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State Fire Commissioner Opens Allora Facility



Officials from Queensland Fire Department were in Allora on Saturday for the recommissioning of the Allora Facility which houses both the town and rural brigades. Members of the Allora Rural Fire Brigade were happy to show off their new medium attack firefighting appliance which was handed over to them as part of the formal proceedings. James Lister Member for Southern Downs joined with the crew from the Rural Fire Brigade for a photo opportunity. *More photos inside page 3*



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Allora Community Hall Re-Opens

After an extended period of almost two and a half years, repairs have finally been completed with the Allora Community Hall now available for use by the public.

2023 Council Early received a report from Engineers on what was needed to correct major deformations of the Hall's roof structure and walls. That report also identified some minor structural issues including floor framing "bounce" and external

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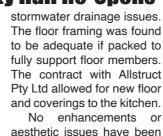
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Matthew Denny - image Athletics Australia body is in good shape. (he's

Allora is so proud of Matthew and we wish him all the best.





aesthetic issues have been made to the Hall with \$400k spent on structural repairs.

Regional Mayor Melissa with Councillors travelled to Allora today to officially open the Hall.





Officials were on hand to present the Medals and Clasps to our dedicated

Firefighters. L to R - Assistant Commissioner David Hermann AFSM (Queensland

Fire and Rescue), Commissioner Stephen Smith AFSM (Queensland Fire

Department), Deputy Chief Officer Matthew Inwood (Rural Fire Service

Queensland).

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L to R - Deputy chief officer Matthew Inwood RFS, Fred McCann RFS, Andrew Petersen, Mathew Heslin (retired from service), Ross Williams,

Geoff Pitstock (ex Lieutenant retired from service), QFD commissioner Stephen Smith AFSM, Assistant commissioner David Hermann AFSM.



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acknowledged the Handover of the Recommissioned Allora Facility and gave thanks for the facilities and the new firefighting appliance. Darren made special mention of Fred McCann who celebrates 34 years with the Service. In that time Fred was Chairman from 1991 to 2006 before becoming a Fire Warden. The Rural Fire Brigade currently has twenty regular members.





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Another Aussie Sevens **Team**

Congratulations to Cassie & Ross Williams who welcomed baby Tobias into the world.

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L-R Back: Mahailia, Cassie, Molly (holding Tobias), Ross. Front: Kodi, Indiana, Kaiden and Leo.







Grants For Community Projects



Southern Downs REGIONAL COUNCIL

Downs Southern Regional Council's 2024/25 Community Grants Program is now open, with \$50k in funding available to assist local community groups and organisations to deliver innovative projects.

Grants of up to \$2,000 are on offer to support eligible initiatives on community development, arts and cultural development. social services, recreational services and infrastructure upgrades.

Councillor Morwenna Harslett said Council's grants program acknowledged the important role community groups play in contributing to a connected and supportive region, and she encouraged not-for-profit groups to consider their eligibility for financial assistance through the program.

"Community groups often spearhead projects that improve local infrastructure, services and amenities, and build a sense of belonging and social connection through their endeavours," Councillor Harslett said.

"Last vear. Community Grants Program supported 28 not-for-profit groups, and I encourage our local groups to review the guidelines and submit an application."

The 2024/25 Community Grants Program closes on Friday 30 June 2025, however the program may close sooner if all funding is fully allocated prior.

Applications can submitted through Smarty Grants, and forms and program quidelines are available on Council's website. Contact Council's Grants Officer on 1300 MY SDRC (1300 697 372) for more information.

Council's New Impoundment Box Hours

To improve responsible ownership, animal welfare and employee Southern Downs safety Regional Council has endorsed a six-month trial of regulating impoundment box hours to business hours

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Previously, impoundment boxes at the Warwick Pound operated 24 hours a day. 7 days a week, allowing animals to be dropped off at any time.

However, concerns about abandoned pets, stravs and animal re-homing has prompted the trial.

Animal organisations assisting Council in re-homing animals from the pounds are currently operating at capacity and the situation remains critical.

measure that reduces the number of animals being impounded benefits both the animals and the community.

