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THE 2011 ALLORA NEW YEARS EVE MEGA PARTY was a huge success enjoyed by everyone.

See full story and more pics inside on pages 10, 11 & 12.

Tyler Wakeford gives the thumbs up to his Pocket Rocket Mini Racer after a display at the Allora New Year's Eve Mega Party. The Pocket Rockets will race in earnest at the 2012 Allora Show in February.

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Olympic Tribute Gifted to Sports Museum

This Saturday the Allora Regional Sports Museum committee will receive another valued donation to adorn the Museum in the Southern Downs Regional Council building in Allora's Herbert Street. At 3.00 pm, well known local identity Dorrie Byrne OAM will officially present a tribute to the museum including clothing, images, "Allora's own Olympic torch" and the written history of Dorrie's experience as an Olympic torch relay runner in the lead up to the 2000 Sydney Olympic Games.

With her 98th birthday approaching on February 24th, perhaps Allora's most recognisable citizen, Dorrie Byrne was the first runner in the Olympic Torch Relay after it entered the then Warwick Shire. The long time Allora citizen, a recipient of an Order of Australia medal for her outstanding service to the Allora community, was thrilled to part in the relay. "I didn't know I had been nominated by Perry Cronin and the Allora & District Sports Museum Committee until the letter arrived from SOCOG (Sydney Organising Committee for the Olympic Games)" according to Dorrie at the time.

Dorrie will present the tribute that has been especially produced to honour her participation in the torch relay, to the Sports Museum on Saturday. The tribute is housed in a free standing cabinet built by Gilmore Cabinets, and fitted out by Perry & Lyn Cronin. It includes the Olympic Torch Relay uniform Dorrie wore as she escorted the Olympic Torch along the New England Highway into the Warwick Shire, and also the actual torch in which the flame was carried on its journey from Greece to Sydney.

Another very special feature, along with the images and history preserved from that special day, is a scale version of the 2000 Sydney Olympic Games torch, with its flickering light the crowning glory of the magnificent tribute. The torch was made by Denny's Engineering & Shaun Henry Plumbing, the product of a yarn over a beer between Bob Denny and Museum Chairman Perry Cronin, the torch designed by Max Bielefeld of Denny's Engineering. The scale version torch was officially unveiled in 17th June 2000 by Warwick Shire Councillor Sue Cowley, and lit by Dorrie Byrne and fellow torch bearers for the Allora area leg of the torch relay Laura Geitz, Kirstie Davey, Tim Green, Ian Gregory, John McIntosh & Matthew Woods, along with 1956 Melbourne Olympic Games boxing team contender Murray Robin.

WEATHER FORECAST			
Day	Forecast	Min	Max
THU	Sunny. Warm.	13	28
FRI	Mostly Sunny. Mild.	11	26
SAT	Showers Late. Afternoon Clouds. Mild.	12	26
SUN	A Few Showers. Mostly Cloudy. Mild.	14	25
MON	Mostly Sunny. Mild. Breezy.	14	26
TUE	Partly Cloudy. Mild. Breezy.	15	26

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Solution in classifieds section

Allora Sports Museum Chairman Perry Cronin said he was delighted that Mrs. Byrne had seen fit to honour the Sports Museum with the donation of her tribute. "To receive such a tribute itself is a great honour, the tribute becoming an extra special showpiece in the avenue's of the museum, but receiving the tribute from one of our local community's outstanding & respected achievers makes the moment that much more special".

Immediately after the presentation invited guests will enjoy an afternoon tea at the Allora Seniors Citizens Hall.

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DONALD DENNY

Reprinted from The Allora Advertiser, 17th July 2008

"Let's give it a go". These five humble words uttered by Marian Denny in 1957 helped shape the foundation of Allora, with the launch of DL & MJ Denny, the town's first engineering business.

Today this business, now known as Denny's Engineering and Welding Pty Ltd, employs more than 40 local residents and services clients throughout Australia.

And while it was Marian that uttered the words it cannot be disputed that it was her husband Donald Denny that made the business a success.

