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## Local Stud Big Winners



Steve Hayward's and Kelly Smith's K5X Angus Stud was awarded the Matthew J. O'Leary Memorial Trophy for the Supreme Champion British Breeds Bull (K5X Uno U71), pictured here with Chloe O'Leary, Member for Condamine Pat Weir and parader Charlie Spina.

Allora locals Steve Hayward and Kelly Smith were highly successful exhibitors at the Clifton

Show at the weekend. Among their wins were Champion Heifer (K5X Willcoola), Junior Champion

Angus (K5X Uno U71), Supreme Champion British Breeds Bull (K5X Uno U71), Supreme Champion British

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Our News

# Students Perform At Their Best



Young riders line up for their event under the "big top".

This year the Allora Show Society encouraged the younger generation to be involved in various events at the Show and President Carol was not disappointed with the response. As well as the School displays in the Pavilion many students showed their skills in other sections.

Students from St Patrick's School enjoyed taking part in the local Show making the Principal of St Patrick's School, Keith Blaikie very proud of the student's involvement.

"The Allora Show over the weekend was a resounding success, with a remarkable turnout of students participating in various events. One of the standout aspects of the show was the high number of students involved in the

livestock competitions." Mr Blaikie said.

"Having responsibility for an animal offers numerous benefits, and this was clearly evident in the dedication and discipline displayed by the young participants. The level of presentation was impressive, with students donning ties, jodhpurs, and polished boots, adding a touch of elegance to the occasion.

"The livestock competitions not only highlighted the students' hard work but also their commitment to excellence. The skills they develop through these activities, such as self-discipline, responsibility, and attention to detail, are invaluable and will serve them well in the future. Congratulations!!"

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# Return Of Showgirl And Rural Ambassador



Entrants in the 2021 Allora Showgirl Competition.

After a break of 5 years the Allora Show Society has decided to bring back these popular competitions which still run in many local shows in the district.

President Carol Lyall and the Show Society team are already planning ahead for 2026 and putting out a message to possible co-ordinators.

"The Society is looking for two passionate co-ordinators to help make it a

success." Carol said.

"This year, we're focusing on youth engagement with plenty of exciting plans in the works. To make it happen, we need support from our amazing community.

"If you're passionate about youth development, leadership, and community spirit, we'd love to hear from you! Send us a message or drop by the showgrounds for a chat—we'd love to have you on board."

# Southern Cross Care Expands Into Chinchilla

The first new residential aged care home on Queensland's Western Downs in 16 years opened its doors on Tuesday at Chinchilla.

The state of the art new building can house 81 residents, creating an additional 18 places for older residents of the Western Downs to remain in their local area as they enter the next stage of their life.

It replaces the almost 40-year-old facilities at Illoura Village in Chinchilla (currently home to 63 residents) and features modern amenities, private rooms with ensuites, and spacious communal

areas, designed to foster connection and wellbeing.

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# SDRC Tackles Farm Plastic Waste

Southern Downs Regional Council is leading the charge towards a more sustainable future with the launch of a \$350k waste recovery pilot program designed to manage excess agricultural plastic waste currently landfilled, stockpiled or buried on farms across the region.

Funded by the Queensland Government through the Department of State Development, Infrastructure & Planning, the project will address key aspects of agricultural waste management, including on-farm retrieval, collection logistics, processing technology and the development of a sustainable business model.

The project will be guided by a Project Reference Group including representatives from the Granite Belt Growers Association, Granite Belt Sustainability Action Network, University of Southern Queensland, South Burnett Regional Council and the Queensland Government.

Findings from the pilot program will be shared with councils across the broader Darling Downs South-



image SDRC

West region to translate key learnings and promote better agricultural plastic recovery practices.

Additionally, the project will trial on-farm collection and processing equipment suitable for baling or initial processing of plastic waste. Centralised collection points will be established in each participating council area to aggregate quality feedstock at scale, with input from plastic recyclers. The necessary processing equipment will be purchased or leased to support the program's objectives.

