



Allora community representatives Glyn Rees, Wendy Ardrey, Ted Cowley and Shirley Cornhill with Mayor Ron Bellingham.

## Allora commended for flood effort

The "Best Little Town on the Downs" has been recognised by Ergon Energy's Tidy Towns Awards for the way its community worked together during recovery from this year's devastating floods.

Mayor Ron Bellingham, who was at the Tidy Towns Awards ceremony last month, presented the community of Allora with a Tidy Towns Certificate of Recognition last week.

Cr Bellingham said that he was "up and down" all night at the Awards Ceremony, with Allora receiving a special mention in all but one of the Tidy Towns categories.

"This town has really shown heart and the Tidy Town judges certainly recognised that on the night," he said.

Allora Show Society president Shirley Cornhill summed up the Allora community's feelings about the recognition in her typically succinct fashion.

"We're stoked!" Mrs Cornhill said as she accepted the certificate along with Ted Cowley, Wendy Ardrey and Glyn Rees on behalf of the community.

"This is a credit to the whole community and also all those people from outside Allora who came and helped us."

Tales were told of how word spread through facebook on the day of the floods, that people with kids were trapped in town, and locals descended on the community hall with mattresses, blankets, food and other necessities without so much as blinking an eye.

Similar selflessness was shown with people jumping in to repair the damaged Show Society fencing which was repaired within a week.

"People from Allora and also all over came to help," Mrs Cornhill said.



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## Council targets business investment: New Southern Downs' investment prospectus available

Southern Downs Mayor Ron Bellingham has launched Council's new business investment prospectus saying Council is "deeply committed" to attracting business investment to the region.

The new investment prospectus "Business and life is easy on the Southern Downs" was developed by Council's Economic Development Unit (EDU) and is now available in hard copy and on the web.

"This is fantastic document that clearly outlines the benefits of locating business in the region," said Mayor Ron Bellingham. "Not only are we on a central transport hub, our lower cost of doing business, enviable lifestyle and stable workforce make the area very attractive for relocation or expansion of business," Cr Bellingham said.

"Our goal with this prospectus is to tell investors that it is easy to do business in the Southern Downs!" he said.

The prospectus will be used to promote the Southern Downs region to high level external investors as a prime destination for business investment.

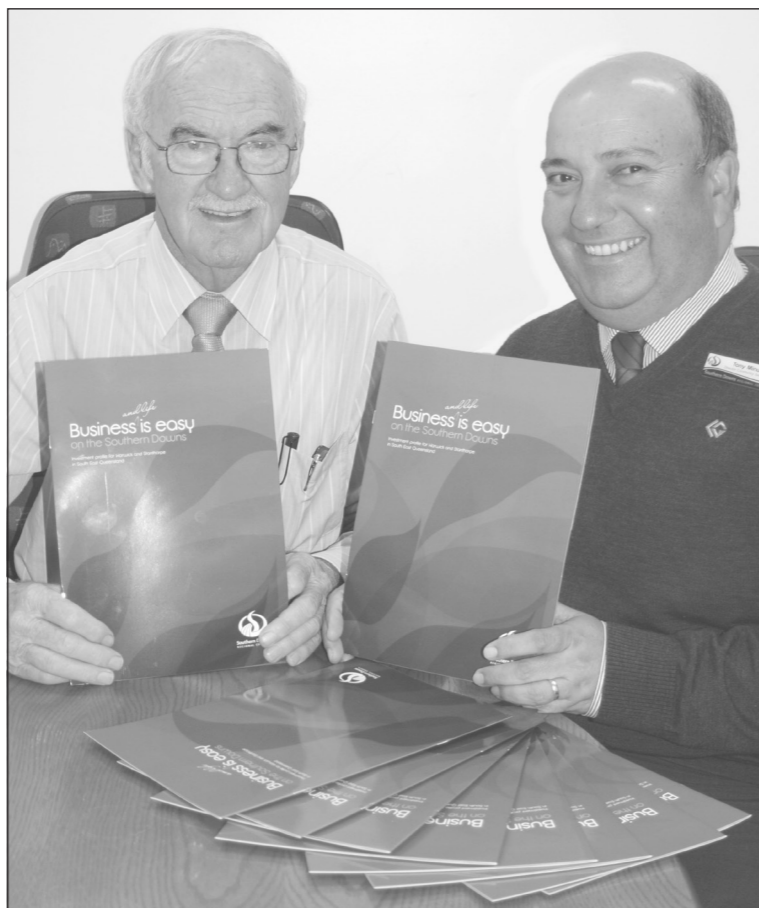
The document will become Council's key item of marketing collateral for investment attraction into the Southern Downs.

