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Blue Care Allora/Warwick/Clifton Community Care Service Manager Sue Hoopmann (centre) with Red Cross volunteers Dorothy Ruby and Kay Graham

Blue Care thanks Allora Meals on Wheels volunteers

Blue Care Allora/Warwick/Clifton Community Care Service Manager Sue Hoopmann has expressed her sincere thanks to volunteers who have supported the Meals on Wheels program in Allora for 34 years.

"There have been so many who have contributed to the volunteer program associated with the Allora Meals on Wheels service," Mrs Hoopmann said.

"New food regulations have come into effect which includes the monitoring of meal temperatures, so for our service it means that only Blue Care staff will deliver meals to clients from now on.

"Meals on Wheels services provided through Blue Care will continue however it would be amiss of us not to express our extreme gratitude to the volunteers who have supported this program.

"Many local residents have benefited from the daily visits of



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"The difference they've made to people has changed lives, and their dedication has been such a wonderful support to our staff and service."

Two of the volunteers from the Red Cross, Dorothy Ruby and Kay Graham, delivered their last meals on Friday. Mrs Hoopmann presented them with flowers and chocolates, and thanked them for their service.

"This is only a small token of our appreciation. for the difference they have made to the lives of people in the community, many of whom may not otherwise get to see anyone else during the day," she said.

Mrs Ruby, was one of the original volunteers who joined the service in 1980, said she could recall how meals were once delivered from the Allora hospital, with the soup dispensed from a thermos and food was dispensed from metal trays.

At each house they visited, clients would have their plate, cutlery and a cup ready. Dispenser containers were even then washed in a client's sink before returning to their base.

Mrs Hoopmann said volunteers were always welcome at Blue Care, and there were a number of other roles available within Blue Care's other services for anyone interested.

Blue Care is a leading not-for-profit service provider, which began in 1953. Services assist people to maintain their independence and quality of life.

For more information about Blue Care visit www.bluecare.org. au. For more information about Meals on Wheels visit www. qmow.org





Letter to the Editor...

Dear Editor.

Response to letter sent to S.D.R.C. Environment Officer & Council, in Allora Advertiser 30/10/14:

To the person who complained about Grainx Australia operating a grain facility in suburban area of Allora. I say Allora is a rural town and the surrounding land area is a rural grain growing area, as well as livestock etc. The amount of grain growing around Allora in a good season is a lot and during a normal season there are plenty of farmer's trucks going to and from grain shed outlets to deliver grain.

With the introduction of bulk grain silos on farms, a lot of farmers now hold their grain on farm until sold, then the grain is picked up from farmers by semi trailers, either single or double B, then taken to bulk grain depots in the local town, awaiting pickup from there, to go to port to be loaded onto ships for overseas delivery.

Some grain sales go to local Australian food manufacturing for human consumption as well.

This big grain storage has been in Allora for many years and is an important part of the town economy.

So a bit of advice to people who are contemplating moving from city to country town areas - check out the type of rural industry around the town first. This may stop people who do not like being around rural activity being unhappy.

Derek Weier

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BAD JOKE OF THE WEEK

When Big Peter McFlannel dies in Glasgow, his old widow wishes to tell all his friends at once, so she goes to the newspaper and says "I'd like tae place an obituary fur ma late husband"

The man at the desk says "OK, how much money dae ye have?"

The old woman replies "£5" to which the man says "You wont get many words for that but write something and we'll see if it's ok".

So the old woman writes something and hands it over the counter and the man reads "Peter McFlannel, fae Parkheid, deid".

The clerk feels guilty at the abruptness of the statement and encourages the old woman to write a few more things. The old woman ponders and then adds a few more words and hands the paper over the counter again.

The clerk then reads, "Peter Reid, fae Parkheid deid. Ford Escort for sale."





Club Stalwarts Recognised

At the Allora Sports Club Annual General Meeting last Sunday, club president Kev Harrison announced the awarding of life membership to two of the clubs most highly respected members.

Greg Patterson has been a member of the Bowls and Sports clubs for well over 30 years. In this time he has held almost every position on the committee. Although the bowls membership slipped in recent years, Greg never gave up on the sport and has established a night bowls competition that is now firmly entrenched in the town's social fabric. Greg is particularly proud to receive the life membership award as both his parents were long time members of the Allora Bowls Club. Jim Anderson has been involved in the Golf and Sports clubs since Golf was established in Allora almost 20 years ago. At times through the years the number of golfers dwindled and questions were being asked about the viability of the course. Jim stuck firm during this time to ensure that the sport of golf was not lost to the town. Jim has been patron of the Sports Club for the last 10 years and has carried out the duties of this prestigious position with dignity and integrity.



Greg Patterson and Jim Anderson receiving their awards from club president Kev Harrison.



