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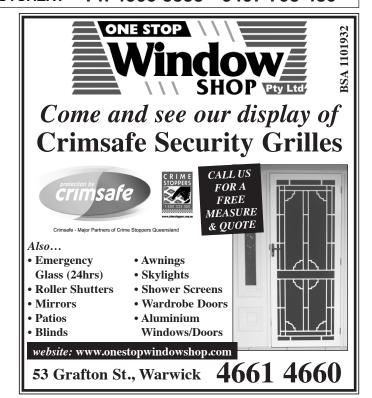
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#### **Expressions called for new RADF** Committee members

Two new committee members are being sought to join the Southern Downs Regional Council Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF) Committee.

The Regional Arts Development Fund is a Queensland Government and Southern Downs Regional Council partnership to support local arts and culture.

Expressions of interest are called for one member from the southern end of the region and one member from the northern region, to replace outgoing members.

RADF Committee Chair, Cr Mally McMurtrie, is looking forwarding to receiving nominations and is keen for the two new committee members to build on the skills of an enthusiastic

"We are looking for interested community members who have a passion for the arts and culture in our wonderfully creative region." she said.

Cr McMurtrie said that the primary responsibilities of committee members include:

- Attend and participate in RADF meetings generally two rounds per financial year
- Assess RADF applications and outcome reports
- · Ensure that the funding allocation is aligned with RADF principles, eligibility criteria and the priorities of Southern Downs Regional Council's cultural plans and policy
- Contribute to the RADF annual bidding process
- · Participate in RADF Committee training.

The RADF Program celebrates its 20th anniversary this year. It was established in 1991 and is a highly successful state and local government partnership that supports professional artists and arts practitioners living in regional Queensland.

Expressions of Interest will close at 5pm on 25 November 2011. Application packages are available from Southern Downs Regional Council offices, as well as art galleries and libraries in Warwick and Stanthorpe, on the Council website at www. southerndowns.ald.gov.au or by telephoning Sue Organ on 4681 5524.

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#### **Regional Projects Update**

As a follow up to past meetings and visits by councillors to the Allora area, ADDB held a

meeting with Peter See (Head of Engineering) last month to discuss progress on targeted Projects.

The progress 'table' we use (see below) to give a snap shot on how all projects are progressing was tabled for discussion.

The table identifies what residents in the Allora area feel are the most important regional activities.

The first column is the listed projects. The second column in a percentage estimate on progress todate. The third column gives a brief note on status.

ADDB Activity Update Lis	t	October 2011
Item	% Complete	Status
Council Building Upgrade	50%	Now the Sports Museum
Stormwater in Streets (flooding)	30%	Scheduled for 2013
Sewerage	15%	Consultant Report by Nov
Main St Upgrade	45%	Scheduled for 2013
Rates Review	50%	Review underway
Potable Water	15%	Scheduled for 2013
Town Hall Roof	10%	Insurance issues
Wireless Telecommunications	20%	Council will try to assist
Main St toilet renovation	50%	Scheduled for 2012-13
Industrial Area expansion	20%	Town Plan due July
Regional verge grass mowing	60%	2 staff allocated to Allora
Town Signage	30%	Progressing
Kital Rd Bridge	40%	Environmental issues
Sheerings Bridge	35%	Planning Stage
Walk pathways linked up	45%	Planning Stage
Park Gardens established	25%	Under Consideration
New Toilet adj Pool in Park	50%	Scheduled for 2012-13
Main Hwy Drainage	50%	State Govt planning now
Regional Halls grant assistance	90%	Jody Collins will assist
Regional Dumps - steps etc	20%	No plans as yet
Regional Roads - Maint Prog	50%	State Govt causing delays

It should be noted that council is either well advanced on some of the items or is seriously considering them. Having these items on a list and meeting with Council regularly to discuss progress is keeping all matters top-of-mind and in most cases budget allocations for investigation, reports or construction are being considered.

The meeting with Peter See was encouraging. Allora and areas around the town are now firmly top of mind and studies, planning and staff reallocation is definitely starting to benefit our region. Councillors continue to champion projects that will see our infrastructure improve hopefully in the near future.

