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News of Allora Branch of QCWA -

Our first meeting for 2010 was held in QCWA rooms Warwick Street, Allora, on Tuesday, 16th February. After the meeting we had a shared lunch. Then the craft was crochet, which was enjoyed by all. Plans are underway for our International Day on Ireland, to be held on 30th April. Our craft next month will again be crochet. Anyone interested are welcome to attend on the third Tuesday at 10 o'clock.

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Mandatory jail time for assaults on police

Thugs who seriously assault police or emergency services workers will face a minimum of three months jail under laws introduced into State Parliament by the LNP on Wednesday. Deputy LNP Leader and Shadow Attorney General Lawrence Springborg said an overhaul of sentencing laws was needed to provide a strong deterrent to criminals who attacked police and emergency services workers.

"Police and emergency services workers have a tough enough job working to protect the community and criminals need to be sent a message that violent assaults, and spitting on and biting these officers, won't be tolerated," he said.

"Under Labor's laws, criminals who attack police know they won't face serious consequences with only one in three offenders going to jail.

"The LNP's laws will not allow Labor's weak sentencing laws to give thugs and idiots who want to use our police officers and emergency services workers as punching bags the soft option of court ordered parole or suspended sentences."

Mr Springborg said it was time the Bligh Labor Government offered bipartisan support towards making Queensland's streets safer for police and the community.

"The Western Australian Government last year introduced laws that provide for minimum sentences for offenders who assault police, so there is no excuse for the Queensland Government not to act now," he said.

"The LNP introduced similar laws three years ago, but Labor used its numbers to defeat the move.

REMINDER FOR ORGAN DONOR AWARENESS WEEK -

Minister for Human Services, Chris Bowen MP, and Parliamentary Secretary for Health, Mark Butler MP, has urged Australians who have registered their organ and tissue donation decision with the Australian Organ Donor Register to check their details are up to date and talk to their family about their decision.

"Around 5.6 million Australians have registered their donation decision, including the organs and tissue they wish to donate, on the national Australian Organ Donor Register," Mr Bowen said.

"Australian Organ Donor Awareness Week is from 21-28 February and is a great reminder to check that your registration details and contacts are up to date."

The theme for Australian Organ Donor Awareness Week this year is 'family discussion'. A third of Australians have not discussed organ and tissue donation with their family and Australia's current national family consent rate for organ donation to proceed is just 56 per cent.

"If you plan to be an organ donor, it's important that your family know and accept your wishes as they will be asked to give their consent for the donation to proceed," Mr Butler said.

"That's why as part of the new DonateLife™ program, we are encouraging Australians to discover the facts about donation, decide whether you want to become a donor and discuss your decision with your family."

The Australian Organ Donor Register is administered by Medicare Australia. Authorised medical personnel can access the register 24 hours a day from anywhere in Australia.

The number of people in the Darling Downs Statistical Division on the Organ Donor Register increased from 43,248 to 43,910 during 2009, an increase of 662.

To check or update your organ donor registration phone 1800 777 203 or visit your local Medicare office.

For more information about the Australian Organ Donor Register or to register your decision go to www.medicareaustralia.gov.au. For more information about organ and tissue donation go to www.donatelife.gov.au.

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Allora Swimmers - Back: Matthew Denny, Anthony Bannister, Ally Van Der Poel, Brianna Perry. **Middle:** Jack Bannister, Leah Blakemore, Sally Higgins, Abbey Pout, Nick Blkemore. **Front:** Nick Van Der Poel, James Gilmore, Lachlan Henry, Mary Higgins, Toby Gilmore. **Absent:** Jess Van Der Poel, Zack Pout, Sarah Marshall.

