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Allora Hosts Heavy Horse Festival



A two-day celebration of the magnificent draught horse breeds takes place this weekend at the Allora Showgrounds.

See pages 7-9 for details on what's happening at this year's Darling Downs Heavy Horse Festival.

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Banks of Dalrymple Creek along Allora Golf Course.



Goomburra residents were lucky that this tree missed their car by 1cm. (photo Corie Ross)



New England Highway bridge.



Bridge near Dalrymple Creek Park.



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So What is it?

In last week's Allora Advertiser a reader was interested in what the "upside down bucket" was on top of our Community Hall.

A couple of locals had similar answers -

Perry Cronin - *it's a light beacon - most picture theatres had them years ago and looked great when working. Perry approached the Council in the hope the "tourist attraction" may operate again.*

John Cowley - *remembers the "bucket" being a neon light and would be turned on only when a movie was showing at the Theatre.*

At the time the theatre was owned by Hector Hungerford who had purchased it from Peter Stewart's father.

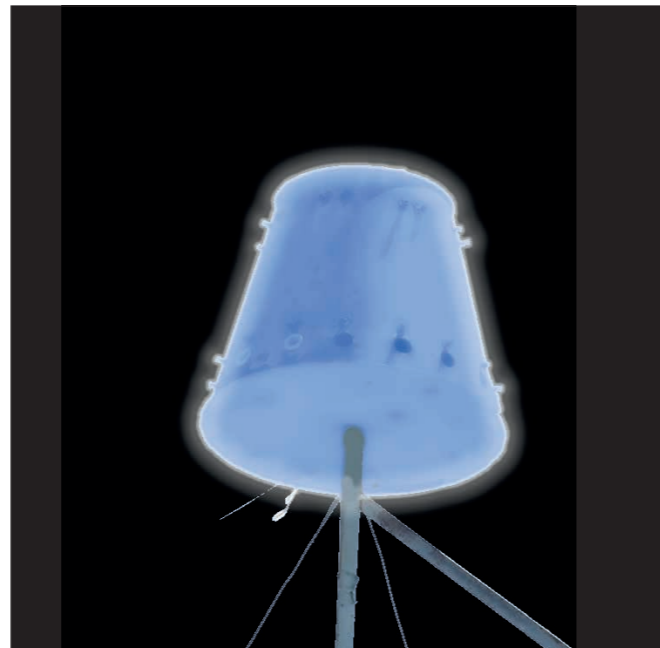
When Hector passed

away the theatre was sold to the Council.

Hector's daughter Ruth Hungerford can remember the old stable doors at Allora were replaced by glass ones and there was a ladies room and office on the right near the entrance. Her father was an Electrician so she's not surprised that a neon light operated on the roof.

At the Clifton Theatre her dad had installed green and white neon lights down the front of the theatre that lit up when movies were showing.

Ruth still operates the Clifton Theatre and shows old movies twice a month. DVDs have replaced Projectors but movies are still shown on the full screen with patrons slipping back in time to cuddle up in deck or director's canvas chairs.



Allora moviegoers of times long past might have seen a neon glow similar to this above the theatre building.

Australia's Biggest Morning Tea 2025



Registrations are now open.

This May, Cancer Council is encouraging Aussies to gather with their friends, family and workmates for Australia's Biggest Morning Tea.

With one Australian diagnosed with cancer around every five minutes – the same length as an average tea break – Aussies can make a difference with every mug by registering for this year's Biggest Morning Tea. It's estimated that over 169,500 Australians were diagnosed with cancer last year – that's more than 460 per day.

Funds raised support life-saving cancer research, prevention, advocacy and support programs.

Although Thursday 22 May is the official date to host a morning tea to support of Cancer Council – Aussies can host an individual, community group or business any time in May or June.

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Thanks for supporting and helping to raise funds. My whole family appreciates your kindness

- Braydon Ross

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The Dreaded Varroa Mite In Lockyer Valley

Biosecurity Queensland has advised that the preliminary identification of varroa mite or varroa destructor has been detected for the first time in Queensland.