Born in Toowoomba in 1923 Don was the eldest of three sons to Donald and Beryl Denny and according to Don it was a great childhood full of freedom and adventure.

"It wasn't like it is today. Mum gave us free reign to wander knowing nothing too much could happen to us. We were loved and looked after and you can't ask for much more than that," he said.

Don's long and illustrious career began in 1939 at the age of 16 years. With high employment due to the Second World War, Don, having completed junior at the Toowoomba Technical College, could have his pick of jobs. But it was a visiting recruiter from the Toowoomba Foundry, which set in motion what was to become his life long passion.

Over more than 14 years Don worked at the Foundry earning a reputation as a hard worker and good fun. Over time he was promoted to look after a team of men, being responsible for their training and ensuring their ongoing productivity.

But Don's career was not all smooth sailing, or rather all smooth flying. In 1944, looking for adventure he enlisted in the Australian Air Force where he trained to become a Wireless Telegraphist. The job was monotonous yet interesting and Don loved the camaraderie of the men in his section.

While enlisted Don became sick with Scarlet Fever and it was this sickness that potentially changed the course of his life. Instead of being shipped out to Papua New Guinea, with the rest of his section, Don was to convalesce and travel one month later. As luck would have it, just prior to his departure, the war ended.

Don was a mad keen motorbike man and, with a loan from his mother, purchased his first bike at the age of 17 years. He would fix them up on weekends and then sell them for a profit. Nine years later he had made enough from his deals to purchase his ultimate riding experience, a 1939 Goldstar BSA. This bike would have a great impact on his future.

While work was a great joy to Don, so too was play and nothing represented fun more than singing and dancing.

Don, blessed with a gift for the harmonica joined up with his old mate Merv, who also sang and played the guitar, to entertain the youth of Toowoomba at various parties.

At one such party Don would meet his future wife Marian Joan Wilkinson. The hit song at the time was "Don't fence me in" but that's exactly what Marian did to a very willing Don Denny.

"I believe everything happens for a reason. I met Marian and knew instantly that we would be together," Don said.

In 1948, financed by the sale of his beloved 1939 Goldstar BSA the couple married and began what was to be a life long partnership and one of life's truly great loves.

Marian and Don had three children - Robert and twins John and Carol. The family of five lived a simple life with little money but much enjoyment.

Theirs was a true partnership. Don continued to work at the Foundry and Marian raised the children. But it was Marian's keen mind for figures and great faith in her husband's ability that would see the couple take measured risks throughout their lives together.

Having worked at the Toowoomba Foundry from a young age Don hit 30 and felt the need for a change. A notice in a shop

The Allora ~ Story ~

In honour of the recently passed Donald Llewelyn "Don" Denny, we respectfully present to you this previous article about the life of this great Allora man.

Passed away at Allora on 18th December 2011 - Aged 88 Years.

window advertising a cream run for sale at Allora was just the sort of new challenge Don was looking for.

So in 1953 the young Denny family moved their limited belongings and set up a new home in Allora. Don, with the help of his brother Evan, built the family home in Arnold Street, a home where Don continues to live to this day.

But while Marian and Don enjoyed great happiness they also experienced great sadness. Don was to lose his father, mother and younger brother in less than 18 months, a difficult time and one that he still remembers with clarity.

"It was a very hard time. I was close to my parents but to lose a brother at the age of only 22 was almost harder," Don said.

"We loved Allora but for a while there we had a string of bad luck. First the death of my family members and then in 1955 the cream run was hit hard by the drought. I was broke, had a wife and three children and I owed money. It was a pretty desperate time.

"One day a fellow by the name of George Shannon asked me what was happening. I told him and he set me to work fixing and building bits and pieces on his property and paid me a wage. I can honestly say that George saved my livelihood. "Due to George's helping hand, things started to look up," Don said.