Going forward, the impoundment boxes will be designated for dropping off of stray and feral animals only, not for abandoned animals

Additionally, a nominal fee will be charged for those who choose to surrender pets, contributing toward Council's costs for managing these animals.

Council has also implemented new changes to the 2024/25 Schedule of Fees and Charges and removed the release fee for animals that are impounded for the first time if they are both microchipped and registered (for dogs) or microchipped (for cats).



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Allora Men's Shed AGM

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Acting President Brett Nottage welcomed 18 of over 30 members of the Allora Men's Shed to their AGM at the Allora RSL premises; also quest lan Tate Manager of the Allora Warwick Credit Union to chair the election of Office Bearers

Brett presented absentee Trevor Shield's Annual President's report. Trevor said that the AMS has had another good year, during which members were occupied restoring locals'

Kris deKeijzer

Pain - Stress - Energy flow

Learning difficulties

Emotional issues

furniture, dismantling pallets to use in the building of sale items as well as woodchips and kindling, generously sold on by complimentary agents, Allora Hardware.

team was kept busy fabricating breeder and layer boxes further stocked by Allora Hardware. Graham Hickson was thanked for keeping the shed moving forward. A feature of the year was again the Big Morning Tea very well supported by the Allora Community and

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Club. \$2,000 was again forwarded to the Cancer Council of Australia. Trevor was especially pleased as he said to the gathering that "so many members of the Allora and District families have been touched by cancer".

ladies from the Allora Scope

There has been a deal

Brett, wearing his another successful year.

He then declared all

positions vacant and called on lan to take the chair. lan congratulated everybody for another successful year; he had heard many good things said of the Men's Shed over the last 12 months and wished another successful year on members.

At the ensuing election of Office Bearers, the following positions were filled:-

President: Vice President: Coulter. Don Sheid. Secretary: Graham Hickson. Secretary/ Treasurer: Brett Nottage. Treasurer: Steve McDonald. Committee Members: Gary Taylor, John Crombie, Bob Burge. Patron: Jim Corby.

Any person at interested in visiting the Allora Men's Shed; you are invited to call at 10am smoko time, 16 Jubb Street, on the morning of Tuesday, Thursday or Saturday.

Stuart Campbell

A close knit construction

of shedders' community involvement during the year and the shed Christmas was another enjoyable gettogether. He wished the incoming Committee all the

Treasurer's hat, presented a most comprehensive Annual Financial Statement, which showed the Shed to be in a strong financial position. He thanked Graham Hickson for his help with treasury matters and congratulated everyone on

The Back

Diesel prices impact farmers

In the agricultural industry, one of the largest costs impacting profitability is diesel. The costs of running on-farm machinery and trucking livestock can put a huge amount of pressure on farm businesses.

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The MLA Market Insights team delves into input costs and how they're relative to profitability. For example, in 2020 and 2021 when cattle and sheep prices were the highest on record, inputs costs contributed to a larger proportion of business margins.

In 2020, diesel prices averaged approximately 108¢/L at retail level excluding the diesel fuel rebate – at this time livestock prices were around 500¢/ kg liveweight (lwt). When compared to 2023, average diesel prices were at 183¢/L

and livestock prices dipped to around 250¢/kg lwt.

Over the last four years, diesel prices have increased by 70%. This increase is another added rising cost for businesses.

Diesel prices

are currently about 5% above those of 2023. These prices are unlikely to ease, with inflation expected to maintain at 3.6% due to the cost-of-living. The result of these increased costs may encourage producers to weigh up the benefits of purchasing better quality cattle that is further away or average quality cattle that has lower transportation

- Emily Tan, MLA Market Information Analyst **NEXT ALLORA SHOW SOCIETY EVENT**





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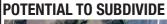
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Cowboys Rain on Wattles Celebrations



A night of celebrations was certainly dampened for the 'Stillwater Pastoral Company' Wattles Warriors at a packed Platz Oval on Saturday, in the form of a sensational three try performance for Warwick Cowboys fullback Nick Chapman that underpinned his team's 46 – 26 Round 16 defeat of the home side Warriors.