ALLORA SWIM TEAM STRONG IN 2010

The Allora Swimming Club can proudly boast to have 17 of its members qualify for the upcoming Darling Downs Championships for Primary and Secondary swimmers. The Secondary squad will swim at Toowoomba's Mylne Bay Pool today. The Primary team will be in action at Gatton on Wednesday the 3rd of March. If our swimmers qualify they will gain selection in the Darling Downs Team to compete at the Queensland State School swimming Championships to be held at the Chandler Aquatic Ctr in Brisbane at the end of March. To our swim team we wish you luck and clean fast racing. May you all be the very best you can be. We are proud of all of you!!! Our club is unique in that we have two coach's for our swimmers to train under. We congratulate Andrew Fidge and Bill Lacey for their dedication and support to our swimmers and thank them for the commitment and knowledge they give our swimmers every day in order to succeed on a local, regional, State and National level.

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The Allora Swimming Club encourages participation, to always have a go and give it your best this year we have achieved that task with 47 of our members participating in our annual Club Championships. The first night will be held this Monday the 1st of March starting at 5pm SHARP. Events 17-22; 27-32; 37-42; and 47-52 will be run. Events will again be held on the 8th of March, 10th of March and 15th of March all of these nights start at 5pm SHARP. We wish all our swimmers the best for Championships and look forward to plenty of personal best times being recorded. All life Members, former members, prospective members and spectators are most welcome to attend and support our current and future local swimming stars. Break-up and Presentation will be held at the pool on the 22nd of March at 5pm. We will celebrate with a pizza feast and could all families please bring a sweet treat to share. Final call for new club Togz if you have not ordered or tried on your size ring Angela ASAP 0409051678.

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Solution in classifieds section

REMINDER: Enter our 4x4 and fishing show competition -
 Don't forget to put in your entry to win tickets to the 2010 Brisbane Tinnie and Tackle Show and National 4x4 and Outdoors Expo. Fishing and camping enthusiasts are sure to be making tracks to Brisbane's RNA Showgrounds on March

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Dog rego's on the way

With registration notices now in the mail, Mayor Ron Bellingham has issued a timely reminder to Southern Downs' residents of the importance of registering their dogs.

"If Council officers pick up a dog without a registration tag, we are unable to contact the owner to advise them that their dog has been impounded," Mayor Bellingham said.

"Unfortunately, if a dog has not been collected from the pound within three business days, it will be euthanased," he said.

By paying the annual registration fee, residents are assured of Council having the necessary details to arrange the safe return of impounded dogs.

Registration fees for each dog over the age of three months in the former Stanthorpe Shire and each dog over the age of four months in the former Warwick Shire area are as follows:

REGISTRATION FEES TABLE	Annual Fee if paid by March 19	Annual Fee
Desexed	\$15.00	\$30.00
Not desexed (former Warwick)	\$95.00	\$110.00
Not desexed (former Stanthorpe)	\$55.00	\$70.00

Owners of dogs who have completed a Certificate of Training in Dog Obedience by a recognised dog obedience club or recognised training organisation are also entitled to a 50 per cent reduction in fees.

Fees can be paid at the Council offices in Warwick, Stanthorpe or Allora.

For more information on dog registration, call Council's Customer Service Team on 4661 0300 (Warwick) or 4681 5500 (Stanthorpe).

WEATHER FORECAST

Day	Forecast	Min/Max
THU	Drizzle. Partly Cloudy. Mild.	16 25
FRI	Mostly Sunny. Mild. Humid.	14 24
SAT	Light Rain Late. Afternoon Clouds. Cool.	17 22
SUN	Showers Late. Partly Sunny. Mild. Humid.	16 26
MON	Morning Clouds. Warm.	15 29
TUE	Morning Clouds. Mild.	17 25

19-21 for the sixth annual event. The Brisbane Tinnie and Tackle Show and National 4x4 and Outdoors Expo together make the largest show of its kind in Queensland. It's not too late to win tickets to this event so **ENTER NOW USING THE FORM BELOW.** For more information on either event, log onto www.4x4show.com.au or www.tinnieandtackle.com.au.

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• PUBLIC NOTICES •

ALLORA PONY CLUB - OUR 1st RALLY FOR 2010 will be on Sunday, 28th February, 9.30am start. BYO lunch. All new members are welcome.