Southern Downs Mayor Melissa Hamilton expressed gratitude for the Queensland Government's funding support, highlighting the program's benefits for both agricultural producers

and regional economic development.

"Investment to identify circular economy opportunities not only helps

our agricultural producers, it also supports economic development in our region over the long term." Mayor Hamilton said.

## Days for Girls Allora and District - February Update



The multi-draw raffle held in January as part of Heritage Festival weekend was successful and DfG wish to thank all the helpers who sold tickets, those who contributed to the prizes, those who brought the tickets and the Heritage Festival organisers for allowing the raffle to be held on the Saturday. Congratulations to the winners of the various raffle prizes.

At the end of January, DfG sent off their first consignment for 2025. This time 90 kits are headed to the Philippines. The group

is currently waiting on information from Good360 to send off the Australian based kits.

The next gathering will be on Monday 24th February at 9am at the Function Room, MacKillop House, Warwick Street, Allora, next to St Patricks Church. Entry is via McKillop Lane and parking in Warwick Street. Coffee and tea provided - please take along something for morning tea - you'll be most welcome.

Allora and district Days for Girls Executive team - Heather Goonan Mobile - 0434 907 904, Lenore Wissemann Mobile 0428 973 432, Shirley Cornhill and Kaylene Williams or email: alloraqld@daysforgirls.org

# Allora's Next Big Event - The Heavy Horse Festival

Get ready for two big days of working horses and interesting demonstrations when the Darling Downs Heavy Horse Festival comes to town.

After a tour down Herbert Street on the Friday prior the heavy horses head to the Allora Showgrounds for an action packed weekend on 15-16 March.

There will be plenty to see with all breeds of draught horses on show and demonstrating their skills as working horses along with Working Bullock teams. Outside the main



ring you'll be intrigued by the exhibitions of wheelwrighting, ploughing

and blacksmithing as well as market stalls, local artisans and handcrafts.

Want to know more? [www.heavyhorsefestival.com.au](http://www.heavyhorsefestival.com.au)

## The Devils Claw

The Allora Advertiser received another confirmation about the nasty looking plant at "Mary Poppins House."

It is Devils Claw - see picture below of dried out seed pods which can be spread by livestock. The long parts of the pods attach to the legs of livestock until the seeds eventually fall off and spread. (These dried seed pods are not from Mary Poppins House.)



A dried out seed pod.

## Men's Breakfast Guest Speaker

The Allora Presbyterian Church will be hosting the February Men's Breakfast on Saturday the 22nd. The guest speaker is Christian Domer who was born and raised in upstate New York, USA, and subsequently has lived in New York, Pennsylvania, Connecticut, Canada, England and for the past 19 years here in Australia.

Marcelle is Christian's wife of 42 years, with 6 adult children and 9 grandchildren. Their family is split between the US and AUS. His educational background is in Construction Management, Registered Nursing, Paramedic, and X-ray Tech, having held jobs in construction, management, a variety of health care roles,

teaching and administration.

Since 1981 Christian has been a fully committed member of a Christian Communal Church, rooted in the Protestant Reformational Theology, and named the Bruderhof, tracing its roots to the 1500s early reformation and to the early church recorded in Acts. It began as a small group in 1920 Germany and has grown to 3800 members currently active in USA, England, Germany, Austria, Korea, Paraguay, Mexico

and Australia. Christian and his wife currently reside at the Danthonia community in Elsmore NSW and he works in faith mentoring and in a variety our outreach and mission programs.

All men are invited to hear Christian at the free breakfast of cereal, sausages, eggs bacon, toast, tea and coffee at the Allora Presbyterian Church hall on Saturday the 22nd at the Church hall, starting at 7.30am and running through to 9am.