Don began to build a reputation in the local area as a good and



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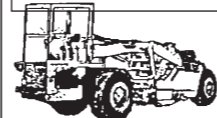
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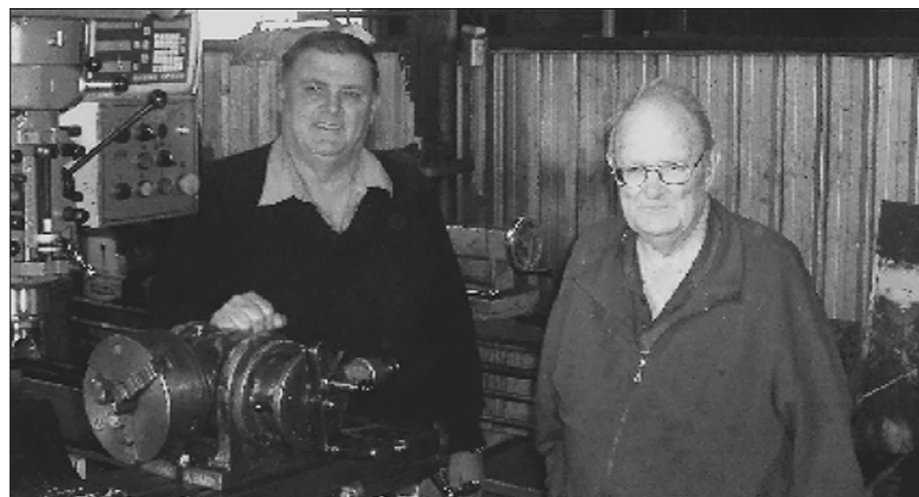


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Bob and Don Denny at the family business, Denny's Engineering Pty. Ltd. in Allora, celebrating Don's 85th Birthday.

reliable builder and the work flowed in. At the same time the owner of the local fuel station heard that Don was a skilled metal machinist so they employed him to service the machinery in the area.

"After a few months I went home to Marian and said there was

Best advice ever received?

My wife saying to have a go at starting the business

Greatest achievement?

Building the business up to what it is with the help of Bob. Since Bob has taken it over he has taken it to a whole new level.

Biggest regret?

I don't have many regrets. For 90 per cent of my life I have felt secure and never wanted for anything and there's a lot to be said for security.

What has been the biggest change you have seen in your time at Allora?

The 1994 Council amalgamation. Before this Allora was a lively town. I also think there has been a significant change in the people coming to Allora for the small town qualities.

What do you see the Government needs to do for small towns?

Stop taking away government services and making it too centralised.

If you could invite five people to dinner who would they be?

- Darren Lockyer
- John Howard
- Sam Newman
- Clive Berghoffer
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a real opening in Allora for engineering work. She could see the opportunities but perhaps more importantly she had faith in our ability and the financial acumen to make it happen.

"She said to me 'let's give it a go' and DL & MJ Denny was born. We purchased a lathe with our entire life savings and set up shop in our backyard. From then on we never looked back," he said.

On advice from an accountant the business was changed over to a company, Denny's Engineering and Welding, in 1980. Their son Bob, who had been working for his father from the age of 16, was appointed as a company director and the business flourished.

In 2003 due to ill health Don retired and handed over the company to his son Bob whose vision for the future has seen it grow to an even greater level.

In 1989 Marian Denny passed away leaving behind a devastated Don, three children, 11 grandchildren and a local business the Allora community rely on.

"I've had a great life. I had a wife who supported me and children that I am proud of. Work has been my greatest passion and I have enjoyed every minute of the journey," Don said.

But a word of advice. If you're looking to find the man who apparently retired in 2003, don't bother to visit him at home. You will have better luck if you look for him at the headquarters of the company he and his wife began more than 50 years ago.

Story by Jodi Clifford



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Allora's Heritage Returns

It may only be a small dot on the Queensland map, but Allora has an amazing amount of entertainment on offer over the next few weeks, all commencing with the recent very successful Allora New Year's Eve Family Mega Party that ushered in the year 2012 in the "Best Little Town on the Downs".

A very special event that will bring smiles to the faces of the State's countless history and heritage buffs is the Allora Heritage Weekend, being hosted in the Allora Showgrounds on January 28th and 29th. The Weekend that draws people from across Australia, is organized by the Warwick Veteran & Vintage Vehicle Club, is traditionally held on or very near Australia Day annually, a vivid reminder of our Nation's Heritage over the past couple of centuries.

