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Beth Chisnell, Paige Bain and Josephine Lloyd were Santa's helpers on Saturday at the Allora RSL Community Carols. Photo © Terry West Photography





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The Allora **Advertiser** would like to offer the Allora Community Best Wishes for the Festive Season.



2016 has been an interesting and eventful year for our town and surrounds and the Allora Advertiser team works diligently to produce an interesting weekly publication.

This is not done in isolation and we would like to thank those people in the community who support us by

providing items for publication. Firstly our sincere appreciation to Colin Newport our local historian who presents our segment 'Looking Back'; as well as Lyn Wright who has supplied a number of historical articles across the year. Both Colin & Lyn are members of the Allora Historical Society.

Another local identity Glyn Rees has for many years created stories for local groups & individuals for inclusion in our weekly Advertiser. We thank Glyn for the time taken from his busy schedule to provide these stories.

Last but not least we thank the community groups, individuals, photographers, sports groups for their input and the advertisers for their commitment to our local Advertiser. We look forward to continuing to work with you and hope 2017 is a productive year for us all.

> Christine, Fraser & Tim The Allora Advertiser Team





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Letters to the Editor ...

The following letter was received by our office:

Dear Wattles Junior Rugby League families,

At our recent AGM the club was unsuccessful in re-electing a President for 2017 season.

To enable the club to participate in the competition we need someone to step forward and take the position. I will endeavour to support the new President over the upcoming season but wish to stand down. Michael Jensen from Central Division has also offered his support for the new coming President.

On a serious note, without a President for 2017 our club will not be able to participate in the competition and the future of our club will be in jeopardy.

We have called a special meeting on 17th January 2017 at 7.30pm at Railway Hotel, Allora to discuss nominations which may be received prior to this date. If you wish to discuss anything prior to the meeting, please contact me after working hours 5pm on 0409 404 087.

Kind Regards.

Paul Duggan

Veteran support services available over the Christmas period:

Dear Editor

I would like to share with you the Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA) service arrangements for the Christmas-New Year period.

Continued access to support services is important during the festive season, especially as many of our veterans find this time of year challenging.

Christmas for veterans can be an unpleasant reminder of all that was lost - a reminder of the men and women who didn't make it back home and of those continuing to serve our country far from their families and loved ones.

I wish to reassure veterans and their families that while DVA

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services will be reduced during this break, help and support will remain available throughout the holiday period and they can continue to access crucial DVA services during this time. These services include:

Counselling - The Veterans and Veterans Families Counselling Service (VVCS) offers 24-hour crisis counselling. This service is available toll free on 1800 011 046 to veterans of all conflicts and their families.

Access to DVA's online mental health information and support - Veterans can visit DVA's At Ease mental health portal www. at-ease.dva.gov.au.

Transport - DVA staff will be available to process transport requests for medical treatment between 28-30 December. The transport booking service will be closed on 26-27 December and 2 January.

If transport is required during this period but has not been prebooked, DVA clients can pay for the transport up front and seek reimbursement when offices re-open. Alternatively, transport can be booked and reviewed, and travel expenses can be claimed online through DVA's MyAccount at https://myaccount. dva.gov.au.

Hospital admissions - Doctors can admit DVA patients into hospital and request retrospective approval for the admission, where required, when DVA resumes full services on 3 January. Defence Service Homes (DSH) Insurance - Help with policy and claim enquiries is available 24-hours a day on 1300 552 662. Payments can be made on 1300 304 989 or via the DSH website www.dsh.gov.au.

Pharmaceutical approvals - providers seeking prior approval for pharmaceuticals can call the Veterans' Affairs Pharmaceutical Advisory Centre (VAPAC) 24-hours a day on 1800 552 580.

All DVA offices will close at the end of business on Friday, 23 December 2016 and will resume full services at start of business Tuesday, 3 January 2017.

There will be no change in pension payment dates this year. Payments will be paid into clients' nominated financial

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institutions as normal on Thursday, 22 December 2016. The first pension payment in 2017 will be on schedule on Thursday,

To all members of the veteran, Defence and ex-service communities, on behalf of the Department I wish you all the best for the festive season and the New Year. Yours sincerely

S. Lewis PSM Secretary

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Show Society members wish the community a Merry Christmas and look forward to seeing you all at the New Year's Eve celebrations at the Allora Showgrounds.







New Years Eve Celebrations at Allora **Showgrounds: Fun for all the family**

The annual Allora Show Society New Years Eve Family Fun Night is on again on 31st December. The evening is a family friendly way to bring in the new year with fun and activities for young and old.

The fun will start from 6pm with games and races for the children, snow cones, fairy floss ice cream van, along with a children's movie in the pavilion. There will be a free Jumping Castle for the children to enjoy. Adults are also catered for with live entertainment till late, a coffee van and bar facilities.

The highlight of the evening will be the 8.30pm huge fireworks display sponsored once again by Grainx.



The night will prove to be great value with entry only \$7 for adults and children under 16 will be admitted for free.

Camping is available at the Showgrounds for a small fee and a cooked breakfast will be available the next morning. For camping bookings call Ted on 0418 731 514.

So get family and friends together for a great family night at Allora Showgrounds on 31st December.

