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Allora Greenants Cause Major Upset



It must have been the new shirts that helped the Allora Greenants cricket team recently defeat the back-to-back champions Maryvale at the home of cricket, Slade Park. (full rundown on page 13)

Christmas Greetings



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Darling Downs police launch Christmas road safety campaign



Operation Sierra Noella, the QPS Christmas road safety campaign is now underway and runs until January 29 with several enforcement strategies planned.

These strategies will target drivers breaching the Fatal Five:

- Speeding** – including driving too fast for the conditions
- Driving under the influence** of drink and or drugs
- Fatigue** – Queensland is a big place to drive through – take a break
- Distraction** – your phone is your friend, but not while you're driving
- Seat belts** – even in 2020 people are not wearing their belts or restraining children properly – don't fly out of your car

Police are concerned that after a year of lockdowns and restricted travel, people will be eager to see friends and relatives during this festive time and perhaps won't be as conscious of safety as they should be.

Inspector Jason Hopgood, Country and Support Group Inspector for Darling Downs, said that he was looking for drivers to do the right thing, drive to the conditions, and take breaks.

Chief Superintendent Bernard Nunn of the Queensland Fire and Emergency Service spoke of the partnership of emergency services in responding to incidents and the hope that drivers will take heed of their road safety messages.

Superintendent Glen Maule of Queensland Ambulance Service spoke of the pressure on emergency services attending crashes and the effect it has on everyone.

We would like to encourage all road-users to drive safely and heed the Fatal Five this Christmas season so you can get to your destination safely.

Sergeant Tony Rehn

Christmas Photography Competition



Winning photo by Steven Kasper.

Federal Member for Maranoa David Littleproud MP recently held his annual photo competition, inviting residents to send in their best shot - celebrating the Australian Spirit of Christmas and showcasing iconic images from around Maranoa. The winning photo then becomes the front of David's Christmas card for 2020.

Congratulations go to Steven Kasper with his photo of this stunning sunset over sunflower fields in Willowvale. Many entries were received with special mention to Linda Mantova for Wheat crop on the Darling Downs; Jack Simmons - Thallon Silos; Sandra Sharman - Balonne River at Surat Weir; Alan Nichols - A Charleville sunrise and Steven Kasper - Condamine River Warwick.

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Enjoy the Christmas Wishes in next week's Allora Advertiser. Your favourite Allora businesses will also have information on their Opening Hours during the Festive Season. Great reading in the final edition for 2020 of the **Allora Advertiser** - pick up a copy!

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Strong local presence on Southern Downs food map

The Southern Downs and Granite Belt Food Maps have been launched to support our farmers and producers of the region. Created to showcase the incredible produce on the Southern Downs and Granite Belt, as well as to support the farmers behind the food, the maps help growers and graziers from across the region to promote their produce to visitors and locals alike, utilising the reach of Southern Downs and Granite Belt regional tourism campaigns.

Showcasing the freshest produce of the region – including meat, fruit, vegetables, eggs, dairy and specialty goods, the “Buy and Eat Local Map” is for tourists and visitors to our region. The “Farm and Produce Map” is designed more for the food industry – cafes, restaurants and serious foodies.

The philosophy behind the Food Maps is to support products which use at least 50% locally grown ingredients, or are grown 100% on-site. The purpose is to promote regional and seasonal produce that can be bought online, at markets or directly from farms which can be visited

by appointment.

The maps also support cafes and restaurants that incorporate locally grown ingredients on their menus, whose chefs are as passionate about their dishes as are the creators of the food.

Seasonality is very important to these businesses and the maps will help customers source the best produce from our region at varying times of the year.

Mayor Vic Pennisi said “Food Producers are the most important people on earth and I am very excited that we have these maps which will assist our local farmers and producers, to promote more of their product and grow awareness of locally produced sustainable food. We live in a region of abundance with four distinct growing seasons, and we are proud to launch the new Southern Downs & Granite Belt Food Maps, to help locals and visitors enjoy the best of the region from farm to fork.”

The food maps are located at <https://southerndownfoodmap.com.au>.

Visit the Southern Downs and Granite Belt tourism website.



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Water Restrictions

Local residents were happy to see the recent rain but a reminder that Extreme Water Restrictions still apply.

Residents who access drinking water supplied by Southern Downs Regional Council are restricted to 120 litres per day.

This includes those accessing the town water supply via a reticulated system or rural residents who purchase water supplied via the bulk water supply standpipes.

All outdoor water use is prohibited unless it complies with Council conditions.



Holiday arrangements for Centrelink, Medicare and Child Support

There will be some changes to payments and services over the December and January holiday period for Centrelink, Medicare and Child Support customers.