Department of Environment and Resource Management

Public Notice

In accordance with Section 359 of the *Land Act 1994*, it is intended to correct Deed of Grant 40056227 described as Lot 1 on A409 by omitting Area 2641.3832 Ha and inserting Area 2643 Ha. For further details contact the Department of Environment and Resource Management, Warwick on (07) 4661 0200, quoting 2009/010628.

www.derm.qld.gov.au



RED CROSS - "Red Cross Calling" shall NOT be held in Queensland in 2010. The Allora Branch will be holding an **EASTER RAFFLE**. Any donations of Easter goodies would be greatly appreciated.

ALLORA POLICE STATION -
Office hours for the Police Station are: Mondays and Thursdays - 8am to 12 noon. The office is open for general inquiries and Queensland Transport business on these days.
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Allora's Past 100 years ago
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An Allora Boy

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(Alderman Ludgate), and company, was deputised to lay the stone which she accordingly did like a "tradesman", expressing the wish that the Bank, Allora and district would always have a very full measure of success and prosperity. The success was toasted with a few well chosen words by the Mayor and duly responded by the Allora C. B. C. Bank manager, Mr. Corden.

Progress in Allora

On Tuesday last a further cog in the wheel of Allora's progress was substantially manifolded in the shape of the laying of the foundation stone of the first brick building to be built in Allora, namely the Commercial Bank of Sydney. Mrs. Malcolm Corden, in the presence of the architect, contractor, Mayor

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Each year the MS Readathon calls on volunteers around the country to donate their time to visit schools far and wide, spreading the multiple sclerosis (MS) message and explaining to students how they can make a difference by raising sponsorship through reading!

Many wonderful people volunteer each year. Some have MS; others know someone with MS, and some want to help raise funds for people living with MS. There is, however, a shortage of such people. "Volunteers are integral to the success of the MS Readathon," said Jennifer Irvine, MS Readathon National Manager. "Please contact us if you think you're able to help with visiting schools or supporting our staff in our State offices." Community Representatives receive full training and deliver interactive presentations supplied by the MS Readathon. The role requires some availability for school visits across April and May. Administrative support is also needed all year round in the state office located in Brisbane.

Interested individuals are asked to contact the MS Readathon office in Queensland on 1300 677 323 or msreadathon@msqld.org.au to discuss their involvement.

Children and adults of all ages take part in the MS Readathon, from all across Australia. In 2009, the MS Readathon raised over \$2,400,000 nationally with 51,000 participants reading over 1 million books during June, July and August. The highest fundraiser in Australia was 10 year old Cameron Cox from the ACT who raised an amazing \$30,025. The highest fundraising school was Sydney Grammar School Edgecliff Preparatory School who raised collectively over \$31,331 from 131 participating students.

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Safety upgrade begins for Albion and Percy Streets intersection

The Warwick community can look forward to improved conditions at the Albion and Percy Streets intersection, with upgrade works commencing this week.

Transport and Main Roads Regional Director (Darling Downs) Tony Platz said the Blackspot-funded works would improve safety for all road users accessing the intersection.

"The department continually looks for ways to improve safety at intersections on state and federal controlled roads, and this particular upgrade will benefit both motorists and pedestrians," Mr Platz said.

"Works will include installing concrete islands in Percy Street for pedestrians to cross more safely and improved line-marking for motorists entering the intersection."

Mr Platz said traffic controllers would be on-site to direct traffic safely through the site and ensure continued access to local businesses while works were completed.

"Motorists may experience lane changes and delays of up to ten minutes while these important safety works are completed," he said.

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Gemma of St Judes visits Stanthorpe

At a presentation in Stanthorpe at St Joseph's Hall last Wednesday (15 February), School of St Judes in Tanzania Director & Founder Gemma Sisia, addressed students and staff of St Joseph's school as well as many friends of St Judes from Allora, Stanthorpe and Warwick.

The St Patricks Parish and School in Allora have been supporting Gemma's work over the past 7 months and endeavour to continue raising awareness and funds for these schools well into the future.

Last year the St Patricks School held a 70's night in Allora and donated \$750 to Gemma's work. The St Patricks Parish also catered for a recent local wedding and recently handed over \$200 to Gemma at the presentation in Stanthorpe. (see picture).

