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## Allora State School Celebrates 2011

Hot on the heels of the recent highly successful Allora State School "100 Years on Warwick Street" reunion was Tuesday night's Allora State School 2011 & 48th Annual Speech night. Thirty Graduands celebrated the end of Year 10, and the beginning of the next stage of their lives. The Year 10 class of 2011, the 144th year of schooling in Allora, were Sarah Ahern, Anthony Bannister, Sacha Burrows, Caitlyn Butler, Kelsey Farley, Jordan Ferguson, Brodie Frizzell, Jim Garton, Jacinta Green, Abbey Harrison, Thomas Henry, Terry Heslin, Thomas Higgins, Luke Kilah, Brendan Lawrence, Jessica Lester, Stephen Logan, Jessica Males, Reece Mills, Tenaya Mitchell, Nicholas Morris, Brianna Perry, Brittney Potter, Jack Rubie, Brodie Sharman, Joshua Shearing, Jonah Tumata, Alisha Van Der Poel, Tyler Wakeford & Liam Wallace. They now join the growing line of those educated at Allora State School over the past almost 150 years.

Special guests on the night were guest speaker and Australian netball star Laura Geitz, a past Allora State School student, Mrs. Sue Huston who retired in July this year after a twenty year career teaching at Allora, Southern Downs Regional Councillor Mrs. Jo McNally and Captain Sebastian Aleksandrowicz.

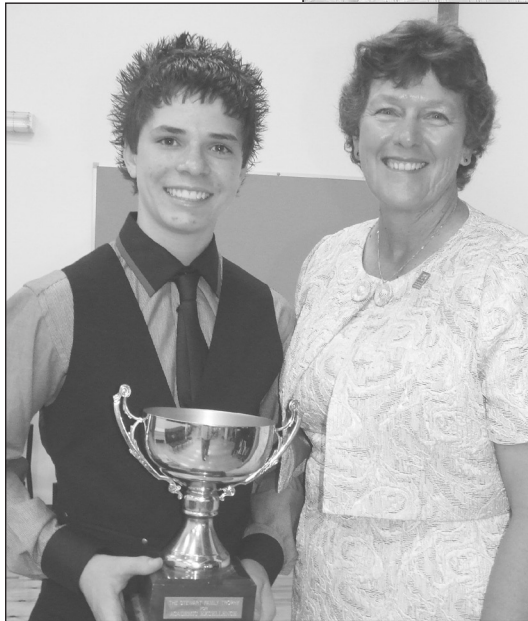
Popular Year 10 student Abbey Harrison was announced "Dux of the School" by Deputy Principal Robyn Westerman to cheers and applause, the presentation of the prestigious award by Mrs. Sue Huston, who was guest presenter for the Academic Awards. Abbey was also the recipient of the "Mayor's Medal" presented by Southern Downs Regional Councillor Jo McNally on behalf of Mayor Ron Bellingham, and the Australian Defence Force Long Tan Leadership and Teamwork Award by Captain Sebastian Aleksandrowicz from the RAEME Aircraft Maintenance School at Oakey. The Defence Force Award acknowledges a young person who has demonstrated qualities of leadership and team work in the school community.

Thomas Henry was the proud recipient of the "Academic Excellence Award" donated by Peter & June Stewart & Family, the award recognising excellent results in all subjects and runner up to School Dux. The "Pride of Achievement" award which recognises a student who is consistent and persistent in efforts to achieve was presented to Liam Wallace.

Brodie Sharman underlined his outstanding sporting ability by being named Allora State School "Sportsperson of the Year", the award presented by Laura Geitz, after a stunning effort representing Darling Downs Schools in rugby league, touch football & track & field in 2011. He also tasted success being the recipient of the "Pierre de Coubertin Award".



**ABOVE:** Beaming Year 10 student Abbey Harrison celebrates being named "Dux of the School" for 2011 with her parents Kev & Lee Harrison, at Allora State School Annual Speech Night on Tuesday at the Allora P-10 State School Hall.



**LEFT:** Thomas Henry was presented with the prestigious "Award for Academic Excellence" from former Allora State School teacher Sue Huston at Allora State School Annual Speech Night on Tuesday.

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2011 "Sportsperson of the Year" Brodie Sharman after receiving his awards from former Allora State School student Laura Geitz.

The Rotary Club of Allora organised "Lex Ellwood Bursary" is awarded to a student who has demonstrated community awareness, leadership qualities and scholastic achievement, the winner Anthony Bannister. The "Humanitarian Award" donated by the Gibson family, acknowledges a student's development of an attitude of tolerance and respect for others, so deservedly earned by Nicholas Morris.