Santa's Posties Roger & Sharon ready to deliver the Christmas mail

Allora CWA Notes

We held the last meeting of the year combined with a Christmas party. Mary Shelbach had decorated the room beautifully and for the first time in years we enjoyed having children present.

Country Kitchens and CWA will produce a showcase at Allora Show. These have been very successful in other places and will lead to nutrition workshops starting in May.

The CWA will take part in the Allora weekend providing drinks, sandwiches and cakes for visitors as well as a place to sit and enjoy tea and scones.

International officer Alison Payne has been very successful this year with Greenland and the branch will sponsor her to attend a weekend study school on Nepal for next year so look forward to an interesting International day.

Schedules were made available for 2017 competitions in cookery, floral art, photography, dressmaking, art and knitting and crochet.

As part of a CWA ongoing initiative to help victims of domestic violence, the branch decided to donate its Christmas bowl as a start to providing supplies to victims of domestic violence and to have a supply available for distribution by local community police officer Kirsty. Kate Gordon with help from Margaret Ryan will co-ordinate the collecting of supplies and making up of kits. They will welcome help from the community with this very worthy cause

Branch members were reminded that a bursary is awarded by Condamine Valley branch to a year 12 student starting University in 2017. Application forms are available from the CWA cafe in Grafton Street.

For a change we had a lunch for Christmas and everyone enjoyed the generous spread and there was some recipe swapping afterwards as some family favourites came out.

A special guest was Maureen Holmes who was celebrating her 93rd birthday. Kate Gordon had made a cake and we all wished her well. Maureen drew the winning raffle ticket and we congratulate Marg and Max Phelan who won first prize of an IGA voucher, Hazel who won second prize of a decorated Christmas cake and Rae Masters who won third prize of a Christmas pudding.





Telstra's monopoly days numbered with service obligation under Productivity Commission scrutiny

Federal Member for Maranoa David Littleproud is closely watching a perfect storm brew in regional telecommunications as a result of the Productivity Commission's call for a major overhaul of an agreement between the government and Telstra while, at the same time, the ACCC investigates national roaming.

"Telstra has received billions in funding from taxpayers under an agreement – the Telecommunications Universal Service Obligation (TUSO) – that mandates every Australian have access to a telephone service." Mr Littleproud said.

"In this day-and-age some couldn't image life without a phone but for many who live in regional and remote areas, not having a reliable connection is a reality. That's why I was disturbed to learn – in the Productivity Commission's draft report – Telstra's used this long- standing agreement with the government to treat every fixed-line customer as a TUSO connection, even when the connection is commercially viable.

"To me, the spirit of this agreement was to subsidise coverage in areas where it wasn't commercially viable but here's Telstra claiming the TUSO on every connection regardless of whether you're in Brisbane or Birdsville.

"I'm also alarmed by the lack of transparency as Telstra isn't required to report on the number of non-commercial services or on the costs of any telephone service it supplies."

The Maranoa MP – whose rural electorate spans about 42% of Queensland – is strongly advocating for better communications outcomes in the bush.

"The ACCC has undertaken an inquiry into domestic roaming which would give you, the consumer, freedom to access towers of any carrier – on your mobile phone – to increase connectivity right across the country," he said.

"I think there's going to be a major shake-up regarding telecommunications as the Productivity Commission's TUSO will be submitted to the Federal Government on April 28 and the ACCC is also set to hand-down its national roaming report in the New Year.

"In my very first speech in Federal Parliament, I made it clear that boosting telecommunications connectivity in Maranoa was a key priority for me in my first term and that's exactly what I'm fighting for."

TUSO submissions need to be received by the Productivity Commission by January 20 and you can view Productivity Commission's draft report overview at: www.pc.gov.au/inquiries/current/telecommunications/draft



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First meeting of the Inland Rail Yelarbon to Gowrie Project Reference Group off to a constructive start

The Chair of the Yelarbon to Gowrie Project Reference Group, Mr Bruce Wilson AM, is pleased that local community participation in the review of the Melbourne to Brisbane Inland Rail alignment has formally begun.

Mr Wilson met with Members of the Project Reference Group on Wednesday, 14 December, in Toowoomba and said he was encouraged by the Members' response to initial briefings on the Inland Rail project and the work being undertaken to review the four alignment options within the Yelarbon to Gowrie study area.

"From my discussions with the Minister it is clear he wants the community to be heard and to have confidence in the process to allow the Australian Government to reach a final decision on the alignment in the Yelarbon to Gowrie section of the project," Mr Wilson said.

"Members confirmed to me that they found this foundation meeting to be very useful. They particularly appreciated the transparency of the meeting - but there is still much to do, and the Project Reference Group was clear about the information it is seeking from the consulting team at future meetings."

While the meeting was conducted in a constructive atmosphere, Mr Wilson said he appreciates the challenges ahead.

"The meeting provided me the opportunity to directly hear from local representatives about what they were looking for in this process," he said.

"First and foremost, they want the facts. And they want the local community to be fully informed of the facts."

Mr Wilson said he will be writing to local landholders in early January to provide them with information about the alignment review and the role of the Project Reference Group. "It is particularly important that there is a clear and accurate channel of communication between myself, the Project Reference Group, and the local community."

Mr Wilson was recently appointed by the Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, the Hon Darren Chester MP, as the Queensland Community Advisor for the Inland Rail project. The Project Reference Group is planning to meet next in early February and again through March with a view to Mr Wilson providing a report back to Minister Chester on behalf of the Group by the end of March 2017.