Organizers were forced to succumb to the forces of nature last year, when the nationally acclaimed Heritage event was cancelled for the first time since it commenced 17 years ago. Along with much of the State, Allora suffered severely from early year flooding, that damaged and saturated the Showgrounds, the venue unable to host the Heritage extravaganza.

This year the event will once again envelope Allora, giving us a tangible experience of the town and it's surrounds in its early days, and indeed a taste of historical rural Queensland overall. As in past years the Heritage Weekend will provide an amazing array of displays, vehicles and machinery for everyone to experience. The Allora Showgrounds will host one of the nation's biggest collections of vintage and veteran cars and motorcycles over the two day trip back in time, along with horse

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Approximately 100 metres of road is being excavated and resurfaced during the project, which is expected to be completed by this Friday, 13 January 2012, weather permitting.

During works, only one lane of traffic will be open on this section of the road during working hours, for use by motorists travelling in a westerly direction and by local businesses and residents. Access to Steele's Bakery and Helen Harm Real Estate will be available. All other motorists will be redirected to a detour route.

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The past has seen Allora inundated by vehicle and history enthusiasts, and once again they can forage for that special component or collector's item in the swap meet operating on both Saturday and Sunday. A licensed bar will operate throughout along with a barbeque, and this year patrons can enjoy a cent sale. Adding to the rustic heritage atmosphere will be bush poets, and a country & western band.

As in past years, the Warwick Veteran & Vintage Vehicle Club has nominated feature machinery for the Heritage Weekend, and in 2012 we will see the very best of examples of Chamberlain Tractors, A.M.C. Cars, Indian Motorcycles and Southern Cross Machinery and Engines.

What can be described as an inspiring heritage and historical experience for all ages is available at the Allora Showgrounds at a more than reasonable \$5.00 admission fee, and camping facilities are available.

For further information on the Heritage Weekend contact either 4666 3554, 0418 875 469 or 4666 3693. Inquiries regarding the swap meet call 0409 766 288 or 4666 6288.

Glyn Rees

BAD JOKE OF THE WEEK

Wee Hughie was in the garden filling in a hole when his neighbour peered over the fence. Interested in what the mad man was up to, he politely asked, 'What are you doing there, Hughie?'

'My goldfish died,' replied Wee Hughie tearfully without looking up, 'and I've just buried him.'

The neighbour was very concerned. 'That's an awfully big hole for a goldfish, isn't it?'

Wee Hughie patted down the last heap of dirt then replied, 'That's because he's inside your cat.'

Show Time on Horizon

Hot on the heels of Allora's Heritage Weekend is another wonderful taste of what rural Australia boasts in the 134th Allora Show. Last year's flooding and devastation to the Showgrounds saw the possibility of the long established agricultural show cancelled, but a well attended Allora Show Society meeting voted unanimously that the area's annual showpiece go ahead. History shows it did, with the Allora Show of 2011 a great success given the hurdles thrown up by Mother Nature.

Friday and Saturday February 10th and 11th will see the Allora Showgrounds hosting "all the fun of the fair" yet again, with countless displays of local craft, cooking, produce, floral art, horticulture, fruit/vegetables, fine arts, needlework/crocheting, woodwork, photography and the list goes on. The district's best cattle, goats, sheep and poultry add to the glamour of the event, examples of the rural success over the past year, not to mention the highly acclaimed dog show with entries from across Queensland and New South Wales. The Ring program is among the best in the region, and this year the Allora Show will also host the State Ute Muster, Almost Anything Goes competitions and the popular Dirt Squirt Mini Motorcycle races. Friday night will feature the excitement of the annual bull ride, while on Saturday evening the fireworks and demolition derby have everyone on the edge of the seat. No country Show would be complete without a "sideshow alley" of rides and food outlets, all operating with the sound back drop echoing "the hot and tasty Dagwood dog".

Schedules for the 2012 Allora Show are available now at Allora business houses and by contacting Show Society Secretary Wendy Ardrey on 4667 3778. Schedules can also be downloaded from the Show Society website at www.allorashow.org.au

Show Membership tickets are available from the Allora Pharmacy, Allora True Value Hardware, Allora News and the Allora Post Office or Secretary Wendy Ardrey.