Initial samples from a recreational apiary in the Lockyer Valley have returned a positive diagnostic result for Varroa destructor.

Further samples from recreational and commercial apiaries have been collected and are undergoing testing to confirm the presence of Varroa destructor and also check for other exotic pests and diseases.

Department of Primary Industries Deputy Director-General and Chief Biosecurity Officer Dr Rachel Chay said increased detections into Queensland's border regions were expected in the coming months due to natural spread from New South Wales.

"Biosecurity Queensland

has been preparing for this event and is working closely with the affected beekeepers to slow the spread of varroa mite and help guide management practices," Dr Chay said.

"We've joined all other states and territories in shifting our focus from eradication to management to safeguard Queensland's valuable honeybee industry and recreational beekeeping.

"Queensland's Varroa Mite Biosecurity Zone remains in place, which restricts the movement of bees, beehives and beekeeping equipment from states and territories with varroa mite.

"We remain committed to supporting the beekeeping industry by working alongside individual beekeepers, peak industry bodies and a dedicated biosecurity champion



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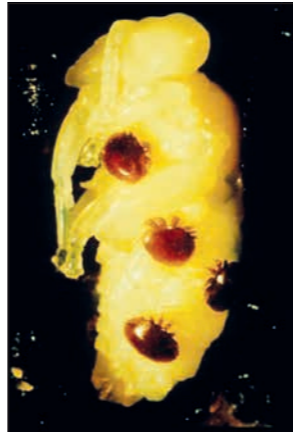


Image - NSW Biosecurity.

network."

Queensland Beekeepers' Association President Jacob Stevens said the first detection of varroa destructor in Queensland had been expected "for some time now".

"Thank you to the Queensland beekeepers who have reported varroa mite. Unfortunately these reports come as no surprise," Mr Stevens said.

All beekeepers are urged to remain vigilant and undertake monthly hive health checks to determine varroa mite presence.

All results should be reported to the Bee 123 online form, even if no mites are found.

Immediately report unexpected hive deaths, deformed bees, bees with parasites, poor brood patterns and dead brood to Biosecurity Queensland on 13 25 23.

Varroa development officers (VDOs) are available to provide advice to all Queensland beekeepers in early detection and integrated pest management principles.

For more information, visit daf.qld.gov.au/varroa. Beekeepers with enquiries can email varroa@daf.qld.

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The skills and tradition of yesteryear come to life through a series of competitions, demonstrations and displays during this year's Darling Downs Heavy Horse Festival.



Gates open at 8am both days (this Saturday and Sunday 15 & 16 March) at the Allora Showgrounds, just off the New England Highway on the outskirts of Allora.



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www.heavyhorsefestival.com.au



The Heavy Horses will be putting on quite a show in led breed classes, harness, saddle and novelty events along with a Ploughing competition and old-fashioned working classes.

Be sure to visit the horse breeds expo where you can check out the mini donkeys, mammoth donkeys, mules alongside Gypsy Cob, Drum Horse, Percheron, Clydesdale and the rare and endangered Suffolk Punch.

If you have a chance – catch a ride on a Cobb & Co coach – that's lots of fun.

Other heritage displays of interest are the working Wheelwrights and Blacksmiths, leather workers, rope makers, harness fitting and sheep shearing.

A huge marketplace will be operating with talented artisans and local crafts along with food vans, licensed bar and live music.

You'll certainly need the two days to fit in all this great entertainment!

2025 Festival tickets are available at the gate

Adults Day Entry **\$20pp** - weekend pass **\$30pp**;
Pensioner Day Entry **\$15pp** - weekend pass **\$25pp**;

Child 13-18 years Day Entry **\$15pp** - Weekend pass **\$25pp**;
free for Kids under 13 (with paying adult).

Cash and card tickets available at the main gate.

For more information go to www.heavyhorsefestival.com.au




Some snaps from previous Heavy Horse Festivals in Allora.