\$128 million drug subsidy to assist severe asthmatics

Two breakthrough medicines to help severe asthmatics breathe easier will be subsidised by the Federal Government through the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS), Maranoa MP David Littleproud said on Monday.

"When I was 12 years old, I lost a good mate to an asthma attack so this announcement is very close to my heart because this condition can affect anyone at any age," Mr Littleproud said.

"That's why this announcement is so important as the Coalition Government will invest \$128 million, over four years, to give severe uncontrolled asthmatics subsidised access to Spiriva Respimat and Nucala from early next year."

Chances are you'll know someone who suffers from asthma – a chronic respiratory condition – as it affects more than one in 10 Australians and the funding will be of enormous benefit.

"These medicines will really make a difference for the 20-40% of asthmatics who need extra help and extra medication, for whom the normal daily treatments don't work very well," Mr Littleproud said.

"From February 1, Spiriva Respimat will be subsidised on the PBS. This is an important medication for adult patients with severe uncontrolled asthma who, despite taking daily maintenance treatments, continue to experience symptoms like coughing, wheezing and shortness of breath.

"Additionally, Nucala will be made available on the PBS from January 1 for patients with severe eosinophillic asthma. Patients with this 'sub-type' of asthma suffer from persistent airway inflammation, despite the use of preventative treatment, which leads to more severe symptoms and a poorer prognosis."

BAD JOKE OF THE WEEK

It was Christmas Eve. A poor old lady was sitting alone, except for her cat, in her tiny house, in front of a small fire. Suddenly, there was a flash of light, and the old woman's good fairy appeared in the room.

The old woman was astonished, but the fairy reassured her: "Don't be afraid! I am your good fairy. You are very poor, and all alone at Christmas, so I have come to grant you three wishes, to cheer you

The old woman was about to speak, but the fairy held up her hand. "Wait!" she said. "Before you make a wish, think carefully! You will get exactly what you wish for, and no wish can be undone!"

So the old woman sat silently, staring at the fire and thinking. Eventually, she spoke: "First", she said, "I want to be very, very wealthy." Poof! Immediately, the tiny house was packed with pots full of gold coins, and sacks of bank-notes. There was more money than anyone could spend in an entire lifetime. The old woman looked around and smiled.

She thought some more, and spoke again: "Next", she said, "I want to be young and beautiful again, like I was when I was 18." Poof!

The old woman disappeared. In her place sat a beautiful young woman, with smooth, white skin and long, golden hair. The woman looked at her hands and arms, felt her hair, and smiled.

"Third", she said to the fairy, "I want you to change my cat into a handsome young prince, who will love me and take care of me all my life!"

Poof! The fairy disappeared, and the cat leapt up from his place by the fire as a handsome young prince. He reached out to the woman, pulled her to her feet, embraced her, and kissed her passionately. Then he gazed into her eyes and said: "Hah! Now you're really going to be sorry that you took me to the vet!"

Southern Downs Young Leaders appointed for 2017

Eight young people from the Southern Downs region have been appointed to the Southern Downs Young Leaders Program and are looking forward to bringing exciting initiatives to the region as well as tackling youth issues.

At its General Meeting held today, Southern Downs Regional Council endorsed the Southern Downs Young Leaders Team for 2017.

Young Leaders:

- Liana Allen
- · Samantha Gianini
- · Darcie Heaven
- · Brett Lister-Petersen
- Isaac Beh

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Looking Back...

Jubb's Inn Open for Business

This sign may well have adorned a building at what is now 2 Jubb Street 170 years ago. There is no direct evidence of William Jubb ever having had an inn on the site, certainly no liquor licence was ever issued, but we can imagine him dispensing drinks and hospitality to the bullockies and travellers stuck at the crossing waiting for the water in the flooded Dalrymple Creek to go down. Indeed, Spencer Briggs in his writings as "The Angel" in the Allora Guardian said that the real reason for Allora's development as a town was that Jubb became bogged in Allora's black soil in a wet time, threw off his tools and set up a blacksmith's shop near the creek crossing. We know that Jubb was there in 1846 because in that year he twice applied to the Darling Downs Commissioner of Crown Lands, Christopher Rolleston, for a permit to build on the site. This was apparently turned down because Rolleston did not have the authority to issue building permits on Crown Land, the site being on the Goomburra Run, at that time leased by the North British Australian Company.

We know that Jubb was still there in 1848 because the Reverend Benjamin Glennie, the first Church of England minister to serve on the Darling Downs, records in his diary that he conducted a church service at "Jubb's of Goomburra". Jubb's was the only habitation on his trip from Warwick to Drayton. The building which was Jubb's home for about four years must have at least had four walls and a roof, albeit made of slabs and bark. George Pratten's original survey plan for the town in 1859 is marked "Remains of Jubb's Inn" so the building left evidence of its existence well after Jubb had moved on

In 1850 William Jubb took over Henry Alphen's Woolpack Inn near Cunningham's Gap, on land then owned by George and Walter Leslie but later



ABOVE: A painting by Lord Henry Montagu of the Woolpack Inn at Cunningham's Gap c.1852 BELOW: John & Lyn Wright's new home at 2 Jubb Street, the former site of "Jubb's Inn".



transferred to Arnold Wienholt's Maryvale Run. After a long running dispute with Wienholt who took up a pre-emptive purchase of the 160 acres surrounding the inn, William Jubb was forced to abandon his tenancy and demolish the building.