Saturday 15 November 2014 Starts at 2.00pm - Cost \$20 per person



Golf (three person ambrose) followed by Bowls (triples)

BBQ tea provided

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Contact Beetle or Dave or call Wendy on 0437 342 870

Men's Shed Call to Arms

The troops at Allora's Men's Shed have been busy with what will be part of their contribution to Allora's ANZAC Day Centenary celebration in 2015, busily using their skills of late making eight timber .303 rifle replicas.

In recent weeks Men's Shed members have been applying the final coats of paint to the butt, stock & barrels of the rifle 'lookalikes' and attaching the shoulder straps. The rifle replicas will be used as props in the "A production Brown Slouch Hat & The Rising Sun 100th Anniversary Gallipoli Concert" to be held at the Allora Community Hall on Saturday & Sunday, April 25th & 26th next vear.

The Allora RSL Sub-Branch was recently successful in gaining a

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Regional Council

Allora Men's Shed troops Ken Gillam, Rex Rigbye, Dick Evans, Wayne Frizzell, Trevor Shields & Andy Cave manufacturing an arsenal of timber .303's for Allora's 2015 100th Anniversary Gallipoli Concert.

Community Grant to assist in funding the concert being arranged by Mrs. Michele Smith.

The call went out in May this year for community members who would you like to join the Allora RSL Sub-Branch, Michele and her organising committee to bring what will be such an historical & very special event to life in 2015.

Those who are singers, dancers, actors/actresses, people who play Musical Instruments, prop designers and makers, backstage/front of house workers, set and program designers, hair and make-up artists, lighting or sound technicians, data projectionists and graphic, power point artists, who feel they can assist are most welcome to be involved.

While the call was answered, others wishing to make inquiries or considering being involved need only contact Michele (4666 3156).

Concert rehearsals take place at the Allora State School Performing Arts Hall.



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ALLORA'S ANZACS REMEMBERED: THE SHOOTER BROTHERS FRANCIS STANLEY SHOOTER

Francis Stanley Shooter was born at Spring Creek via Clifton Queensland, on 04/04/1898. Frank is enrolled on the Spring Creek Primary School register starting four days after his fifth birthday. He completed three years at this school before attending Clifton Colliery School along with brothers, Reg, Les, Fin and Bill. Further schools Frank attended were Tooth State School Woody Camp at Back Plains, Talgai West and Hendon. With only 14 months difference in their ages, Frank and Bill held a very close bond. They enlisted together on the same day in Toowoomba, 15/09/1917. Frank's enlistment number was 7190, Bill's was 7191. Frank's height was three-guarters of an inch shorter than Bills measuring 5 foot 6 and a guarter inches. Occupation was also Farmer.

Private Francis Stanley Shooter trained at the Rifle Range Enoggera in Brisbane. He also became part of the 25th Battalion, 21st Reinforcements on 12/11/1917 and along with Bill embarked ex Sydney on the HMAT "Canberra" on 16/11/1917. These boys possibly knew that their older brother Harold was killed in action the previous month in Belgium. What would their fate be? On arrival at the port of Alexandria in the Suez Canal, like Bill, Frank too was hospitalized suffering from the mumps on the 21/12/1917. On the 11/01/1918 he was discharged to duty and transferred to the Australian Camp Suez before boarding HMAT "Abbassich" on 29/01/1918 bound for Southampton, England. The troops disembarked onto English soil on 16/02/1918 ready to support the war effort. After more training, the Battalion proceeded to France via Folkestone on 23/04/1918. Side by side, Bill and Frank joined their unit on 26/04/1918 and took on strength in the field. On the 11th June 1918, twenty year old Frank was wounded in action receiving a severe gunshot wound to his right arm. He

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was transferred to England and admitted to the General Military

- 1. Poo forms in which part of the digestive system?
- 2. True or false? All bacteria consist of only one cell.
- 3. Which spider is the largest in the world?
- 4. In a toilet, what is the name of the inverted U-shape pipe?
- 5. The air we breathe out is mainly composed of which three gases?

Answers in Classifieds pages

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Hospital in Edmonton, north London, on 13/06/1918. This period was his first separation from Bill, possibly for the first time in his life. After recuperation and more training, he was transferred to reinforcements of the 9th Battalion. By the 3rd November 1918, Frank was back in France and part of the intense Allied offensive. He was to endure another ten months of German attacks, the European weather, muddy trenches, and life without his brother Bill (not knowing if he was dead or alive), before returning to Australia on HMAT "Takada" on 18/07/1919. He disembarked on 07/09/1919 and was formerly discharged from the Army in Brisbane on 02/10/1919.

Talgai West was home and to find Bill Shooter also at home would have been an amazing joyous occasion. What a homecoming. For his service in the Great War, Private Francis Stanley Shooter was awarded 3 medals: 1914/15 Star, the Victory Medal and the British War Medal.