All service centres and most phone lines providing Centrelink, Medicare and Child Support services will be closed on Christmas Day 25 December to Tuesday 29 December and on New Year's Day 1 January.

Some smaller sites – including Remote Service Centres, Agents and Access Points – may close from Thursday 24 December 2020 and re-open for business on Monday 4 January 2021.

Self-service options will continue to be available during this period.

“There are no changes to Child Support arrangements, however payments made after 24 December may be delayed by public holidays.

“People can continue to claim Medicare benefits at their doctor's office or using self-service. Critical services for Medicare providers such as organ donor and PBS authorities will remain available over this period.”

Find out more about holiday period reporting and payment dates at servicesaustralia.gov.au/holidays

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Special towns tours and cemetery walk will take place on 23rd & 24th January for the Heritage Weekend.



LOCK UP OR LOSE IT

As Queenslanders get ready to head away for the silly season, one of the State's largest insurers has urged homeowners to be wary of thieves.

RACQ spokesperson Lucinda Ross said the Club had received 126 claims for home theft over the festive season last year, with items like cash, rings, computers and jewellery topping the Christmas thief's list.

“Unfortunately, thieves often strike at Christmas time because they know people will be away from home,” Ms Ross said.

“We've seen 2,619 claims for home theft in the last two years, with December and January some of the worst months for stolen items or building damage. There's clearly no rest for the wicked!”

Ms Ross said homeowners should do a few simple things before they leave their home unattended on the festive break.

“Make sure you dispose of receipts and packaging carefully so a thief going through your rubbish won't be able to tell if there's a new TV, gaming set or other tempting item inside your home,” she said.

“While it's important to lock all windows and doors when you leave, you also need to do this when you're home.

“It's easy for someone to come in through an unlocked front door and take a few items undetected, while you're out in the backyard enjoying the Christmas festivities. Remember to lock up this Christmas so you don't lose out!”

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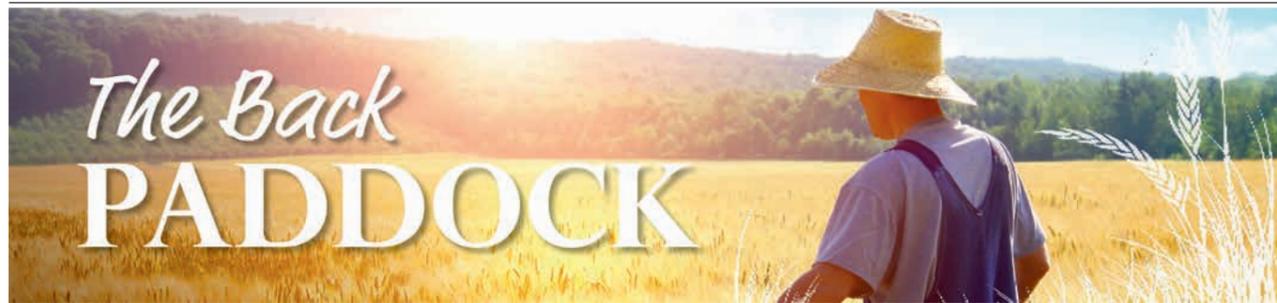
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Allora farms help GDRC research

On-farm sites at Allora and Felton were included in the latest research conducted by the Grains Research Development Corporation to assess the damage caused by a rising mice populations.

GDRC are now urging Queensland grain growers to monitor mouse numbers, reduce the availability of food around silos and sheds

and bait where needed with or before planting summer crops.

Researcher Steve Henry from CSIRO, Australia's national science agency, spent last week monitoring and trapping mice at sites in Brookstead, Allora, Felton, Moonie and Goondiwindi and said numbers ranged from moderate to high

"The most active sites

were in winter cereal stubble in cracking soils around Moonie, where our monitoring estimated 200 to 300 active burrows per hectare at some locations," he said.

"These are not mind-boggling mouse numbers, but they are high enough to warrant growers being concerned and taking action before they plant summer crops.

"We know most are still waiting for sufficient rain to plant a summer crop, however, growers who are still planning to plant, need to be walking through paddocks to visually check for mouse activity.

"Mice will be attracted to freshly sown paddocks, so it is important that zinc phosphide is on the surface so it's the first thing they come across."

GRDC Crop Protection Manager - North and Darling Downs grain grower, Vicki Green, said even in moderate numbers mice could do serious damage to machinery wiring, so good grain hygiene and baiting around silos and sheds was important to keep numbers low.

"I am hearing increased reports of mouse problems across southern Queensland and the conditions are right for populations to increase through summer and into autumn, so we need to be savvy about monitoring and management," Mrs Green said.

