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By getting involved, young judges will gain valuable experience, enhance their decision-making and leadership skills, and have the chance to contribute to the growth of the event. The Allora Show Society is proud to embrace the talents and energy of our youth, fostering their connection to the traditions and future of the show.

The three sections holding competitions for young judges at this year's

Allora Show will be Poultry, Stud Cattle and Sheep. The winner of each section will then compete at the Darling Downs Sub Chamber finals held at the Toowoomba Royal.

There are two other competitions at the Allora Show that will also go to the Sub Chamber Finals. Sections are Dark Fruit Cake and Anzac Biscuits - both test of skills in the fine art of baking.

For section schedules and entry forms go to - <https://allora.show/schedules>

We look forward to welcoming the youth of our community to play an active role in shaping the future of the Allora Show.

- Carol Lyall - President
Allora Show Society

Don't miss the
ALORA SHOW FEATURE
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on Wednesday 5 February

Any businesses or clubs that would like to be involved can contact Mim at the Allora Advertiser or phone **(07) 4666 3089**.

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Reagan McMillan Competes at The Postle Gift

The famous Postle Gift was held at Pittsworth on Saturday with Brisbane Sprinter Hamish Macintosh winning the main race.

Another race that attracted much attention was the Fastest Female Footballer on the Downs.

No surprises that Allora's own Reagan McMillan competed and she ran a credible third. Reagan played with the Highfields Eagles who won the TRL women's rugby league grand final last year. Throughout her school days and in all sports in which she competed, Reagan has become known for her athletic ability and determination to do her very best at all times.

The Postle Gift is named after Arthur Postle, "The Crimson Flash", who was a professional sprinter born in Pittsworth, and set world records for sprints of various distances throughout the early 20th Century.



Placegetters of the Wagners Fastest Female Footballer across 75 yards at the Postle Gift on Saturday were (from left) Morgan Prentice (second place), a Pittsworth local, Reagan McMillan (third place) from Allora, and Titan footballer Georgia Sim (first place). Pictured with a sponsor representative from Heritage Bank and Toowoomba Regional Council Mayor Geoff McDonald.

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Find Schedules on the web
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Compulsory Testing of Backflow Devices

Southern Downs Regional Council is reminding property owners with backflow prevention devices to ensure their devices are registered and tested annually by a licensed plumber to maintain the safety and quality of the region's reticulated drinking water supply.



Under the Plumbing and Drainage Regulation 2019 (s103), property owners with irrigation systems, fire hose reels, commercial or industrial equipment, water outlets near pollutants or an alternate water supply may require a compliant backflow prevention device. Penalties apply for unregistered or untested devices.

Council's Acting Director Planning and Environmental Services Nicole Collett said backflow prevention devices play a vital role in preventing potentially harmful polluted water from entering the drinking water supply if systems fail.

"Council works closely with property owners to reduce contamination risks, ensuring backflow prevention devices are properly maintained," Ms Collett said.

"To ensure your backflow prevention device operates correctly, it is important to have it

maintained and tested annually by a licensed plumber with backflow prevention accreditation, as required by the Plumbing and Drainage Regulation 2019.

"Regular testing helps prevent potential issues such as backflow incidents, water leakage and pressure reduction on your property which may pose public health risks.

"Owners who are unsure about whether a device can be replaced or removed should consult a licensed backflow prevention plumber."

Licensed plumbers must submit a Queensland Government Form 9 to Council within 10 business days of completing work on a backflow prevention device. This ensures Council can accurately maintain the Backflow Register and send annual reminders to property owners.

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New Weighbridge Installed At Warwick



Image - Southern Downs Regional Council

The Warwick Saleyards have received a further boost with the installation of a new state-of-the-art cattle weighbridge, providing enhanced accuracy and reliability for weighing livestock.

The weighbridge replacement has long been anticipated as part of the Warwick Saleyards Redevelopment Project but had to be scheduled during the Christmas holiday shut-down of the facility.

Following the first sale of the year this week, the weighbridge operations were applauded and well-received by staff, vendors and buyers.

Agents Association Chairman Ben Johnston shared enthusiasm for the new weighbridge.

"The new scales performed exceptionally well and feedback from the first sale has been overwhelmingly positive," Mr

Johnston said.

"This technology ensures precise measurements, giving users complete confidence in the process.