In moving with the times, the new 12 page prospectus is available in traditional hard copy as well as an online interactive version utilising flash page flip technology.

Community Services Director Tony Minuti said the online version is a new development not seen in regional Councils.

"It offers a cost effective and modern means to access potential investment markets both domestically and internationally, ensuring we get maximum reach without high printing or distribution costs," Mr Minuti said.

"We have also included the capability to add additional industry specific information to customise the prospectus dependent on



Mayor Ron Bellingham and Community Services Director Tony Minuti inspect the new prospectus.

the investment enquiry."

The prospectus will be distributed to core markets and potential investors by traditional distribution methods as well as via online marketing.

You can view the prospectus by visiting [www.southerndowns.qld.gov.au](http://www.southerndowns.qld.gov.au) and clicking on the Quicklink on the home page; clicking on the Economic Development pages; or by contacting the EDU on 07 4681 5527.



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## Date announced for Carols in the Park

As diaries and calendars start to fill in the lead up to Christmas, Warwick Tourism & Events Chief Executive Officer Tracy Vellacott is reminding residents to set aside Sunday December 18 for Warwick's Carols in the Park.

Mrs Vellacott said it seems incredible at the beginning of November to be thinking and talking about Christmas activities and the start of the festive season.

"Last weekend I was jolted into action by the sight of the Myer Brisbane Christmas Parade winding its way through city streets, heralding the unveiling of Myer's Christmas windows and the arrival of Santa in store," Mrs Vellacott said.

"While we may not go to the lengths that Myer do to ring in the festive season, our own Carols in the Park is a beautiful and relaxed family night where we can celebrate Christmas and the blessing of living in a great community."

After the event was rained out last year, organisers are keen for clear skies in 2011. A two and a half hour program of traditional and contemporary Carols will be presented by crowd favourites, guest artists and up-and-coming performers, with pre-stage entertainment to kick off at 5.30pm.

For more information on Carols in the Park or to register

## Letter to the Editor...

Dear Sir,

Seeing establishment is pulling out all the stops to kill as many of us as possible, and our only hope is God's protection, I feel we should remove all traces of heathenism from our lives and homes, let alone import yankee clap trap like Halloween. Some of their dirty tricks are radiation poisoning and vaccination etc. Please lets therefore give the xmas tree the go by this year. This was originally to honour Nimrod, the first idolator on whom Santa Claus is modelled. He was regarded as a good ole boy (ho ho ho) and a great hunter (reindeer) and the tree's erect evergreen-ness mirrored his horniness. He impregnated his own mother Queen Semiramis and the baubles, his testicles.

Ken Hood



Santa ringing in the merriment at Warwick's Carols in the Park.

sponsor interest, contact organiser Tracy Vellacott on 4661 9073.

## BAD JOKE OF THE WEEK

A man is sitting at the table, reading the paper after breakfast. He comes across an article about a beautiful actress who was about to marry a football player who was known primarily for his lack of IQ and common knowledge.

He turns to his wife Marlene with a look of question on his face. "I'll never understand why the biggest jerks always get the most attractive wives."

Marlene replied, "Why thank you, dear!"

