

## Allora Landcare Group

The Allora Landcare Group (ALG) held their bimonthly gathering on Thursday 19th April at the regular venue of the Blue Cow Hotel in Allora and was delighted by the attendance of new members. The group has been busy with a number of projects in the district, one of which is essentially completed but will need ongoing maintenance. This is the weeding and replanting initiative along the western bank of Dalrymple Creek upstream from the weir and adjacent to the golf course fairway. The area suffered badly in the floods of 2010-2011 and much good work was lost but ALG rehabilitated the damaged areas by further weeding and debris clearing. Following a successful application for government grant money, the group was able to purchase a supply of native plants to replace lost stock. This area can be identified by the protective plastic bags adjacent to the fairway. Many plants however remain unprotected on the steep slope below the fairway but regular inspection shows them to be holding their own against the weeds. Fingers crossed. ALG also hopes to enter into future project work on the creek in collaboration with the River Trust, particularly involving removal of large woody weeds such as privet.

The other project that the group has been exploring for about 2 years is the development of Allora Mountain for recreational purposes. We wrote of this at some length in the Advertiser on 26th January. We have spent a lot of time and shoe leather on the Mountain exploring possible access roads up to the Reservoir, the intended first stage of the project. Many factors are making this difficult including terrain, watercourses, the Allora dump redevelopment and local planning requirements. However, we have had discussions with the SDRC engineering department and we are confident a solution can be found.

ALG also did a clean up of the Mountain under the Clean Up Australia banner on 4th March. Much rubbish was collected for later disposal, including large amounts of rusty metal and plastics.

ALG has involved itself in some of the activities offered by the Landcare organisation such as the "Caring for our Corridor" project that focuses on protecting and preserving native vegetation within identified wildlife corridors in the district.

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Allora Landcare member and local icon Jim Flesser

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Others include "Land for Wildlife" and the "Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal."

If you are interested in learning more about the work of ALG and wider Landcare activities, we recommend you visit the Condamine Headwaters Landcare Group website for an extensive overview. Simply type that title into your search engine and follow the links. Better still, if you would like help with farm planning, revegetation issues, management of weeds and feral animals, identifying and protecting vulnerable areas or if you are interested in sharing your knowledge or in learning more, you might like to consider attending our meetings and getting involved. The group is all-volunteer and there are no joining fees. Our next scheduled meeting is on Thursday 21st June in the Blue Cow at 7.30pm.

The current ALG membership consists of a diverse mix of local people with complimentary skills and interests. Jim Flesser, well known in the district to many readers, is a long-serving and loyal member. Jim has assumed all executive positions in the ALG over time except Treasurer. He came to the district nearly 20 years ago from a long career spent in rural and remote Queensland. This equipped him with an encyclopaedic knowledge of native flora and fauna and importantly, an equally deep knowledge of weeds and noxious plants and trees. Jim shares his knowledge freely and willingly and is seen regularly as the face of Landcare at the Allora and Warwick Shows. Jim is always recognisable by his trademark akubra and shorts, worn even in the chill of a three-dog night.

Please direct any correspondence or enquiries to the ALG Secretary, Pete Thomas at pandathomas1@bigpond.com or 0419 724 025.

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## Allora's Anissa Graduates With Honours

Former Allora local Anissa Stevens was inducted into the Victorian Police Force on Friday, April 27th, at the graduation and pass out parade at the Victoria Police Academy at Glen Waverley. The twenty-six year old former Allora State School and Warwick State High School student was one of twenty-two graduates in her squad, and had the honour of being named Dux of the squad, receiving the prestigious Angela Taylor Memorial Academic Highest Achievement Award. The award is named in honour of Constable Angela Rose Taylor who was killed when a car bomb exploded outside the Russell Street Police Complex in April 1986.

Proud parents Kiwi and Sue Stevens, along with fifteen family and friends, travelled to Melbourne to witness Anissa's induction, with Melbourne turning on ideal "Queensland" weather for the auspicious occasion. Along with Kiwi & Sue, grandparents Murray & Lenore Robin, Aunts, Uncles, cousins, nieces and Anissa's very proud brother's Cameron and Mark and their families, made up the four generations of the Robin family, along with friends, to make the trip to Melbourne to surprise and congratulate one of Victoria's newest police officers.