World War 2 war service for Francis Stanley Shooter -Frank enlisted in the locality of Allora with place of enlistment recorded as Warwick Queensland, on 19/10/1942 for continuous full time war service in the Australian Citizen Military Forces, during World War Two. His enlistment number was Q143939. His rank is registered as Corporal serving 586 days of active service within Australia, including service as a Clerk.

Events Calendar

<u>2014</u> November -Allora Men's Shed Working Bee Sat 15 Allora Men's Shed, 9.00am - 11.00am Sat 22 Allora Men's Shed Working Bee Allora Men's Shed, 9.00am - 11.00am Sat 29 Allora Men's Shed Working Bee Allora Men's Shed, 9.00am - 11.00am Sat 29 Doctor Who Club of Australia - Allora Group Allora QCWA rooms, 11.00am start. Sat 29 Men of League Luncheon Commercial Hotel Allora, 11.30am. Barry 0407 721 762. Sun 30 Allora Swimming Club Rotary Carnival Allora Swimming Pool December -Fri 5 Allora Blue Care Boutique Christmas Market Blue Care Respite Centre, 8.00am - 12.00 noon. Sat 6 Allora Creekside Carols & Markets Dalrymple Creek Reserve, Herbert Street, 3.00pm -Christmas Markets, 6.30pm-830pm - Carols. Wed 31 Allora New Years Eve Party Allora Showgrounds, 5.30pm. 2015 March -Allora Rotary Club Trivia Night Fri 6 Wattles launch and 50th Year Celebrations Sat 7

- Sat 28 Allora Historical Society Display & Demo Day Old Allora Shire Hall, cnr. Warwick & Forde Streets April -Sat 25 A Brown Slouch Hat & The Rising Sun 100th Anniversary Gallipoli Concert & Sun 26 Allora Community Hall May -
- Sat 2 Allora Scope Club Annual Fundraiser Afternoon Tea Allora Community Hall, 1.30pm
- Fri 29 St.Patrick's School Trivia Night Allora Community Hall

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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corridors" of Allora, a shining stainless steel, unused, toilet pan with a polished and varnished timber lid adorned with names of previous event champions. It is important those aspiring to hoist the trophy as 2013 Champions be well aware the shining seat has been spared the ridours of its intended use at manufacture.

catching in the "sporting

Beetle & Dave are encouraging everyone to head down to the Sports Club by 12.30 pm on Saturday, "there's still plenty of room for teams" according to Beetle. Teams of three pay \$20.00 per person to take part, the golfing segment is a three ball ambrose of nine holes, the lawns bowls played over nine ends, all the action commencing at 2.00 pm. The entry fee includes a barbecue, "a whopper cook-up" according to Beetle, and also a suggestion of a "Dwanny Roast" later in the evening. If you require more information give Dave a call on 4666 3362 or Beetle on 4666 3318.

Who will be seated in 2014? It's a great social day out for community members, and an opportunity to try the Dalrymple Seat for size.

The May family of Allison, Adam & Lindsay upheld their family's sporting name in Allora this time last year, hoisting the Dalrymple Seat as proud but deserving victors.

The accolades for last place went to intrepid trio Sue Wakeford, Mel Rubie & Sharon-Lee Burrows

Beetle Wakeford and Dave Dwan have the prestigious 'Dalrymple Seat' primed & polished ready for Saturday's annual golf/bowls extravaganza with the seat as prized silverware

Eighteen teams took part in the 2013 event, " a great roll up" according Beetle, who is looking forward to a bigger field on Saturdav.

Glyn Rees





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Looking Back... Allora's Past 25 years ago November 1989 Wrecking Yard Approved

Although nearly all councillors were opposed to the idea, the Allora Shire Council voted at this month's meeting to approve the application for the establishment of a wrecking yard at Mt. Marshall. Shire Chairman, Cr. Jim Deacon, said they had no power to stop the business going ahead. Crs. Antonia Atkinson and Paul Bergemann asked that their opposition to the proposal be recorded in the minutes. Cr. Atkinson said that the council would have a riot on its hands if they approved the application. Cr. Neville Black said that they would have to draw the line somewhere and suggested that the council draw up a town plan in order to be able to have some say on developments such as this. Cr. Deacon said that a town plan would not solve all the problems but Cr. Bergemann suggested that the council should not let the situation get any worse.

Allora's Past 75 years ago November 1939

Wheat Harvest

Wheat crops in the Allora district are better than what was expected several weeks ago. Yields of thirty-six bushels to the acre are common and some farms report having harvested 42 to 48 bushels to the acre. Mr. C. Jensen of Ellinthorp harvested a crop which yielded 48 bushels to the acre. Deliveries to the Wheat Board's Allora depot exceed 33,000 bushels.