## Have you had your say? We have!

A Community Advisory Group has been having their say on your behalf in the development of the Southern Downs Community Plan 2030. The Community Advisory Group is made up of community representatives from across the shire who have been working in partnership with the Southern Downs Regional Council to ensure the Community Plan best reflects the views of our communities.

Genuine community input is a hallmark of the Community Plan 2030. Many residents and visitors contributed their ideas, hopes and goals for 2030 through various avenues including workshops and postcards.

Now we'd love you to have your say again. All of your contributions have been collated into a draft form of the Southern Downs Community Plan 2030. Everyone with an interest in the future of the Southern Downs region is invited to read the draft and to add their thoughts or opinions.

The Southern Downs Community Plan 2030 lays down visions and goals for the Southern Downs Regional Council district. The vision is for this plan to guide funding, planning and development decisions for government, private sector organisations, and individuals. Through this plan we all have an opportunity to influence the decisions made regarding the lifestyle, health, education, tourism, business, environment, transport and governance of our Shire.

There's not much time however. **Your last chance to have your say closes on Friday 11 November 2011.**

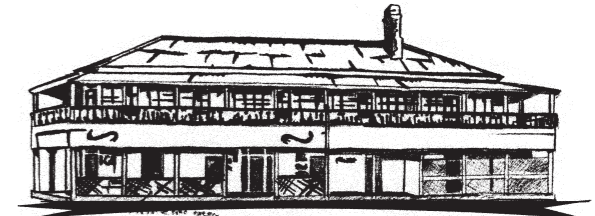
So whether you've been living here all your life, or have just recently arrived, your Community Advisory Group urges you to view the draft and have your say at [www.sd2030.com.au](http://www.sd2030.com.au), to view the draft at Warwick or Stanthorpe libraries, or to phone the Council for a copy - Warwick 4661 0300 or Stanthorpe 4681 5500.

Also on the website, are entries into the Simply Irresistible Creative Arts competition. Vote for your favourite! The winning art works will be incorporated into the final design of our Community Plan 2030.

## Diabetes fast facts

- Every day, 60 more Queenslanders are diagnosed with type 2 diabetes.
- Over 300,000 Queenslanders have been diagnosed with diabetes and another 300,000 may have diabetes and don't know it.
- At least one in 10 adults over 25 years have diabetes.
- Diabetes is the fastest-growing chronic disease in the world.
- The cost of diabetes in Queensland was about \$6.9 billion in 2008.
- Australia has one of the world's highest rates of type 1 diabetes.
- Diabetes is the sixth-leading cause of death in Australia.
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## Looking Back...

Allora's Past 25 years ago October 1986

### Feedlot By-laws Adopted

Following extensive investigations into regulations governing air pollution, distances from population areas and cleanliness requirements, Allora Shire Council adopted its new feedlot by-laws at its monthly meeting. The by-laws prevent the building of a feedlot on properties under 100 hectares in area, a feedlot being defined as any land, building or other structure intended for keeping of more than 20 head of livestock in pens with less than 40 square metres per beast and fed with prepared feed rather than grazing. The maximum feedlot size of 30,000 head must be 14 kilometres from the town boundary, reducing to 2 kilometres for a 200 head operation.

The Shire Chairman, Cr. J. Deacon, said that he had no hesitation in recommending the new by-laws to the meeting. The new laws were put into effect following the application to build a 300 head feedlot at Deuchar. The application was rejected because the property area of 88 hectares was under the 100 hectare requirement.

Allora's Past 75 years ago November 1936

### Wheat Harvest

The delivery of this year's wheat crop in the Allora district is nearly completed. The Allora shed has received 30,981 bags and 2,000 to 3,000 more are expected. The quantity will be in excess of last year's total. Berat finished receivals with a total of 9,330 bags. Ellinthorpe closed down today, the total being between 11,000 and 12,000 bags. The board's officers are now receiving at Goomburra. Almost all of the crop is milling grade.