Sue Stevens described witnessing daughter Anissa receiving



Probationary Constable Anissa Stevens, with proud parents Kiwi & Sue Stevens after her induction in the Victoria Police Force last Friday.

the award for achieving Dux of the graduating Squad 9 as "one of the proudest moments of my life".

Big brother Cameron Stevens described Anissa's graduation as a very proud moment for the family, "she should do well, she was always ordering her brothers around when we were kids". "It was a surprise to us all to hear Anissa was joining the Police Force, it never really sunk in until we saw her and the other inductees in uniform".

Anissa's hard work and dedication have earned her respect and many friendships within Squad 9, from the nine months of training academically and physically, required to graduate.

A random advertisement on the television as part of a recruitment drive planted the seed that eventuated in Anissa becoming a member of the "boys & girls in blue". She had been working very busily in the hospitality industry in a café during the day and a hotel in the evenings, after a previous nine month stint with the National Australia Bank.

Until the advertisement caught her eye, Anissa had never given a career in policing a consideration, the closest her ambitions had come to law and order were schooldays thoughts of becoming a lawyer.

On leaving school she completed a Diploma of Hospitality Management at the Gold Coast Institute of TAFE, before



Anissa Stevens surrounded by the twenty three strong contingent of family and friends, fifteen from Allora, who made the journey to Melbourne for her graduation from the Victoria Police Academy. Back Row (L-R) - Jackie Stevens, Erin Glass, Sue Stevens, Terry Hall, Kate Harrington, Gary Larsen, Grace Larsen, Linda O'Brien

Middle Row - Scott Cheslin, Tim Hentschel, Peter Larsen, Anissa Stevens, Glenn Hentschel, Margie Hentschel, Anne Glass

Front Row - Cameron Stevens, Charlotte Stevens, Kiwi Stevens, Peyton Stevens, Jodie Stevens, Mark Stevens, Lenore Robin, Murray Robin, Barry Glass

heading overseas for three years that saw her residing in England and visiting 25 different countries.

The first police officer in the Stevens/Robin families commenced her 33 week induction course back in August 2012, the first twelve weeks taken up with intensive law studies, and defensive tactics training. The defensive tactics components included self defence, fitness & firearm training, with the squad also undergoing fitness tests every six weeks.

Ranked as recruits for the initial twelve weeks of training, course members are then sworn in as Probationary Constables. Anissa will continue after her graduation for the next two years as a Probationary Constable, before rising in rank to Constable First Class.

Living at Malvern with her partner Aussie Larsen, Anissa has been assigned to a nearby metropolitan police station after graduation. Her ambitions are to become a police prosecutor, and her studies to achieve that level will commence on her attaining Constable First Class rank.

Perhaps a country girl at heart, Anissa loves life in Melbourne,

her home for a little over two years, although she freely admits she hasn't had much life over the past nine months while completing her induction. She enjoys the odd game of netball, and the special comradery she shares with her fellow induction squad members.

The former Allora schoolgirl who loves to get back to "the Best Little Town on the Downs" to visit family & friends was only expecting her parents and brother Cameron and family to travel the 1400 kilometres to share her graduation. So she was more than pleasantly surprised when so many additional family and friends made the trip to enhance the very special occasion, and join her at the graduation dinner of over 220 guests in honour of the 22 graduating Constables.

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## Looking Back...

Allora's Past 25 years ago  
May 1987

### Blue Nurses Appeal

The Allora-Clifton Blue Nursing Service is asking people for special help during their annual appeal to be conducted in Allora, Clifton and Nobby this week. The Director, the Rev. Joan Johanson, said that the Service had out-grown the one small room that the staff were working out of in the Uniting Church.

Miss Johanson said that there were three day-care facilities operating in the district. An application for funding from the Federal Government through the Home and Community Care programme had been unsuccessful and \$30,000 was required to erect a separate building with the required facilities.



A photo of Allora taken from the south west in the 1890's.

Allora's Past 50 years ago  
May 1962

### BUSINESS ANNOUNCEMENT

Butcher Shops in Allora will be closed on Saturday Mornings from 12th May until after the winter months.

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Allora's Past 75 years ago May  
1937

### Sanitary Services

Allora Shire Council decided that in future the carrying out of sanitary services should be decided by tender. This has enabled the services to be provided at 3/4 d. per day cheaper than previously carried out.

### St. David's Fair

The Hon. W. A. Deacon M. L. A. officially opened the St. David's Coronation Fair on Saturday. The secretary of St. David's

Church of England Guild, Miss Dulcie Gwynne, said that the funds of guild would benefit to the amount of £58.