Wattles hosted their annual 'Old Boy's Day', highlighted by a ten-year reunion of their 2014 Toowoomba Rugby League first grade premiership winning team, the day also supporting Australian Pancreatic Cancer Foundation charity Pankind.

In an amazing display of football longevity and club loyalty, team members from that glorious day of 'the Big Dance' back in 2014 where Wattles snuffed out Gatton's premiership hopes through a 36 – 12 Grand Final success; Matt Duggan, Jackson Green and Tim Hentschel all lined up against Warwick in Saturday's A Grade clash, while Aaron Scheid and Ryan Duggan ran on in reserve grade.

Current reserve graders who also took the field on Saturday Michael Duggan, Garth Lonergan and Dale McAntee, while not 2014 Grand Finalists did play A Grade matches that season.

In ideal rugby league conditions Nick Chapman proved to be the dominant Cowboys shining light running in a try hat trick and collecting Hutchinson Builders Man of the Match honours for his performance.

The Cowboys boasted the full package as they engineered eight tries to Wattles five, their line up including recently named Queensland Country representatives winger Jake Speed and centre Joseph Vite.

Chapman set the scoreboard in motion after just eight minutes of play, opening the gate for the Cowboys to race to a 22 – 0 lead by the 26th minute that included touchdowns for Joseph Vite, a second for Chapman and Darryl Erepia.



The Wattles Warriors first grade side took the field on Saturday evening against Warwick in replica '2014 Premiership' jerseys that also highlighted their support for the Australian Pancreatic Cancer Foundation charity 'Pankind'. Front: Jackson Green, Braydon Paix, Zac Stevens, Lachlan Watt, Tim Hentschel, Tom Hatch. Back: Nick Van Der Poel, Andrew Richardson, Jacob Leach, Tyson Stevens, Matt Christensen, Matt Duggan, Jacob Mouatt, Cooper Tate-Roche, Ty Gardner, Mitch Bourke, Dominic Whittingham.

While fullback Jackson Green capitalised on lead up play by team mate Matt Christensen to snatch Wattles opening try ten minutes prior to the break, Warwick responded through backrower Alifeleti Vite minutes later.

On the cusp of half time Wattles half Matt Duggan kicked across field to the south west corner to find winger Tim Hentschel on hand to score.

Warwick took a comfortable 28 – 10 lead in to the break, and while Wattles had plenty of ground work to make up, their first stanza was shadowed severely by the loss of team skipper Ty Gardner helped from the field in the 20th minute with a season ending leg injury.

The final forty minutes saw both sides run in three tries apiece, Chapman igniting the new half with his third four-pointer in the opening minutes, before second-rower Tom Bell also scored for Warwick to ease to a 40 – 10 lead.

With the game appearing shut out Wattles snared touchdowns through front-rower Cooper Tate-Roche and a second by Hentschel to trail 22 – 40 with just six minutes remaining on the match clock.

Sharp finisher Josh Robinson completed the Cowboys try list in the later stages, while ever present three-quarter Matt Christensen crossed in the final seconds for the home side

home side.

Warwick face co-table leaders
the Gatton Hawks at Father
Ranger Oval on Sunday, each

Tom Morris were amo shine in green and claiming all his sides pot three tries and three go

(Image by Amanda O'Halloran)
vying for the outright competition
lead.

Wattles will head to Pittsworth on Saturday where a win over the Danes is a vital outcome to reinforce their top five ranking.

Warwick 46 (Nick Chapman 3, Joseph Vite, Darryl Erepia, Alifeleti Vite, Tom Bell, Josh Robinson tries; Caleb Murphy 7 goals)

Wattles 26 (Tim Hentschel 2, Jackson Green, Cooper Tate-Roche, Matt Christensen tries; Braydon Paix 3 goals)

Reserve Grade - The Warwick Cowboys reserve grade side claimed another scalp to maintain their unbeaten season status when they finished 38 – 18 victors over the 'Farm Spray' Wattles Warriors after trailing 10 – 12 at half time.