If you would like to contribute ideas or suggestions, please contact Council on 4661 0300 or email the ADDB at alloradistrictdevelopmentboard@gmail.com and we will pass on your contribution.

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## BAD JOKE(s) OF THE **WEEK**

A Scotsman, an Irishman, and an Englishman had dinner together.

When the waiter came with the bill, the Scotsman promptly said he would pay it.

The next day the newspaper carried a headline: "English Ventriloquist Murdered In Restaurant."

A Scotsman was on a fishing trip in the northwoods of Canada.

"What's that over yonder?" the Scotsman asked of his guide.

"That's a moose." said the guide.

"Aye!" exclaimed the Scotsman, with raised eyebrow. "If that be a moose, I'd be sure an to hate to see yer rats!"

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## Events Calendar

#### 2011

#### November -

Allora State School Celebrates 100 Years on Fri 4 -

- Sun 6 Warwick St

Allora State School

Sat 19 **Allora Rotary Trivia Night** Allora State School Hall

Sat 26 Allora Chaplaincy Christmas Musical "A Baby Changes Everything"

Allora State School Hall

**Allora Rotary Open Swimming Carnival** Sat 26

Allora Swimming Club

#### December -

**RSL Womens Auxiliary Christmas Cent Sale** Fri 9

RSL Hall Allora, 7.00pm

**Sat 31** New Years Eve Family Fun Day/Night

Allora Show Ground, 5.00pm

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

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#### **Allora Hosts Moreton Bay Rotarians**

In 2010 a tree change took place in the life of Jan Hemphill, and she relocated from Brisbane to Allora, a place she always remembered visiting in her childhood schooldays.

As a passionate member of District 9630 Rotary Moreton Bay (Wynnum Manly area) transferred to Jan District 9640 Rotary Club of Allora late last vear.

Her Rotary friends from the coast always wanted to see where this new life, Jan's tree change had lead her, and the plan to visit Allora for a weekend was hatched. Jan invited her Allora Rotarians to join the Moreton Bay Club members for dinner, and it grew to Allora home hosting the Brisbane



Moreton Bay Rotary Club Past President Steve Jones, current President Chris Rhode & Allora Rotarian Barrie Geitz visited the Allora & District Historical Society's display in the "Old Shire Chambers" on Saturday.

crowd, similar to happenings of many years ago when Rotary Clubs were involved in interchange visits regularly. Both Allora and Moreton Bay are small Clubs, boasting ten to fifteen dedicated members, members who had much to share in similar experiences.

The plan to share Allora with Moreton Bay saw a schedule of events & visits planned, including a visit to David Brown's West Talgai Feedlot, a leisurely drive through the Goomburra Valley and Geitz property, a visit the Allora & District Historical Society's "Old Shire Chambers" display as well as walking some of Allora's historical Heritage Trail. The climax of the visit



Jan Hemphill with partner Graham Selwood along with members of the Rotary Club of Allora, hosted the Moreton Bay Rotary Club in Allora last weekend

**SELLIC LYNK CLEANING WARWICK - ALLORA - 4661 7513** DARLING DOWNS SEPTIC SERVICE was when forty members of the two Rotary Clubs, dined under the stars at Graham & Jan's home. Sunday after breakfast, saw everyone roaming the wonderful gardens of the Mills and Bennett families, and also enjoying a tour of historical Glengallan Homestead before drawing the shades on a great weekend with a fair well afternoon tea.

Rotary is always looking for new members and, as Jan has experienced, it is also a great starting point when you move to a new home to meet new friends. Rotary is not all about sausage sizzles and selling tickets, it is about meeting people, sharing experiences and being part of an organization that truly does help people in your own home town as well as on the international scene.

The plan is now for Allora's Rotarians to visit Moreton Bay..... some say "we don't have time" ... but as Rotarians, time is not an issue, involvement is the best step.