Allora's Past 100 years ago May  
1912

### Snakes Alive

An over-fondness for the fermentations of the fruit of the vine was the cause of a run-in with the law by that well known snake enthusiast, "Professor" Morrissey in Warwick this week. The "Professor" was giving a demonstration of his prowess in snake handling in front of the Royal Hotel when a young constable decided that he was not in a condition to control himself, let alone his slithering charges.

It was not until he was taken to the police station and a body search instigated that the "fun" began. When the constable, a new-comer to Queensland, felt inside Morrissey's inner pocket, the first object that he drew out was a wriggling snake

which was promptly dropped on the floor. Other snakes got loose and took possession of the lock-up yard until they were secured. Morrissey was charged with drunkenness in the Police Court and discharged.

Allora's Past 150 years ago May  
1862

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Colin Newport

## A VERY BIG THANK YOU

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The overwhelming response to the opening of 72 On Herbert did create delays for many of you who ordered on our first day of trading and we appreciate your understanding and patience in this regard.

I have been touched by the warm welcome you have shown me and look forward to seeing you again sometime soon.

Many thanks, Emma G

## ALLORA GAINS A VOICE ON COUNCIL

In the recent Southern Downs Council Mayoral & Councillor Elections it would seem that the Southern Downs voters wanted experience from their Shire Council representatives. There were only two new councillors elected these being Glyn Rees (Allora) who has previous councillor experience and Jamie Mackenzie (Killarney). Congratulations to our local councillor.

The Allora Advertiser has benefited from Glyn's journalistic input on behalf of the community, and we wish him all the best for his term in office.

## Southern Downs Regional Council

### Mayoral Election

Declared Tuesday, 8th May 2012

1. Peter Blundell 6,435 Stanthorpe

### Councillor Election

Declared Tuesday, 8th May 2012 - 80.62% counted

1. Jo McNally	11436	Warwick
2. Ross Bartley	11,299	Warwick
3. Cameron Gow	9,684	Stanthorpe
4. Vic Pennisi	9,556	Stanthorpe
5. Neil Meiklejohn	9,120	Warwick
6. Jamie Mackenzie	9,063	Killarney
7. Denise Ingram	8,858	Stanthorpe
8. Glyn Rees	8,442	Allora

## BAD JOKE OF THE WEEK

A man realized he needed to purchase a hearing aid, but he felt unwilling to spend much money.

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"Let's see the \$2.00 model," he said.

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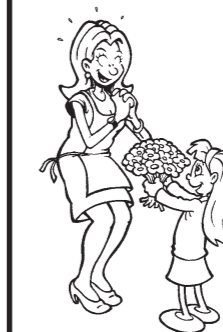


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Last year's team relaxing between rounds. Clockwise : Tony and Carmel Cowley, Liz Henry, Justine Constable, Art and Chris Parlevliet and Jon Constable

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### Get excited for Warwick's new Winter Fest

The region's youth should get excited for Warwick Winter Fest, coming to the Town Hall on Friday June 15. Event coordinator Leo Nel from LAN Entertainment said that the all age music concert will see some of the best bands from the Gold Coast, Brisbane and Sunshine Coast taking to the stage and performing in support of youth depression. "Depression is a huge problem amongst teens, with up to five per cent experiencing depression that is severe enough to merit treatment and around 20 per cent of young people having experienced significant depressive symptoms by the time they reach adulthood," Mr Nel said. "At Warwick Winter Fest we'll be raising awareness of the issue and letting young people know that they aren't alone, they can get help and shouldn't be shy, embarrassed or ashamed of seeking help." Rocking the Town Hall will be one of Gold Coast's Hottest, Double Lined Minority, who have played Big Day Out 2012 and featured on Toasted TV. Warwick's young people can expect an energetic night with an array of genres stretching from indie Pop group Alert The Pharaoh, to the local hard-core group Todays Friday, along with headlining punk rock band Burning Brooklyn. Other acts

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include Set The Record, Afterglow and Lust for Word. According to organisers this not-to-be-missed show will be a sell-out. "Don't miss out on the party of the year and get your tickets before they've sold out," Mr Nel said. Tickets can be pre-purchased for \$17 from the Warwick Visitor Information Centre, at the door for \$20, or find the crew from LAN ENTERTAINMENT on Facebook to order your ticket online and keep updated with information about the event. This all-age music concert is drug and alcohol free and is a partnership event between the Southern Downs Regional Council and Young Ambassadors.

