.com



Wattles Junior Rugby League Football Club Inc.

would like to wish our members,
supporters and sponsors

a Very Merry Christmas and
a Happy New Year.

IMPORTANT DATES

- 6.30pm, Wednesday, 5th January - TAG LEAGUE COMMENCES, Platz Oval, Clifton. All Grades.
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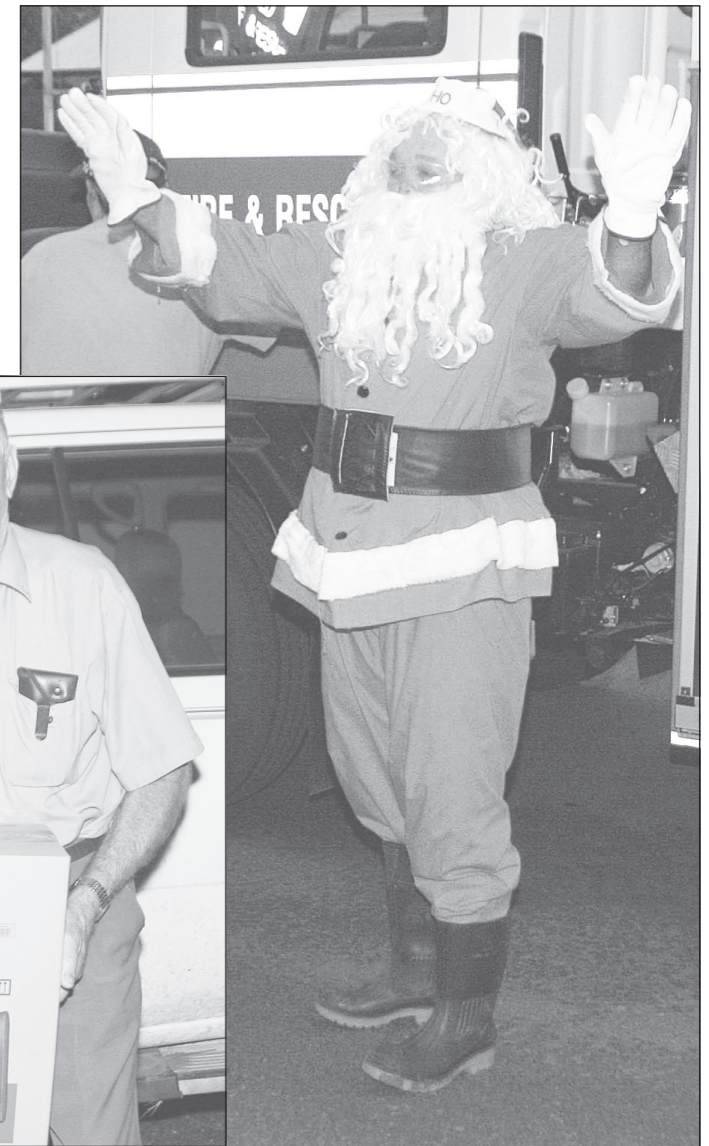
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RIGHT: Santa makes his arrival at the Allora Bush Christmas.

BELOW: Ian Christensen presents Gwen and Ken Gillam with their new TV, after they won the Allora State School P&C major prize draw.

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RIGHT: The Warwick Heritage Highlanders Pipe Band.

BELOW: Shane Staunton with Michelle and Adam Cole.

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LEFT: Juanita Geitz, Barbara Morrish and Ross Geitz enjoying the music at the Allora Bush Christmas.

BELOW LEFT: Katie Dennis, Carla Frizzell and Brittney Potter.

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The Gatton-Clifton Road (Heifer Ck Rd) was closed over the weekend. This is the sidetrack at the Kings Creek Bridge that had been washed away. Work to restore the road surface continued until the road re-opened just after 4pm on Monday.

Council seeks members of rating consultation group

The Southern Downs Regional Council is seeking expressions of interest from residents keen to assist in a review of the SDRC rating system.

After the controversial introduction of differential rating across the Southern Downs, Mayor Ron Bellingham is urging those with an interest to have a say in revision of the current model.

"We are looking for people with passion for the community, business or government experience, and if anyone out there has knowledge of rating system methodologies, then we want them too," Cr Bellingham said.

"This rating consultation group is a chance to advise Council on what enhancements may be needed with the current model."

Members of the group will be selected from the community via an Expression of Interest process. Cr Bellingham said that Council was particularly looking for community champions to be part of this group.

"From the voices in this group, Council certainly hopes to gain a clearer understanding of anomalies in the current system and possible ways to overcome these, but I expect there will also be an educative component with members of our consultation group also coming to terms with the intricacies of developing a fair and equitable rating system across the whole region.

"Once this process is started, the role of members will be to go back out to the community on Council's behalf and share their findings and future strategies."