> Allora's Past 100 years ago November 1914 **Wedding**

Upper Forest Springs School to reopen at Highfields

The volunteers of Highfields Pioneer Village are reliving their school days with the restoration of the Upper Forest Springs School Building. Its fascinating history dates back to 1880 and 1890 when the children from Upper Forest Springs area near Allora, would walk up to 5 miles to school at Old Goomburra. The Parents of the district rallied together with the view of building a new school at Upper Forest Springs and wrote a letter to the Department of Public Institution to see what could be done. After some time a reply was received, stating that the Parents of the district should raise the money themselves to build a provisional school in the area. If sufficient funds were raised and upon receipt of the monies, the Department of Public Institution would build a school at Upper Forest Springs with the dimensions 24 foot x 12 foot with a 7 foot veranda- as was the requirement in those days. And so it was, that Mr TH Hoey and Mr PH Imhoff travelled the district canvassing for funds to build the new school. Time passed and the children still walked to Goomburra.

In 1897 a local builder from Allora Mr. W Stay, was commissioned



Miss Catherine Buckley and five of her six sisters at her wedding to Mr. George Shooter in 1914

A pretty wedding was celebrated in St. Patrick's Church, Toowoomba, on October 27th when Mr. George S. Shooter, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles G. Shooter (Talgai West) was married to Miss Catherine A. Buckley, fifth daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Buckley (Toowoomba, late of Talgai West). The bride was given away by her father and was attended by her sister, Miss Norah Buckley. Mr. J. Cranitch acted as best man. After the reception at a Toowoomba cafe Mr. and Mrs. George Shooter left by the afternoon train for Brisbane for the honeymoon.

Allora's Past 125 years ago November 1889 No Work for Unemployed An extraordinary situation occurred when 26 unemployed men turned up in Allora to find that there was no work available for them as promised. An order had been received by the Government Unemployment Committee from Mr. John Kelly for twenty harvesters and six pick and shovel men in Allora. When the men turned up at Mr. Kelly's Royal Hotel they were surprised to find that Mr. Kelly was not the actual employer but that he directed them in twos and threes to various farmers who wanted men. The pick and shovel men could find no work and of the twenty harvesters, ten got a day or two's work at 3/6 per day not the 25/- as promised. The men were forced to camp out and beg for food at the local stores until a kind police officer procured them a cottage and rations. Negotiations are taking place with the Government for free rail passes to have the men returned to Brisbane.

Colin Newpor

to build the school for the sum of seventy five pounds. Consequently in February of 1898 the Upper Forest Springs School was opened and the first teacher to the school was Miss Barron who stayed until she married.

Year after year the number of students increased to fifty students and in 1909 the Parents and Citizens committee requested an extension to the school. The department agreed and added another 12 foot and a back veranda, making it a 36 foot long by 12 foot wide school.

In 1914 the school went from being a Provisional school to a State School, this was a common occurrence in the 1900's as schools grew in numbers and became viable. By 1929 numbers had dropped considerably and the Department removed the 12 foot extension, the timber was sold and the owner used the

materials towards building a house in Allora. In 1943 numbers had declined and the school was closed for one year, the students enrolled there at the time did their schooling through correspondence. In 1944 numbers increased and in 1948 the school celebrated its 50 year Jubilee. Four of the original students from 1898 attended this Jubilee; Thomas Hoey Jnr, Elizabeth Hoey, Mark Tickle and Isobel Imhoff. In the 1950's School sports days were hosted at Clifton, Upper Forest Springs competed many times, winning the cup for Schools 20 students and under, for several years running. By the 1960's numbers had declined and the Department wrote to the school committee informing them that the school would be closed on the 30th of June 1961. The last students present that day were Adele Hoey, Sid Telford, Chris Hoey, Derek Gilmore, Monty Gilmore, Andrew Gilmore and Mary McLellan. On closing day, the last teacher Miss Rigney organised a small gathering to say goodbye to her students. The next day the students were sent by bus to Allora State School.

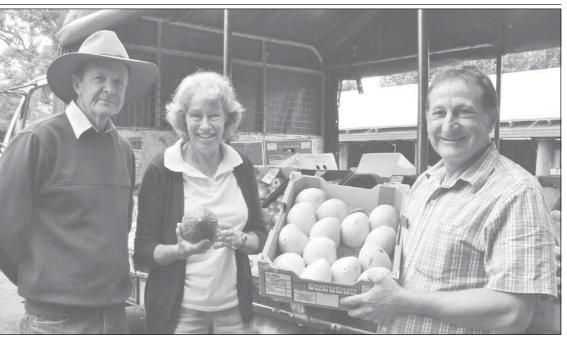


The School was sold and moved to the Wright property where it was used as Grain Storage for many years. In 2012 the Wright Family donated the School to Highfields Pioneer Village and it was moved to Wirraglen Rd Highfields where it now forms part of the Educational component of school tours at the Pioneer Village. Many retired teachers will volunteer their time teaching children what school was like before the days of laptops, air-conditioners or even electricity, running water and