### Are you ready to Rattle your Brain? at Allora's 9th Annual Trivia Night

The St Patrick's School P&F Association invites the wider Southern Downs community to test its trivia knowledge on Friday May 25th at the Allora Community Hall, Herbert Street during the 9th Annual 'Rattle of the Brains' Trivia Night fundraiser. Once again we promise a great night out with prizes, giveaways, pizza, supper and the bar will be operating. At this time of year, the St Patrick's School is always humbled by the wonderful generosity of our local and regional sponsors and the support by the patrons. A limited amount of Question Rounds are still available for sponsorship. Come and meet our council representative elect, Glyn Rees, who has kindly accepted to be our guest Quiz Master. The well known 'Rattle of the Brains' Trivia Night will help raise funds just in time for the installation of air conditioning for our staff and students this coming cold winter. Those wishing to test their trivia knowledge can nominate a

Team of 8 by phoning the St Patrick's School in Allora on 4666 3551 or email allora@twb.catholic.edu.au. If you are having trouble putting a team together, individuals can also nominate and we'll find you a full team. At only \$10 each, this can be paid at the door on the night. Great prizes include, First prize \$300, Second \$200 and Third \$100, try your hand at tossing for the rum bottle, plus dozens of other great prizes up for grabs. Doors open at 6.15pm. Will this be your year to be on a winning team?

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2012

- May -**  
**Fri 11** **Victoria Hill Public Hall Cent Sale**  
 Victoria Hill Hall, 7.30pm
- Sat 19** **Wattles v Pittsworth**  
 Platz Oval Clifton
- Fri 25** **St Pat's Rattle of the Brains Trivia Night**  
 Allora Community Hall
- June -**  
**Sat 2** **Wattles v Goondiwindi**  
 Platz Oval Clifton
- Mon 11** **Allora Community Auction**  
 Allora Showgrounds
- Sat 16** **Wattles v Warwick**  
 Platz Oval Clifton
- Sat 16** **"All Things Blue" Afternoon Tea**  
 St David's Hall, Allora, 1.30pm
- July -**  
**Sun 1** **Alloa RSL "Produce to Pantry" Cent Sale**  
 RSL Hall, Allora
- Sun 1** **Wattles v Brothers**  
 Platz Oval Clifton
- Sun 15** **Wattles v Valleys**  
 Platz Oval Clifton
- Sun 29** **Wattles v Gatton**  
 Platz Oval Clifton
- August -**  
**Sun 26** **Wattles v Souths**  
 Platz Oval Clifton
- October -**  
**Sat 6** **High Tea Fundraiser**  
 Allora Community Hall
- Fri 19** **St Patricks Parish Fete**  
 St Patricks School Grounds
- November -**  
**Tue 6** **Allora Swimming Club Melbourne Cup Luncheon**  
 Railway Hotel Allora

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If people wish to contact The Allora Advertiser and discuss their particular needs, please feel free to do so. Ph 4666 3128.

## Half-Smidly and Midi-Smidly riders to pedal into Warwick

Cyclists from across Australia and New Zealand are putting the pedal to the metal to help fight cancer as they embark on the 900 kilometre, five-day Half-Smidly challenge through scenic northern New South Wales and Queensland's Darling Downs from 2 to 6 May 2012.

A team of 20 cyclists left Brisbane today, travelling south with overnight stops in Byron Bay, Casino, Warwick and Toowoomba before returning to Queensland's state capital on Sunday 6 May.

Challenge Director Mark Smoothy said the Half-Smidly had attracted people from not only Queensland, but across Australia and New Zealand who were determined to take on a huge cycling challenge and help raise funds for world-class research at Mater Medical Research Institute (MMRI).

"It's a sad thought but chances are most people have fought cancer themselves or seen the disease affect someone close to them, whether it's family, a friend or work colleague," he said. "That's why it's fantastic to see such a dedicated community of riders, support crew and donors united by a common goal—to cure cancer—come together to feel the Smidly spirit and tackle this challenge."

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projects at MMRI in the areas of melanoma, prostate and ovarian cancer as well as complementary therapies to improve quality of life for cancer patients.

The first Smidly event was held in 2006, when three cyclists embarked on an epic journey from Brisbane to Townsville to raise funds for cancer research and honour the memory of their mate, Adam Smidly, who had passed away from an aggressive melanoma at age 26.