The Membership tickets, which also allow entry to the Stanthorpe, Killarney and Warwick 2012 Annual Shows as well as the Allora Show, are an absolute bargain at \$30.00 per family (2 adults + children 16 and under) and \$15 per single person + children 16 and under.

For further information regarding the 2012 Allora Show, contact Secretary Wendy Ardrey (4667 3778) or President Shirley Cornhill (4666 3394)

Glyn Rees

Events Calendar

2012

January -

Sat 28 & Allora Heritage Weekend

Sun 29 Allora Show Grounds.

April -

Fri 27 Allora QCWA International Day - Chile

Allora QCWA Hall

May -

Sun 20 2012 Goomburra Valley Classic Fun Run

Goomburra

IMPORTANT INFORMATION - Clients wishing to include their events in the *Events Calendar*, must book a display (boxed) advertisement for the event in *The Allora Advertiser*, sized at least 2 column x 8 cm. Clients will then 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, followed by venue and time.

If people wish to contact The Allora Advertiser and discuss their particular needs, please feel free to do so. Ph 4666 3128.



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Visitors flock to the Southern Downs

Warwick Visitor Information Centre recorded almost a 50% increase in visitation over the Christmas Holiday period compared to the same period in 2009, and the regions accommodation operators and coffee shops are waiting to welcome visitors with a smile.

The picturesque sunflower fields around Allora are proving very popular with both international and domestic visitors. Also Goomburra National Park (52km north of Warwick) is a top spot to visit -

- Spectacular lookouts over the Fassifern Valley
- Dalrymple Creek is flowing with crystal clear water and the swimming holes are very enticing.
- Neighbouring Main Range National Park is well worth a visit if only to see the cascading waterfalls.
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BELOW: Sunflower fields around Allora.

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Allora's Past 25 years ago January 1987

Australia Day Awards

Two Allora residents were this week informed by the Allora Shire Council that they were to be honoured on Australia Day. Mr. Roy Neale has been chosen for the Allora Citizenship Award. Mr. Neale was a foundation member of the Allora and District Historical Society and has held the positions of president, secretary and research officer at different times over many years. He is well known for his extensive knowledge of Allora and district history and for his large collection of photographs of the area. Jason Sparksman has been chosen to receive the Sporting Medallion for his outstanding achievements in several sports. Jason was runner-up in the Queensland Under 12 hard-court tennis titles and was a member of the all-conquering Queensland Primary Schools tennis team. He was chosen in the Toowoomba Shell Shield cricket team and the Darling Downs Primary School side, going on to represent Queensland at the interstate cricket carnival in Sydney. Jason also excelled in athletics at the Primary Schools Allsports competition.

Allora's Past 50 years ago January 1962

**SPECIAL NOTICE
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Allora's Past 100 years ago January 1912

The New Year

The New Year crept in almost imperceptibly as far as Allora was concerned. New Year's Eve being Sunday night, the streets were in darkness and even the small celebrations were lacking. A watch-night service was held in the Allora Presbyterian Church. On New Year's Day the military tournament formed the principal attraction, the local cricketers journeyed to Clifton and various picnics etc. were inaugurated. The weather was fairly pleasant, light showers falling in the afternoon.



Clifton flour mill destroyed by fire in January 1912

**Big Fire in Clifton
Flour Mill Destroyed**

The four storied Clifton flour mill, the property of Mr. G. Lockington, was completely destroyed by fire on Thursday night. The blaze was first observed at about 10.30 p.m. and appeared to have originated on the third floor. Several persons in Allora noticed the big blaze in the direction of Clifton and inquiries yesterday morning for information were general. (The Clifton flour mill building was originally erected in Forde Street, Allora, by Allora contractors, Sharpe & Leggatt, for Mr. Francis Kates in 1898. In 1902 the flour milling equipment was removed to Mr. Kates' Ipswich mill. The building was re-erected on the corner of Clark and Kates Streets, Clifton, and later sold to Mr. George Lockington)

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**Recycling Endeavours make huge
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Mayor Ron Bellingham has congratulated the Endeavour Foundation on upgrades to its commercial cardboard recycling system in Warwick announced early this month.