The "Peer Trophy", donated by Barry & Ann Glass in memory of their daughter Karina, a former Allora State School student, was reward for Georgia Brown due to her qualities of participation, effort, enthusiasm & responsibility. Shaunena Duffy, Ryan Sugars-Simpson and Codie Prendergast were recipients of the "Chaplain's Award", while Brianna Perry was presented with the Bob Deacon Trophy for "Community Service" after making an outstanding contribution of service to the school and wider community.

Year 10 Academic Awards are presented to the top student in each subject area. Jessica Lester was the award winner for English and History, while Terry Heslin collected awards in Mathematics, Graphics & Business Encouragement. The Science subject award went to Thomas Henry, Food Studies to Caitlyn Butler while Jonah Tumata & Tyler Wakeford tied for the Manual Arts award. Brodie Frizzell was success in the Health & Physical Education subject award, and Abbey Harrison took out the Visual Arts award and the Paul Ashton and Associates award for Business for 2011. Anthony Bannister and Thomas Higgins tied for the Performing Arts award, while Terry Heslin, Nicholas Morris & Brittany Potter earned a Year 10 Academic Achievement Award after receiving high or very high achievement ratings in all subjects.

School Principal Mr Shaun Kanowski delivered his Report to a crowd in excess of 200, within the schools recently completed Multi-Purpose Hall. In a report bursting at the seams with school and individual performances, events, achievements and a view to the future, all present should feel confident the Allora

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State School will continue to be an outstanding educational facility, extending well into the future from this, "the Year of Reading" for the school. Many students participated in various national tests such as Australian English, Mathematics & Science competitions. Of these, Allora students achieved three distinctions & 36 credits, an outstanding effort considering a distinction is the top 10% and a credit the top 25% of student's participation in the competitions. Mr. Kanowski was very proud to announce that 94% of school enrolments were on positive behavioural levels, the school's highest percentage to date. The school has also benefited with a new library and a multi-purpose hall, finished in August this year, while refurbishment of the science laboratory was completed in September. Early in the year a second playground for Prep to Year 3 students was installed, thanks to a successful gaming commission grant. Mr. Kanowski congratulated the Graduands on completing ten years of education, extending his best wishes to all for the future.

Parents & Citizens Association President Paul Morris also presented his report on the group's activities in 2011.

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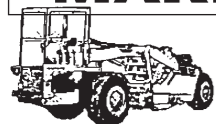
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Corn milling demonstration at Clifton Museum.

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### Homestead Aged Care Allora give Armchair Museum the thumbs up

Clifton Museum's mobility impaired visitors now have an easy view option thanks to a DVD of exhibits in difficult to access areas. The DVD was launched last Wednesday, 9 November, during the visit by 13 men and their 4 carers from Homestead Aged Care Allora. The visitors sipped on fruit juices, with their feet up, while viewing exhibits of the Museum's upper floors. The CDHS Inc has put a high priority on making the museum 100% accessible to as many members of the public as possible. HAC Allora carers' comment, "Everything was well done" shows the Museum is heading in the right direction. Museum spokesperson Tracey Hoolachan said, "Many people are turned off by stairs - parents with prams for example. The



Clifton Museum is a heritage listed building and where possible the original charm of the structure has to be kept - hopefully this DVD is a happy compromise". HAC Allora finished off their museum visit with an armchair viewing of the ever popular corn milling and rope making live demonstrations. For more information on the museum please phone Marion Batten on 07 4697 3313 or email Tracey at hoolibob@hotmail.com.

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A guy is sitting at home alone when he hears a knock on the front door. When he opens the door, a police officer is standing there. The officer asks if he is married and, if so, whether he can see a picture of his wife.

The guy says "sure" and shows him a picture of his wife.

The officer looks carefully at the picture and then gravely says, "I'm sorry sir, but it looks like your wife's been hit by a truck."

The guy says, "I know, but she has a great personality, is an excellent cook, and lets me play golf whenever I want to!"

### Allora QCWA Report

The monthly meeting of the QCWA was held in the beautiful air-conditioned rooms on 15th November. At this meeting, we finalised our Christmas multidraw raffle and tickets will go on sale on 24th November; prizes will be drawn at our Christmas Party on 16th December. Margaret Ryan and Margaret Phelan will organize the entertainment for this occasion which will be held at the Railway Hotel.

International Officer, Marg Ryan advised that our International Day next year will be held on 27th April.