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122 - 2.9M - 75 X 75 X 3 - GALV - \$55	15 - 2.2M - 100NB - MGPE - \$40	
117 - 2.9M - 75 X 75 X 4 - GALV - \$70	9 - 2.2M - 150NB - MBPE - \$60	
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5 - 5.8M - 75 X 75 X 3 - GALV - \$100		
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# Wattles Juniors Heading Westward Ho



A Wattles juniors wagon train will transport near forty players and officials to Charleville late this week for their Under 14 and 16 teams to compete in blue ribbon junior rugby league carnival that is the 12th Annual Adrian Vowles Cup on Friday & Saturday 21st and 22nd of February, along with a hefty band of parents and supporters.

Club President Aaron Gilmore will lead the advance with the Kokoda caravan packed with wife Jodie, family and footy gear for the campaign ahead.

Aaron considers the Carnival an "ideal step off for the 2025 season, and a tremendous opportunity for the young Warriors matching skills against young players from around Queensland".

This season will see Wattles players involved in their third Vowles Cup, with young Warriors Henry McMillan and Jack Burton excelling as members of a Warwick Collegians Dragons team in 2023, and a Glen McMillan coached Wattles Under 14 line-up making the trek last year, finishing undefeated to secure third placing in the talent rich Under 14 competition.



Wattles Junior Rugby League Club Under 14 team that finished undefeated in last year's Adrian Vowles Cup Carnival in Charleville. Back Row: George Gall (Trainer), Jack Burton, Jack Harrigan, Bailey Naumann, Hugh Denny, Cooper Zadow, Archer Steinhart, Jaylan Fuller, Nate Murdoch, Zavier Dalsanto, Ty Betts, Ryan Donadel, Glen McMillan (Coach). Front: Bailey Gascoyne, Jonte May, Jake Lyons. Absent: Adam May (Manager). (Photo - Melissa Betts)

**Pre-Season Kick Off** - Wattles juniors will barely be home when their feet hit the ground in preparation for the coming season.

The 2025 pre-season kicks off on March 8th with trials to be confirmed against the Stanthorpe Gremlins at their home Granite Belt base of Crisp and Sullivan Ovals.

Clifton's Platz Oval will see it's initial rugby league on March 29th with the local juniors matching wits against the Gatton junior Hawks.

**Sign-On** - Wattles official 2025 season registration day will take place on home

turf Platz Oval at the Clifton Recreation Grounds on Thursday February 27th from 4 - 5.30 pm.

Players are invited to fill teams in Under 6 - 17 boys; Under 6 - 12 boys/girls, Under 15 girls league tag and Under 17 girls' tackle.

President Aaron said the club committee are particularly keen to hear from girls aged 16-17 interested in being part of a Wattles Tackle team to compete in the Toowoomba JRL competition.

The sign-on will also see the opportunity to meet team coaches, enjoy a sausage sizzle and take advantage of the operating club uniform shop.

**Season Under Way** - The 2025 season will see history making changes for Wattles Junior Rugby League Club, and all the teams that have been competing in the Warwick & District Junior Rugby League over past decades.

In what is the 60th season of the Warwick & District JRL, teams aged from Under 6 to Under 12

along with Girls League tag will compete as they have done in previous years against clubs from Warwick's Collegians & Eastern Suburbs, Stanthorpe, Goondiwindi and MIT Jets (Millmerran-Inglewood-Texas), with Tenterfield no longer in the league.

Teams from Under 13 to Under 17 Boys will join the Toowoomba Junior Rugby League opposing teams from Highfields, Stanthorpe, Oakey-Goondiwindi, Newtown-Collegians, South Burnett, Toowoomba Valleys, Pittsworth, Gatton, Toowoomba Southern Suburbs, Dalby & Toowoomba Brothers.

Wattles Juniors kick-off their 2025 season proper with fixtures against the Highfields Eagles (Under 13-17 boys) and MIT Jets (Under 6 - 12 & Girls League Tag) at Platz Oval.

Inquiries regarding Wattles Juniors and upcoming commitments can be directed to Club President Aaron Gilmore on 0414 245 860.