Who was this William Jubb who may well have been the founding father of the town of Allora? His background remains a bit of a mystery. If he was the William Jubb who died in Brisbane at the age of 65 in 1878. he was born in Ireland in 1813. If he arrived in Australia in about the 1830's it is possible that he had a convict background. Nehemiah Bartley described Jubb as "a character - illiterate, rough and aggressive in appearance". In 1858 he was charged in the Warwick Court with assaulting an employee, for which he was found guilty and sentenced to 6 months in prison. He was released on appeal after a month as having been illegally confined. In a civil case in the Supreme Court in 1859 he was sued for the payment of two cheques to the value of £18/13/2 for which he was found liable.

William Jubb had a wife Margaret, "a little, diminutive, ugly woman" who came to an untimely end in April 1855 at the age of 35 when the dray in which she was being conveyed to Ipswich for medical treatment, overturned on top of her. In a tragic run of events, the grave dug was found to be too small for the coffin, the grave was wrongly dug in the Church of England section of the cemetery, and the priest present declined to officiate because it was in the Protestant section. The body was later exhumed and re-buried with the proper rituals.

William Jubb had a brother George who may have also been a blacksmith. He was charged with illegally wounding in June 1859 and also sentenced to 6 months jail. William had apparently re-married Eleanor Robinson and they had a son, William Cephas Jubb, born in the Woolpack Inn on the 22nd April 1858. As John and Lyn Wright's new home at 2 Jubb Street opens its doors we hope that it will be remembered as well in another 170 years as Jubb's Inn is remembered today.

Colin Newport

Bianca Fitch

Southern Downs Mayor Tracy Dobie offered her congratulations to the successful applicants.

"On behalf of Council I would like to offer congratulations not only to the eight new Young Leaders, but to all of the young people that threw their hat in the ring for the 2017 program.

"I understand that the applications were all of a very high calibre, and I commend all of the young people that showed an interest in being part of the Southern Downs Young Leaders program.

"It is Council's hope that those young people that may have missed out on a spot for 2017, will support the Young Leaders next year in their activities and their advocacy, and consider re-applying the following year," she said.

The date for the first meeting is yet to be determined, but the Mayor said she will be there to officially welcome the new and returning crop of Young Leaders to Council.

Council's Youth Development Officer and Young Leaders Program coordinator, Hailey Cosh echoed the Mayors comments.

"It was very pleasing to see the high standard of applications for the young leader positions.

"We've got a great balance with some new members and some returning members who have a bit of experience up their sleeves now, and I'm very much looking forward to working with the new team throughout the coming year," she said.

Council is committed to addressing the needs of youth in the Southern Downs, with emphasis on building partnerships across the region; developing opportunities and encouraging participation to ensure that our diverse range of young people have a voice and the support to become more independent and self-determining individuals.

Ms Cosh said "the 2017 Team are ready to take on the opportunity and use the program as an initiative to identify exciting projects for young people across the Southern Downs". "The program also addresses the more serious issues within our region with the Young Leaders tackling social issues including homelessness, drug and alcohol abuse.

"The Young Leaders will start the year with a training camp in mid-January, and later in the year will work with Councillors and Senior Council staff to develop the Youth Action Plan for 2017/2018 financial year." said Ms Cosh.

The Mayor emphasised that the youth program is an important component of Council and she and all Councillors are keen to work with the young leaders on issues of importance to young people across the region.

"The Young Leaders will represent and advocate for young people across the Southern Downs region, as part of Council.

"I can certainly say that I have been impressed with the ideas, innovation and representation of our current Young Leaders to date and we look forward to our 2017 Young Leaders bringing fresh ideas to the table and putting them into practice," she said.

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Remuneration tribunal sets down elected member pay rise

Following a review of remuneration for Mayors, Deputy Mayors and Councillors, the Local Government Remuneration and Discipline Tribunal has handed down a report which includes a decision to increase the maximum level of remuneration by two per cent (2%).

The Tribunal's decision has been outlined in a Remuneration Schedule which will apply to all Queensland Local Government Mayors, Deputy Mayor and Councillors, excluding Brisbane City Council, effective from 1 July 2017.

Southern Downs Regional Council's Mayor, Cr Tracy Dobie said that Council had accepted the tribunal's decision, but stressed that the 2% remuneration increase is more than offset by Council's decision not to claim travel expenses.

"The combined total increase in remuneration levels for Council's elected members would be \$13,107.

"In the current term of Council, Councillors opted to make use of a Council pool car for travel associated with Council business rather than using our own vehicles and claiming travel expenses.

"This was agreed following a review of Council's Reimbursement of Expenses and Provision of Facilities for Councillors policy in late April this year, and has resulted in significant savings when compared to the pre-election period.

"In the post-election period of April – June 2016, zero travel expenses were claimed.

"Whereas, in the pre-election period of July 2015 to March 2016 travel expense claims amounted to \$12,970 and \$34,368 for the 2014/2015 financial year," emphasised the Mayor.

Provision will be made in the draft 2017/2018 budget for the increase in Councillors' remuneration.