As the tank at the side of the rooms is in poor condition, some husbands are going to look into this matter and we will probably need to purchase a new tank.

Members congratulated the members of the Historical Society for their successful day on 22nd October. The CWA ran a food stall and it was moved that we donate half of the proceeds to the Historical Society and all were in agreement. We donated money to Allora State School Speech Night and the Young Care Association.

The lessons on making crochet squares were obviously well taught and very enjoyable as members went home and made many, many more squares - so many that we will probably be able to make two rugs. Olive Shooter took the activity after the meeting and this was making Santa Christmas decorations which looked great when completed.

The final meeting for 2011 will be 20th December, commencing 9.30am.

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## 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 3rd and final 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

### There Are Secrets In This House (cont'd.)

Even though Travers, like her parrot-headed umbrella-wielding creation, did not like to reveal her private life, she left it liberally sprinkled throughout the pages of her books. She was a lifelong and enthusiastic student of mythology and metaphysics, becoming in her twenties a disciple of the Russian guru George Gurdjieff, and later, the Indian mystic Karlfried Graf von Dürckheim. Their principal teachings of worlds beyond our own are a central theme of the Poppins series - from the moment she tumbles in on the wind to take the Banks children on a series of improbable adventures.

With Mary they visit a celestial circus, go Christmas shopping with the youngest sister in the Pleiades constellation, Maia, and paste giant, gold stars on the sky. In Mary's world, animals speak, marble statues come to life, and shadows dance free of their earthly charges.

No wonder Walt Disney came courting. Thomas Schumacher, president of the Disney Theatrical Group, is very theatrically talking to *Qweekend* on his mobile phone while walking down New York City's 42nd Street, trying to hail a cab as President Obama's cavalcade is sweeping past, flags aflutter.

The producer behind many of Disney's smash hit film and stage productions, including *Beauty and the Beast*, *The Lion King* and *High School Musical*, Schumacher chuckles down the line as he recounts the colourful relationship between Travers and Walt Disney.

"One of the legends about the two of them that is true is that after all the blood, sweat and tears of getting the *Mary Poppins* movie made, Pamela Travers turned to Walt at the premiere in 1964 and said, 'Now let's get to work.' Walt said, 'Pamela, that ship has sailed'."

"The other legend that is true - oh wait, there's the president... oh my gosh, that's exciting, okay, he's gone now - is that it was Walt's young daughters Sharon and Diane who brought the first book to his attention, and begged him to make a movie of it - but he didn't need much convincing.

"You know, I think it just really spoke to him [Walt] on a number of levels - he had his own complicated relationship with his father; it was based on the same dream about this idealised family life he always promoted; and of course, it had all that magic."

But if Disney was keen, Travers was less so, and he joined a long line of suitors - including Sam Goldwyn and Vincente Minnelli - beating a path to her door for the film rights. "I think he first approached her towards the end of the Second World War, then again in the '50s, and she finally agreed to give him the rights in 1959 for \$100,000, 5 per cent of the gross and final script approval." Schumacher chuckles again. "She drove a hard bargain, but Walt, of all people, would have appreciated that."

Travers would later disassociate herself somewhat from the

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movie, telling one interviewer she found it "ghastly". She was said to be unhappy with the songs, especially its signature tune, *Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious*, and although she loved Julie Andrews in the lead role, her Mary was far too sweet for Travers's liking. Pamela Travers's Mary had some pepper, some bite, very much like her own formidable Aunt Ellie. This one was as sweet as the spoonful of sugar the Sherman Brothers' musical score was doling out to moviegoers. But Schumacher says reports of creative differences have been "greatly exaggerated". "I think it's too delicious an idea for people to resist, that she hated the movie, that she and Walt really butted heads. It's true they sparred; you can hear it on the famous audiotapes of their meetings - sometimes eight-hour-long meetings. But Pamela was contrary; you can also hear her singing the songs, dancing to them, laughing at the jokes, and what's not too well known is she asked Walt for a bit part in the movie - as well as for one of the carousel horses for her garden in London."

Less known still is that Travers also wrote a sequel for Disney studios. The opening sequence? The Banks children sliding down the banister singing *Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious*.

"She wrote the screenplay with Brian Sibley, a wonderful Disney writer, and when I first came to the company in the '80s, it was still very much being tossed around," says Schumacher. "There were lots of meetings with Pamela, although it never got off the ground. I never got to meet her. I wish I did. I think she was fascinating, the way she hid herself so artfully in her stories, and the way her words can still make children, even today's somewhat jaded ones, believe in magic."