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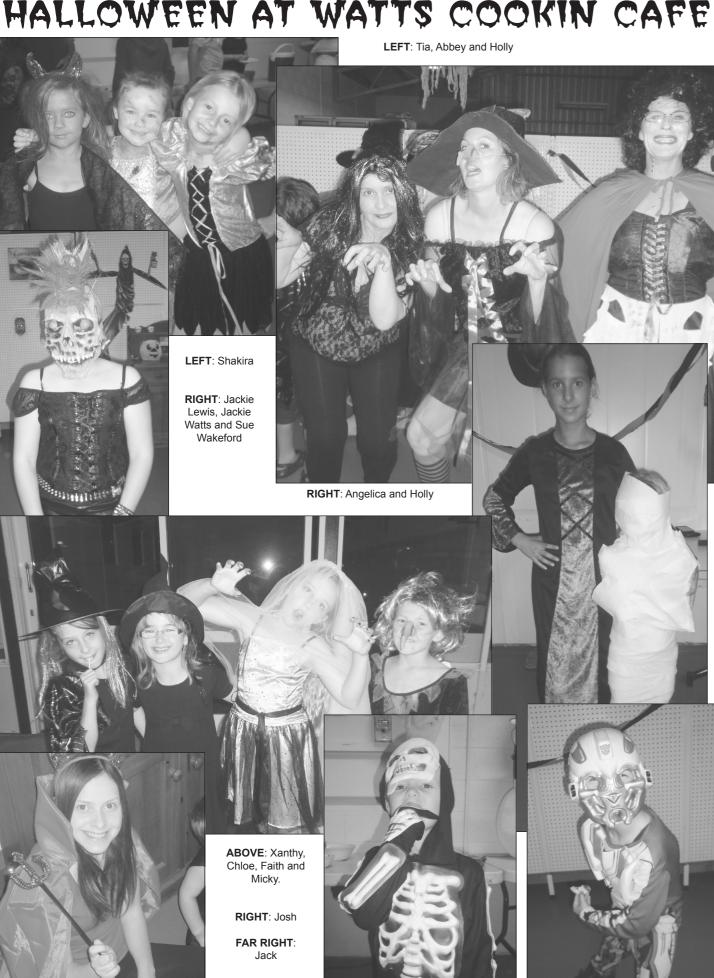
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RIGHT: Val Telford and Phyliss Shooter caught up at Friday evenings Anglican Parish Fete in

BELOW: Glen McMillan & son Henry enjoy a session in the jumping castle at the Allora's Anglican Parish Fete last Friday.



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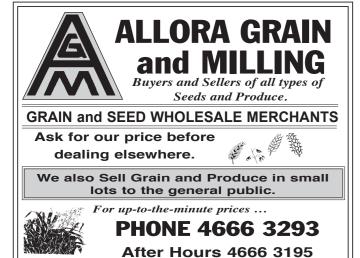
#### **There's Something About Mary**

Story by Frances Whiting

This is the 1st installment of Frances Whiting's story on the author of Mary Poppins. This article first appeared in Qweekend in Brisbane Courier Mail on 22/23 October 2011

"If you want to find Cherry Tree Lane, all you have to do is ask the policeman at the crossroads..." - opening lines, Mary Poppins by P. L.Travers, 1934

If only it were as simple as that. Instead, looking for Cherry Tree Lane, or at least the woman who created it, proves a somewhat more complicated process. Ever since Mary Poppins



As Mary Poppins comes home in her latest incarnation, the hunt for the real Mary and her maker remains elusive.

first blew in on the East Wind in the P. L. (Pamela Lyndon) Travers classic, a steady stream of seekers have searched for the origins of 17 Cherry Tree Lane, home to the Banks family where "the houses run down one side and the Park runs down the other and the cherry-trees go dancing right down the middle"

It's proved an elusive hunt, made more so by the author's predilection for mischief, the changing of dates, places and names, beginning with her own. P. L. Travers came into the world as Helen Lyndon Goff and I've gone looking for her. But I'm not in the leafy London suburb of Chelsea, where she spent the last 30 of her 96 years living behind a Poppinesque candypink front door. I'm surprisingly much closer to home. I'm standing beside a grave in a small cemetery on the Darling Downs about 160km south-west of Brisbane, pushing aside the nutgrass guarding a long-forgotten tombstone:

"In Most Loving Memory
Travers Robert Goff, Beloved Husband of Margaret
Died February 8, 1907, Aged 43"

