



Allora Win Needed As Finals Approach

The Allora Cricket Oval will host its first cricket match for 2010 on Sunday when Inglewood clash with the local Allora "Foodworks" Eleven in the "headspace" Warwick Cricket Association Round 10 match. The outing will be the first for the Allora combination this year after winning on forfeit against "Diggers" on January 3rd. Allora are desperate for a win to stay in finals calculations, and will take the field with the advantage of knowing they have had the Inglewood sides measure. Allora journeyed to Inglewood to take on the home side on November 15th, and came away with their initial 2009/10 season win by 175 runs. Prolific run maker Adam May hit a blistering 84 that day as Allora soared to a total of 306, with batsman John Byrne chiming in with 63. Allora skipper Cameron Masters will be looking for a repeat performance on Sunday if Allora are to be considered finals chances.

The Allora team to play Inglewood is: Cameron Masters, Adam May, Andrew Petersen, Steve Hughes, Brady Glass, Len Hoey, Lauchlan Hoey, Ross Hentschel, Cameron Stevens, John Byrne, Sean Coker. All players are required at the grounds by 9.15 am on Sunday, any inquiries to Glyn Rees 0417 765 801.

POINTS TABLES

A GRADE

TEAM	W	L	B.P.	TOTAL
Wheatvale	6	3	8	32
Inglewood	5	4	8	28
Diggers	5	4	6	26
Maryvale	4	5	4	20
Allora	4	5	2	18
Colts	3	6	2	14

RESERVE GRADE*

TEAM	W	L	B.P.	TOTAL
Criterion	4	4	4	20
Sovereign	3#	4	2	14
Carey's	6	2	3	27
Killarney	2#	5	2?	10?

* Note - one round lost due to rain.

replay of missed game required

WCA Senior Cricket Premiership Results - Round 9

A Grade

Maryvale defeated Wheatvale by 7 wickets

Colts def Inglewood by 2 wickets

Allora def Diggers (forfeit)

Reserve Grade

Carey's Meateors def Sovereign Animals by 5 wickets

Killarney def Criterion by 2 wickets

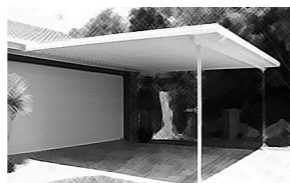
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Our President Barry Glass has secured 3 trial games. Our only away trial match will be against Fassifern on Sunday, 14th March. Southern Suburbs Tigers will play at Platz Oval on Saturday, 20th and we will line up against the Warwick Cowboys at home again on Saturday 27th March and we will contest the Barrett Shield.

Training commences at Platz Oval on Tuesday, 19th January, at 6pm. We will enjoy a sausage sizzle in the clubhouse after training. We are confident that season 2010 will be a strong rebuilding year for the Club. For further information on the race day or sign on contact President Barry Glass on 0407 721 762 or A Grade coach Cameron Hamblin on 0411 732 636.

Angela Van Der Poel



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Allora's Ted Cowley aboard his family's original tractor purchased at the 1949 Clifton show, repainted by Peter Morton.

"Why Not?" come and see... TED'S TRACTOR TREAT

It will be an absolute treat for tractor buffs at the 2010 Allora Heritage weekend when they see the featured marquee Case represented by Allora's Ted Cowley and his 1949 Case LA series thirty horsepower tractor. An excited Ted explained how his tractor was purchased new by his father at the forty nine Clifton show. Now sixty years on after a lifetime of work for the Cowley family the old machine is finally getting a makeover with fresh shiny paint applied by Allora's Peter Morton just in time for the Allora Heritage Weekend.

Ted tells how as an eight year old (nudging nine) he watched in awe as George Rummung from Rummung Bros garage of Clifton the local Case agents drove up the driveway to the Cowley families mixed farm "40 cows, 200 acres grain and 50 cattle" patiently waiting to learn to drive on the bright red Case. Cowley's first tractor had been a W30 McCormick but this time Ted's dad traded in his John Deere D model.

The Cowley's were keen on their tractors. In 1952 they bought a new Caterpillar D2 for £3200 and in the sixties a Chamberlain for \$600. They also purchased a new Ford overhead valve

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truck in 1954 for £1200. The Case serviced the family farm very well till it went under the 1976 floods and then languished for a couple of years before being repaired. When asked why he is restoring the old Case, Ted's reply "...for Allora and our family's history". What better reason?