Five unanswered touchdowns from the second minute of the second stanza escorted Warwick to a convincing success.

Hooker Morgan Taylor, centre Joe Fuimaono and winger Jeffrey Ross were in shining form for the Cowboys.

Morgan Taylor was awarded the Peter Watt Memorial Medalion as player of the match, the honour bestowed annually when Warwick meet Wattles in reserve grade in honour of a most loyal supporter of both clubs

Fullback Dale McAntee, backrower Aaron Scheid and halfback Tom Morris were among those to shine in green and gold, Morris claiming all his sides points through three tries and three goals. Warwick 38 (Joe Fuimaono, Michael Marshall, Matt Henry, Maika Mate, Clydie Aroga, Jeffrey Ross, Lance McGrady-Dennison tries; Matt Henry 5 goals)

Wattles 18 (Tom Morris 3 tries; Tom Morris 3 goals)

Under 19 - While the Cowboys lurched to a 12-0 lead after just six minutes of play, the 'Black Toyota-Warwick' Wattles Warriors recovered running in three tries to lead 16-12 at the break of the Under 19 clash on their way to a 38-18 win.

A robust individual touchdown in the opening minutes of the second half by Wattles fullback and player of the match Lachlan Clements laid the foundation for victory.

Along with Clements, forwards Harry Schwenke and team skipper Reuben Sullivan were gallant performers in an impressive team effort.

A second stanza try double by goal kicking winger Koby De Luca set Wattles on the road to a 34 – 18 lead with fifteen minutes to play on their way to securing two much needed premiership points.

Wattles 38 (Koby De Luca 2, Sam Gilmore, McCabe Miller, Harry Schwenke, Lachlan Clements, Bryce Stewart tries; Koby De Luca 5 goals)

Warwick 18 (Carge Martin-Brown 2, Jemaine Smith tries; Reelan Jarrett 2, Jemaine Smith goals).

Glyn Rees

Whiz Kid Teeah Banks Five Touchdowns



Wattles 'All In Electrical' Under 15 Girls League Tag half Teeah Davis had the club history gurus scratching their heads as she contributed five tries to the Warriors 60 – 6 winning total on Saturday at Platz Oval against Goondiwindi.

The Goondiwindi line-up was short on players, with four young Wattles ladies swapping teams for the match.

Peighton Hetherington, Mahalia Williams, Molly Williams and Preseis Williamson showed exceptional sporting spirit helping out their opponents, all impressing with fine games and Preseis converting Goondiwindi's sole try.

Wattles took advantage of their dominance running in twelve tries to one, a try fest with five by Teeah Davis, Mia Berry (3), Ella Morris (2) and Georgia Death, while Kaleah Short crossed for her debut season touchdown.

Without their regular Wattles goal kickers, Zoey Sweet, Teeah Davis, Mia Berry and Roxy Williams all kicked six conversions from twelve attempts.

Coach George Berry commended his team on their high standard of play, whether in Wattles or Goondiwindi colours.

'The Best from the West Visit' - Saturday saw the Goondiwindi Boars descend on Clifton on a magnificent Winter's Day for Round 13 Warwick & District Junior Rugby League fixtures against the Wattles junior Warriors as part of the massive Super Saturday program shared with Wattles seniors.

Both Platz Oval fields were hosting action in Under 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15 & 17 & Under 15 Girls League Tag age grades, while Wattles Under 18 girls sat out a bye

Clifton Upholstery Under 6
- Coach Nick Van Der Poel rated his Under 6 team's performance as excellent against the smallest Boars, with plenty of clever attack and strong defence on show.

Bailee Monckton, Ollie Van Der Poel, Rupert Ferguson, Jack Wilson and Aubrey Thompson-Cleary put on some great tries.

Billy Byrne, Dusty Sauverain, Alex Nelson and Murphy Knight all shone in defence.

The Under 6's continue to improve every week gathering experience "which is great to see" says coach Nick.