"Personally, we experienced significant damage in our wheat crop, but mouse numbers have since multiplied further and are now very problematic in and around our infrastructure."



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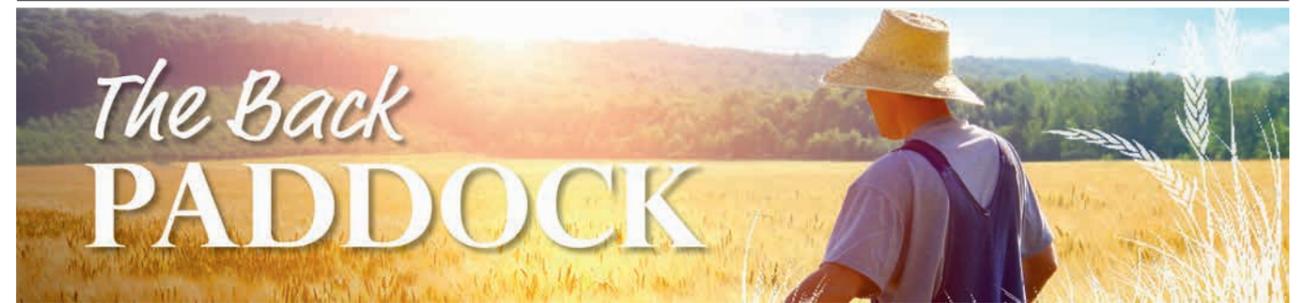
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Littleproud welcomes stronger farmer protections against extreme animal activists

Member for Maranoa and Minister for Agriculture and Deputy Leader of the Nationals David Littleproud has welcomed stronger measures to strip charitable status from extreme activist organisations that illegally harass, intimidate and spy on farming families.



David Littleproud MP

"Extreme activist groups who target law-abiding Australian farmers will no longer be able to claim tax-free status for their fundraising efforts, with a broader range of prohibited conduct to be considered against their charitable status," Minister Littleproud said.

"New regulations introduced by the Australian Government will now include trespass, unlawful entry, malicious damage or vandalism and threatening violence.

"The changes also strip charitable status from any group that uses their resources to promote or

support others to engage in the conduct prohibited by the new regulation.

"I know these changes will be widely welcomed and supported by farmers who live with the very real nightly threat of being attacked and having their property destroyed and vandalised, not to mention the serious biosecurity and animal welfare risks these mindless extremists bring with them.

"Activists thugs who take the law into their own hands will now find it more difficult to fund their illegal operations, and that is a good thing for Australian farmers and their families," Minister Littleproud said.

Volunteers Needed

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you brag about it down the pub,
then boldly step up to the tee,
and 'PING!' Your first drive hits a tree.

One hole, you par and brag to all,
next green you cannot find the ball,
last week you played and won the ham,
today your clubs are in the dam.

And then it strikes, that faultless day,
the buzz, good length, the perfect lay,
the monster putt, plonk, the rattle...
Raise your club! You won the battle!

You're now compared to Tiger Woods,
and all assume you have the goods,
until you hook and slice and shank,
and couldn't hit a Sherman Tank.

Beware this game - it sucks you in,
like life, it's all about the spin,
and mates of course who tap the keg,
and love to bring you down a peg.

Yes, thank the Lord your partner's there,
to lend advice you cannot bear,
suggesting clubs, they pause to gloat,
(you'd love to ram one down their throat).

But just when you're about to blue,
your partner's in the bunker too,
so - you just grab the flag and smile,
and watch their score blow out a mile.

Then when your card is signed and done
with, or without, a hole in one,
you all meet at the 19th hole,
and feast on bulldust by the bowl.

That's Golf! That's life! You never learn!
Like fools, tomorrow, you'll return!
Now! Get off home and clean those sticks,
you're teeing off at half past six.

(Written to celebrate The Allora Sports Club's official opening of the Maher-Rickert Bridge 21 November 2020)

Rundown on the cricket match that has everyone talking

The day started well, with captain Sean Bryson winning the toss and electing to bat in the scorching heat. New recruit Matt Christianson and his opening partner Jack Duggan started the innings off on a flyer, getting the score to 31 before the first wicket fell. From there plenty of players made solid starts and the innings came to an end with the score on 144, thanks to help from Tom Philp and some late order hitting from Tom Duggan

(26) and Jamie Holmes (16). During the innings break the boy's spirits were high and they ventured out to field hopeful to cause an upset. Opening bowler Jack Duggan struck gold early with the massive wicket of one of Warwick's premier batsmen Will Gordon with the score on 8. Fellow opening bowler Jamie Holmes produced one of the best spells of the season to take 2-5 off 8 overs. Thanks to tight bowling

and exceptional fielding, Maryvale went to drinks at 4/37 and an upset brewing. However, with Mick Bourke and Maryvale wicketkeeper Rohan Morris at the crease wickets needed to be taken. The pair ticked the score along to 78 without losing another wicket as they started to take the match away, that was until wickets to Tom Philp, Matt Higgins and Blake Lollback saw Maryvale collapse and be bowled out for 85 with the

Ants securing a major upset and a 59-run win in the process.