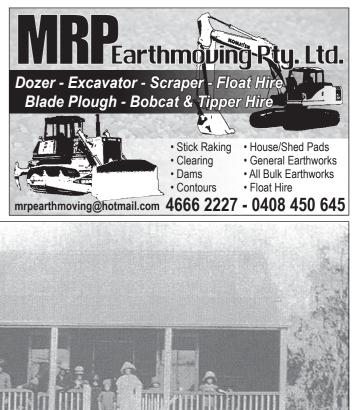
Percy popular with passers by

Gold Coast residents Malcolm & Chris Jeffrey passed through Allora on their way back home after travelling throughout Australia, but found time to call at Percy Pugliesi's Fruit Market in the grounds of Allora's Blue Cow Hotel early yesterday morning to gather a box full of prime fruit & vegetables. The area impressed the Jeffreys and we may see them again.

Percy's popular Fruit Market is in Allora at the Blue Cow Hotel every Wednesday, open from 6.00 am until 6.00 pm.



Percy has an amazing array of fresh fruit and vegetables direct from the orchards and farms on offer, providing great quality



Upper Forest Springs school - People unknown.

flyscreens!

The Upper Forest Springs School has known hundreds of students pass through its doors in its operating life. Highfields Pioneer Village Treasurer Jody Dodds requests "we are inviting all past students, friends and family members to attend the School's official opening on 26th January Australia Day 2015 and seeking photographs and school memorabilia for the display". Please contact Highfields Pioneer Village on 4696 6309 if you can help.

and savings. His range of produce includes herbs, eggs & honey.



Felton Pop-Up a hit

As a driving force behind one of Australia's most successful food festivals, Felton farmers Rob and Sally McCreath are proven believers in promoting produce from their region.

On Saturday night, they took their willingness to showcase that produce to a new level by inviting 50 guests to a fundraising dinner held in a crop of wheat only days away from harvest. Promoted as a Pop-Up Restaurant in a Paddock, the menu featured Kym's Home Grown Organics Grains chickpea and mungbean hummus made from pulses grown on Kym and her partner's property at Millmerran, and sourdough bruschetta made by Chalala Micro Bakery at Pittsworth using organic flour from the Kialla Pure Foods mill at Greenmount.

Gourmet pizzas cooked in a wood-fired oven on site by Forest Grove chefs and salad came out for mains, and featured meats, herbs and vegetables from local producers.

Each course brought a short talk from the producers who got the crowd thinking about food miles, and just how diverse, wholesome and marketable the food from the Darling Downs is.

Apart from raising around \$1000 for the restoration of the



Felton Hall, the Pop-Up brought guests – many of them neighbours who have been struggling with ongoing drought – together under the stars to enjoy a truly magical evening where the wheat heads rustling in the breeze provided the background music.

Dinner was laid out on a long table complete with white tablecloths, and dotted with Rob's bespoke light-stands made from repurposed shanks and sweeps.

Burleigh Brewing Company beer and Ballandean Wines were available to complement the Adam's Ale, and a hayride down and back was on offer from the car-parking area for those who weren't so keen on finding out why guests were advised to wear flat shoes and bring a torch.

"The festival committee has been keen on doing something like this for a while but we are all so busy working on aspects of the festival that we thought the volunteers might get burnt out, so Rob and I decided to give it a go," Sally McCreath said.

Sally's home-made apple crumble with sorghum flour in the topping rounded off the meal and after-dinner conversation was interrupted by a weather warning from Rob which went something like "we've got 20 minutes before the storm hits".

Hit it did when most had made it back to shelter, and a storm dropped seven welcome millimetres of driving rain on the Prestbury crops.

Sally said the Pop-Up or something like it may become a regular on the Felton calendar to go with the annual food festival in April, which attracted 4000 visitors in its first year in 2012, and drew a record crowd of 10,000 this year.

"I would like to see two main events for the Felton region each year focus on local food and farmers."



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The spectre of war Looms large and long Over the nations And over the throng

Countries take insult, They rush off to war; Extolling the virtues But forgetting the gore

When the guns stop firing The silence sounds odd But over the battlefields Reaches the hand of God

Plucking lost souls From the agony of living In an act that is loving, Understanding, forgiving

No longer do they suffer Or cry out in pain They are never to feel The trauma of war again

So do not feel sorrow For those under the sod; They've been taken to Heaven — By the Hand of God

Andrew Guild

Applications open for 2015 rural medical student scholarship

Applications are now open for the Rural Australia Medical Undergraduate Scholarship (RAMUS) Scheme, funded by the Australian Government. RAMUS contributes to a better distribution of doctors across Australia by offsetting some of the additional costs borne by medical students from rural, regional or remote areas. The National Rural Health Alliance - the peak organisation for rural and remote health - manages RAMUS for the Australian Government.