"Council's has invested in a cleaner, greener future through a long term visionary partnership with the Endeavour Foundation in Warwick," Cr Bellingham said.

"We were the first to partner with Endeavour to pioneer this recycling service which has grown to be a very significant partnership between Endeavour and local governments across Queensland," he said.

"That initiative gave the opportunity to both Endeavour and Council to provide a far better service to our community.

"This new upgrade to the commercial cardboard and recycling service in Warwick is a significant investment by Endeavour that will help local businesses reduce the amount of waste subject to the new State government waste levy.

"We encourage all commerce, industry and construction companies to recycle as much material as possible," the Mayor said.

Southern Downs Regional Council recently signed a \$1.5m four year contract with Endeavour Foundation for continued management of waste transfer and recycling in both Warwick and Stanthorpe and continues to improve waste management and recycling services across the Region.

In the last six years, Council has introduced kerbside recycling in Warwick and Stanthorpe, carried out million dollar upgrades to both the Warwick and Stanthorpe waste facilities to include recycling and a reuse shops and onsite transfer stations and is currently planning upgrades to the landfill operations at Stanthorpe, added recycling bins at most outer lying waste

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transfer stations and built new waste transfer stations at Allora and Killarney.

"Recycling reduces the amount of waste going to landfill, is better for the environment and extends the life of Southern Downs landfills," Mr Ferguson said.

"Council is proud to be improving recycling options and waste management across the Southern Downs," he said.

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Letter to The Editor...

ANZAC CENTENARY 'BRANDING'

Australia is preparing to commemorate the Centenary of Anzac from 2014 to 2018, marking 100 years since our nation's involvement in the First World War.

Over this period we will remember not only the Anzacs who served at Gallipoli and the Western Front, but all Australian servicemen and women who have served in wars, conflicts and peacekeeping operations.

The media reporting suggesting there would be branding of Anzac Day is wrong. There is no such plan for 25 April 2015 or any other year.

What is being developed is a specific motif for the centenary program similar to the way a motif was developed for the highly acclaimed Australia Remembers - created to mark the 50th anniversary of the end of the Second World War.

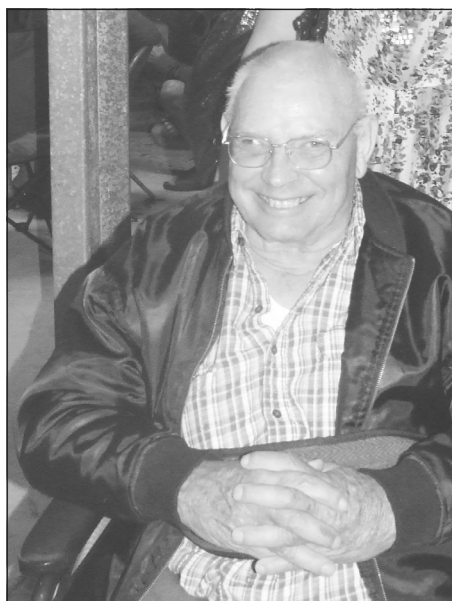
The final motif will convey to the Australian community the overall theme for the four year centenary program.

The Anzac Centenary Advisory Board, which includes many eminent Australians and is chaired by the former Chief of the Defence Force, Air Chief Marshal Angus Houston, AC, AFC (Ret'd), supports the development of the motif.

It is unfortunate that the public has been misled by inaccurate media reporting on this subject.

The sanctity of Anzac Day will always be protected.

The Hon Warren Snowdon MP
Minister for Veterans' Affairs
Minister for Defence Science and Personnel
Minister Assisting the Prime Minister on the Centenary of Anzac



ABOVE: Staunch supporter of the development of a new medical centre at Allora, Warren Holmes was among the revelers welcoming 2012 at the Allora New Year's Eve Mega Party.