"On behalf of the Agents Association and the livestock community, I'd also like to extend gratitude to Council's Warwick Saleyards Coordinator Dean Porter for his dedication in overseeing seamless operations during the redevelopment and weighbridge installation over the Christmas closure.

"The collaboration between the new Council and the agents to realise the redevelopment is a testament to working together to achieve beneficial outcomes for the community."

The Warwick Saleyards weighbridge enhances operational efficiency and bolster the saleyards' reputation as a trusted hub for livestock trading in the Southern Downs.

Australia Day 26 January

Australia Day is a time for all Australians to reflect, respect and celebrate living in this wonderful country we call home.



Southern Downs Regional Council will be celebrating our local champions at Dalveen on Australia Day.

To help plan your day, here is what's happening -

On Sunday from 9am - 11am - Citizenship Ceremony and Citizen of the Year Awards

11am - 12noon - Live music, morning tea, and a fun community game

Buses will be operating from Warwick to Dalveen on the day.

Two buses from Warwick will depart to Dalveen - leaving from 8am and 8.15am from the Warwick Council office carpark in Fitzroy Street.

Warwick buses will return from Dalveen at 12.15pm, dropping guests back to the Warwick Council office carpark.

For those people driving to Dalveen the celebrations

will be held at the Dalveen State School in Pine Crescent, Dalveen.

This is the only Council-run event for the Southern Downs however there is a number of independently-run events across the region.

CLIFTON AUSTRALIA DAY CELEBRATIONS -

An early morning start for Australia Day in Clifton with a barbecue breakfast from 7am provided by the Clifton Lions. Coffee, tea and juice will be provided - just take along a chair.

The Clifton Senior Citizens Centre will be hosting Clifton's Australia Day awards on Sunday with the official awards ceremony beginning at 8am.

Everyone is most welcome to attend.

Celebrating the life of Dave Burns

A large number of local community members and also friends from Brisbane gathered to honour the life of Dave Burns at Clifton's Senior Citizen's Hall on Saturday, 11th January.

It was obvious from the comments and memories shared that Dave was highly regarded and remembered for his commitment to community organisations

and his many acts of kindness to friends and neighbours. He was 'a good man' and will be very much missed.

A special thanks to those awesome ladies from CWA and Senior Citizens for so ably taking care of every aspect of catering for the event.

- Linda Nicholas

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President of the Allora Heritage Weekend Graeme McMillan welcomes all locals and visitors to visit and celebrate our 30th annual event to be held at the Allora Showgrounds this Australia Day Weekend, 25 and 26 January.



Graeme McMillan.

For the two days there'll be continuous action with displays and demonstrations of vintage and veteran cars and trucks, motorcycles, historical machinery, stationary engines and many interesting antiques. Grand Parades are always popular and they can be enjoyed throughout both days.

Each year since 2001 the Allora Heritage Weekend has nominated feature machinery. Last year we

were treated to 50 years of Versatile Tractors. This year the focus will be on the Ford 1000 Series tractors and the D model Ford Louisville. Also of great interest will be the 1960's Holden, Falcon and Valiant and of course the regular swap meets will happen each day from 6am.

Admission is still only \$10 adults with kids admitted free.



Photos - pages 8 and 9 - Some of the exhibits from last year's Event.



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Foundation Farm Field Days At Allora

Pacific Seeds Foundation Farm Field Days are set to return during the second week of February.

Established in February 2021 the Foundation Farm Field days have proven to be an important information tool for grain growers throughout the region.

For three packed days growers can benefit from the many sessions and demonstrations that will be conducted at the Foundation Farm site just south of Allora on the Warwick/Allora Road.

All sessions will commence at 8.30am with lunch at midday.

The Field Days are free to attend however growers need to register at Pacific Seeds website - www.pacificseeds.com.au/summer-field-days Spots are limited.



On Tuesday 11 February the focus will be grain sorghum.

In the morning after the event opening there will be -

- Grower panel discussion
- Grain Sorghum field walks
- Equipment demonstrations

Wednesday 12 February focus will be on Maize

The Afternoon session will include -

- Planter trials field walks
- Research updates
- Grain Sorghum field walks and demonstrations
- Networking drinks

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- Morning sessions -*
- Maize hybrid updates
 - Maize (field corn) field walks
 - Equipment demonstrations
 - Planter trials field walks
- Afternoon session -*
- Maize (field corn) field walks and demonstrations
 - Networking drinks

Thursday 13 February focus will be quality silage - quality feed

- Morning session -*
- Summer Forage updates
 - Silage industry panel discussion
 - Summer Forage field walks
 - Equipment demonstrations
- Afternoon session -*
- Research updates
 - Summer forage field walks and demonstrations
 - Closing drinks

This is a great opportunity to talk with the experts, connect with your agri-community and enjoy a great three days in Allora.