Allora's Past 100 years ago November 1911

### That Telephone

As we anticipated would be the case, the trust we reposed in Alderman Muir in nominating him to propose the installation of a telephone in the Town Hall was fully justified. At Monday's meeting of the Council, Alderman Muir duly moved that the necessary steps be taken to have the Allora Town Hall connected to the local telephone exchange. The motion was seconded by Alderman Dean and carried without dissent.

### New Goomburra Church

The new church of St. John the Evangelist at Goomburra was formally opened on Thursday afternoon last by the Venerable Archdeacon Rivers, who acted for His Grace the Archbishop. The ceremony commenced at 3 p.m. and notwithstanding the intense heat the church was well filled. Subsequently, afternoon tea was supplied in the hall by the ladies of Goomburra and was greatly appreciated. Archdeacon Rivers congratulated the congregation on the completion of the church.

It may also be mentioned that the altar was made and presented to the church by the contractor, Mr. H. Weber, whose work has been creditably done throughout.

Colin Newport

## There's Something About Mary

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

Story by Frances Whiting

*This is the 2nd 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*

### The Stars Hang Low Over Allora

The absence of city lights means they unfurl across the sky like carnival lanterns. It's a disarmingly pretty town, untouched, for the most part, by progress - "the best little town on the Downs", the locals call it. If you walk down its charming main street, past the cafe, the chemist, two hairdressers, butcher, real estate agency and its three pubs - the Railway, the Blue Cow, the Commercial - you come to a white picket fence, set out like a row of perfectly straight teeth. Behind it is a blue and white Victorian home, dotted with five chimneys. Although there is no commemorative plaque to mark it, it is easy to find. Because if you want to find 61 Herbert Street, Allora, all you have to do is ask the locals for directions to "the Mary Poppins house".

The people of Maryborough may not like to hear it, because P. L. Travers was born there on August 9, 1899, and the town understandably also lays claim to her. But Valerie Lawson, the author of the definitive Travers biography, *Mary Poppins, She Wrote*, calls P. L. Travers's time in Allora "the most critical of her early life".

Lawson, who lives in Sydney and who researched her book on Travers for five years, tells Qweekend: "Allora had left its mark on her, because it was where she lost her father, and where her imagination really took flight."

Step inside the picture-perfect, pretty blue and white house, and she's everywhere.

*"It's true that the doors here open and close by themselves all the time. If it is a ghost, and the locals seem to think it is, I'd say it feels masculine, and I think it is somehow related to the father."*

*"It's not frightening at all, it's a friendly sort of ghost, I'd say, just wanting some company." - Les Struthers, architect, and current owner of 61 Herbert St, Allora, October 2011*

### There Are Secrets In This House.

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entry through a vestibule that still fronts Herbert St. Struthers and his wife Loraine have spent the past four years travelling each weekend from their home on Bribe Island to Allora to restore the former bank premises and manager's residence to their Victorian splendour. "I originally bought the house, which was built in 1881, because it excited me architecturally, not so much because of the P. L. Travers connection," Struthers says. "But it's a funny thing; the longer I'm here, the more responsible I feel to telling the story between these walls and the pages of Poppins." It's clear the Strutherses have done a remarkable job. As we enter the bank's chamber from the long central hallway of the residence, the door obligingly opens and closes behind us. The vault remains as it was in 1905, when Travers Goff arrived as manager, its deep, cool interior guarding the good folk of Allora's money and papers, just as Goff is guarding a secret of his own - the merest hint of alcohol on his breath as he bids them good morning.

Here in the residence - with its soaring 4m-high ceilings and fires crackling in the bedrooms, sending ashes dancing up the chimneys - it's easy to imagine a young P. L. Travers. There she is, feet tucked under her, reading her books from the family's library by the fire - Beatrix Potter, the Brothers Grimm, Alice disappearing into Wonderland. You can picture her lying on the cool, green grass in the back yard, hands clasped and stargazing with her father, as he points out Venus, Orion and the seven sisters of Pleiades.