Applications must be submitted by 5pm on 12 January 2015. Successful applicants will receive un-bonded scholarships worth \$10,000 a year while completing a standard medical degree at their chosen Australian university.

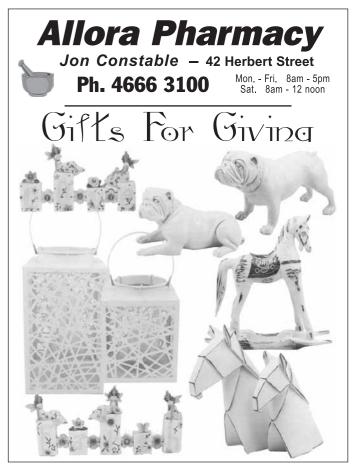
About 150 RAMUS scholarships are available to be awarded in 2015 through a competitive application process. Successful applicants will be chosen on the basis of the proportion of their formative years spent in rural areas (weighted to give some priority to more remote areas), their demonstrated financial need, and their commitment to working in rural, regional or remote Australia in the future.

Students may apply for a RAMUS scholarship during any year of their studies. Prospective students who have applied to study medicine in 2015 but do not yet have a confirmed university place are also welcome to apply.

RAMUS scholarship holders have fantastic opportunities to



The Hand of God



gain experience of rural medical practice through a mentorship program which pairs them with experienced rural doctors.

The RAMUS Scheme currently provides support to 578 medical students with over 500 rural doctors participating as mentors for RAMUS scholars.

The online application form and full details of the eligibility and selection criteria for the scholarship are available at the RAMUS website at http://ramus.ruralhealth.org.au

YMCA set to improve WIRAC

services

Southern Downs Regional Council Mayor Cr Peter Blundell and Acting Chief Executive Officer David Tuxford handed over the keys of the Warwick Indoor Recreation and Aquatic Centre (WIRAC) to the YMCA on Tuesday, November 11, at 11.30am. Cr Blundell said WIRAC had been awarded the management contract in October and had taken over duties on November 1. "Council continues to own WIRAC but we feel having the YMCA as the managers of the facility that their expertise and experience will improve and grow the centre's recreation and fitness services.

"YMCA is Australia's largest provider of aquatic and recreation facilities and certainly bring a wealth of knowledge to operations at WIRAC and to support the local Southern Downs community. "The YMCA is already building a local presence in the region as operators of the YMCA Camp Leslie Dam and conducting YMCA Outside Schools Hours Care services at The Scots PGC College in Warwick. We have good reports of these services and from our meetings with YMCA representatives know they bring great enthusiasm and energy," he said.

YMCA Brisbane Fitness and Recreation Group Manager Michael Tsiamis said he had already spent several weeks getting to know the facility and staff and believed WIRAC was a wonderful community asset.

"YMCA looks forward to delivering great recreation services from WIRAC and we're full steam ahead with our facebook site started, event planning and other initiatives.

"We are part of the Southern Downs community and managing WIRAC will build our relationship with local people," he said.



Railway Hotel Rascals vs. Wheatvale

Round five of the season witnessed the Railway Hotel Rascals take on Wheatvale at Mayhew Oval in Warwick. The Rascals lost the toss and Wheatvale decided to have a bowl in the hot

conditions, a relief for the Rascals, as this year's plan is to bat first at every opportunity. The start of the game did not fare too well for the top order, with the score soon at 6-49. Thankfully however, the Rascals bat all the way to number 11, where the number 11 spot is not regarded as a place for a weak batter in this team. Jake Christensen at number seven righted the tipsy ship by smashing six smart boundaries and enjoying a 36 run partnership with James Moore. His dismissal brought the score to 7-86, and soon after the Rascals were at 9-101 and thinking that we could have reached the 150 if things went just a little better. Now remember how the Rascals bat to number 11? Well on this day, a great 57 run (13 over) last wicket partnership between Liam Duncan (26) and Liam Keating (20) bolstered the score and the confidence of the Rascals, leaving the final score at 158. A new team record for the young club!