Wattles Off and Running for 2025



The Wattles Warriors Rugby League Club stepped into their 60th year of rugby league last Thursday evening at Platz Oval when they launched into their 2025 pre-season training campaign to raise the curtain on their commitment in the 106th Toowoomba Rugby League season.

Coaching Director Travis Burns was more than encouraged with the player roll up to commence preparations for coming challenges for honours across the A Grade, Reserve Grade and Under 19 premiership competitions.

"We couldn't be happier with numbers at this stage of the season" said Burns, "but prospective players considering a season with an outstanding club playing the great game are encouraged to attend training and sign-on."

There are quite a few new faces donning the green and gold, including young talents Tom Ramsay and cousin Ben Sheppard. Tom's the son of Wattles former outstanding top grader and A Grade premiership winner Vince Ramsay, a former Queensland Country and Queensland Residents representative.

The 2025 Winter season is promising to be a year of highlights for the Wattles club that will include flicking the switch on the new state of the art \$450,000 Platz Oval LED



Coaching director/A Grade coach Travis Burns and Club Captain Ty Gardner are focused on a season of success for the Wattles Warriors in 2025.



Powerful wing finisher and A Grade Wattles premiership winner Mitch Bourke has re-enlisted to take the field in green and gold in the coming rugby league season.

lighting upgrade, constructed by T2 Electrical & Data.

The project has seen funding sourced from many avenues including State & local government along with both Wattles senior and junior clubs.

Coaches Travis Burns (A Grade), Will Manley (Reserve Grade) and Cameron Hamblin (Under 19) are of course well focused on team preparations for the coming season and another trifecta of finals series appearances as was the case last year.

Of course, the ultimate goals are Grand Final day appearances at the Toowoomba Sports Ground and adding to Wattles premiership achievements.

Training will take place every Tuesday & Thursday from 6.00 pm at Platz Oval at the Clifton Recreation Grounds, however club President Amanda O'Halloran is impressing on players they must be registered before they commence training for insurance

purposes as per Queensland Rugby League requirements.

"We are requesting players attend training early so as to register, with assistance available to all wishing to sign on for the new season."

The coming TRL 18 Round fixture premiership will also see the South Burnett Eagles run on in the Under 19 competition and the continuance of the very successful Open Women's grade.

Historic Trophy Returns - A popular decision with TRL competing clubs is the return of the mid-season Madsen-Rasmussen Trophy clash as a stand-alone game in 2025 thus reigniting a lengthy tradition.

The historic award contested by the mid-season A Grade competition leaders that had taken place since 1980 was removed from last season's program.

The prestigious trophy won by the Wattles Warriors on five occasions is named in honour of two rugby league legends in Mick

Madsen and Elton Rasmussen.

Both plied their league trade not only on the great stages of the world wearing their nation and state's colours, but two players who also contributed with significance to league in the Toowoomba and Darling Downs area.

Elton Rasmussen passed away prematurely in late 1978 aged just 42, he had been enlisted to coach the Wattles A Grade side for the 1979 season.

Kick-Off - That tremendous rugby league tradition, the Barrett Family Shield, the reward for the annual pre-season trials Southern Downs supremacy, will be hosted at Father Ranger Oval in March as a classic season opener.

While the new season TRL draw is still being finalised, Wattles will run on in their initial official 2025 season fixture in April.