It is harder, however, to imagine how she felt when she woke up one morning to her mother saying, "Daddy has gone to God".

Travers Goff had caught pneumonia while out horseriding in the rain. Three days later he was dead. Allora's unfortunately named Dr Francis Pain announced the official cause of death as "epileptic seizure delirium", but Lawson says Goff's eldest daughter always believed it was alcohol that claimed him.

"Travers had been demoted to Allora because of his drinking," Lawson explains. "It grew worse there, and in late January of 1907 he believed he was about to be demoted again because of it. As an adult, Pamela believed he just couldn't face that,



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and in the end he allowed the pneumonia - and the alcohol - to kill him."

But whatever the cause of his death, its effect was immediate. Travers Goff would be buried the day after his death. The local *Allora Guardian* newspaper would carry an advertisement selling the contents of the family home on the same day it published his funeral notice.

The day after the funeral, a great aunt - Helen Morehead, known as Aunt Ellie - would sweep into Allora to collect the family and take them back to her home in Bowral, NSW. She, too, will prove part of the blueprint for Poppins, a no-nonsense but loving disciplinarian who P. L. Travers once said "stalked with her silent feet" throughout the pages of her books.

Helen Lyndon Goff will grow into a teenager there, eventually heading for Sydney and a career as an actress and writer. She will move to London in 1924, and ten years later publish the first of the six illustrated *Mary Poppins* novels, spanning 54 years. In between, she will embark on a lifelong spiritual journey and see her story of a magical, formidable nanny who arrives by parrot-headed umbrella become a publishing phenomenon, a movie, and the first tentative notes of a blockbuster musical.

She will never return to Australia, and rarely mention her roots there, preferring to tease interviewers trying to find out where she - and Mary - came from. She will spin romantic stories around her father - on her death, London's *Guardian* newspaper will claim her as the grand-daughter of "the Premier of Queensland" in its obituary.

Travers Goff will remain where he is today, under Allora's stars, still, they say, opening and closing the doors of his former home behind him.

*"Dear Miss Lawson, I don't like personal publicity, but I'm willing to talk about my work any way you like." - P. L. Travers in a letter to Valerie Lawson, 1994*

*"First of all I would like to make one thing quite clear ... I never explain anything." - Julie Andrews as Mary Poppins in the film Mary Poppins, 1964*

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](http://www.marypoppinsthemusical.com.au), in person at QPAC, at any QTix outlet, or phone 13 62 46.

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# ALLORA STATE SCHOOL 100 YEARS CELEBRATIONS

## 2011 REUNION

*A full report on the Allora State School 100 Year Celebrations will appear in next week's edition*

**RIGHT:** Daphne Dickinson, Les & Beryl Gwynne, George Dickinson & Glenn Hentschel were among the many former and current students and staff who returned for the Allora State School's "100 Years on Warwick Street Reunion" on Saturday.

**BELOW:** Lee Harrison and Melissa Gartery take a well earned break in the softdrink stall at Saturdays Allora State School "100 Years on Warwick Street" Reunion.



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### Cunningham's Gap - Cunningham Highway Reconstruction Progress Update

The reconstruction at Cunningham's Gap is tracking well, with work expected to finish throughout November and December 2011 at the six sites currently underway. Four of the eleven pavement reconstruction sites are now complete and design is nearly complete for the remaining site at Clayton's Gully where the department is planning to realign the road. At least \$40 million has been committed to reconstructing the Gap. Slope stabilisation - Work to clean the rock face above the highway has been ongoing since late last year. Work is being carried out on the slopes near the top of the Gap throughout the coming month.

Asphalt resurfacing - In addition to the eleven sites and slope stabilisation work, asphalt resurfacing will start soon and will continue until late 2011, between Six Penny Gully and the top of the Gap.