After some water and interesting quotes at the half time break, the Rascals went out to the field with high confidence sensing a chance at their first win in regular season. It wasn't until the 10th over that a wicket was taken, followed by another two shortly after leaving the game even at 3-83. Liam Duncan was the man in this spell, taking two wickets whilst James Moore chipped in with one off his spin bowling. Unfortunately, their next two batters scored most of the required runs, reaching the required score with only five wickets down. In the new rules, teams keep batting till the 40th over (or the 32th over if the fielding side has no chance to bowl out the team- i.e. 186/3) where senior batters retire after the total runs required have been reached so that the junior batters and bowlers in the competition have some more real game time, also the bowling team can still earn the bonus point for bowling the batting team out. Wheatvale had two new batters in at this point, so retirements were not required, and it is worth mentioning that Chris Cantwell kindly batted at number 11 for Wheatvale, an honourable thing to do! The Rascals did bowl out Wheatvale for 198, taking the last five wickets for 26 runs, leaving the Rascals losing by only 40 runs- one of the best results to date. James Moore and Jamie Holmes were the pick of the bowlers, each taking three wickets, whilst Tom Morris and Liam Duncan each took two. James Moore took three catches in the field, Liam Duncan two, Patty Geyle two great short catches and Jake Christensen snapped up a great one hander slips catch to end the Wheatvale innings.

Railway Hotel Rascals player of the year points- 3: Liam Duncan, 2: James Moore, =1: Jake Christensen, =1 Jamie Holmes.

The Rascals next game is on Saturday the 22nd of November against the Sovereign Animals, 12.30pm, at home. With two weeks off before this game, the Rascals will be practising their bowling accuracy at training on Thursday afternoons from 4pm. Anyone who wishes to come down and join in are most definitely welcome and can witness the great atmosphere that resides within the Rascals team! Brad Johnson

Allora Golf Notes GOLF

Last Sunday we played for the Railway Hotel Monthly Mug. Winner

of the day on a countback was Kev Harro with a ripper 3 over. Runner Up was Jack Fullwood. Pin shots went to Matt on the 7th & 3rd, Jack on the 16th, Rod on the 12th, Martin on the 13th & Kel on the 4th.

This week is the Allora Golf Open. It is a full day with tee times. Please see Kev or Adam for tee times.

The course is looking good, thanks to all who are helping. Remember your sand buckets - to play is to live

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Allora vs Sovereign

ORA CRICK Saturday. 8th November saw the Allora XI take on Sovereign Hotel at home, going down by 61 runs. Sovereign batted first making a total of 155 CLUB INC. runs from 39 overs.

Best batting for the day were, Kris McLennan with 26 runs, Mitchell McLennan 19 runs and Nick Morris 16 runs. Allora making a total of 94 runs.

Mitchell McLennan was in the wickets this week taking 3 for 13 off just 7.3 overs and Michael Loughren taking 2 for 28 off 5 overs

Allora Batting: Brodie Frizzell (0), Mitchell McLennan (19), Kris McLennan (26), Cameron Masters (4), Craig Cousar (12), Allan Shanks (0), Andrew Petersen (2), Nick Morris (16), Sam McLennan (6), Michael Loughren (2), Stew Henderson (Not Out-2), Sundries (5) - Total 94 runs.

Allora Bowling: Kris McLennan 4-0-1-32, Nick Morris 4-0-1-28, Michael Loughren 5-0-2-28, Brodie Frizzell 5-0-1-14, Allan Shanks 7-0-0-15, Stew Henderson 4-1-1-12, Cameron Masters 4-0-0-10, Mitchell McLennan 7.3-1-3-13.

There is no cricket this weekend due to Rep cricket. The next game will be on the 22nd November. Allora take on Inglewood at Inglewood. Please let Aaron know if you're available to play on 0428 627 107.

The winners from the cricket raffle this week were: Meat Tray - Dennis Allen, Meat Tray - Shanksy, Railway Dinner -Noelene, BBQ Chook - Melissa Willett, Bottle of wine - Phil Makinson and Scratches - Dennis Allen. Thank you to everyone for your support. The cricket raffle is on every Saturday night from 5.30pm at the Railway Hotel.

Shannon Masters

Allora Swimming Club News



The balmy warm evening was very welcoming and was well enjoyed by all member especially

as we changed our format and concluded the night with an all age freestyle relay. The relay involved all members and the swim legs consisted of 12.5m, 25m and 50m. It was great to see such active and enthusiastic participation by our junior and senior swimmers.

The swim team headed to Warwick on the weekend. James, Toby, Lachlan, William, Cassidy and Stephanie all performed well with William being successful in taking out age champion! Congratulations Will!

The Racklev carnival is 24th November - note amended date to last week's news. All children that have swam a 50m freestyle at club are automatically nominated.

Our Rotary carnival is fast approaching (Sunday 30 November) with nominations due 21st November. We will need many helpers to run the carnival successfully for example bbg cooking, food serving, timekeeping, runners, marshalling, gate entry, team organiser etc. A job board will be at the desk so please jot your name down on the task you can assist with. Keep an eye on the facebook page for any further updates.



Wattles Clubs Focused for 2015

Wattles Rugby League Club appointed their committee for the forthcoming 2015 rugby league season at the Annual Meeting held at Allora's Railway Hotel on October 22nd. After arguably the club's most successful of

their 48 seasons in the Toowoomba Rugby League competition that saw them win their third first grade premiership, the newly elected committee is now focused to celebrate the club's 50th anniversary in 2015.