The boy sitting next to me does. He's about 12, spiky hair, regulation hoodie, and when he first sat down beside me in Sydney's Capitol Theatre, he wore the expression of a boy who had been dragged there by his mother.

But from the moment a dishevelled chimney sweep emerges from a rooftop to sing the faintly sinister opening lyrics - "*Winds in the East, there's a mist coming in / like something is brewing, and 'bout to begin*" - he inches closer to the edge of his seat, spellbound. This is the latest incarnation of *Mary Poppins*, a multi-million-dollar, multi-award-winning co-production between Thomas Schumacher's Disney Theatrical Productions (which has the film rights) and Cameron Mackintosh, global über-producer (who owns the stage rights). It is truer to the books than the film, based as it is on all the Poppins stories, not just the first book, reintroducing audiences to characters such as Robertson Ay and Neilius, the marble boy, both missing from the celluloid version.

There is something else at play here too - darkness amid the light, more than a hint of the supernatural, and Mary (played by Verity Hunt-Ballard) has some snap in her spine Travers would

approve of. She also approved of Mackintosh who, like Disney and so many others before him, came knocking on her candy-pink front door. "I was first exposed to P. L. Travers when I left school just over 40 years ago," he said in an interview to promote the musical. "I'd just left school and saw this wonderful film, which I saw was based on the books of Travers, so I got a few out, and it was nearly 30 years ago that I wrote my letters, as everyone in theatre did, to see if I could get the stage rights." Travers would make Mackintosh cool his heels for decades, finally agreeing to meet him in her Chelsea home in 1993. "I thought I was interviewing her, but she was interviewing me, completely vetting me, and after lots of questions she finally decided that I would be the one."

The production opened in London in 2004. The script was written by award-winning British writer, director and author Julian Fellowes, who has a very clear idea of what *Mary Poppins* is about, referring to it in a previous interview as "the Redemption of George Banks".

Brian Sibley, who knew Travers well, concurs. In a television special filmed last year, Sibley said: "*Mary Poppins* is totally about the Banks family and it says more about the parents than the children. Mr Banks is Goff, the promotion he should have had eludes him, and Mary comes to repair his life, to repair all of their lives."

Now she's coming to Queensland. After its sell-out run in Sydney, and with simultaneous performances in North America, the UK and Europe (about 7 million people have seen the show to date), *Mary Poppins* arrives at Brisbane's QPAC Theatre in December.

Schumacher says he and Mackintosh are excited to bring the production to Queensland, but he laughs when he recalls making what he calls "the big announcement". "So, when we know we're bringing *Poppins* to Australia, we do this live hook-up from Times Square to Melbourne, Cameron flies over from London to do it, and we announce to all these journalists and production people that this is it, that we're finally bringing the show back to where it all started.

"There was just this silence, the crickets were chirping, and Cameron and I look at each other and realise these people have no idea that P. L. Travers was Australian, that Mary belongs, in no small way, to them. But you know I think, or at

## 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

### 2011

#### January -

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least I like to think, she would be pleased that the story has come full circle, that *Mary Poppins* is coming home." It's difficult to know if the mercurial Travers would be pleased. But looking at the astonished faces of the children watching the production around me - let's just say you will believe a woman can fly - perhaps it really doesn't matter who Mary Poppins was, or where she came from.

In my search for Mary, it seems only right to leave the last word to her creator, P. L. Travers, who, speaking about children's fears in the night, told the London *Observer* newspaper in 1966: "One of the best things that has ever been said about Mary is that there are very few books children can turn to, and one of these is *Mary Poppins*. That pleased me very much because it shows that perhaps this strong, dependable figure - whoever she is - can perhaps be relied on by a child."

**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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friendships bonded in those days of distant school yard memories. Greg was able to team up and relive those days from within the shadows of the Allora State School with former Year 10 class mates of 1967 Lindsay May, Marian Denny (nee Pitkin) & Tony Haig all still in the Allora area, Perry Pascoe attending from Toowoomba and Maree Guttosch (nee Shriek) travelling from Chicago, USA on the other side of the globe, at the Allora State School's "100 Years on Warwick Street Reunion".