Last year Smiling for Smidly grew to include five events throughout the year, raising more than \$720 000 and bringing the total funds raised to more than \$2.5 million since the program's inception.

Warwick residents and sportsmen and women are also urged to support the Smidly team in their fight against cancer when cyclists arrive in Warwick as part of the Midi-Smidly Challenge on June 2.

Midi-Smidly participants will cycle 570 kilometres over some of south east Queensland's most scenic and challenging terrain from 1 to 3 June.

Locals have the chance to enjoy a hearty dinner with the Smiling for Smidly cyclists and to hear Cricket Australia's Pat Howard, General Manager High Performance at a fundraising dinner to be held at the Warwick Senior Citizens Centre. For more details or to make a booking, contact Tracy Vellacott on 4661 9073.



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**LEFT:** The Steve Henry Quartet were a crowd favourite at Bryson's "Welcome to Jazz Week" Brunch in 2011.

**BELOW:** Crowds embrace the chill of winter and the chance to dine out and listen to jazz on a Sunday morning.

## Register your Jumpers & Jazz events

With just 10 weeks until the launch of the Jumpers & Jazz in July Festival the official program is almost ready to print.

Organisers have been working on this year's program since January and are keen to make sure no community groups or businesses miss out on being included in the official "go to" guide for the festival.

Warwick Tourism & Events CEO, Tracy Vellacott is full of enthusiasm for this year's program and said that over 17 organisations and businesses have already brainstormed and work-shopped their ideas for inclusion in the official publication, which will be delivered in early June.

"We are seeing a great mix of old favourites and new and exciting ideas but we really don't want anyone to miss out on this chance for promotion," Mrs Vellacott said.

"It is possible that some organisers have slipped through the



cracks or think there is still plenty of time left but we really need their event details now."

Those included in the festival guide will benefit from having their event details included at major consumer shows like the Brisbane Caravan & Camping Show as well as the Lismore event.

The interim program is already available on the new festival website [www.jumpersandjazz.com](http://www.jumpersandjazz.com) and the festival's social media is buzzing with anticipation. Festival workshops are receiving high numbers of registrations with some workshops already at capacity.

Those wishing to register their Jumpers & Jazz event should note that this Friday is the cut off point for events to make it into the official program.

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## RACQ warns motorists at the pump of mobile phone danger

Motorists filling up at 23 fuel stations in south-east Queensland today will be confronted with an eye catching reminder from RACQ about the dangers of using mobile phones while driving. RACQ is using petrol pump nozzle messages that state "On the road, off the phone" to hammer home the road safety warning that if you're driving you should not be using your mobile. RACQ Executive General Manager Paul Turner said the warnings were a cost-effective way to promote road safety messages to motorists while they were filling their cars. "A survey conducted by the Club last year found that 90% of RACQ's 1.2 million members want greater police enforcement of hand-held mobile phone rules for drivers," Mr Turner said. "Our members rated talking or sending text messages on mobile phones as the fourth most annoying driver behaviour. "The survey also found that 90% of RACQ members believe text messaging while driving is very distracting, while 80% believe making or receiving calls without hands-free is very distracting. More than half - 63% - wanted both hand-held and hands-free mobile phone use to be banned altogether. "All driver distractions, including using hand held mobile phones, are not just annoying - they endanger the lives of all road users and contribute to crashes." Mr Turner said that because of the pace of modern life, people were viewing time spent driving the car as an opportunity to do other tasks such as replying to phone messages. "Drivers should refrain from doing anything that takes their

## State Roads Reconstruction Update

A milestone has been reached in the reconstruction process for state roads in the Darling Downs Region, with \$58.48 million worth of projects going to tender over the next four weeks. These projects include pavement works on the Gore Highway within the Toowoomba Regional Council area between Toowoomba and Millmerran; and Freestone Road, near Warwick, among others. The tender for the Gore Highway will be our biggest contract so far.

To date, 4.5 km out of the 11 km of stabilisation works on the Warrego Highway between Wallan Creek Road, Drillham and Dulacca have been completed.

During May, a second crew will carry out five kilometres of asphalt works between Drillham South Road and one kilometre west of Bells Road.

Goondiwindi Regional Council has begun work on the Gore Highway, with two crews working at various locations over a 70 km section between Millmerran and Goondiwindi on projects valued at \$3.2 million. The first crew will be operating between Wambianna Road and Wyaga Road. The works on this section are expected to last 15 working days.