Parking fines increase

Parking fines across the Southern Downs have increased under changes in Local Laws introduced on 1 January 2012. From this month penalties for parking illegally in a loading zone or a designated disabled parking space have increased to \$100. All other parking infringements penalties have increased from \$20 to \$50.

This is the first increase in parking fines in over 15 years and has been introduced to ensure that people and businesses who need easy and accessible parking are given a fair go, Mayor Ron Bellingham said.

"These fines have jumped significantly to ensure that traffic keeps moving throughout the day giving fair and equitable access to all businesses," Cr Bellingham said.

"If shoppers know that they will be able to get a park, they are more likely to stay and shop in their local community which has a positive economic effect," he explained.

He urged drivers to check the signage when parking and make sure to park legally and within time limits.

Those who ignore the signage will risk being fined.

One hundred and seventeen parking infringement notices were issued over the last two months.

There have been 38 for exceeding a 30 minute limit, 71 for exceeding a two hour parking limit, five for parking in a disabled parking space without a permit and three for parking illegally in a loading zone.

Cr Bellingham urged people to take note of disabled parking spaces and loading zone allocations and leave them for the people who need them.

"Loading zones are for people who need to unload commercial trucks to the businesses close by. When they are used by others it forces those truck drivers to carry goods for much greater distances, which is both difficult and inefficient," Cr Bellingham said.

"Only park in a disabled space if you have a disable parking permit, and ensure that it is displayed visibly on your dashboard," Cr Bellingham said.

Parking patrols only monitor streets in the Warwick CBD which have signage limiting parking times.

Residents who wish to park for longer are encouraged to use the Council car parks in Acacia Avenue and behind the Warwick Town Hall which allow all day parking.

"I appeal to residents to take a sensible approach to parking and think of the economic benefit to the whole community by making Warwick an easy place to park, shop and do business."

BELOW: Future speedway champions Jack Rubie, Kalen Wakeford, Tyler Wakeford and Max Rubie demonstrate a "twin Suzuki P175" from Beetle's Henden Motorcycle World at Saturday nights Allora New Year's Eve Mega Party.



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Allora ladies Kaye Wilson, Debbie Meddleton, Hayley Mason, Zita Dwan and Bev O'Halloran enjoyed a few wines as they welcomed the new year at the Allora New Year's Eve Mega Party.

Allora New Years Party

The people of the Allora community and surrounding areas have reason to be proud of everyone in the region in the way they supported the function to raise funds for the local Medical Centre Support Group. The Allora Show Society, who organized the event, would like to thank everyone who helped in any way, and also the very generous sponsors and all the people who provided prizes for the multidraw raffle. Over and above the fund raising side of the night was the opportunity for families from a wide area to have a good social night out enjoying the

many entertainments available.

Special thanks to GrainX Australia for the sponsorship of the fireworks as well as the Southern Downs Regional Council supplying the technicians, Brian Weeks and Barry Seibel to stage the show. Robyn Miles from the Railway Hotel for sponsoring the band, Dessert Queens, and supplying the courtesy bus - The local entertainers who did themselves proud, Lesley Telford and St Patricks students, Eaglez Wingz and Katie Dennis reminded us what great local talent we have.

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Thanks also to the Toowoomba Regional Council for providing the use of the big screen for the movie. Allora Pharmacy also sponsored the fee for the movie. A hearty thanks also to the many people who worked so hard in the canteen, selling tickets, looking after the gate, running the sporting events, driving the bus, and Barry the M.C. The operators of the other entertainments, especially Michael and Tom with the disco. Slides, fairy floss, Dirt squirt bikes did a great job also. Thanks go to the Allora Sports Club for running a well run bar to keep liquid refreshments up to the people. All in all a great event and one that could well become an annual event.



Show Society President Shirley Cornhill and Show Society Committee member and Allora New Year's Mega Party organizer Ted Cowley celebrating the new year with event sponsor Robyn Miles and Justin Briggs,

It's smiles all round and plenty of cheer for the birth of 2012 for Olivia Coker, Christina Newcomb, Danny Henricks and Wayne McConachy at the Allora New Year's Eve Mega Party at the Allora Showgrounds.