Dalrymple Landscape
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9 - The Shadai Daley coached
Wattles Under 9 side are showing
the benefits of working hard
on their defence, tackles and
communication amongst the team.

Saturday's tough match was played at a fast pace, and while Goondiwindi finished ahead, Wattles crossed for eight tries.

"The boys put in their all and as a coach that's all we can ask for" said Shadai.

Special mention also to the Under 9 players who stepped up a grade to run on with the Under 10 Warriors, Chaz Daley, Henry Ferguson & Jackson Wilson.

Black Toyota, Warwick Under 10 - Wattles Under 10 line-up started their game slowly against the Boars, and were somewhat shocked when Goondiwindi ran in numerous tries in the first half.

However, for the last home game of the season the Warriors lifted in the second half and produced some of their best football so far this season.

Henry Johnson ran the ball strongly, with Toby Schmidt lifting to another level unloading the ball.

Rhys Gascoyne and Will Ehrlich impressed with their allround games, while Hunter Ryan toiled endlessly throughout and crossed for two tries.

Tommy Saville excelled running straight and hard contributing to a fine second half team effort.

"Our Warriors never give up, it was pleasing to watch" said coach Chris Ryan.

Ryanie for Tyres Under 12 - Wattles Under 12 side are contenders for the most improved team in the club according to coach Russell McMillan.

"The players have obviously developed so much since their experience in the mid-season carnivals, their ability to move the ball around the field in particular."

Classy centre Levi Zadow ran on a try this week in Wattles win,

a great follow up from his five try effort the week previous.

Wattles worked through the middle well with plenty of go forward, Leah Moore, Jack Shannon and Matt Christensen shining.

With Stanthorpe unable to field a team, the Under 12's will sit out this Saturday's fixtures, back on the paddock against Collegians the following weekend.

Nutrien Harcourts Clifton Under 13 - Wattles Under 13 side fell to second on the ladder Goondiwindi 46 - 8, with Cooper Zadow and Jade Bailey crossing for the Warriors tries.

Drayton Medical Centre Under 15 - Wattles undefeated Under 15 side are still seated comfortably at the head of the premiership ladder after overwhelming Goondiwindi 42 - 0.

Coach Glen McMillan commended his charges for holding their opponent scoreless.

Wattles 43 Jack Burton 3, Ben Rauchle 2, Angus McArthur, Orry Gilmore, Zac Wheeldon tries; Ty Betts 3, Patrick Baty, Orry Gilmore goals) defeated **Goondiwindi 0**.

Farm Spray Under 17 - Coach

Matt Christensen rated the Under 17 clash a "tough, gritty game that went down to the wire."

The third on the ladder Warriors suffered a 12-10 defeat after leading 6 – 4 at half time.

The match saw-sawed in the final stanza, the Boars scoring to move ahead 8 – 6 with twelve minutes remaining.

But when Zac Wheeldon crossed in the corner Wattles edged ahead 10 – 8.

The Boars took the honours though through a Darcy McGregor touchdown in the closing minutes.

Wattles best on park was lock forward Charlie Spina with one of his best games of the season. Front-rower Patrick Fitzgerald and fullback Ben Barbierato also stood up in a spirited effort.

Goondiwindi 12 defeated Wattles 10 (Charlie Spina, Zac Wheeldon tries; Ben Barbierato goal).

Warwick & District Junior Rugby League - Round 14 - Wattles head to the Granite Belt this Saturday up against the Stanthorpe Gremlins.

Glyn Rees

Allora Golf Notes



The final of the match play was fiercely contested on Sunday between Aaron Simpson and Kerry Haines. In what were perfect conditions at the Allora Golf Course with plenty of sunshine and no wind, they were all tied up after 18 holes. An extra 2 holes had to be played to determine the winner with Kerry Haines victorious. Congratulations Kerry!

Another player on fire this week was Shann O'Connell, who has taken out both the Allora Hardware duck run on Friday and the Allora Railway Hotel Monthly Mug on Sunday! Congratulations Shann!

Friday's Allora Hardware duck run - The winners were: 1st: Shann O'Connell - 22 points, 2nd: Lachlan Henry - 21 points.