The second crew will be working from three kilometres west of Yagaburne Link Road up to the Yagaburne-Boondandilla Road. These works are expected to take four weeks to complete. This section will have one lane closed after hours for the duration of the work with traffic signals in place.

The tender for pavement repairs on the Warrego Highway between Dalby and Macalister has closed and works are expected to commence late in June. For these works, a diversion using sections of the Old Warrego Highway will be in place to minimise driver delays.

Roads in the Goondiwindi and Western Downs Regional Council areas damaged by flooding earlier this year will also be repaired as part of the current program. The declaration of this 2012 event has allowed the department to submit funding requests for additional reconstruction works.

If you require further information about flood-related roadworks in the Darling Downs Region, please contact the Reconstruction Communications Team by email: reconstruct\_darlingdowns@tmr.qld.gov.au or by free call 1800 063 397 (during business hours). For information about flood-related roadworks in the South West Region, contact the team by free call 1800 177 641 (during business hours).

eyes off the road, hands off the wheel or mind off the driving task," he said.

"Distractions such as phone use, changing a CD, eating or drinking reduce every driver's ability to pay attention to the road and other drivers' actions and behaviour - thereby putting themselves and other road users at risk.

"Taking your eyes off the road for a two second glance at a text message on your phone is all it takes to lose control and have a crash, which could lead to injury or death.

"Using a hand held mobile phone while driving is not only dangerous, it is also illegal and could cost the motorist a \$300 fine and the loss of three demerit points.

"We want to see the end of driver distractions that risk the lives of everyone on the road and believe the petrol pump warnings are an effective way to get the message through to motorists," Mr Turner said.

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**Allora's Last Winter  
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The Allora community is anticipating another  
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Since its beginning as a White Elephant Sale  
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into a sale of massive proportions. In 2008 the  
few remaining Apexians handed the reins over to the Allora  
Show Society, guiding them all the way. Items are sold on  
commission if not donated and the profits are shared between  
the Show Society & all the organisations volunteering their  
services throughout the weekend. Last year 27 local  
organisations received funds. Approximately 200 volunteers  
assist over the 3 days. The showground is amassed with items  
for sale on Saturday & Sunday, ready for auction on Monday.  
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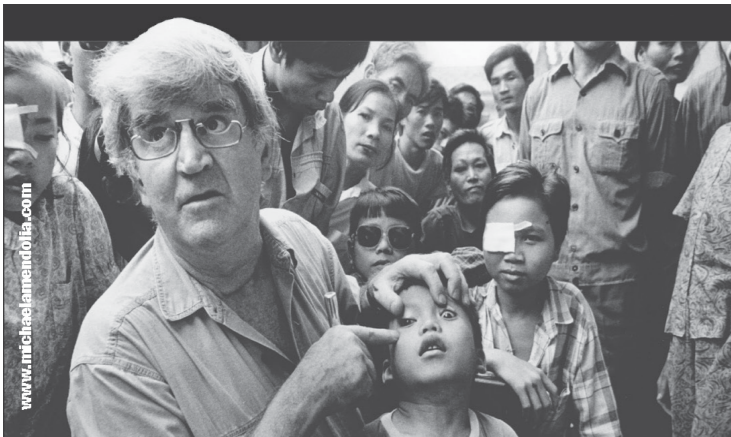
The crowd at last year's Community Auction. Photo © Steve Corbett

The iconic local event has reached such a level of popularity  
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## Wattles Focused for Bear Hunt

Wattles Rugby League sides head to Oakey this Sunday to take on the local "Bears" in the Mothers Day Round of Toowoomba Rugby League fixtures. Wattles top grade side are desperately looking for a season first win after a disappointing start to the season, a season heavily punctuated by injury. The team will welcome back workaholic front-rower Jason Nightingale after a work absence, while seasoned veteran Berwood Robinson will wear the five-eight's number six jersey in a backline that features plenty of ability. Robinson is a brilliant attacking footballer and will work with playmaker and half Jordan Henry to set the Wattles backline alight.

Coaches Glen and Russell McMillan are looking for some concerted commitment against Oakey, who are again a force to be reckoned with in the TRL premiership in 2012. "It's an eighty minute game" says Glen McMillan, "so you have to commit for eighty minutes".