He has lain here in the small Queensland town of Allora for more than 100 years in this bleak sigh of a graveyard, the last resting place of Travers Goff - P. L. Travers's father. It's probably much more to do with a lack of funds than sentiment, that his three small daughters, Helen, Barbara and Moya, are not mentioned on the inscription. Because, much like the fictional father George Banks in the illustrated Poppins stories, Travers Goff was the centre of his household. He was by turns a loving and distant man whose life and death - when she was seven years old - impacted on P. L. Travers so deeply that she took his first name as her last as an adult. It was also Travers

#### Looking Back...

Allora's Past 75 years ago November 1936

#### Historic Hotel Demolished

One of the Allora district's oldest hotels, the Railway Hotel at Hendon, along with its solid cedar bar, was demolished recently. The hotel was built in 1869 for Francis Kates to cater for the prodigious thirsts of the navvies building the railway line from Toowoomba to Warwick. The first licensee was Ewan McMillan. In 1871 the licensee was Daniel Neylan and on his death in 1882, the license and the freehold of the hotel were transferred to his wife Sarah Elizabeth Neylan. The hotel was for many years a focal point in the Allora district with the annual Easter Monday Sports attracting large crowds. Following the death of Mrs. Neylan, the hotel was auctioned in May 1934, the purchaser being Mr. Arthur Masters. The run-down state of the building and the failure of the owner to carry out improvements saw the Licensing Court refuse to renew the license in August 1934. Some of materials from the demolished building were used to construct the club house of the nearby Sunshine Golf Club.



Railway Hotel, Hendon, Mrs. S. E. Neylan licensee, on the right. In 1934 the hall at the rear of the hotel was shifted to Mt. Marshall where it still stands.

#### Allora's Past 100 years ago November 1911

## Commonwealth Rifle Team

Mr. Tom Maher jnr., one of our most prominent riflemen, was one of those picked for the Commonwealth rifle team which goes to Perth (W. A.) this month to take part in a big shooting fixture at that place. Unfortunately Mr. Maher was unable to take the trip, the loss of time involved being the obstacle. We are sorry to hear that he is unable to join the team as he might have been trusted to give a good account of himself.

#### Obituary

News has come to hand of the death of Mr. Joseph Gillam, carpenter and builder of Maryborough, once a resident of this district. The late Mr. Gillam, who was aged 56 years only, died at his home in Maryborough after a severe illness of some five weeks duration, leaving a widow and grown-up family to mourn their loss. He was a brother of Mrs. E. Cowley and Mrs. O'Connor of Allora, Mr. W. G. Gillam (Clifton), Mr. C. Y. Gillam (Spring Creek) and Mr. A. Gillam (Warwick)

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Goff who taught his eldest daughter that the most magical things of all come from the sky.

"Mary Poppins was made of the stars, she came from the stars and when she left, she went back to the stars, that's probably the one thing we do know about her." - from a Qweekend interview with Valerie Lawson, author of Mary Poppins, She Wrote, The Life of P.L Travers, published 1999.

## The curious case of the parrot's head umbrella

It begins, appropriately enough, in the sort of weather Mary Poppins might blow in on. I'm sitting in the parlour of 61 Herbert Street, Allora, on the Darling Downs, fire crackling in the grate, rain drumming on the tin roof, enjoying some excellent cheese scones.

I'm taking tea with the owners of the house, Les and Loraine Struthers, *Qweekend* photographer Russell Shakespeare, and Olive Shooter, former president of the Allora Historical Society. Olive is helping research my story on author P. L. Travers, and has brought some old newspaper clippings - and the cheese scones - with her. With the storm gathering outside, I read a passage from the Valerte Lawson biography of Travers that suggests a family maid who once lived in this very house owned the famous Mary Poppins parrot-headed umbrella of the Travers tales.

"Apparently she [the maid] used to wrap it in tissue paper when she came home from her day off," I offer, adding that it sounds "a bit far-fetched" to me. As the rain beats down harder. Olive replies: "Oh no, dear, my friend Irene Sparksman said she had that umbrella."

I nearly choke on one of Olive's excellent cheese scones; and Loraine manages a "goodness me". I splutter: "Do you have any idea where it might be now?"

"Well," Olive says, "Irene died a couple of years ago, but her daughter-in-law, Avelyn, works just across the road at the Credit Union - she'll know where it is."