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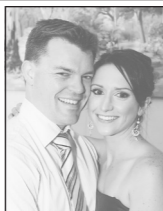
To the kind people of Allora and district for beautiful cards and best wishes on the loss of our dear "Pa" Don Denny. Appreciation also to Marie, Julie and the girls who supplied afternoon tea after the funeral. Please accept this as our personal thanks.

Bob, Marion and family

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Allora Take a Hiding in Initial 2012 Outing

Allora opener Aaron Vietheer hit the ground running on Saturday in his first club innings of 2012 with a solid total of 35 in the Allora Foodworks/Railway Hotel Allora cricket

side's eight wicket loss to Diggers at Slade Park. Wicket keeper Vietheer was a member of the Warwick "Bulls" Davis Shield side that thrashed Toowoomba's Wests in recent times, and is going to be a key player if Allora are to qualify for "A" grade over the coming weeks.

Diggers won the toss sending Allora in to bat, with Allora only building a total of 92 in 27 overs against the competition front runners. Diggers replied with 2 for 94 off only 17 overs, the total including a classy 50 by Sadit Reza.

Allora needed a win to stay in the top four of the "Commonwealth Bank Cup" premiership, and stay in the hunt for an "A" Grade berth when the competition splits into "A" & Reserve Grade after Round 14 on February 5th. After last weekend's Round 11 matches, Allora has managed to hold on to the fourth rung on the premiership ladder, though precariously, one point clear of Colts.

All rounder Kris McLennon saw five of his team mates fall after he came in at number five, hitting 16 not out, Allora's second top score.

Digger's McEvoy brothers proved a more than difficult proposition for the Allora batsman, Brett taking 3 for 35 off 8 overs, and Chris 4 for 17, also off 8 overs.

Warwick based sporting identity & accomplished cricketer Shane Hooper debuted for Allora on Saturday, and is keen to play out the remainder of the season with the Allora Foodworks/Railway Hotel eleven.

Allora Batting: Aaron Vietheer (35), Andrew Petersen (3), Adam May (11), Cameron Masters (0), Kris McLennan (16 no), Brodie Frizzell (0), Scott Sparksman (4), Mitchell McLennan (5), Nat Hooper (5), Shane Hooper (3), Matt Kiernan (0). Sundries: 10, Total: 92.

Allora Bowling: Brodie Frizzell 4-0-1-16, Kris McLennan 3-0-0-12, Adam May 5-0-1-21, Matt Kiernan 3-0-0-26, Andrew Petersen 1-0-0-11, Shane Hooper 1-0-0-8.

Allora will be hoping to return to the winner's circle this Saturday when they take on Sovereign Hotel, at Warwick Cricket Association headquarters Slade Park. If they are to be considered serious premiership contenders, Allora are going to have to rediscover their pre Christmas form.

Sovereign Hotel is languishing at the bottom of the ladder, but cannot be taken lightly.

The Allora Foodworks/Railway Hotel team to play Sovereign Hotel at 12.30 pm on Saturday at Slade Park are: Cameron Masters (c), Adam May, Andrew Petersen, Matt Kiernan, Aaron Vietheer, Scott Sparksman, Brodie Frizzell, Mitchell McLennan, Kris McLennon, Nat Hooper, Shane Hooper.

All inquiries to Glyn Rees, 4666 3803.

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Allora Golf Notes

On 1/1/12 we played for the Monthly Mug with prizes from the Railway Hotel. The winner of the day was Ken

Wilson with a great score. Runner-up was Adam May.

On 8/1/12 we played for the Club Trophy. The winner of the day was Aaron Simpson with a 60 nett. Runner-up was Adam Cummins with 63 nett. Pin shots went to Adam C. on 17th, Kev H. on the 4th, Garth Simpson cleaned up with the 8, 5 and 14. Well done Garth.

The match play final was also played with Rod and Adam. It was a tough battle with Adam just getting there on the 17th. Thanks for everyone who played.

This week is Medal of Medalists for all those who won Monthly Medal last year. Good luck to all involved. Tee off at 12.00pm. The Duck run is still going strong, don't forget Friday arvo for a good time.

Memberships are now due.

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

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