Registration for past Allora State School students commenced

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at 9.00 am, before the official opening by current school Principal Mr. Shaun Kanowski. The opening ceremony also included the cutting of a cake by the youngest student present, recent preschool enrolment Lewis May and 91 year Mrs. Marian Palmer of Noosa, the eldest former student present. Mrs. Betty Wiles read an extract from a book she has penned, on her days at the Allora State School from 1934 to 1943. The result after months of planning "has made me very happy" said Mrs. Draper, "the concept for the reunion bred from a conversation between past pupils and their wish to get back in touch with their school". The event enjoyed great support, with people rolling in across the day, some having travelled significant distances. "It was wonderful to see so many past students from the 1930's, 1940's & 1950's" said Robyn, who has spent more than half her life at the Allora State School, firstly as a student and then a teacher from 1991. Comparisons were made of "then & now", with the routine procedure of commencing class having changed somewhat to that in today's modern Warwick Street educational facility. Betty Wiles recalls "the big bell sounding at 9.15 am, fifteen minutes before school went in. This was so we could get ready to go into school. The same thing happened at big lunch when the big bell pounded loud and clear at 1.15 pm for us to get ready to march in to school at 1.30 pm. We always lined up and marched into school to music, usually with an older girl playing the piano and another playing the triangle". The method may have changed a from 1934 until 2011, but the students on finding their seats in any era are the beneficiaries of the high educational standards maintained over the 144 year history of the existence of an Allora State School. Whether it was in the memorabilia room with a countless

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collection of books, scrapbooks, photographs, charts and other mementos of Allora State School's past, wandering the beautifully manicured grounds or tucking into tea and scones in the modern catering building, the memories that at times drew a damp eye or laughter evident in all directions. Judy Acason & Delcie Harle caught up over a cuppa and cream topped cakes, while current Deputy Principal Robyn Westerman was an eager audience for past former teacher and local identity Joyce Gibson over morning tea, while under the shady eucalypts the school benches provided seating for many familiar faces, including former students of the Allora State School's final scholarship class of 1963, Bob Denny, Sue Rickert, Sandra Lena, Barb Bell & Peter Haig, all having experienced the memories flowing back. Back in 1911 the opening of the school was celebrated with a Grand Picnic, and the recent reunion also saw the picnic baskets spread on the lawns by the many reminiscing under the shady school yard trees. Robyn Draper isn't resting on her laurels after such a successful celebration, looking to the future and 2017 when the school will celebrate 150 years of its existence in Allora. "We will begin planning for 150 year anniversary next year". Anyone wishing to make contact with Robyn Draper regarding the Allora State School 150th anniversary should email her on robd.60@hotmail.com

Glyn Rees

**Looking Back...**

**Allora's Past Pioneer Woman**

In 1864 at the age of 22, Ellen Elizabeth Rowden married George Thomas Leney, a Royal Naval Crimean War veteran, in Paddington, London. Six months later they set sail on the long and rough journey to Australia. The voyage took six months and the meals consisted mainly of ships biscuits and salt meat. (Acceptable conditions for an ex-Royal Navy sailor but less so for a young London born woman) On arrival in Queensland, George obtained work on the railway being built from Ipswich to Toowoomba. The Leney's lived in a tent and a camp oven was the only means of cooking. The couple's first child was born when the camp was in the vicinity of Laidley. The camp was later shifted to Toowoomba, the bullock wagon taking the route up the old "Toll Bar" road. Because of the state of the road, heavy items including Ellen's cabin trunk holding her lovely silk dresses and household linen, were off-loaded at the side of the road where they lay for six months before being recovered. The young couple and baby lived in the tent in Toowoomba with George continuing to work on the railway, returning home on week-ends. Ellen was terrified of snakes and the local aborigines. After the birth of another child, the family moved to Headington Hill Station where George eventually attained the position



Ellen and George Leney outside their home, "Lipscomb", Darling Street, Allora. (The house was demolished in the late 1960's).

of overseer. The stone cottage that they lived in was a vast improvement on the tent. Five more children were born to Ellen and George while they were living at Headington Hill. In 1879 George, Ellen and family moved to a 120 acre block of ground which was part of the Allora Exchange Lands to the south east of the town. Tragedy struck when a heavily pregnant Ellen had an accident when driving a wagon in the shift from Headington Hill to Allora, causing her to have a stillborn child. The farm at Allora, which they called "Lipscomb", was built up from virgin soil. To make ends meet, George obtained

the job as a representative for a Brisbane machinery company. Ellen had the job of supervising the running of the farm. A busy time was during wheat threshing when she had to provide three good meals a day, plus morning and afternoon tea, for a team of 12 men plus hangers-on. After rearing a family of ten children, George and Ellen retired to a new home, also called "Lipscomb", in Darling Street in Allora. George died in his 84th year and Ellen in her 88th year. (Taken from information supplied by Louise Ada Draper (nee Leney) in 1978)

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**WARWICK'S ROADSIDE TROPHY**

The Queensland township of Warwick now has its name up in lights – literally.