Glyn Rees

# Allora Swim Club Makes a Splash at Queensland Sprint Championships



Brisbane, 9th February 2025 - The Queensland Sprint Championships, held at the Brisbane Aquatic Centre on the 8th and 9th of February, was a weekend filled with high-energy races and personal triumphs for Allora Swim Club. Representing their club with great pride, 27 talented swimmers competed fiercely and set an impressive 40 Personal Best (PB) times across all 50m events.

The championship, a key event in the Queensland swimming calendar, saw swimmers from across the state pushing their limits in the 50m sprint events of each stroke. Allora Swim Club swimmers were no exception, showing determination and skill throughout the competition.

Among the standout moments of the weekend were two first-time competitors in the multi-class events. Chevota Hart impressed by securing medals in every event she participated in, earning 2 silvers and 2 bronzes. Meanwhile, Benji Brown also made his mark, claiming a bronze medal in

the 50m Breaststroke - an incredible achievement for both swimmers at their first Championships.

Two swimmers also made it to the finals: Maeve Moore finished 4th and 5th in the 50m Freestyle and 50m Breaststroke, while Emma Pradella placed 9th in the 50m Butterfly final.

"Allora Swim Club has consistently produced strong performances at state competitions, and

this championship was no different," said Club President Andrew Moore. "The results speak volumes about the talent we have here and the dedication of both our swimmers and coach."

The success wasn't just about medals and finals; the 40 PBs were a clear indication of the progress and improvement across the club. Swimmers pushed past their personal limits, leaving

the pool with a renewed sense of confidence and achievement.

Looking ahead, the Allora Swim Club is now focused on the DDRSA Regionals Championships, set to take place on the 22nd and 23rd of February in Toowoomba. With the momentum from the Queensland Sprint Championships, swimmers are excited to continue their journey and build on their recent successes.



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# Allora's Local Champions

## Dual Gold QLD Sprint Champion

After an extended break from the pool, Bailey Harm turned out some of his best swims to date at the QLD Swimming 2025 Sprint Championships.

Clocking a personal best of 23.46 in the heats of the 16 years 50m Freestyle, Bailey progressed to the finals as number one seed and took the Championship title in 23.53 secs.

Bailey also claimed Gold in the 16 years 50m Breaststroke clocking a new personal best time of 30.49. This is the sixth consecutive year that Bailey has achieved the title of QLD Sprint Champion for this event, having won his first as an 11 year old.



Bailey Harm.

Bailey has a history of success at this meet having won the gold three peat three years out of the past six and the dual title twice. At the completion of the event Swimming QLD announced Bailey Harm as the Country Swimmer of the Meet.

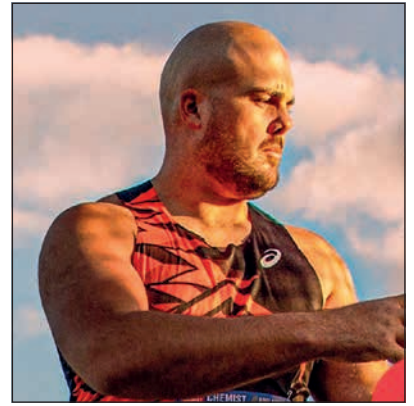
## Great Start To Year For Matthew

At the 2025 Adelaide Invitational World Athletics held on Saturday Matthew showed why he's the Discus king.

Competing against six others Matthew won convincingly, throwing over 5 metres further than the second place getter Great Britain's Lawrence Okoye who threw 62.22m.

On his first attempt Matthew threw 67.82m, breaking the meet record of 65.93m four times in his six throws.

"I can't be mad with my best ever season opener. I'm continuously progressing, and even with some differences with my preparation this year, I feel ready to go and I'm keen to take another step forward."



Matthew Denny. (image Athletics Australia)

Matthew said.

"I'm in a lot better shape than I threw today. I don't want to make excuses but the wind made the discus shift and I wasn't able to get it to fly. I feel like I'm in 70 metre-plus form and I was ready to do that today. I'm keen to get to the next one but it was nice to knock out the cobwebs."

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