Cr Bellingham said that it was desirable for group members to be available for meetings during working hours as well as after hours, with participation on the group being entirely voluntary. Notes on the Rating Consultation Group are available on Council's website at www.southerndowns.qld.gov.au or inquiries may be directed to Gillian Buganey, Acting Director Corporate Services on telephone 4661 0300.

Applications, closing Friday, 7 January 2011, should be forwarded to Andrew Ireland, Southern Downs Regional Council, PO Box 26, Warwick Q 4370.

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BELOW: Allora Swim Team Under 12 boys relay swimmers at Chandler at the Qld State Titles on the weekend. The Mighty Allora Swim Team taking on the best in the state, the best in Australia and also internationally. Nick Van Der Poel, David Day, Hunter Marsh, James Gilmore, Nick Gardner, Logan Caithness, Kyle Catling, Sam Delaney.

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Australia is a Christian country. We have Christmas and Easter as national holy days. Every Sunday is a special day as a day of rest. An opportunity to meet with each other and to strengthen family ties. Such holy days can be eroded by pursuit of the great god Dollar. Such holy days can be lost by neglect and lack of respect for the true purpose of them.

Australia is a Nationalistic country. We have Australia Day and Anzac Day to celebrate our national identity. There will always be those who disagree and see Australia Day as Invasion Day, and Anzac Day as glorifying war. We should not be disturbed or perturbed. There will always be opposition.

Australia has its fair share of knockers, but it is the positive people who make a country great. It is the positive people who pursue God and find him, truly he says "those who seek me shall find me".

It is the positive people who make the effort on Australia Day and Anzac Day to celebrate national pride.

Come on Christmas, we all need the time of rest and for reflection on what life is all about.

God bless our holy days and our national pride. Come on Australia. Grow, grow, grow.

Les Monaghan

Peculiar Quotes from Famous Folks...

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Deadly asbestos warning for home renovators

Over 1 million homes around Australia are estimated to contain asbestos. The renovation and demolition of these properties will ensure a growing number of people come into contact with asbestos, so Council is reminding home renovators about the risks of working with asbestos and exposing themselves to deadly dust or fibres.

Director Planning and Environment, Ken Harris said it was best for anyone who suspected a material of containing asbestos to leave it alone and seek expert advice, particularly as some asbestos material is difficult to identify.

"By removing, cutting, drilling or sanding asbestos materials, you risk inhaling potentially deadly dust and fibres," he said "People need to realise that ordinary dust masks are not effective and that they need either a specific respirator for working with asbestos (class P1 or P2 disposable respirator) or a half-face filter respirator fitted with a class P1 or P2 filter cartridge."

Mr Harris said that Council needs renovators and younger people working in the building and trade industries to be vigilant in order to prevent a future generation of asbestos related disease.

"We need to educate our young people, because if we don't get this right, then they will become the next wave of disease sufferers."

Australia has the highest per capita rate of mesothelioma, a fatal disease for which the only known cause is inhalation of asbestos fibres. Frighteningly, mesothelioma has a latency period up to 30 years or more and can cause death within months of diagnosis.

As part of recent Asbestos Awareness Week campaigns, Council officers participated in an asbestos awareness session

with officers from Workplace Health & Safety and the Department of Environment & Resource Management. Mr Harris said that about 50 people attended the session including council employees, tradesman from around the region, waste facility operators and QBuild staff.

"It was a very beneficial session with discussions relating to safe practices and methods of removing asbestos, identification of asbestos, along with transport and disposal requirements," Mr Harris said.

Council is alarmed at the increased level of disposal of asbestos and is warning homeowner's and tradesmen to ensure they comply with the requirements of asbestos disposal. Mr Harris warned that any asbestos needs to be properly wrapped in two layers of 0.2mm thick plastic in accordance with State Government standards before it will be accepted by Council at both landfills.

"Council will be taking an extremely hard line on this issue," he said.

"We want all individuals and companies to be aware of the requirements at the Warwick and Stanthorpe Waste Facilities and we've got security cameras around both facilities to ensure individuals are 'doing the right thing'.

"Council will also be taking action in relation to illegal dumping of asbestos, where maximum penalties can be up to \$16,500," Mr Harris said.

"Council's goal is to work with individuals and companies in relation to asbestos disposal, to ensure that the health and safety of all individuals is protected."

Workplace Health & Safety have available a booklet titled 'Asbestos - A home renovator's and tradesperson's guide for minor work in domestic buildings', which is available on their website at www.deir.qld.gov.au/workplace/index. Council also has copies of this booklet and strongly recommends that people read this information before undertaking any work.