So the Curious Case of the Parrot's Head Umbrella begins. While Avelyn can't tell me where the brolly is now, she can tell me where to start looking for it. She gives me the phone number of one of Irene Sparksman's children - Christine Eaton - who now lives in Brisbane. After talking to Christine, 51,I have established the following facts:

- 1. Irene and Edward Sparksman came to Allora in 1927.
- They had six children Stuart, Andrew, Lesley, Heather, David and Christine.
- 3. The children all remember their mother's brolly, which she often referred to as her "Mary Poppins umbrella".
- It may or may not have had a parrot's head, which may or may not have been broken off at some point.
- None of them has any idea where she got it, or where it is now.

Armed with this information, I speak to each of Irene's children and discover she left Allora for Noosaville in 1974, moving into





#### **EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST**

#### Southern Downs Regional Council Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF) Committee

Expressions of interest are invited from community members who wish to nominate for the Southern Downs RADF Committee.

The RADF scheme is a joint Queensland Government and Southern Downs Regional Council partnership to support local arts and culture. It provides grant funding to eligible arts and cultural activities. The current RADF committee includes 3 community representatives from the northern end of the regional council and 3 from the southern end.

Expressions of interest are called for 1 member from the southern end of the region and 1 member from the northern side, to replace outgoing members.

Interested persons who wish to nominate for the committee are requested to obtain an information pack from the Council Offices, Library or Art Gallery in Stanthorpe or by visiting www. southerndowns.qld.gov.au and viewing information contained with the RADF link on the home page. Applications close on 25 November 2011 at 5pm.

Further information can be obtained from Sue Organ, RADF Liaison Officer by telephone 4681 5524.

Rod Ferguson
Chief Executive Officer

a nursing home in Tewantin in her late eighties, where she passed away, aged 93, in 2009.

Heather, 43, who lives in Hervey Bay, says Irene tried to give her the umbrella when she moved into the nursing home. "I didn't want it," she said. "It was a funny-looking thing. It had this sort of sculpted piece of wood at the bottom ... was it a parrot? It could have been."

Irene's son David, 55, who still lives in Allora, is positive it was. "Mum's umbrella? Yeah, I remember it. It was purple, I think. It had a wooden handle, carved like a parrot, but I think that got broken."

I take everything down in my notebook, crossing off the suspects' - I mean children's - names, after I speak to each of them. But it is clear this is a mystery I am not going to solve.

Then, late one night, my phone rings. It is Christine with the news she has found a photo of her mother with the mystery umbrella. Would I like to see it?

Would I? Would I like to be the journalist who discovers the long-lost, original Mary Poppins umbrella? Would I like to be honoured at the National Library of Australia for my contribution to literary history? "Yes please," I say politely. But when I receive the photo of a smiling Irene Sparksman holding a purple, lacy parasol, it's too blurry to tell if there's a parrot's head at the bottom or not. Which is, I suspect, just how the intensely private, mischievous and maddening P, L. Travers would have liked it

Frances Whiting

The live theatre production *Mary Poppins* previews in Brisbane at the Lyric Theatre, QPAC, South Bank, on December 30. Opening night is January 5, 2012. Tickets available at www.marypoppinsthemusical.com.au, in person at QPAC, at any QTix outlet, or ph 136 246.

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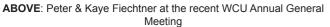
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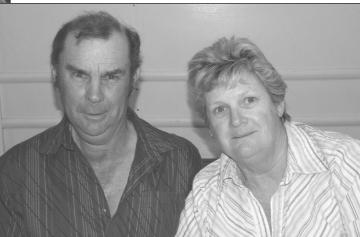