Traffic conditions -

- Stop/go traffic control is in place at a number of locations at Cunningham's Gap, including 24 hours a day from the top of the Gap to Fig Tree Gully. Traffic control will also be in place for the resurfacing work.
- While all efforts are made to minimise disruptions, motorists may experience delays when travelling through the Gap. The department appreciates your patience while these essential works are carried out.
- Restrictions are in place on vehicles over 3.5 m wide and/or over 26 m long between the helipad and the Gap. These vehicles are encouraged to take alternate routes.

Call 13 19 40 for updates.



**ABOVE:** Recalling their "Old School days" at the Allora State School "100 Years on Warwick Street" reunion on Saturday were Gary Gilmore, Rob Fisher, Graham Whittaker and Lindsay May.



**ABOVE:** Allora State School's newest enrollment Lewis May and Mrs Marian Palmer, the oldest former student cut the celebratory cake at Saturday's "100 Years on Warwick Street Reunion".

**LEFT:** Judy Acaon, Jan Hoey, Betty Wiles, Lola Battaglone and Mavis Petersen recalled past school days at Saturday's Allora State School "100 Years on Warwick Street" reunion.



**Volunteers, training partners and emergency services: the "Web" of volunteering for the future.** BACK ROW: Jeff Bennett, Anita Egginton(Red Cross); Craig Berry (QPS) ; Neil Sims(SES); Alan Beaver(Rural Fire Brigade); Mark Marshall; Roy Fox; Michelle Richters; MIDDLE ROW: Pam Burley(CDO) David Phillips; Christel Hetherington; Janet Hobbs; Carol Lingard; Anne Forkan; Clare VonStieglitz; Bette Bonney(facilitator) FRONT ROW: Allison Bennett; Cee Utz; Christine Stammers; Margaret Lawton, John Forkan

## Southern Downs' volunteers trained for disasters

Mayor Ron Bellingham recently presented certificates to volunteers who completed the inaugural Warwick Disaster/Emergency Response Training for volunteers earlier this year. The Mayor expressed strong support and appreciation for the "volunteer army" which came forward after the January floods. He congratulated those present as well as those who could not attend on the day for their important contribution to our community.

"This is an opportunity to thank the participants for 'putting their

hands up' as pioneers to receive this first specialised general volunteer response training in the region," Cr Bellingham said. "We are also thanking them for considering potential supportive roles with emergency services throughout the Southern Downs Region."

Established through a partnership between Australian Red Cross and Southern Downs Regional Council (SDRC), the Volunteer training gave opportunities for participants to be skilled in Effective Volunteering, Team Work, Emergency Services Overview, and Accidental Counselling.

SDRC Volunteer Coordinator Bette Bonney organised and delivered most of the training, which was funded and supported by the Australian Red Cross.

One training session involved major emergency service providers briefing the volunteers on what they do, and resulted in a potential "web" of volunteers being organised to provide support in important "back-up" roles across the region.

For example, a first "orientation day" with Salvation Army Emergency Services (catering) has already taken place with 10 participants now being available to support the catering team as they serve other emergency services and the community. The group had practice run at the Day for Daniel BBQ outside Warwick Police Station last Friday, and at the Salvation Army BBQ at Warwick's Leslie Park markets on Rodeo weekend.

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## Warwick VIC a finalist in tourism awards

Staff and volunteers at the Warwick Visitor Information Centre are toasting their success in being named a finalist in the Queensland Tourism Awards 'Visitor Information and Services' category on Friday evening at the Brisbane Convention Centre. The award was taken out by the Ipswich Visitor Information Centre.

Warwick Tourism and Events Chief Executive Officer Tracy Vellacott congratulated the staff and volunteers of the Warwick Visitor Information Centre on being recognised as a finalist in the prestigious awards.

"These people are very much our local tourism champions," Mrs Vellacott said.

"It has been a challenging year for them but through it all they have continued to deliver excellent visitor services."