Events Calendar

2016

December -

Sat 31 Allora's New Years Eve Party & Fire Works

Allora show grounds, from 6.00pm

2017

January -Sat 28 Allora Heritage Weekend & Sun 29 Allora Showgrounds.

February -

Sun 12 Allora Swimming Club 50 Year Celebrations

Allora Swimming Pool

Sat 18 Allora RSL Afternoon Delight by Mixed Generations
Allora RSL. Hall, 1.30pm - 4.30pm

March -Fri 3 Allo

Allora Rotary Trivia Night

Allora Community Hall

April -Fri 28 Open

Opening of the Joyce Gibson Scented Garden

Pre-school grounds, 2.30pm

Fri 28 Bush Dance - Allora Community Circle/Allora S.S. 6.00pm - 9.00pm

Sat 29 Allora State School 150 Year Celebrations

Sat 29 Allora Autumn Festival

& Sun 30 Allora Township

May -Sat 6

Scope Club of Allora 40th Anniversary Afternoon Tea Allora Community Hall

Allora Community Hall

October -Fri 20 St. Patrick's Fete

St. Patrick's School Grounds, Allora

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IMMEDIATE RIGHT: Fraser & Rhiannon Clark from the Allora Doctor Who Group brought their Dalek to the Community Carols. A prize of a TARDIS Clock with fridge magnets and party masks was raffled and won by Louise Peck.

FAR RIGHT: Ivan Kotsopoulos and Stuart Campbell from the Allora Mens Shed at the RSL Community Carols on Saturday. Men's Shed held a Christmas Ham Raffle.

BELOW: The Salvation Army Band played at the Community Carols.

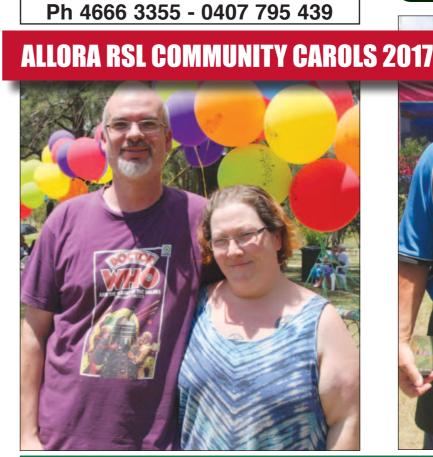
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At the Allora RSL Community Carols on Saturday - Ted Cowley, Helen Smith and John Cowley. Photo @ Terry West Photography

Council encourages food safety for all this festive season

Southern Downs Regional Council is urging residents to keep food safety at "front of mind" all the time but especially when preparing food for summer get-togethers and Christmas and New Year functions.

Manager Environmental Services, Mr Tim O'Brien said it's important to remember the temperature danger zone, and to



keep hot food hot and cold food cold.

"Food poisoning bacteria can survive and grow rapidly if food is left out in temperatures above 5°C and under 60°C. These bacteria can potentially produce toxins that aren't destroyed by further cooking.

"Council has an important role in regulating food safety in local commercial businesses, so this is perfect time to remind everyone about the importance of food safety everywhere, including in people's own homes as well," he said.

Here are some simple tips for avoiding the Temperature Danger Zone:

- Keep your fridge at or below 5°C. Use a fridge thermometer to check that the temperature stays around 4 to 5°C.
- Make sure you have enough fridge space as fridges won't work properly when they are overloaded or when food is packed tightly because the cold air cannot circulate.
- If you are running out of room in your fridge, remove foods that are not potentially hazardous, such as alcoholic or soft drinks. The temperature of these foods is not critical and they can be kept cool in insulated containers with ice or cold

?? CSIRO Double Helix Quiz ??

- 1. Our galaxy, the Milky Way, is a giant spiral. How many spiral arms does it have?
- 2. What was the first animal to orbit Earth?
- 3. How many people died last year in Australia from spider bites?
- 4. What do the letters in ROYGBIV stand for?
- 5. Most milk you buy in the supermarket is heated to kill harmful microbes. What is this process called?

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acks.

- Freshly cooked food, not for immediate consumption, should have the temperature reduced as quickly as possible. Divide into small portions and place in containers in the fridge or freezer as soon as it stops steaming.
- Hot food needs to be kept and served at 60°C or hotter. If you are keeping it warm for someone put it in the oven at 60°C or at 100°C if that is as low as your oven will go. If you think the food will dry out, cool the plate or container until the steam stops rising, cover and put it into the fridge.

Christmas and the holiday season is a time for celebration with family and friends. Food is generally at the centre of these festive celebrations and the above advice and food safety tips will help ensure your Christmas and holiday period is memorable for all the right reasons. For further festive food safety tips, visit Council's website: www.sdrc.qld.gov.au/living-here/our-environment/environmental-health/december-christmas-food-safety

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OPGANISATION

Allora Community Circle - Meets on the 4th Wednesday of the month, 6.00pm at the Senior Citizens Hall, Drayton Street Allora. Enquiries, contact Julie 0407 954 615.

Allora Community Kindergarten - 7 Gordon Street, Allora. Children attend 5 days per fortnight - Qld School Terms. Phone 4666 3420.