The Cowley family is dedicated to the Allora district and places considerable importance on the Allora Heritage Weekend as the showcase of the local history and the men and machines that pioneered our region. Ted's Case will be one of many Case models leading the tractors Grand Parade.

"Why Not?" come out to the Allora Heritage Weekend 23rd & 24th January 2010 and meet Ted (now nudging seventy) and his fellow tractor enthusiasts and see firsthand how the Allora region was settled and farmed by real people like the Cowleys.

For more details go to www.alloraheritageweekend.com or contact Doug Partington - Publicity officer 07 4666 3801 or classic@halenet.com.au ...and "WHY NOT?"



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Skin checks urged for this summer
 Cancer Council Queensland is urging all Queenslanders to get their skin checked this summer season. Community Services Co-ordinator at Cancer Council Queensland, Rachel Hull, said the early detection of skin cancer is vital for all Queenslanders. "Queensland has the highest rate of skin cancer in the world, so it's really important that people keep an eye on their own skin for early signs of skin cancer and see a doctor regularly for skin checks," Ms Hull said. "In many cases skin cancer can be successfully treated. Regular check-ups can help to detect skin cancer early. "Recent Queensland Health research shows Queenslanders are still forgetting to apply sunscreen while outdoors, which is alarming with Queensland's extreme UV levels. "Cancer Council Queensland strongly urges everyone, especially those with sun damaged skin, to get their skin checked as soon as possible this summer," she said. More than 2600 Queenslanders are diagnosed with melanoma each year, and more than 260 people die from the disease. All Queenslanders are encouraged to protect themselves from

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50th Birthday...

FRIZZELL, Joanne – Happy 50th Birthday for Friday, 15th January.
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1785 - Mozart completes "Dissonantenkwartet" (opus 10)
1794 - Dr Jesse Bennet of Edom Va,

performs 1st successful Cesarean section operation on his wife
1873 - "Celluloid" registered as a trademark
1907 - An earthquake in Kingston, Jamaica kills more than 1,000.
1914 - Henry Ford introduces assembly line, for T-Fords
1956 - Little Richard releases "Tutti Frutti"
1966 - David Bowie releases his 1st record (Can't Help Thinking

About Me)
1967 - Earthquake in Sicily kills 231
1967 - Sonny & Cher release "Beat Goes On"
1971 - John Snow takes 7-40 for England to beat Australia by 299 runs
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Looking Back...

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A PRE-WEDDING AFTERNOON
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Allora's Past 50 years ago January 1960
A PRE-WEDDING EVENING
 will be tendered Miss Beryl Christensen in the Freestone Hall on Saturday, February 13th in honour of her approaching marriage to Mr. Don Wright.
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Allora's Past 100 years ago January 1910
Early Days Reminisces
 At the reunion of old residents of the Allora district held on New Year's Day 1910, Mr. Thompson, at that time probably the district's longest resident reminisced on his arrival at Goomburra Station exactly 60 years to the day ago. Previous to his arrival at Goomburra, Mr. Thompson had worked for the Leslie Brothers at Canning Downs. His wages had been £6 per year plus two suits of clothing. Mr. Thompson recalled that on one occasion he had been sent from Goomburra Station to Jubb's blacksmith shop to have a horse shod. This was in the days before Separation and long before the town of Allora was surveyed. There were no railways in the Colony at the time. It was then said that the land was no good and should be returned to the aborigines. The land was worth more in pounds now than it was in shillings then. Mr. Thompson ended his reminisces by saying that the young people of today might well be proud of the stock that they had sprung from.

INFORMATION REQUIRED

The Allora Historical Society has received an email from Michael Doyle who wants to find out about the boxing career of his father, Timothy Patrick Doyle, who was born in Allora in 1915 and appeared in boxing rings in and around Allora in the 1940's and 1950's. Michael remembers a photo of his father in a boxing pose on the wall of one of the Allora hotels in the early 1970's. If anyone has any information about the boxing career of Timothy Doyle or the photo, please contact Colin Newport 4696 4139.

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The old man reached out and grabbed the wheelbarrow by the handles. Then, nodding to the young man, he said, "All right. Get in."



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You can go even further if travelling by public transport, with the offset of recycling six aluminium cans increasing to 17 kilometres if you ride the bus and 25 kilometres if you catch a train.

"Whichever way you choose to get to the beach, sporting event or social outing this summer, simply by recycling aluminium cans, you can travel without leaving a footprint", says seven time world surfing champion and Planet Ark ambassador Layne Beachley. "When you choose drinks in aluminium cans and then recycle the cans you are reducing your impact on the environment by cutting carbon emissions and reducing waste".