During Gemma's promotional/fundraiser tour, she is also travelling the country with our local girl, marketing employee Sarah Henry (John & Narelle Henry's daughter), who attended both St Mary's and Scots PGC schools in Warwick.

Gemma is the only daughter of Sue and Basil Rice. They raised their eight children on a fine wool sheep station just out of Armidale on the New England Tablelands. When 22 year old Australian, Gemma went to volunteer in East Africa for a few years, she witnessed first hand the results of

people in the Third World caught in the tragic cycle of poverty, intensified by a lack of education. There she taught mathematics, science and sewing to girls in Kalungu, a rural village near Masaka township in the middle of Uganda.

Following years of volunteer work in Uganda and East Africa, Gemma returned home to rural Australia to a rewarding teaching job and a comfortable lifestyle, but never forgot the poverty and suffering she left behind in the country that still had her heart.

Gemma, at 24 years of age, with the powers of persuasion honed by growing up with seven brothers, easily convinced some of her friends and family members to pledge at least \$5 a month, to be put into an account at the local bank, and the proceeds of which enabled 2 young women to go to school in Uganda. From this humble beginning, the East African Fund Incorporated was born and is now a registered Australian charity (No: CFN16123). With Gemma's unceasing energy, passion, dedication and enthusiasm for the projects of the East African Fund inspiring others, she was asked to speak at various Rotary Clubs in her local area. The word spread quickly and many individuals and members of schools, institutions,

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Felicity Philp and Monique Bryson on behalf of St Patricks Parish handing over \$200 to School of St Judes Director Gemma Sisia.

businesses, Inner Wheel and Rotary Clubs throughout Australia, pledged donations and assistance. Soon Gemma's dream of starting a school became a reality.

So in February 2002, Gemma founded The School of St Jude in Northern Tanzania, East Africa. The School of St Jude is owned by a registered Tanzanian company that is a "Company Limited by Guarantee and not having a Share Capital" called The School of St Jude Ltd. This company can not be bought or sold but rather only given to another similar not-for-profit company with similar objectives.

The School of St Jude opened its doors to three very small, bright and underprivileged students, with one teacher and a single classroom. Seven years later the school has grown to over 1300 students, spread across two amazing campuses and employes over 350 local staff.

The years spent in Africa were tough but rewarding years for Gemma as she witnessed and personally experienced a gamut of life's character building lessons. These lessons were gleaned from incredible hardship and painful loss (not least of which, watching her close friend, Gertrude, dying of AIDS), and rich rewards reaped from seeing many triumphs over adversity and forming strong and lasting friendships, including her best friend, soul mate and now husband, Richard Sisia.

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Southern Downs' economy steams along

The regional economy has steadily steamed ahead according to the latest economic data for the Southern Downs.

The data, contained in the latest 2009 Warwick and Stanthorpe Economic Briefs, is commissioned each year by Council's Economic Development Unit.

Mayor Ron Bellingham said that he was pleased to receive positive proof of the growth of the region over the past 12 months.

"I am always hearing from residents as I move around the area how things have been picking up.

"Now it's good to see it actually proven in black and white," he said.

SDRC acting Economic Development Manager, John Randall, said that overall, the Southern Downs has grown stronger economically, adding 6.9 per cent to the Gross Regional Product, which shows production now at over \$1.4 billion per year.

"This means we are employing more people; up in 2009 by almost 700 extra workers compared to the 2008 figures," Mr Randall said.

"Our population continues to grow, up 1.5 per cent to an estimated 34,621 persons. "We now estimate that our region will have nearly 44,000 persons within the next 21 years."

Mr Randall stressed that whilst population growth for the Southern Downs was below the Queensland growth figure of 2.3 per cent, the growth rate of 1.5 per cent for the Southern Downs was considered steady and sustainable.

"We are not a boom or bust economy," he said.

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"Over the years, the Southern Downs has always been a quiet economic achiever, and it's pleasing that pattern is continuing," he said.

The Briefs show that for the first time, the manufacturing sector has outgrown the agricultural sector. The Southern Downs has been traditionally a primary production area, but with the growth of the major urban centres in the region, along with the prolonged drought, it is now manufacturing which is number one.