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Mon	Breakfast Show: Michael Parris	Lite & Easy Morning Music: Don Maher	Evergreen Golden Hits with Katherine Barnes	From the 50's through the 70's with Andy Wilson	Youth Presentation	Monday Country with Don Maher/Jeff Beier	Late Night Country with Les Meiklejohn
Tue	Breakfast Show with Debbie Andersen	9am - 12md Easy Listening: Interviews, John Elliott	12md -3pm Easy Listening Lunchbox with Russell Neucomb			8pm - 12mn Tuesday Night Country	12mn - 6am CBAA Satellite Programs
Wed	Breakfast Show/Pat	9am - 12md Easy Listening 70's to 90's: Danny Collins & Don Maher	12md - 4pm Early afternoon Mix 50's to 70's: Keith Tootell	70',80's,90's with Kris Moulder	6pm - 8pm Top 20 Pop Hits of the week with Tor Moulder/Emma Costello		12mn - 6am CBAA Satellite Programs
Thu	Breakfast Show Pat Elliott	9am - 10am A little more brekky with Pat E 10am to 1pm/Music from other countries&with Julie	1pm-4pm Musical Memories with Keith Tootell		6pm - 8pm Great Music of the 80's with Peter Hardwick	8pm - 12mn Jazz/Swing/Blues: Arthur Denton/	12mn - 6am CBAA Satellite Programs
Fri		9am - 12md - Andy again - some of your favourite hits with Andy Wilson		4pm - 7pm Youth Music: Kris Moulder/Sue Keong	7pm -11pm Rock & Roll: Bob Loxley/David Ure	11pm - 6am CBAA Satellite Programs	
Sat	Breakfast Show: John Moulder			& Peter Hardwick	6pm - 9pm Saturday Night Country: (Old/Modern/Crossover) Don Maher/Pauline Pickering/Mary	9pm - 12mn Continuation of Country Music: Don Maher	12mn - 6am 4SDB's Great Music Mix
Sun	Breakfast Show: Russell Neucomb	9am - 1pm Australian Country Music/Bush Ballads & Verse/Aussie Top 20 Albums	1pm - 4pm Those were the days: Arthur Denton		6pm - 7pm Religious Hour with Ann & Carol	7pm -10pm Sunday Night Country	12mn -6am CBAA Satellite Programs

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This multi-award winning entertainer has three times been voted by his peers Queensland Variety Entertainer and Children's Speciality Act of the Year before being inducted into the Queensland Entertainer of the Year Hall of Fame. David was also winner of the Mobil Quest Singing Competition and the prestigious Australian BP Quiet Achiever of the Year Award for community involvement in the performing arts.

David was appointed Entertainment Producer for the

Piazza Venue at World Expo 88 and was responsible for the production of over 1,842 national and international acts for world-renowned special events director Ric Birch. This led to the formation of his own successful marionette company producing Australia's largest touring marionette theatre productions of such classics as "Winnie the Pooh", "Cinderella", "Aladdin's Lamp", "Hansel and Gretel" and an original work "Bunda's Magic Coins".

His unique Solo Marionette Variety Act has performed worldwide at major theatres, festivals corporate shows, casinos and special events to critical acclaim.

Gifted with a powerful tenor singing voice, David's vocal training at the Qld Conservatorium of Music under world-renowned Opera Tenor Sir Donald Smith OBE resulted in the winning of numerous singing competitions and performances with Opera Qld. This eventually led to the combination of both talents: singing and puppetry.

David is the only Australian puppeteer to produce and program the computer audio animatronics variety production for Dreamworld and the Hyperdome. He regularly makes guest appearances for the Queensland Performing Arts Centre (QPAC) "Out of the Box" children's festival, Singapore and New Zealand Festivals , Qld Pops Orchestra "Night of Stars" and Lunch time Cabaret for Energex Brisbane Festival . David toured nationally for the 'World Festival of Magic" and performed at a Royal Command Performance in the presence of the Duke and Duchess of Kent.

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#### **Southern Downs Protection Group**

The next meeting of the Southern Downs Protection Group will be held at the Warwick Library on Wednesday, November 9, commencing at 7.00pm. With approximately 70% of the local authority area covered by applications and granted exploration permits, this group is concerned about the potential impacts mining projects would have on our communities and our existing industries, in particular agriculture and tourism. Projects in this region include open-cut mining for coal, gold, silver and tin, underground coal gasification and coal seam gas extraction. All landowners and residents are welcome to attend. For more information, please contact the group via email at sdpg@live.com.au

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The workshops will focus on composting and worm farming (including a worm farm set-up demonstration).