Recently winning a high commendation in the Keep Australia Beautiful "Tidy Towns" awards for 2011, Warwick has been given a huge roadside billboard to promote its efforts and its success.

The CEO of Keep Australia Beautiful Queensland, Rick Burnett, said the billboard was donated by Tidy Towns sponsors, Bishopp Outdoor Advertising and Paradise Outdoor Advertising.

It is the first time a highly commended award has been given and an extra billboard was donated. The billboard was unveiled last Thursday by Warwick mayor, Ron Bellingham, and sponsor, Brad Bishopp. It has been erected on the Cunningham Highway, just north of Warwick.

"It is a great tribute to the people of Warwick that they received a highly-commended award after they were flooded out at the start of the year," Burnett said.

"The billboard is like a big trophy the town can share with tourists and travellers as they pass through the district, and it recognises that Warwick is a community that cares about its town and the local environment."

The Keep Australia Beautiful Tidy Towns Awards 2011 were recently held on the Gold Coast, with Caloundra taking out the top prize.

Maryborough was named Queensland's "friendliest town". Caloundra and Maryborough will also receive billboards.

The billboards promoting the successful towns will be rotated to a number of different sites for the next 12 months.

Mayor Ron Bellingham said "This is a great achievement for Warwick and really underlines the strength of our community spirit.

"Warwick has always been a leader, ever since it became the first free inland settlement in Queensland to have its own local government.

"This is a fitting accolade in our 150th year."

Mr Burnett said the KABQ Tidy Towns competition had more than 90 nominations this year, despite the terrible damage caused by natural disasters in so many regions.



Bishopp Advertising's Eck Selke and Brad Bishopp congratulate Mayor Ron Bellingham and Council's Tidy Towns submission coordinator Yolande Alley on the new Warwick Tidy Towns 2011 sign.

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For anyone interested in attending, you are encouraged to bring along chairs/blankets you wish to sit on, a plate of food to share, and a tin of animal food, old towels or blankets for donation to the RSPCA Toowoomba and Warwick AWA.

If you have any questions or if you can't make it but wish to donate to the RSPCA or Warwick AWA please contact Carole 0403 737 887 or Renae 0414 188 118.

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**Christmas Down Under on Palmerin, Warwick**

Warwick Churches Together are again running the Christmas Down Under programme from Wednesday 14th to Saturday 17th December 2011 from 9.00am to 1.00pm. This event is being held next to Brumby's on Palmerin Street in the old Palms on Palmerin cafe space.

Designed to tell the real story of Christmas, the theme this year is: "Christmas...it's all about Jesus", after all Jesus is the reason for the season and there is no Christmas without Christ. Parishioners from the Warwick Christian Churches will be on hand to help the children with Christmas themed craft. There will be face painting, story telling, music, puppet shows and origami demonstrations and instruction. There will also be an opportunity for children to be photographed by the nativity scene at no charge and the photograph is mounted on a special card.

All activities are free of charge and parents, grandparents and carers are encouraged to bring their kids along. For further details contact Dianne Cahill on 4661 3527, mobile 0427 000 887 or Sue Nalder on 0427 962 281.

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**Watt, Mortimer and Simpson Snatch Sought After Throne**

Saturday's "Dalrymple Seat" Golf/Bowls Social Day at the Allora Sports Club was rated among the most successful social events for many years by those who attended the Allora News and Allora True Value Hardware sponsored event. Local bowls guru and social event connoisseur Wayne Frizzell rated the day among his best outings this year, with the Allora Sports Club benefitting from the takings. Sports Club President Kev Harrison said it was one of the biggest events attendance wise to grace the



**ABOVE:** Dalrymple Seat sponsors David Dwan (Allora News) and Beetle Wakeford (Allora True Value Hardware) present the unique "Seat" to 2011 event winners Paul Mortimer, Phil Watt and Rod Simpson at the Allora Sports Club on Saturday evening.