Further details of the Economic Briefs are available from Council's acting Economic Development Manager, John Randall on 4661 7332.

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The challenge is on for all of Queensland: Ergon Energy Tidy Towns 2010 Competition launches in Queensland.

Keep Australia Beautiful Queensland announced on Monday the official launch of the Ergon Energy Tidy Towns 2010 competition. Towns throughout Queensland will be given the opportunity to enter and showcase their 'clean and green' credentials to Keep Australia Beautiful Queensland's judges that will visit their towns or communities in April 2010. Chairman of Keep Australia Beautiful Queensland, Emeritus Professor Tor Hundloe said "This year we are seeking entrants who have gone beyond "clean and green" and we are looking for innovative and novel approaches which make town's friendly, welcoming and vibrant communities capable of winning a global award."

Each year hundreds of Queensland towns and city communities vie for the prestigious title of Queensland's Tidiest Town. The winner enters the national competition and can become Australia's Tidiest Town. It is important to ensure that those that enter the competition understand that we take into consideration every community's geographic, environmental, cultural and economic circumstances, and assess how efficiently and effectively the community uses the resources available to it in each award category.

Ergon Energy Chief Executive Ian McLeod supported the notion that Queenslanders could be world-beaters.

"We've drawn international attention to our Townsville Solar City program which is providing a model of how solar energy and energy efficiency can deliver economic and environmental benefits in a specific trial area - the response from the local community has been magnificent.


"And Ergon Energy is leading a bid for Federal Government funding to build a demonstration smart electricity grid for Australia - an initiative designed to show how new technologies could be successfully applied to the Australian lifestyle, climate and geography, Mr McLeod said."

"The Tidy Towns focus has always been on innovation and true community spirit, qualities consistent with Ergon Energy's approach to business, and that's why we're still involved after eleven years as sponsor."

Mr McLeod said Ergon Energy was proudly sponsoring the Energy Conservation Award, encouraging communities to work towards sustainability through becoming more energy efficient. "The major prize for this award is a full energy audit for a local community facility in the winning town. We'll also be sponsoring a community celebration to mark the Tidiest Town's achievement."

As well as the title of Queensland's Tidiest Town, entrants will be competing for 11 outstanding achievement awards:

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- The award winners in each Ergon Energy Tidy Towns region are scheduled to be announced at a series of regional ceremonies in July 2010.
- The launch was hosted by the 2009 Winner of Ergon Energy Tidy Towns, Rockhampton Regional Council held at Rockhampton's Art Gallery.



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Sat 27 **Wattles vs. Warwick (Barrett Shield)**
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April -

Sun 18 **Wattles vs. Brothers**
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May -

Sun 16 **Wattles vs. Goondiwindi**
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Fri 28 **St. Patrick's Trivia Night**
Allora Community Hall

Sun 30 **Wattles vs. Warwick**
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June -

Sun 13 **Wattles vs. Dalby**
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Sun 20 **Wattles vs. Gatton**
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July -

Sat 17 **Jazz Cabaret with Caxton Street Jazz Band**

Sun 18 **Wattles vs. Oakey**
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August -

Sun 1 **Wattles vs. Souths**
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Sat 7 **St Patrick's P&F 80's Night**

Sun 15 **Wattles vs. Valleys & Legends of League**
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- 1930 - Check photographing device patented.
- 1933 - 1st genuine aircraft carrier christened, USS Ranger.
- 1952 - 6th Winter Olympic games close at Oslo, Norway.
- 1957 - Buddy Holly & Crickets record "That'll Be the Day".
- 1963 - Beatles release their 1st single in US "Please Please Me".
- 1969 - Beatles begin recording Abbey Road album.
- 1969 - Mariner 6 launched for fly-by of Mars.
- 1972 - Paul McCartney releases "Give Ireland back to the Irish" single.
- 1977 - Soyuz 24 returns to Earth.
- 1978 - Ian Botham scores 1st Test Cricket century, 103 v NZ Christchurch.
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