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The Warwick Mens Gospel Choir carols night was held at the RSL on Saturday night. (Front, L-R): Darcy Furness, Joel Eddiehausen, David Rixon, Brian Reeves, Bruce Eddiehausen, Alan Darr, Geoff Sexton, Arthur Flood and Terry Tilley.
(Middle L-R): Bruce Gustafson, Graham O'Conner, Chris Mangan, Noel Bonner, Kevin Seaby, Jim Black, Dirk Marsh and Matthew Patterson.
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Allora Bowls Notes -

Coming Events - Unfortunately due to inclement weather the golf/bowls day sponsored by the Constable and Meddleton families was postponed. Lets hope this is something that may be able to be re-scheduled at another date. The Bowls Club Christmas party and Burstows sponsored bowls will be held on Friday 17th December, beginning with a barbecue at 6.00pm and followed by bowls under lights at 6.30pm. All members are most welcome to attend this event and celebrate the year. For all Sports Club members, bowls or golf, there are some upcoming events that will require some assistance with bar, food and barbecue duties. If anyone can provide help with this please contact Bill Murdoch or Kev Harrison for dates and times.

The Allora Sports Club would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a happy and safe Christmas and New Year period and we look forward to seeing you all next year.



**Allora Golf Notes
12-12-10**

It was disappointing to see the rain disrupt the partners day on Saturday. This event was to have partners play together for 9 holes of golf and a game of bowls to finish. The day will be re-scheduled for another date in the new year. This Sunday will be the final chance to get your name on the Monthly Medal Board sponsored by Jenco Feed & Seeds with play starting at midday. After golf we will also have a Christmas breakup party with everyone invited to attend. The Golf Club held their AGM on Monday night with all Committee members retaining their current roles in the club. Congratulations goes to President Lindsay May. Secretary Kev Harrison. Treasurer Max Bielefeld. Captain Anthony Bowe.

Have a safe and merry Christmas to all and an even better new year.



The Allora swim team had a great time at Chandler at the Qld State Titles on the Weekend. Above, our Darling Downs Rep Relay Swimmers Abbey Pout, Matt Kanowski and Josh Day.

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more than enthusiastic for a chop at Killarney on Saturday. Nick is a right hand bowler and a batsman with a good technique that led to an impressive 18 off the bat in his first outing against seasoned opponents "Wheatvale". Alex debuted for Allora against "RSL Diggers" in late October and took 1 for 24 on an impressive three over bowling spell.

Mentor Cameron Masters is well aware his Allora charges are in need of a confidence boost. The skipper considers Allora's problems for most of the first round of 2010/11 competition has been an inability to consistently have the strongest team on the paddock, due to player unavailability. The Allora side has also suffered with some average batting to say the least, and have taken the field a couple of bowlers short at times. The younger brigade have impressed Masters with the Morris brothers, and young junior representative player Brodie Frizzell bringing some enthusiasm to the Allora line-up. Frizzell is currently at the Queensland Secondary Schools Under 15 State Cricket Championships in Bundaberg representing Darling Downs & South West Queensland. The young Allora up & comer opened the bowling in his two initial games of the Championships, a loss against Mackay/Whitsunday on Monday and a thrilling 50 run win over South East Queensland on Tuesday, taking the first wicket in each match. Frizzell also took the new ball on Wednesday morning against Brisbane "Bears", and was again the bowler responsible for the first wicket to fall. Fourteen year old Matthew Denny is another to impress in his sole game this season. He bowled well for 1 for 27 off three overs, his classy caught and bowled dismissing a confident Chris Malone for 44. Twenty year old Willowvale allrounder Kris McLennan has impressed Masters in his initial season with Allora, while the form of seasoned campaigners Adam May & Andrew Petersen as consistent as always. Allora must strive for consistency

across the board and commitment if they are going to threaten at the business end of the season.

The team to play Killarney this Saturday at Slade park at 12.30 pm is: Cameron Masters (C), Adam May, Brady Glass, Justin Briggs, Andrew Petersen, Kris McLennan, Aaron Vietheer, Scott Sparksman, Alex Morris, Jason Nightingale, Nick Morris. All inquiries to Glyn Rees (4666 3803).

Allora's Adam May will lead the Warwick "Bulls" as they continue their representative campaign this weekend when they take on Central Downs at Southbrook on Sunday. Exciting young Goomburra based cricketer Matt Elford will also wear Warwick colours in the match, a match Warwick must win to stay in the race for the Mitchell Shield. The Warwick team is: Rob Lindsay, Jamie Saunders, Shane Hooper, Jason Steketee, Adam May (C), Greg Louis, Brett McEvoy, Chris Cantwell, Matt Elford, Nick Campbell, Lachlan Campbell & Jarred Collins.

WCA Senior Competition Points Table

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Inglewood	7	5	1	1	4	24
CSD Criterion	6	4	1	1	5	21
RSL Diggers	8	3	4	1	3	15
Wheatvale	6	3	2	1	2	14
Colts	6	2	3	1	4	12
Sovereign	6	2	3	1	-	8
Allora	6	1	4	1	2	6
Killarney	6	-	6	-	-	0

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