"Their level of service and patience was truly tested earlier this year as they dealt with the deluge of visitors who were trapped in the Warwick community because of highway and road closures to the north and south, after extensive flooding of the Condamine River.

They were under duress with hundreds of enquiries in a tight time frame, stranded visitors and no room at the inn. The only option was for travellers to be housed in two emergency evacuation centres situated on either side of the Condamine River."

Mrs Vellacott said that under extreme pressure, the staff and volunteers highlighted their professionalism, along with the true spirit of the bush and extended hospitality and friendship to those in need.

"With understanding and empathy they helped to ease the plight of frustrated and weary travellers with nowhere to go and still came out smelling like one of Warwick's beautiful roses," she said.

The second challenge faced this year was the change in management of the visitor information centre with this role now resting with Warwick Tourism & Events, rather than Southern Downs & Granite Belt Tourism. According to Mrs Vellacott, all have taken this change in their stride, confident that this new arrangement will enable them to deliver better service to the Warwick community, and the many visitors it draws through its events tourism profile.

"Their dedication to the tourism industry in the Southern Downs area is genuine and I am sure colleagues, as well as their tourism industry peers, congratulate them on this fine achievement."



Staff and volunteers at the Warwick Visitor Information Centre are toasting their success as a finalist at Friday night's Queensland Tourism Awards.

## Events Calendar

2011

### November -

**Sat 26 Allora Chaplaincy Christmas Musical "A Baby Changes Everything"**  
 Allora State School Hall

**Sat 26 Allora Rotary Open Swimming Carnival**  
 Allora Swimming Club

### December -

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

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**Allora Crash to Diggers**

The Allora Cricket side suffered their second defeat from two starts so far in the 2011/12 Warwick Cricket Association "Commonwealth Bank" premiership, losing by five wickets to RSL Diggers at the Allora Cricket Oval on Saturday.

Allora skipper Cameron Masters won the toss and batted first with Allora struggling in the ideal conditions making a total of 81. Diggers reached Allora's total with a loss of only five wickets, their opener L. Cullen their top scorer with 23 runs. Batting at number three, Kris McLennan top scored for Allora with a quick fire 26 before being bowled by Kevin Poole. Andrew Petersen showed metal and experience as he held up the Allora side's middle order with a vital 22 off the bat, but when he was caught by Cullen off K. Saunders, Allora were at 9 for 76 and all seemed lost.

Brett McEvoy (3 for 27) and Kevin Poole (3 for 32) were the main wicket takers for Diggers, their firepower denying the Allora eleven a confidence boosting victory.

In his first year of senior cricket, Mitchell McLennan impressed again in his second outing for Allora. Young Allora local Luke Kilah also took the field for the first time in senior cricket, and debuting for Allora, while newcomers and former Killarney players Nat Hooper and Matt Kiernan showed they will bring plenty of skill to the Allora line up after their first match for the club on Saturday.

Allora Batting: Aaron Vietheer 14, Cameron Masters 0, Kris McLennan 26, Mitchell McLennan 4, Brodie Frizzell 1, Andrew Petersen 22, Luke Kilah 0, Nick Morris 4, Scott Sparksman 2, Nat Hooper 4, Matt Kiernan Not out 0.

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Allora Cricket Club players (Back) Kris McLennan, Cameron Masters (Front) Brodie Frizzell & Aaron Vietheer, gained selection in the Warwick Cricket Association Davis Shield representative side to play Lockyer last Sunday in Warwick.



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**• PUBLIC NOTICES •**

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*Land Protection (Pest and Stock Route Management) Act  
2002* and Local Laws passed by Council under the authority of  
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- Purpose of the program** (one or more of the following)
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  - to aid monitoring/mapping the distribution and spread of  
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The whole of the local government area is selected, with  
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New faces to the Allora Cricket side in recent weeks include Mitchell McLennan, who debuted for Allora and in senior grade cricket against Wheatvale on October 8th, top scoring with 27; former Killarney players Nat Hooper and Matt Kiernan who both debuted on Saturday against RSL Diggers, along with Allora based player Like Kilah who made his Allora and senior grade debut.