Allora & District Historical Society - Meets 3rd Wednesday of every month, 7.00pm, at Old Shire Hall, Warwick St., Allora. Drayton Street Museum open 1.30pm - 4.30pm every Sunday. Contact Carolyn Anderson 4666 2090.

Allora & District Rural Neighbourhood Watch - Meets 3rd Tuesday bi-monthly at the Allora Court House, Raff St., Allora, 6.30pm. All welcome. Contact Wendy Ardrey 0488 673 778.

Allora Garden Club - Meets 1st Tuesday of the month at 1.00pm, at 44 Arnold Street and travels to different locations. Contact Flora Sparksman 4666 2261 or Glad Holmes 4666 3191.

Allora Landcare Group - Meets on the 3rd Thursday of every second month, starting in February, at the Commercial Hotel, 7.30pm. Contact Peter Thomas 4666 6210 or 0419 724 025.

Allora Men's Shed Inc. - Open weekly Thurs. and Sat. at old Fire Station, Herbert St. 8.30am to 12.00pm. All welcome. President Glenn Miller 0408 063 387, Secretary Stuart Campbell 4666 3499. Email alloramensshed4362@gmail.com.

Allora QCWA - Meets 3rd Tuesday of month, 10.00am. Contact Sharon Hannah 4666 2197.

Allora R.S.L. Sub Branch - Meets at R.S.L. Hall. Contact Kath Turner 4666 2050.

Allora Red Cross - Meets 2nd Tuesday of the month from 1.30pm at 22 Forde St., Allora. Contact Kay Graham 4666 3035.

Allora Rotary Club - Meets every 2nd Monday at Railway Hotel , from 6.30pm. Contact Ann Balmain 4666 2450.

Allora Scope Club - Meets 2nd & 4th Wednesdays of month. Contact Daphne Whatley 4666 3691 for details on venue.

Allora Senior Citizens - Meets Monday and Friday, 1.00pm - 3.30pm for cards and Rummikin. Contact Shann O'Connell 0478 637 604.

Allora Show Society - Meets 1st Sunday of the month at 2.00pm at Show Society Ring Office, Allora Show Grounds. Contact Conrad Schnitzerling 0418 756 498 or Shirley Cornhill 0427 100 210.

Doctor Who Club of Australia: Allora Local Group - Meets bi-monthly at Allora QCWA, Warwick St. Allora. Contact Fraser Clark on 0401 432 587, email allora@doctorwhoaustralia.org or join our Facebook group www.facebook.com/groups/dwca.allora for upcoming meeting dates.

Friends of the Homestead - Meets on the 4th Thursday of the month at 2.00pm. Contact 4666 3694.

Goomburra Hall Committee - Meets 3rd Wednesday of the month, from 6.30pm at Goomburra Hall. Contact John O'Brien 4666 6050 to confirm.

Hope Masonic Lodge - Meets 1st Friday each month at 7.30pm, at Gordon St., Allora. Inquiries welcome. Contact Graeme Allen 4666 3164

St. Patrick's Parish Pastoral Council - McKillop House (old convent) Warwick St., Allora. Contact 4666 3377 and leave a message.

Victoria Hill QCWA - Meets 1st Tuesday of month 1.30pm at Victoria Hill Hall. Contact Shirley Erhardt 4666 3470

Warwick Veteran & Vintage Vehicle Club Inc. - Meets 1st Wednesday of the month from 7.30pm. Contact Graham McMillan 4666 3554 to confirm venue.

ART & CRAFT GROUPS

Allora Arts & Crafts - Meets every Tuesday, 9.00am - 12.00pm, at St. David's Hall, 1 Church St., Allora. Contact Sue Dalton 4666 3083.

Allora Photography Group - Meets 2nd Wednesday night of every month, 7.00pm, Allora State School Library, Raff St. All welcome. Contacts - Pres. Chris Johnson 0412 097 424, Sec. Sandra Head 0427 032 798, email alloraphotographygroup4362@gmail.com.

St. Patrick's Craft Group - Meet on 1st Monday of the month at McKillop House (old convent) Warwick St., Allora. Contact Cathie Wilson 4666 2441.

SPORTING / HEALTH ACTIVITIES

Allora & District Campdraft Association - Contact Secretary Angela Hart on 0418 708 366.

Allora Sports Club - Meets 2nd Monday of the month at the Club House, Warwick St., Allora. Contact John Ellwood 0448 196 647.

Allora Sports Museum - Regular hours each Sunday, 12.00pm - 4.00pm or other times open by appointment. Contact Perry Cronin 0407 034 320 or Glyn Rees 0400 811 093.

Allora Tennis Club - Family Fun Nights, first Friday of month from 5.30pm, phone 4666 2260. Ladies Tennis Tuesday AM and PM. Court available for night tennis. Contact 0439 702 051.

Line Dance Classes - Tuesday 6.30pm - 8.30pm, at Allora Sports Centre, Darling Street, Allora. Contact Jenny 4661 2448.

Southern Downs Rifle Club - Long Range Full Bore rifle competitions each Sunday, 9.00am - 12noon, at the Risdon Rifle Range, Connelly Dam Road, Warwick. Contact Margaret Taylor on 07 4666 1018 or Bob Tyllyer bobtyllyer@hotmail.com. Web site www.southerndownsrifleclub. websyte.com.au

Squash - at Allora Indoor Sports Centre. Phone John 4666 3100 for key.