A huge thanks goes out to two major sponsors, the Allora Butchery and Benz Auto Dismantlers and Towing, along with Brown Nolan Watt Accounting, Max's Barber and Kidz, Allora and District Tyres, and the local True Value Hardware who helped fund the extravagant new shirts for the Allora boys.

Looking Back...

**Allora's Past 25 years ago
December 1995**

Going for Gold

St. Patrick's student Clare Nolan will be aiming for her second gold medal for the year at national level when she competes in the 800 metre event at the Australian primary school athletic championships in Melbourne. Clare won gold in the national cross country titles in Toowoomba. She won the State 800 metre championship by six seconds and trained with the Queensland team last week at QE2 in preparation for the national championships.

**Allora's Past 50 years ago
December 1970**

BED PUSH

The Allora Rural Youth are conducting a "Bed Push" from Warwick Post Office to Allora Post Office on Thursday, 24th December, to aid their Show Princess

entrant, Miss Sandra Smith.

**Allora's Past 75 years ago
December 1945**

Wheat Deliveries

Approximately 64,000 bags of wheat have been delivered to the Wheat Board's Allora depot and deliveries are still coming forward. It is anticipated that a further 6,000 to 7,000 bags will be delivered. At the Ellinthorp depot 40,000 bags have been received and there is very little more to come in that district. At Berat 25,000 bags have been received. Figures for the Goomburra depot are not available but it is believed that deliveries there have been heavy. It has been a big, but not record, crop and good yields have been experienced. At Allora it is reported that 95% of the wheat received is of the best quality.

**Allora's Past 100 years ago
December 1920**

Noxious Weeds

Protest

At the monthly meeting of the Allora Shire Council a petition was received from 27 owners and occupiers of land at Goomburra requesting that the day labour system of destroying burr be discontinued at once in the Goomburra Valley. Approximately 50% of the petitioners had been served with a notice to destroy burr on their properties. Mr. T. W. Wright of Goomburra was in attendance and was given permission to address the meeting. Mr. Wright's remarks were taken exception to by some of the councillors who called that he should not be allowed to proceed further. Mr. Wright left the meeting remarking that the attitude of the Council justified his remarks. It was resolved that the petitioners be informed that the Council was dealing with the noxious weeds problem to the best advantage in view of the financial difficulties governing the situation.

Colin Newport



The Allora Rural Youth Bed Push in 1970. Gary Gwynne, Michael Wright and Greg Gartner are in the front row.

Allora Open Swimming Carnival



Allora Swim Team members Jackson Sparksman and Cooper Harm competed at Allora's Open Carnival, with Cooper being named 14 years Age Champion.



12 years Age Champion Ellyse Kruger.



13 years Age Champion, Nick Denny.



8 years Age Champion, Tom Peters.



Winners of the 12 and under mixed team relay at the Allora meet were Chloe Harm, Ellyse Kruger, Will Day and Bailey Harm pictured with Club Patron Marg Rackley.



11 years boys medallist's, Henry Telford (Glennie), Chase Deurloo (TGSC) and Will Peters (Allora) receive their medallions from Heather Slatter and Marg Rackley at the Allora Open Carnival.

Allora Golf Report

Due to Friday's inclement weather, **Percy's Duck Run** was not played. Although Sunday's weather was not much better, a small field of 11 golfers contested the **Railway Hotel Monthly Mug** on Sunday. Neil Chandler played the wind the best to record 35 points to street the field and win the day from John E on 29 points. Neil also won the pin shot on 8/17 and the long putt. Kev won the approach on 3/12. All other pins/approaches were cleanskins. Thanks Robyn.

teams to show up to test themselves on our course. We are hoping for a strong contingent of local teams to support Club Captain Aaron and hopefully win this prestigious event. There will be a chance to win a VW Motor Car with a hole-in-one and the winners will progress to regional and maybe even National finals. Lets get behind Aaron and get as many teams as possible for Saturday. Register online or call Aaron on 0448 665 999. Get to the club by 9.00 am on Saturday for a 10.00 am shotgun start.