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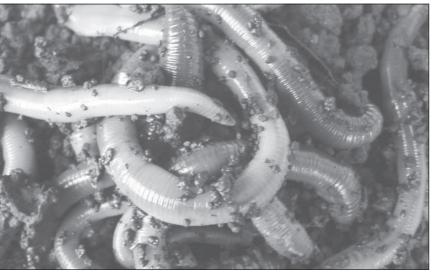
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Morning tea will be provided on both days and there will also be a compost bin or worm farm giveaway to one lucky participant.

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## Allora Golf Notes 30-10-11

Last Sunday we had a number of teams play in the President and

Captains day. The 2 ball ambrose event was taken out with a score of 56 by Noel Wallace and Kev Harrison. Runners up were Phil Watt and Max Bielefeld with 59.25

Approach shots went to: 1st: Noel Wallace & Kev Harrison, 10th: Kev Harrison & Noel Wallace, 3rd: Adam Cummin and Mat Hagenbach, 12th: Lindsay May & Anthony Bowe, 9th: Ben Duff & Adam May, 18th: Aarron & Garth Simpson.

The winner of the longest drive on the 5th and 14th combined was Kev Harrison. Congratulations and well done to the winners and all players. A big thank you to Jan and Nadine for providing the snacks after the days play.

Next weeks competition is the Monthly Mug with hit off at 12 Noon. In addition to the mug we will be holding the first round of match play, with the first round to be completed by Wednesday 16th November.

Match play Round 1 Draw: Lindsay V Max; Noel V Neil; Rod V Aarron; Bill V Anthony; Garth V Phil; Jack V Adam. C; Kel V Jim; Adam. M V Kev.

The duck run was again played and won with the winner being Ben Murphy and the runner up Jack Fulwood.

Get your teams organised for the Dalrymple seat as they are filling fast. 3 ball ambrose and night bowls on Saturday 12th November.

All players are welcome to attend but don't forget your sand buckets and remember - to play is to live.



## Allora Fired Up For Home Turf Win

Cricket returns to Allora this Saturday when the local Allora Foodworks Eleven take on

"Diggers" at Allora Oval. The Warwick Cricket Association "Commonwealth Bank Cup" season has been stop start to say the least for Cameron Masters' Allora line up, the team only taking to the field once in the initial three premiership rounds.

After a seven wicket defeat against Wheatvale, who appear to be emerging early premiership favourites, Allora's second Round match against Inglewood at Inglewood was rained out. The locals were geared up to take on Killarney on October 22nd on home turf, only to have the Killarney side forfeit.

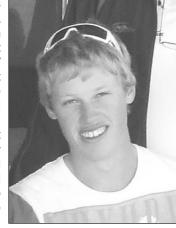
The forfeit saw the struggling Killarney cricket side withdraw from the 2011/12 WCA

competition, a disappointing result to have lost a club, and so early in the season. The withdrawal has resulted in a bye round



Aaron Vietheer

added to the premiership, in place of what would have been Killarney team fixtures. This Saturdays encounter at Allora Oval provides an opportunity for the locals to score a first season win. "Diggers" are also winless at this stage after a first round 41 run loss to "Colts", and a hefty 96 run loss to Wheatvale in their last start. While they only scored 83 runs off the bat to Wheatvale's 6 for 179, they are more than capable of amassing a match winning total, finishing for 4 for 215 in their loss to Colts.



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Evidence of this is the selection of three of the club's young guns in the Warwick

Cricket Association
Davis Shield
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Brodie Frizzell

Warwick on Sunday. Kris McLennan, Brodie Frizzell & wicket keeper Aaron Vietheer will take the field in Warwick colours, a senior representative cricket debut for all but Vietheer who made an impressive sole representative appearance for Warwick last season. Accomplished Allora all rounder Adam May has been named in the Mitchell Shield side to take on Lockyer, at Slade Park in Warwick, also on Sunday.

The Allora side to play Diggers at Allora Oval commencing at 12.30 pm on Saturday is Cameron Masters (c), Adam May, Aaron Vietheer, Lauchlan Hoey, Kris McLennon, Mitchell McLennan, Andrew Petersen, Brodie Frizzell, Nick Morris, Scott Sparksman & Luke Murdoch. All players are required at Allora

Oval by 12.15 pm Saturday, any inquiries contact Glyn Rees on 0417 765 801.

Results of Allora Cricket Club Inc. raffles held last Saturday

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