St. Andrews Indoor Bowls Allora - Meets Tuesdays from 7.15pm at St. Andrews Hall, Warwick St., Allora. Contact Kathy Shannon 4666 3286.

IS YOUR COMMUNITY GROUP OR ORGANISATION NOT LISTED? Please email admin@alloraadvertiser.com with your details or talk with the team at Allora Advertiser office on 4666 3128 to confirm your details for next month's Allora Community Directory listing. CHANGE OF CONTACT DETAILS ARE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE INDIVIDUAL GROUPS.

MERRY*CHRISTMAS

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LEFT: Allora Crafties held their Christmas breakup party on Tuesday 20th December in St Davids, Church Hall, and were surprised by a special guest – Santa Claus (looking very fat!).

BELOW: A beautiful spread of food at the Allora Crafties Christmas breakup.

THINGS THAT HAPPENED ON THIS DAY - 22nd December

- 401 St Innocent I begins his reign as Catholic Pope.
- 1596 Ferryboat Meuniers crashes in Paris, 150 die.
- 1772 Moravian missionary constructs
 1st schoolhouse west of
 Allegheny.
- 1790 Supposedly impenetrable Turkish fortress of Izmail stormed and captured by Suvorov and his Russian armies during the Russo-Turkish War (1787–1792).
- 1807 US Congress passes Embargo Act, prohibiting American ships from trading in all foreign ports, as a result of involvement in hostilities between France and Britain.
- 1814 Samuel Marsden of the Church Missionary Society arrives in the Bay of Islands, New Zealand to establish the country's first mission station; Sheep, cattle, horses and poultry are introduced.
- 1851 The first freight train is operated in Roorkee, India.
- 1870 Jules Janssen, flys in a balloon in order to study a solar eclipse.
- 1882 1st string of Christmas tree lights created by Thomas Edison.
- 1885 Itō Hirobumi, a samurai, becomes the first Prime Minister of Japan.
- 1886 1st national accountants' society in US formed (NYC).
- 1894 Claude Debussy's "*Prélude* à *l'apres-midi d'un faune*" premieres in Paris.
- 1910 US postal savings stamps 1st issued.
- 1930 Convention of Economic

- Rapprochement/Oslo Agreesments signed between some European countries in response to the Great Depression.
- 1932 "The Mummy" directed by Karl Freund and starring Boris Karloff is released in the US - 1st Mummy horror film.
- 1934 1st flight from Netherland to Curacao (Christmas flight 1934).
- 1939 Cricket Legend Bradman scores 138 in South Australia's 7-821 v Oueensland.
- 1941 Winston Churchill arrives in Washington, D.C. for a wartime conference.
- 1942 World War II: Adolf Hitler signs the order to develop the V-2 rocket as a weapon.
- 1943 Manufacturers get permission to use synthetic rubber for baseball core.
- 1951 Australia cricket all out 82 v West Indies at Adelaide.
- 1956 Colo is born, the first gorilla to be bred in captivity at Columbus Zoo and Aquarium, Columbus, Ohio.
- 1958 "Chipmunk Song" reaches #1.
- 1962 1,000,000th NBA point scored.
- 1963 Official 30-day mourning period for 35th US President John F. Kennedy ends.
- 1964 First flight of the Lockheed SR-71 spy aircraft (Blackbird). Reaches 3,530 kph (record for a jet).
- 1965 "Doctor Zhivago" based on the novel by Boris Pasternak, directed by David Lean and starring Omar Sharif and Julie Christie premieres

- in NYC.
- 1965 Great Britain sets national maximum road speed at 70 miles per hour.
- 1983 Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak meets with PLO leader Yasser Arafat.
- 1984 Madonna's "*Like a Virgin*" single goes #1 for 6 weeks.
- 1990 Lech Walesa sworn in as Poland's 1st popularly elected president.
- 1992 Libyan MIG-23UB attacks Boeing 727 at Souk al-Sabt, 158 die.
- 1997 Acteal massacre: Attendees at a prayer meeting of Roman Catholic activists for indigenous causes in the small village of Acteal in the Mexican state of Chiapas are massacred by paramilitary forces.
- 2001 Richard Reid attempts to destroy a passenger airliner by igniting explosives hidden in his shoes aboard American Airlines Flight 63.
- 2003 A magnitude 6.6 earthquake hits near San Simeon, California.
- 2006 Australian archaeologist Sue O'Connor finds first evidence of modern humans in Jerimalai cave, near Lene Hara cave in East Timor.
- 2010 Repeal of the Don't Ask Don't Tell policy, 17-year-old policy banning homosexuals serving openly in the US military, signed into law by President Barack Obama.

GOLF

Allora Golf Notes

Friday, 16th - Fifteen players ventured out to play the Percys Fruit sponsored DuckRun. The winner was Chad

Wislon with 25pts. Runer up on countback was Doreen Duffy on 23 pts. Pin winners for the 8th went to Michael "pugsy' Pugliese and the 6th went to Tom Brown. Congratulations to the winners and all players.