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110 - 2.9M - 89 X 89 X 3.5 - GALV	-\$75
5 - 5.8M - 75 X 75 X 3 - GALV	-\$100
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Allora Bowls Notes



10 d. Stone Cutters 9; **RINK 6:** Warwick Rollers 14 d. Do It Again 7; **RINK 7:** Gina's Babies 16 d. Doesn't Matter 8.

TOUCHERS - Bec K, Lynn P, Ashleigh, Ben Mills, Moley & Roanne.

RAFFLE WINNERS - Toni & Mick, Bev, Hethe, Kerry.

JACKPOT WINNER - Congratulations to Chris Kuhn who won the \$75.

WINNERS ON THE NIGHT - Phoenix Rising.

LOSERS ON THE NIGHT - Do It Again.

Thank you to our sponsors each week, Railway Hotel, Allora Butchery, Amy's Café, Allora Sports Club, Right 1st Time Cleaning & The GreenKeeper.

See you all back again next Tuesday night for another great game of social bowls.

ROUND 6 - With cyclone Alfred lurking in the distance it was a cooler windy night so it was easy to say that any wayward bowl was because of the wind gusts. It will be interesting to see what next Tuesday night brings depending on where & when Alfred hits.

RESULTS - **RINK 1:** Beers Bowls & Bitches 6 won on a forfeit from Phoenix Rising 19; **RINK 2:** Generation Gap 15 d. Got Ya By the Bowls 10; **RINK 3:** Pig Lures 17 d. Ghost Gate 8; **RINK 4:** Cool Cats 19 d. Spring Creek 6; **RINK 5:** Slices of Wood Fired Pizza

Support Those Who Support Others

Hats off to Allora Days for Girls who do a wonderful job in helping others in need.

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Florist Warwick marked as Days for Girls. If dropping items in, please text, phone or email contacts below so they can pick things up as not all executive members live in town. As a tax-deductible group, should you wish to give a donation prior to the end of the financial year, please contact the group. Monetary donations over \$2 are tax deductible and can be transferred to: Allora Days for Girls, BSB 064032 Acc: 10127292. Items can also be dropped off at gathering times.

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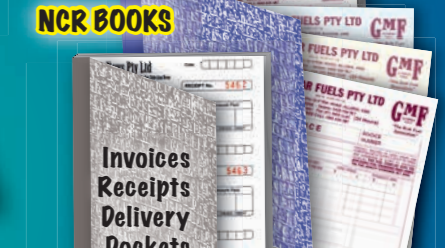
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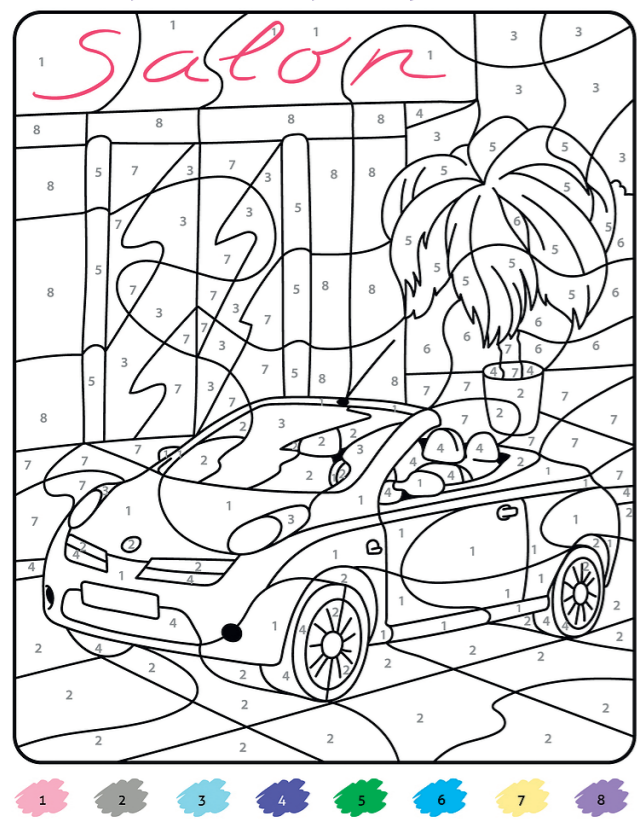
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Burns Burns for Barrett Shield Success



To say local league guru Travis Burns is burning for Barrett Family Shield success on March 22nd is a serious understatement, the former NRL star has his first-grade line-up focused on nothing less than a positive 2025 season start.