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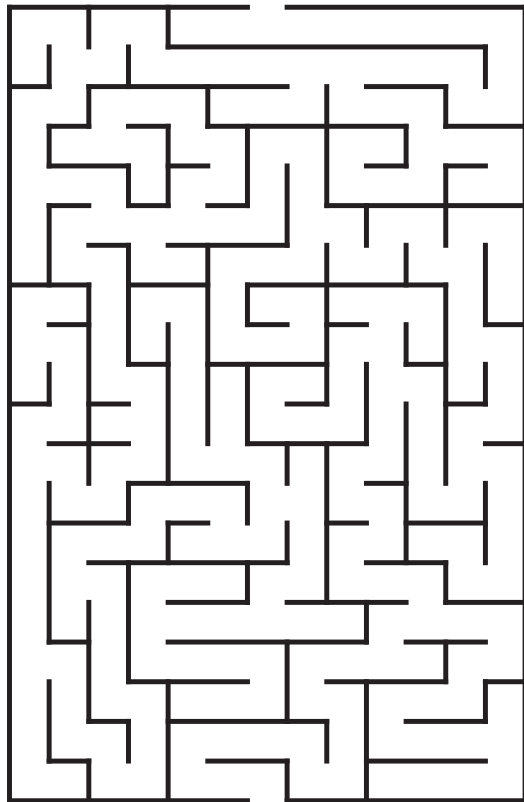
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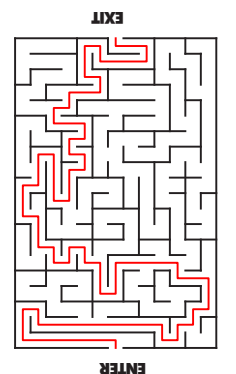
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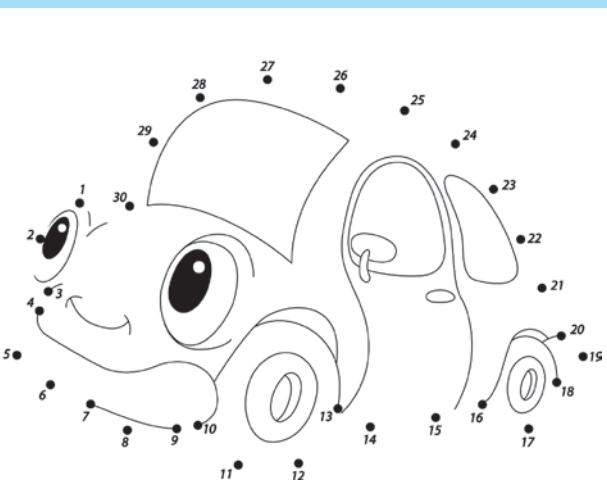
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• CHURCH NOTICES •

Allora Presbyterian Men's Breakfast
The next Men's Breakfast is to be held on
When - 7.15am, Saturday 25th January
Where - Allora Presbyterian church hall
All welcome to a FREE eggs, bacon and snags breakfast and good friendship and hear from our - ?? MYSTERY GUEST SPEAKER ??.

• ANNOUNCEMENTS •

DUGGAN, Elaine Felicia (nee O'Dempsey)

Late of Toowoomba, passed away on 12th January 2025, aged 97 years.

Beloved Wife of the late Tom Duggan. Dearly loved Mother and Mother-in-law of Michael, Maureen, Bernard (dec'd), Shaeleen, Mary and Peter.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Elaine's funeral, to be held at the T.S. Burstow Chapel, 1020 Ruthven Street (south), Toowoomba, service commencing at 12:00pm Wednesday, 29th January 2025. The service will be followed by interment at the Clifton Cemetery, Cemetery Road Clifton, commencing at 1:30pm.

If unable to attend, the service will be web-streamed please go to www.burstows.com.au/tribute-centre

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Congratulations to John Sparksman who took out the **2024 Ty Gardner Concreting Medal of Medals**.

The Medal of Medals winners were: 1st: John Sparksman: 73 net, 2nd: Kev Harrison: 73 net.

The January Monthly Medal winners were: 1st: Jake Burns - 63 net,

2nd: Noel Wallace (monthly medallist) - 68 net, 3rd: Hethe Ramus - 70 net.

Nearest the pins: 7th: Wayne McKewen, 8th: Kev Hurley, 16th: Gus Somes, 17th: Adam Cummins.

Approaches: 2nd: Kev Harrison, 5th: Wayne McKewen, 11th: Russell Sparksman.

Long putt: 1st: Adam Cummins, 10th: Aaron Simpson.

Friday's Allora Hardware duck run

- The winners were: 1st: Jack Duggan - 24 points, 2nd: John Meddleton



The 2024 Medal of Medals winner John Sparksman, sponsor Ty Gardner, and runner-up Kev Harrison

- 24 points.
Approach shot on the 6th: Ben Duff.
Nearest the pin on the 4th: Ben Duff.
Long putt on the 1st: Charlie Morrison.
Coming up:

Sunday 26 January - Allora Butchery 2-ball Ambrose
Monday 27 January - first game of the 2024 match play. 9.30am, for a 10.00am start. The 2025 match play will be held later this year.

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