This Saturday the Allora Golf Club will host the VW Scramble and we expect a number of out of town

Sunday will be the Monthly Medal. See you on the links.



ABOVE: 12 years Age Champion Bailey Harm who also broke meet records at Allora.



TOP RIGHT: 10 years Age Champion Chloe Harm with Marg Rackley



RIGHT: Allora Team member Claire Eckersley had a great day of swimming at the Allora Meet.

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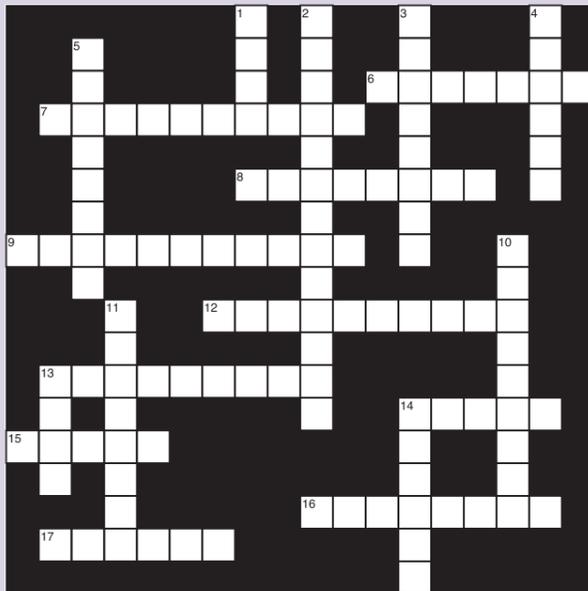
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 - 14. Spiced Christmas beverage.
16. Prancer, Comet or Blitzen.
17. Sometimes blinking, colourful sources of illumination.

Jeremy's View

Christmas

At the time I am writing this edition of Jeremy's view there are only 10 nights until Christmas (and I am very excited for it). I only know 2 things that mum is giving me and those are 2 books and I am getting a little bit more but I don't know what any of those are and mum has been very sneaky about it. My little brother William who is six is really looking forward to Christmas too. He says that he's been a good boy. I know that kids like Christmas because of the presents, but we still like Christmas for other reasons too. My family will get to spend time together with my grandparents (Nonna and Dan-Dan), and my aunty Holly and her husband Peter and 2 year old Cruze. And Christmas time means that we are all on School holidays. We get to go camping with mum and dad in the yard with a tent and campfire. And sometimes we kick the football around with dad and ride our bikes. And this Christmas is special because Nonna and Dan-Dan, who live at Severnlea, have sold their property and are building a house on our property at Kyoomba. So there'll be lots of things for us to do while all of this takes place. But my favourite thing about Christmas is to give other people presents. Because I am old enough to earn pocket money now, I get to choose little presents for my family.



Jeremy Lister, age 9

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The Allora Swimming Club hosted the 51st Annual Rotary Carnival at the pool on Saturday 5th December. The meet attracted 140 swimmers from across the region including teams from Jandowae, Toowoomba, Texas, Killarney, Dalby, Gatton, Warwick and Glen Innes. Allora had a strong team of swimmers with 40 of their 60 club members participating at the meet.

Congratulations to all the Allora Swim Team on their contribution to our home carnival. Some swimmers competed for the first time, others swam new Personal Best times and many of our team medalled on the day.

Special mention to Allora based Age Champions Tom Peters (8 years), Chloe Harm (10 years), Ellyse Kruger (12 years), Bailey Harm (12 years and Open boys), Nick Denny (13 years) and Cooper Harm (14 years). Only four records were broken at the meet with a long history of highly

competitive swimmers in the past. Congratulations to Bailey Harm who broke the 12 years 50m Breaststroke record. Local Fidgey's Fish squad member Caitlin Skaines who competes for neighbouring Warwick Swimming Club broke the 15 years and Over 50 m Fly, Back and Free Records.

The annual Rotary Carnival is the major fundraiser for the Allora Swimming Club and would not be possible without the continued support of local companies. The Allora Swimming Team would like to thank the following sponsors of the 2020 Swim Carnival: IOR Rural, St. Vincent's Hospital - Toowoomba, Railway Hotel, Warwick Credit Union, Black Toyota, Bartranz Petroleum, Rose City Shopping World, Wilson and Rigby Smash Repairs, Jenco, R & L Steinhort, Allora



Allora Swim Team juniors were out in force at the Allora Open Carnival. Left to right - Blake Rees, Ella Hutchison, Lailah Murphy, Ruby Patterson, Maeve Moore, Benjamin Mason and Meiraleyka Johnson.

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