Approach on the 3rd: Kev Hurley.

Nearest the pin on the 7th: Kev

Hurley.
Long putt on the 9th: Hethe Ramus.

Sunday's Allora Railway Hotel Monthly Mug - The winners were: 1st: Shann O'Connell - 48 points, 2nd: Tony Haig - 41 points, 3rd: Duke Maloney - 38 points.

Pin shots: 7th: Neil Chandler (eagle's nest!), 8th: Neil Chandler, 13th: Garth Simpson, 16th: Russell Sparksman, 17th: Tony Haig.

Approaches: 2nd: Rod Simpson, 6th: Duke Maloney, 11th: Rod Simpson, 15th: Kerry Haines.

Long putts: 12th: Lindsay May.

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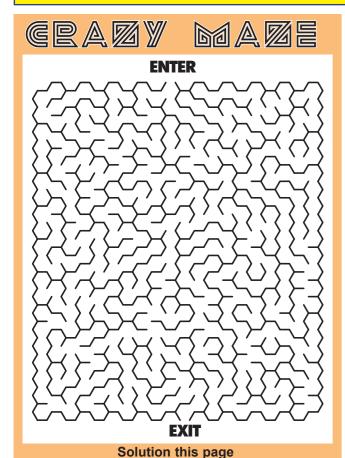
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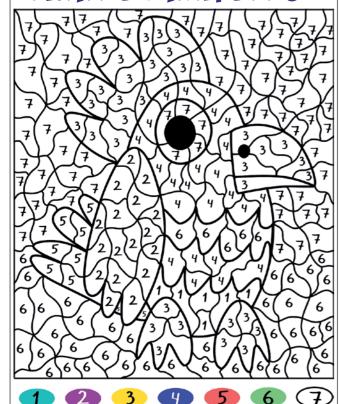
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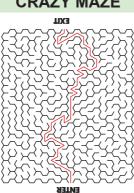
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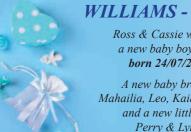
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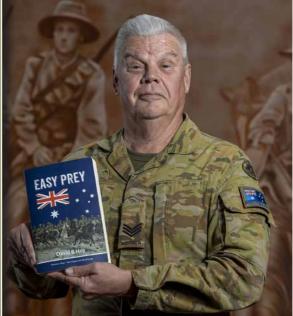




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School Sport Australia National Champion

Allora swimmer Bailey Harm has returned from the School Sport Australia Games as a National Champion after winning the 16 years 100m Freestyle in a 52.63 second swim. Bailey dominated the blue ribbon event from start to finish.

Selected to the Queensland Team, Bailey competed in ten events at the Championships with nine podium finishes. Bailey won Silver in the 16 years 50m Free in 23.83 secs and Bronze in both the 16 years 50 Backstroke and Breaststroke.

He finished 4th in the 16 years 50m Butterfly.

Bailey was selected to swim five relays alongside his Queensland Team mates. In an exceptional sprint to anchor the 15/16 years mixed medley relay, Bailey swam the team home in a 22.76 sec 50 Free to snatch the gold medal from NSW. Bailey anchored the 15/16 years Boys Medley for silver, the 15/16 Freestyle team to silver and the 13-19 years 4 x 100 Free Relay to bronze. He was a part of the All Age Mixed Freestyle relay where

Queensland won the silver.

It has been a busy winter for Bailey who spent his school holidays at the Swimming Queensland Bris Vegas Development Camp at Currimundi on the Sunshine Coast. He has also been invited to Swimming Queensland's Tilly Cup Training Days and Talent Identification Testing Days.



Bailey with a good lead on his way to winning the 16 years 100m Freestyle. (Image - WinkiPop)

Bailey will compete at the Queensland Short Course Championships this weekend before taking a break from the pool and turning his attention to high jump and discus as part of the school athletics season.

RIGHT: Bailey Harm with a swag of nine medals from the School Sport Australia Games, where he competed as a member of the QLD Team.





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