Wattles "Queensland farmer's Warehouse" A Grade side to play Oakey on Sunday: Jeremy Jerome, Travis Downie, Tim Hentschel, Russell McMillan, Justin Van Der Poel, Berwood Robinson, Jordan Henry, Carl Gale, Josh McIntosh, Jason Nightingale, Glen McMillan (c), Aaron Scheid, Liam Ross, Brady Glass, Lauchlan Hoey, Lee Lousick.

Matches kick off at 11.30 am - Under 18, Reserve Grade - 1.00 pm and A Grade - 2.30 pm.

Special wishes to from the Wattles Club are extended to club Vice President Aaron Scheid on his engagement to Holly Whittaker, and President Barry Glass on his 50th birthday celebrated on the weekend.

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## Wattles v Collegians 5/05/2012

Saturday the junior Warriors travelled to Warwick to play the old foe Collegians

**U7 Allora Pharmacy** - Collegians have big numbers of youngsters so we were able to play to separate games on the day, watching these little kids starting to develop is exciting.

The kids were brilliant with great tackling technique on show, Lachlan Peardon led the way with 20 and he was assisted by Lane Eastwell 15, Jed Esson 10, Hamish Gartery 15, Aiden Holmes 9, Lachlan Robson 7 and Ryan Gillam 6. Try scorers were Lachlan P with 3, Jed 2, Hamish and Lane 1 and Ryan Gillam 2. It was a great effort today and a pleasure to watch good defensive football.

**U7 Flynn Electrical** - A highly entertaining game with our kids coming out of their shell and playing good football all day, Thomas Shepherd had a blinder running hard and making good tackles, Daniel Morris had his best game to date with plenty of good effective tackles and hard runs, Harry Bange had his usual tough game. Brock Seibel was making good ground with hard runs up the middle and Piper Brady was also running hard and fast. Lachlan Quirk and Mitchell Ranger are improving quickly. Try scorers were Harry, Thomas, Daniel and Piper who crossed for her first ever try in Wattles colours.

**U10 Eastwell and Sons** - The boys all played well against a tough opponent, we have to learn defend our wings as strongly

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as we do the centre of the field. Darby, Hunter and Joe were great in both defence and attack again as was Dan Brown and Jack.

Clayton Brady played a great game defensively and Aaron was dangerous whenever he had the ball. For a big team of boys it is important that they play as a team and have better ball security.

This week we require a better effort in support play, tackling and talk on the field when we take on Gundi.

**U11 Clifton Auto Ag Repairs** - A dramatic turnaround this time from the boys was good to see, tackling was outstanding and support play that was missing the previous week was back. Ty Beckhouse was outstanding with 12 good tackles and numerous runs. Our halves are doing their job very well and starting to control games, they are getting good ball out to our two big forwards Juston free and Harrison Hunt, these lads have really turned the corner, running hard and straight, our wingers and centres are going well, Ty Norris had a good game. The play of the game was Tyler Gillam's great cross field kick to Mathew Christensen's waiting arms, allowing him to score under the posts. Try scorers were Mathew, Tyler and Ty Norris, with the end score being a draw at 18 - 18. Good job boys.

**U12 Ryannie for Tyres and Kelly's Park - Dorper Sheep Stud** - In what can only be described as a disappointing effort by the previously unbeaten U12's they went down quite easy to a determined Collegians outfit. From the start the opposition were running with greater urgency than our boys and their tackling was proving hard to bust through.

The team as a whole failed to move up in defence and put any pressure on the opposition, they must remember that effective tackling dictates that two or more players commit to a tackle at a time. During the few times that sets were completed we also lacked general support play.

Our lone try scorer was Bradley Newman. A special mention must go out to Jacob Willett who tried hard the entire day. Jacob made many good runs and was involved in plenty of tackling. The end score was 44-4 to Collegians.

**U13 Superior Silage** - The superior silage Under 13 side came up against a committed Collegians side but they never gave up going down 22-4. Thomas Duggan and Trent Henry had big games again this time with tackle counts of 30 and 25. Gus Somes and Manu Mook led the way with the hit-ups with 11 each. Lachlan Brown and Zane Fitzgerald are getting better each week putting a good effort up front in the engine room. Cody Prendergast scored his first try for the season from a good cross field kick from Tanna Alldridge to score in the corner. Kobi Blades was moved into lock which he reaped the rewards by tackling out the FoodWorks award with his commitment and never say die attitude.