Making aluminium cans from recycled materials uses 95% less energy than producing them from scratch.

"Cans are light and easily crushed which makes it really easy to take them home with you if you can't find a recycling bin", says Beachley.

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To enter, simply think of the most creative name for Planet Ark's newest mascot, a very cute surfing aluminium can which appears in its latest cinema and TV Promo and enter it online at - Cans.PlanetArk.org The answer judged as the most creative will win!



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Oxford Australia Word of the Month

Broggie – a tight turn of a motor vehicle, usu. executed at speed; a broadside. *Australian Concise Oxford Dictionary 5th edition*

In Ross Barrett's 1992 novel *Suns of Home* (published in South Australia) the word **broggie** appears: 'Harry races her off in a series of **broggies** with mum squealing.' A **broggie** can be performed with a bike, with a motorcycle, or with a car: Pine Rd, Woodcroft, will remain a dirt road despite more than 350 people signing a petition calling for it to be bituminised for dust and safety reasons.

... Vines Golf Club of Reynella general manager Paul Sutcliffe said the road was a magnet for hoon drivers. 'Because it's not bituminised we have drivers who are spinning wheels and doing **broggies**, often at night', he said. (*Southern Times Messenger*, 9 September 2009)

Parent John Klomp said that some non-skaters were causing problems by driving on the dirt around the park. 'You get that at any footy oval (next door). I used to happen before the skate park was here they used to do **broggies** in the dirt.' (*News Review Messenger*, Adelaide, 8 August 2001)

I am sure I speak for many of these people when I say that doing burnouts, **broggies**, donuts, drags and blockies around this suburb at 4am is unacceptable. (*Advertiser*, Adelaide, 9 January 2006)

The evidence here is from South Australia, but the term is also used in Western Australia and in some other parts of Australia. The **broggie** is a sharp turn or slide of a vehicle, with the aim being to throw up a lot of dust. The word is an abbreviation of **broadside**, with the addition of -i. There is some evidence of a form **broadie**, so this is probably the transitional form on the way to becoming a broggie. The original **broadside** in this sense appeared in the 1930s in the form of a verb that meant: 'Of a motor cycle in dirt-track racing: to skid and slide in the cinders as part of a deliberate manoeuvre when the rider is "hugging" a corner. Also in extended use of a car, pedal cycle, etc., esp. in a controlled sideways skid' (*OED*)

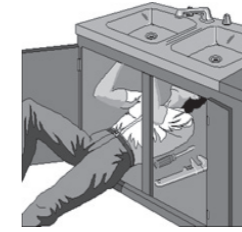
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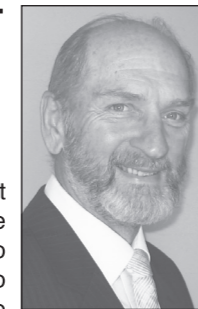
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TO FLUORIDATE OR NOT TO FLUORIDATE - THAT IS THE HARD WATER QUESTION

Despite comments in the press, I do not regard myself to be an anti-fluoride campaigner. I am always most particular to stay out of the scientific argument as to whether fluoride is safe or not. The debate has become so politicised and polarised that it is difficult to hold a logical, objective standpoint. However, what I am concerned about is that before public water supplies are used for mass medication purposes, the communities who will be drinking the fluoridated water should be consulted. It's a basic democratic right! Every effort should be made to provide balanced information and then allow the people to make a choice. There should be no fluoridation without proper consultation.

There appear to be some technical issues with Allora's water treatment infrastructure that have prompted council to ask for a 12 month extension on the State government's 2010 deadline to commence fluoridation in the district. There is apparently also some consideration being given by council to surveying the Allora townsfolk about the quality of their water



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Events Calendar

2010

January -

Sat 23 & Allora Heritage Weekend
Sun 24 at Allora Show Grounds

February -

Fri 5 & Allora District Show
Sat 6 at Allora Show Grounds

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supply in coming months. However, I don't think council has any intention of including a question about fluoride in that survey – perhaps this is because the State government has mandated fluoridation through the Water Fluoridation Act of 2009. Council have been told to do it – or else! Council will no doubt take the three wise monkeys approach – see no evil, hear no evil, speak no evil. If you don't ask the people, you don't have to explain why you are ignoring the voice of the people. Ominously, the same Water Fluoridation Act removes all rights of civil action or appeal from anyone that suffers ill effects from fluoridation. So much for assurances that it is absolutely safe! One thing is for sure, fluoride will not improve the quality or taste of Allora's water!