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Allora bowling: Brodie Frizzell 5-1-2-35, Kris McLennan 6-1-2-17, Mitchell McLennan 3-0-1-15, Scott Sparksman 3-0-0-11, Nick Morris 1-0-1-8.

Allora take on Sovereign Hotel in Warwick on Queens Park (turf) on Saturday from 12.30 pm. All players must be at the grounds by 12.15 pm.

Allora team for Saturday Cameron Masters (c), Matt Kiernan, Aaron Vietheer, Nat Hooper, Kris McLennan, Mitchell McLennan, Andrew Petersen, Brodie Frizzell, Nick Morris, Scott Sparksman and Adam May.

Glyn Rees

## Wattles Junior Rugby League News

On Tuesday 25th October the WJRL held their AGM at the Arms Hotel Clifton and was attended by a large group of people.

Office bearers and coaches for the forthcoming 2012 season were called for and voted in on the night.

Wattles Junior's Club President, Mr Paul Morris delivered his President's report for the season, noting that 2011 has seen the club continue to grow in the number of players signing on at the club. Paul has been proud of how the players from all grades have behaved both on and off the field throughout the year, and said that the club's reputation as fair and disciplined has led to the increased membership. He is also proud of the capital improvements made to our home ground, Platz Oval, with the installation of a state-of-the-art irrigation system. This has delivered to the people of Clifton and districts the premier sports ground in the region. The Wattles club house has also seen big improvements, with the current installation of a much bigger cold room that will benefit all who use it.

With the President's report finalised, the new committee was elected. Paul Morris was elected President for 2012, this being his seventh year in the top job. He described it as a very proud moment for him. Paul's goals for our club include our code of conduct to be adhered to and that our players continue to play the game of rugby league in the spirit it was intended.

Vice Presidents elected were Ian Brady and Grant Lollback. Treasurer is Mrs Debbie Meddleton. Coaches for the 2012 season are: U8 John Meddleton, U10 Mick Ryan, U11 Ian Brady, U12 Peter Cavanagh, U13 Grant Lollback, U14 Roy

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Wattles Junior Rugby league would like to invite anyone interested to attend our meetings held at either the Arms Hotel Clifton or the Railway Hotel Allora on the 2nd Tuesday of each month.

We would also like to remind people of our annual meet and greet that will be held at the famous Leyburn Hotel on 7th January 2012 from 4.00pm.

Over the years we have been staging this event, many new players have found out what it is to be a part of the Wattles family. Our current players, coaches and parents all enjoy catching up after the festive season for a game of touch football and cricket on the pub lawn.



## Allora Golf Notes

**6-3-11**

Sunday was the Monthly Mug sponsored by the Railway Hotel. The winner on the day was Neil Chandler with a 61 Nett. Runner up was Anthony Bowe with a 64 Nett. Thanks again goes to the railway for their continued support.

Pin shots for the day went to Anthony Bowe on the 4th, Max Bielefeld the 8th and Phil Watt closest on the 17th.

It was also the commencement of our match play with some games still to be completed over the next week. The cut off date to be play the first round is the 16th of this month.

This Saturday will be the annual Dalrymple seat day hosted by the Allora hardware and Newsagency. This is guaranteed a great day to play golf and bowls with dinner provided.

Thanks goes to Kel and his band of helpers for maintaining the course to what it is at the moment. So take advantage of the course and enjoy a beautiful Spring Friday afternoon playing in the 9 hole duck run, with tee off from 3pm.

Winner of the Duck run from last Friday was Noel Wallace. Runner up was Kev Harrison.

This week will be the Jenco Feeds & Seeds monthly medal with tee off at 12.00 noon.

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