Wattles, then known as Allora-Clifton, came into existence with the amalgamation of the Clifton and Allora rugby league clubs and played their initial year, 1966, in the Warwick & District completion before joining the Toowoomba Rugby League in 1967.

Current first grade player Aaron Scheid was reappointed to his third season at the helm of the club as President, with Senior Vice-Presidents Don Scheid & Barry Glass. Junior Vice-Presidents include committee newcomer Tim Somes & another current Wattles first grader in Tim Hentschel, who was also appointed 2015 Club Captain. Joanne Frizzell continues as Secretary along with Alana Frizzell as Assistant Secretary while the Treasurer position is yet to be filled.

Shelley Duggan was reappointed club Registrar & Jack Duggan continues as Wattles Patron.

Wattles 2014 premiership winning coach & 2014/15 TRL Coach of the Year Luke Duggan will again mentor the clubs top side along with the additional role of Club Coaching Director, and Allora area local Michael Ryan will coach the Under 18 team.

Aaron Scheid said "we will be announcing our Reserve Grade Coach in the near future after considering a number of expressions of interest."

Wattles Junior Rugby League Club hosted their Annual Meeting at the Wattles Clubhouse at Platz Oval on Tuesday evening October 21st.

Paul Duggan was appointed President of the Club for the 2015 league year, his committee comprising Grant Lollback (Vice-President). Leeanne Eastwell (Secretary/Publicity Officer). Debbie Meddleton (Treasurer/Registrar) & Nichole Soter (Fundraiser Coordinator).

The 2015 Club Coaches are: Under 7 - Ange Campbell, U8 -Vacant, U9 - Chris Robson, U10 - Dane King, U11 - Ian Brady, U12 - Peter Cavanagh, U13 - John Meddleton, U14 - Paul Duggan & U16 - Grant Lollback.

Glyn Rees

ALLORA NIGHT BOWLS NOTES

"Thou shall turn up for bowls every Tuesday unless it is raining at the start of play" so said the Great Games Director. And we did. Every team (almost) was on the green for start of play. Even though the BOM site predicted storms, the farmer bowlers said 'she'll be right, mate, the storm will go around'.

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We were all out there, bravely bowling while all around us the cloud filled sky was illuminated by flashes of lighting. The storm was very fierce out to the west but we were confident (well most of us) the storm would go around. We counted the seconds after the strike and tried to concentrate on play. We wondered about an Allora First – Bowler struck by lighting!

We had played six ends before the rain came down but everybody was happy. John Wright won the \$5.00 first toucher prize and another six players had won Evan's Drilling chocolates - Greg Paddo, Tahlai and Darren from Roonicks, Cameron Masters, Tracey Heslin and Luke.

This season's bowling history was made - The Roonicks (Darren, Holli and Tahlia) beat the Three Amigoes (Doug, John and Chris), their first loss of the season and Team Engel (Chris, Ashleigh and Howard Brown) beat the Old Boys (Lyn P & Mal & Craig Sinton) again their first loss of the season.

Thank you to the substitute players, Victoria, Cameron, Tahlai and Liz. Of course Liz had to play with Kookaburra emblem bowls. She has a special affinity with kookaburras.

Thank to everybody who supports the Sports Club by buying raffle tickets. The Club supplies the 6 Pack, the bottle of port and the fruit tray (three weeks out of four) for prizes. The Railway Hotel donates the Pizza, the Swimming Pool - \$15.00 cash prize and the Jack Pot is donated by Paul Parker Painter, Bolzan Sands and True Value Hardware. Foodworks donates a tray of fruit once a month. Thank you to all sponsors. Mark Simpson missed out of the Jackpot this week so next week it will be \$80.00.

This week's winners were Whites Garage (Rink 3) and M & Ms were the winning losers.

Greg thanked all the members who had helped - Kev, Merv and Darren for their work on the green. Donna for handling the bar and Lyn for keeping records.

John took the mike to announce that at the Sports Club meeting held on Sunday last Greg Patterson had been made a Life Member along with Jim Anderson (Golf Club) and that Greg had been given the honour of being nominated as the Patron of the Sports Club. Hearty congratulations were offered to Greg by all members.

The Paterson family have been bowlers in Allora for many many years. Greg and Lyn remember that their mother Rita played bowls every Wednesday when they were in primary school at Allora State School. Rita would have started playing bowls in the 1950's. Their father Toye started playing in the 70's and later on became the Greenkeeper for many years. Greq and Lyn have been playing bowls for more than 30 years. Greg has held Executive positions with the Sports Club and has fostered and run night bowls since its inception. Greg is a worthy recipient of Life Membership and will continue to be a mentor as Patron, to all those who enjoy a game of bowls.

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