**LEFT:** Allora News/Allora True Value Hardware "Dalrymple Seat" tail ender Warren King is presented with the last place prize by sponsors Dave Dwan & Beetle Wakeford.

greens of Allora's Sports Club facility for quite some time. Sponsors Beetle Wakeford and Dave Dwan spoke in glowing terms of the event they launched in Allora's social calendar three years ago, and are more than grateful to all who attended to make the event the success it became. The forty eight competitors across sixteen competing teams of three played off in some vigorous competition in an afternoon and evening that included a round of golf and a few ends of bowls that saw the team of Phil Watt, Rod Simpson and Paul Mortimer emerge victors and earn the right to perch on the "throne" that is the "Dalrymple Seat". They edged out the Runner Up team of Adam May, Allison May and Anthony Bowe in a tight finish. It was two in a row for Phil Watt and Rod

Simpson, both obvious versatile all rounders who were members of last year's winning side also. Warren King's "God" combination put their shoulder to the wheel throughout but finished at the tail behind the winners, Runner's Up and Curley's Crew, the Meddletons, True Value, Kel's Strangers, Pursehouse Rural, Kev Harrison, Graham Whittaker, J.W.S., Allora News A Team, Simmo's Mob, Allora News B Team, Lyn Collie, Albert Otten's side and Watts Cookin'. Beetle and Dave are looking forward to next year to build further on the popular event, making it bigger and better again, so be sure you mark the event down for your chance to perch on the pan.

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**THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE ALLORA BOWLS CLUB will be held on Saturday 26 November at 1.00pm. Would all members please attend.**

**• ANNOUNCEMENTS •**

**Thank You...**  
*Lorelle Laffey and family would like to thank all those who sent flowers, cards, letters and their kind thoughts at the sudden loss of a wonderful husband, father and great friend who will be greatly missed.*

**• SOLUTIONS •**

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**ALLORA CRICKET CLUB**  
**Allora Pocket a Sovereign at Queens Park**  
A first venture away for the Allora Foodworks/Railway Hotel cricket eleven saw them post an initial victory for the current season, a fifty run win over the Sovereign Hotel "Animals" on the Queen's Park turf wicket in Warwick. Allora batted first in their first outing on turf in this season's Commonwealth Bank Cup premiership, resulting in 123 runs off 27 overs, before dismissing the "Animals" for 73 off 26 overs. Team skipper Cameron Masters was particularly pleased with the efforts of top scorers Jason Nightingale and sixteen year old all rounder Mitchell McLennan, both scoring 23. Nightingale is a seasoned campaigner in the Allora colours, on all round sportsman who had indicated he was having a break from wielding the willow this season. With Allora again struggling for numbers despite a healthy player roll, Nightingale made himself available slamming his total in a late Allora charge batting at number ten. Willowvale based McLennan, younger brother of Allora's Davis Shield Warwick "Bulls"

**• CHURCH NOTICES •**

**Scots Presbyterian Church - Allora.**  
THIS SUNDAY AT ALLORA - Service/Sunday School at 9.30am. Wednesday Evenings - Bible Study at 7.30pm. KIDS CLUB - 1st & 3rd Friday of each month for prep - grade 7. From 3.15pm - 5.00pm. YOUTH GROUP - 2nd & 4th Friday of each month, 6.30pm - 8.30pm. MENS BREAKFAST - Last Saturday in each month, 7.30am. LADIES BIBLE STUDY - Tuesdays, 10.00am - 11.00am. Enquiries to Pastor Dennis Mooney 4666 3829. A Warm Welcome to ALL.

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representative Kris McLennan, has three matches under his belt for "the Best Little Town on the Downs". He has top scored with the bat in two of those games, on Saturday against Sovereign Hotel, and he hit 27 not out in his Allora debut against a polished Wheatvale attack in round one. The talented youngster is also averaging a wicket a match with the ball, his arrival after an impressive junior cricket career a real bonus for the Allora Oval crew. Skipper Masters handed high praise to another newcomer in Matt Kiernan, who padded up in



Jason Nightingale





Mitchell McLennan

Allora's recent loss to RSL Diggers to debut for the Foodworks/Railway eleven. While he batted at number eleven in his last start, the former Killarney stalwart opened the Allora innings with Warwick representative gloveman Aaron Vietheer, scoring a quick fire 9 before being bowled by T. Munro with Allora at 31, their best opening partnership of the season so far. But Kiernan showed some real class when he was given the ball to introduce some spin into proceedings in the thirteenth

over of Sovereign Hotel's innings. The Warwick based off spinner mesmerised batsman finishing with four scalps off eight overs for a very impressive eight runs. In what ranks as one of the best bowling performances in the Allora clubs recent history, Kiernan finished with four maiden overs in his match statistics, and took the wicket of Sovereign Hotel top scorer Dave Watson (22), caught by Joe Morris, at a vital stage of the game.

Kiernan may prove a valuable addition to the Allora bowling arsenal given the back injury hindering established new ball exponent Adam May and the unavailability of other local bowling talent.