The season opener gets underway in just ten days' time at Warwick's Father Ranger Oval, along with supporting pre-season Reserve Grade and Under 19 contests.

"The Barrett Shield is a tremendous tradition on the Southern Downs, so highly respected between the Warwick Cowboys and Wattles Warriors clubs and pursued vigorously annually by both" said the mentor who is commencing his eighth season as the Wattles top grade coach.

"We have it stowed securely in our Platz Oval trophy cabinet after last year, and that is just where we plan to have it remain."

Steady mizzling rain last year never muddied the Warriors challenge for the silverware honours that was the 32nd Barrett Family Shield clash against the Warwick Cowboys at Clifton's Platz Oval, the home side pulling up convincing 22 – 12 victors.

Burns handed out the accolades freely last year, more than happy with his team's performance in trying conditions against quality opponents.

"The lads in green and gold deserved full credit for their 2024 win, everyone played well above average and deserved the result."

Fullback Jackson Green hit the ground running to underscore Wattles Shield success taking out the Terry Doyle Memorial Medalion as the game's best and fairest player.

That hotly contested annual contest that commenced back in 1993 saw Wattles post an outstanding performance to secure a 13th success in the history of the classic silverware, trailing Warwick who have 18 wins to their credit, while the season 2000 yielded a draw.

While the match kick-off on Saturday March 22nd at Warwick league headquarters will see the curtain rise on Wattles 60th season, it will also celebrate the 33rd Barrett Family Shield contest.

The Warwick Cowboys won that Inaugural 1993 Shield clash 14- 12 in a cracker of a game at Father Ranger Oval.

Wattles crossed for a converted try in the dying minutes to have the scoreboard reading 12 all as full time was signalled.

The crowd got right behind their teams for the five minutes extra time, when the Warwick side added a penalty goal to win



Hard working back-rower Jacob Leach is a top contender for Wattles A Grade side to contest the forthcoming Barrett Family Shield.

(Image – Wattles RLF Club)

the match.

Warwick winger Rick McGrady, who would go on to play at ARL/NRL level, was outstanding on the night, scoring two tries and earning the "Man of the Match" award.

Wattles players among those to stand out included try scoring centre Grant Goodman and fullback and team skipper Steve Miles.

With the recent demise of Cyclone Alfred and its effect on the Southern Downs, some Wattles loyal may cast their minds back a decade when Cyclone Marcia was causing some local havoc.

Preparations by the Wattles and Warwick outfits was impeded given the annual event was cancelled early on the morning of the big match and supporting trials due to weather concerns.

Concerns that were echoed by many weekend events across the Southern Downs & Toowoomba in the aftermath of the cyclone.

The match eventually got underway, and the first eighty minutes of rugby league in local club the Wattles Warriors 2015 season campaign was anything but memorable.

The Warwick Cowboys signalled their season

intentions overwhelming the Warriors 34 – 6 the annual Shield pre-season trial at Warwick's Father Ranger Oval.

In the post-match presentation ceremony, former Wattles forward and 2025 Warwick Captain/Coach Matt Gainey was pleased the cancellation was reconsidered, "I'm really happy the game went ahead" the skipper said, "the Barrett Shield is such strong tradition for both the Warwick & Wattles clubs, it's so much more than a pre-season trial."

While Warwick have been carrying out some encouraging recruitment for their 2025 season campaign under wily coach Col Speed, a former Wattles player, the Warriors have also gathered an impressive array of talent to compliment those who have remained in green and gold for the new season.

While he's keeping his cards close to his chest, Burns is quietly confident he has a team to make an impression in the Barrett Shield and the 2025 Toowoomba Rugby League premiership, boosted by player depth and talent in the Reserve Grade and Under 19 teams.

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