As council appears to be reluctant to rock the state government boat on fluoridation by speaking to the people first, I carried out a small survey of my own by telephone and in the streets. The results are far from statistically defensible but they do indicate that only a minority in both Stanthorpe and Warwick support fluoridation (18% and 32% respectively). It was also very clear that the vast majority of people feel that the community should be properly consulted before fluoridation is carried out (98% and 86% respectively).

Whatever your views on fluoride, it seems foolish in the extreme for council to fluoridate 100% of the water supply to provide the 2% that people actually drink. The rest will go down the toilet, on the garden or through the laundry. Also, the beneficial effects claimed for fluoride are topical not systemic. It only has to come into contact with the surface of your teeth, you don't have to swallow it. In fact, the most enthusiastic supporters of fluoridation are always careful to add that it works best when accompanied by proper dental hygiene, regular brushing, and a sensible balanced diet. Surely it would be far more effective for individuals who want to use fluoride to use fluoridated toothpaste or mouthwash and leave the water supply free of medication for those of who don't want to use it.

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Allora based Southern Downs Regional Council Young Ambassador Verity Thorburn presents Facility Manager Alison Piggott with one of ten boxes of puzzles, books and videos she donated to the Southern Cross Care Allora Nursing Home on Christmas Eve.

Verity Takes the Lead as our Young Ambassador

Just prior to Christmas young Allora local Verity Thorburn was announced as one of ten Southern Downs Regional Council Young Ambassadors & Delegates.


Community conscious Verity answered the call when the Southern Downs Regional Council called for Nominations from the community's youth (aged 15 – 25) to be 2010 Young Ambassadors (Warwick region) & Young Delegates (Stanthorpe region). Young Ambassadors and Young Delegates commit themselves to work with Community Youth Workers to improve the quality of life for young people (10 to 24 years of age) within their area and the greater SDRC region.

Verity and the other young people appointed will actively participate in the achievement of the Young Ambassador and Young Delegate program objectives, identify exciting community projects, and are self-driven in seeing projects through. Initiative will be needed to identify, plan and complete a project relevant to youth needs at the Warwick or Stanthorpe end of the region or in the wider SDRC region, either individually or in a small group. Young Ambassador's and Young Delegate's also represent youth and SDRC by attending some of the major events held within the community.

With the ink hardly dry on the notification letter advising 17 year old Verity of her successful appointment as a Young Ambassador, she was already making a significant contribution to her community when she visited Allora's Southern Cross Care's Nursing Home on Christmas Eve.


The Warwick State High School student began her new Young Ambassador role by donating ten boxes of books, puzzles and videos to the Nursing Home for Christmas. Facility manager Alison Piggott and staff were delighted with the donation and said it would bring the residents at Southern Cross Care much enjoyment.

Verity feels it is healthy to have a relationship between youth



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and the elderly, “they have so much life experience we can all learn from”.

About to embark on Year 12 at Warwick State High, Verity is excited about her new role as a Young Ambassador, and the opportunities it will provide her. The young lady who has always loved being part of her community and contributing to the people in her region believes “It’s opened up a lot of doors for my future. I like involvement in community events and I like volunteering – you can meet a lot of people and form new friendships and it certainly keeps you busy.” The community involvement she is looking to with the program is really an extension of her community support activities undertaken while a student at the Allora State School.

She will attend her first meeting of the Young Ambassadors in Warwick on February 2nd, along with the other nine young people selected for the program from across the Southern Downs. Verity will also attend a Young Ambassadors training camp at Boonah in the near future, where she is excited about getting to know her fellow Ambassadors/Delegates, and looking to identify future community support projects.

After year 12 in 2010, Verity is looking to attend University and study her passion, history. An avid reader and fan of writer Wilbur Smith, she is also an active sportswoman with netball her chosen sport.

Verity was honoured to be the recipient of a Zonta Club Bursary last year that provides financial education assistance, and she is now a keen supporter of the club, assisting at community support events.

Verity is a the friendly and familiar face attending customers at Allora Homewares on weekends, and also assists at Andy & Debbie Woodforde's Goomburra Valley Camping Grounds.

The Allora area is most fortunate to have young people like Verity within its midst with such care and passion for their community.

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