While Allora lost their first wicket at 31, the loss of Aaron Vietheer and newcomer Nat Hooper also at 31 saw the pressure rise. Vietheer put together his usual reliable innings facing the new ball, with 22 before Cameron Masters arrived to steady the ship with a handy 14. When Masters sauntered back to the dressing room Allora were 6 for 53, but the tail wagged thanks to the talented McLennan and "ice cool" Nightingale for a reasonable total for the Allora bowlers to protect.

Along with Matt Kiernan, Brodie Frizzell & Nick Morris pocketed two wickets each, and the very economical McLennan and impressive 14 year old Joe Morris a wicket each.

Allora batting: Aaron Vietheer 22, Matt Kiernan 9, Cameron Masters 14, Nat Hooper 0, Brodie Frizzell 0, Scott Sparksman 8, Mitchell McLennan 23, Luke Murdoch 5, Nick Morris 9, Jason Nightingale 23 not out, Joe Morris 4, Sundries 5, Total: 123.

Allora bowling: Brodie Frizzell 6-1-2-23, Nat Hooper 2-0-0-9, Nick Morris 4-0-2-19, Matt Kiernan 8-4-4-8, Mitchell McLennan 5-0-1-6, Joe Morris 1-0-1-2.

The Foodworks/Railway Hotel Eleven return to home base in Allora's eastern suburbs this Saturday to take on the might of

Maryvale at Allora Oval. Maryvale have three wins from four outings this summer and will throw down a significant challenge to the home side. Cameron Masters will be banking on his players performing to their ability, aided by a healthy dose of confidence after last Saturday's winning result.

The Allora Foodworks/Railway Hotel side to play Maryvale on Saturday at 9.30 am are: Cameron Masters ©, Matt Kiernan, Nat Hooper, Kris McLennon, Mitchell McLennan, Andrew Petersen, Brodie Frizzell, Nick Morris, Scott Sparksman, Jason Nightingale, Adam May, Joe Morris & Luke Kilah (two to be omitted). All inquiries to Glyn Rees on 0417 765 801.

Kris McLennan, who missed last week's match for Allora, has retained his place in the Warwick Cricket Association Davis Shield side to take on Central Downs at Warwick's Mayhew Oval on Sunday. He returns to the Allora side for Saturday's fixture, however classy keeper Aaron Vietheer will be an absentee. Vietheer is also unavailable for representative cricket against Central Downs on Sunday, as is Brodie Frizzell who is away with Darling Downs & South West junior representative commitments.

Allora are fortunate to have talented young players of the calibre of Aaron Vietheer, Kris & Mitchell McLennan, Brodie Frizzell, Matt Kiernan, Nick & Joe Morris, Nat Hooper, Lauchlan Hoey & Luke Kilah to mould their team around for the future, a handy mix with the ability and experience of the likes of May, Masters, Petersen, Sparksman, Hughes among others, Luke Murdoch when available and the ever reliable Jason Nightingale.

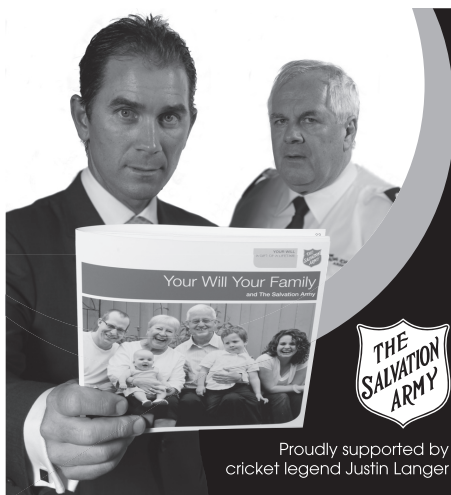
Everyone is welcome to enjoy a day at the cricket on Saturday from 12.30 pm, get behind your team, the team sponsored and supported by Allora Foodworks, the Railway Hotel and Allora News.

Results of Allora Cricket Club Inc. raffles held last Saturday afternoon at the Railway Hotel were: Meat Tray – Dean Thompson & Robyn Draper, Meat Tray – Brett Willett, Railway Hotel Dinner Voucher – Justin Briggs, BBQ Chook – Dean Thompson & Robyn Draper, Bottle of Wine – Cameron Masters, Dwanny's Scratchies – Richard Seibel. Thanks for the support, and trot down for this Saturday's raffles after cricket, and enjoy a laugh with Allora's cricketing "Balmy Army".. Richie, Frizz, Andy, Dick, Johnny, Kirstie, George, Dean & Robyn among others..... & let's not forget Marg, Heather & Mavis.



Matt Kiernan

Glyn Rees



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