Sunday we had a good roll up of players aiming for the last Allora Pharmacy Monthly Medal of the year. The conditions were very ominous with clouds building so players ventured out. Some great play was had for the front nine until the heavens opened and play was suspended for a drink or two until play resumed. A few carts were sliding in the wet bare patches with one almost sliding into the creek and just shows the determination of a few players to win our last monthly medal of the year. The winner with a great round coming in with 63 was Chad Wilson, Runner up Phil Tighe on 64, Rundown winners were Rod Simpson on 65, Ken Wilson and Lindsay May both on 66. Congratulations to the winners. Pin prize for the 4th went to Rod Simpson, 13th Matt May, 7th and a great shot on the 16th went to Lindsay May, Approach prizes for the 2nd went to Ken Wilson, no one took the 9th and Aaron Simpson took the 11th and 18th. Congratulations to the winner and all players.

Thank you to Allora Pharmacy for their continued support throughout the year we hope this continues into the future. Thank you to the workers for the work that has continued throughout the year, the way our course looks and plays is a testament to you all, thank you.

Friday, 23rd is the Allora Sports Club Christmas Party also the Percys Fruit sponsored Duckrun will be teeing from 2pm, followed by a few ends of bowls if you're keen. Everyone welcome, there will be prawns, BBQ, christmas cheer with a prize for the best Hawian shirt. COST \$5.00 (includes meal) RSVP to Wendy no later than Wednesday on 0437 342 870. Finally we wish all our members, players and visitors a very Merry Christmas and Happy and safe travels no matter where your traveling and if your hitting the golf course dont forget your sandbuckets and great golfing to you all.

SUPERCAMP AUSTRALIA

Live-in/Live-Out Basketball Training Camp, Sunday 8th to Thursday 12th January 2017, Harristown State High School, Toowoomba.

Junior Basketballers have the chance to learn the finer points of the game from former NBL, NBA & WNBL coaches and players over the school holidays.

Supercamp is a 5 day Live –in or Liveout camp aimed at boys and girls from six years to 18 years and the camp caters for beginners to experienced players.

The camp will run from January 8th to 12th at Harristown High School in Toowoomba. Former NBL (Brisbane Bullets) Coach, Brian Kerle, and former NBA (Denver Nuggets & Brisbane Bullets) great, Andre Moore will spread their immense basketball knowledge at the camp, along with Supercamp Director and Queensland State Basketball League legend, "Pop" Dickerson.

Current Queensland Basketball League coach Meagan Thompson is also on board and she is a past graduate of Supercamp during her junior days.

The coaching staff will put participants

Pool Passes up for grabs in new MY SDRC APP promo

Your family could beat the heat this summer at a local swimming pool in the region with Southern Downs Regional Council's new MY SDRC APP promotion kicking off today.

Council has been promoting the MY SDRC APP since November 2015 in a bid to entice more residents to access the many benefits that the APP offers, particularly the ability to log requests on the go.

The latest promotion will run through until 29 January 2017, with two family passes to the public pool of the winners' choice are up for grabs. Winners will be announced in January and February 2017.

Southern Downs Mayor Tracy Dobie said more than 1350 people had already downloaded the APP, but Council is keen for that number to continue to increase.

"This result is really pleasing, and it has been fabulous to speak with many of the winners of our previous promotions to hear their feedback about how easy the APP is to use.

"Council wants to keep increasing the profile of the APP and for more residents to download it and use the 'Fix It' function for logging their requests for service.

"The APP definitely offers a level of convenience to residents with the ability to log requests on the move, or to do so from the cool comfort of your own home.

"I would really encourage residents to get on board and download the APP as it also provides other benefits such as tracking the progress of your requests, access to the latest Council news and alerts and provides links through to our social media channels and Councillors contacts," said the Mayor.

To enter the MY SDRC Promotion, residents must:

- Download the free MY SDRC APP from the App Store (Apple devices) or Google Play (Android devices); and
- Submit a request via the MY SDRC APP, selecting the category type "MY SDRC APP Promo 4", and include your name, phone/mobile number and email address.

The two winners will be announced in January and February 2017. The promotion will run until 29 January 2017 and the promotion Terms and Conditions are available on Council's website www.sdrc.qld.gov.au/payments---services/my-sdrc-app



Coach Pop Dickerson.

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• CHURCH NOTICES •

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TUESDAY - Ladies Bible Study at 10.00am. WEDNESDAY - Bible Study at 7.00pm, at the church.

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CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Christmas Eve, 24 December - 7.30pm at Pilton Christmas Day, 25 December - 8.30am at Allora Enquiries phone 4666 3225. All welcome.

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• PUBLIC NOTICES •



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All Waste Transfer Stations in the region will open Boxing Day with the exception of the Wallangarra Waste Transfer Station which will be closed.

If you require any further information or have enquiries, contact Council on 1300 MY SDRC (1300 69 7372).

David Keenan

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We would like to wish everyone a Safe & Merry Christmas and a Fabulous 2017.



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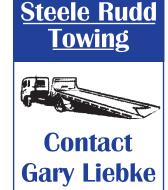






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New Year's Day: CLOSED Monday, January 2: CLOSED



LEFT: Allora's resident alien, Dalek Ky enjoying the Allora RSL Community Carols with Miles Kawano and Olivia Lack. Dalek Ky enjoyed menacing patrons of the RSL Bar and terrorizing the children. Dalek Ky also admitted to exterminating Santa's reindeer, hence their absence. *Photo ⊚ Terry West Photography*