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A framed Broncos 'Away Strip' Jersey Raffle, signed by the whole team will also be on offer at the bar at next weeks Trivia Night. This raffle will be drawn for Fathers Day. The money

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St Patrick's School students with the signed framed Broncos Jersey, being raffled for Fathers Day by the P&F. The funds raised will assist in the installation of air conditioning in the very popular library. **From the left:** Stephanie Garnsey, Ashley Henry, Elyse Peters, Abby Mortimer, Jack Wright, Jed Esson and George Nott.

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raised from this Jersey will be used to install air conditioning at the School's Library. 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. Doors open at 6.15pm.

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Newly elected Southern Downs Regional Council Mayor Peter Blundell catches up with Kaye & Lyn Mullins at the Railway Hotel's "Australia's Biggest Morning Tea" on Thursday morning.

AUCTION GOODS FOR A MEDICAL CENTRE

People can donate their auction goods with the proceeds to go towards the new medical centre.

The goods can be stored in the shed behind the Community Hall.

Phone Jon Constable 4666 3100

One Stop Shop community link up

The Southern Downs Regional Council Community Directory, available on Council's website, is a valuable tool to link our community members and visitors to service organisations across our region.

"It is basically a 'one stop shop' for searches for appropriate local community services, interest and sporting groups, and volunteering opportunities" said Sheila Stebbings, Manager Community Development

Ms Stebbings encourages not for profit organizations, service clubs, sporting and interest groups to discover how registering on the Directory data base can value-add to their core business by visiting the "Be the Difference" information stall, Saturday May 19th at Rose city Shoppingworld (outside Bilo).

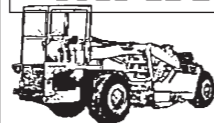
As part of the National Volunteer Week celebrations, Southern Downs Regional Council's Community Development Officer, Robyn Hutley and Volunteer Coordinator Bette Bonney will be at the stall to assist with all enquiries regarding the Directory on Council's website.

"We will be able to show organisations and volunteers how to link with each other effectively, and personally assist them to register on the data base. Resources will also be available to encourage organisations and volunteers with practical "know how" and future local training opportunities" said Ms Stebbings. For enquiries or Community Directory assistance, phone Robyn Hutley on 0467 977 679.

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BAD JOKE OF THE WEEK

Three scots and three englishmen are traveling by train to a football match. At the station, the three englishmen each buy tickets and watch as the three scots buy only a single ticket.

"How are three people going to travel on only one ticket?" asked one of the three Englishers.

"Watch and you'll see," answers one of the Scotsmen.

They all board the train. The Englishmen take their respective seats but all three scotsmen cram into a toilet and close the door behind them. Shortly after the train has departed, the conductor comes around collecting tickets. He knocks on the toilet door and says, "Ticket, please." The door opens just a crack and a single arm emerges with a ticket in hand. The conductor takes it and moves on.

The English saw this and agreed it was quite a clever idea. So after the conference, the Englishmen decide to copy the Scots on the return trip and save some money. When they get to the station, they buy a single ticket for the return trip. To their astonishment, the Scots don't buy a ticket at all.

"How are you going to travel without a ticket," asks one perplexed Englishman.

"Watch and you'll see," says one of the Scotsmen. When they board the train the three Scots cram into a toilet and the three Englishmen cram into another one nearby.

The train departs. Shortly afterward, one of the Scots leaves his restroom and walks over to the restroom where the Englishmen are hiding. He knocks on the door and says, "Ticket, please."

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Events Calendar

2012

- May -**
- 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**
Alora 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
- Sat 14** **Caxton Street Jazz Band**
Allora Community Hall, 6.00pm
- Sun 15** **Wattles v Valleys**
Platz Oval Clifton
- Sun 29** **St Pat's Parish presents: An Afternoon of Song**
Allora Community Hall, 1.30pm
- Sun 29** **Wattles v Gattton**
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

IMPORTANT INFORMATION - Clients wishing to include their events in the *Events Calendar*, must book a display (boxed) advertisement for the event in *The Allora Advertiser*, sized at least 2 column x 8 cm. Clients will then automatically receive, as a bonus, a calendar entry. These entries will be in a 2 line format as above, starting in bold with date and event, followed by venue and time.
If people wish to contact The Allora Advertiser and discuss their particular needs, please feel free to do so. Ph 4666 3128.

Allora Medical Centre Support Group FUND RAISER PROGRESSIVE CAMP-OUT WEEKEND



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WEEKEND on the NEW long weekend for The Queen's Birthday 28th September - 1st October.

Programme:

Friday, 28th September - Assemble in afternoon for a "Greet N' Meet". Registrations, Review the Rules and tea.

Saturday, 29th September - Breakfast. Departure 8.30am. Morning tea at Pittsworth. Lunch - Millmerran Museum and tour. Tea - Royal Hotel Leyburn. Auction fund raiser.

Sunday, 30th September - Breakfast. Departure 8.30am. Morning Tea - Coolmunda Dam. Lunch - Stanthorpe Gleeson's Park. Tea - Killarney Recreational Grounds. Trivia fund raiser.

Monday, 1st October - Breakfast. Departure 8.30am. Lunch - Goomburra Forest. Back to Allora Show Grounds to wind up weekend.



Contact: Andrew & Ross Cave - 4666 3118, 4666 3297, Merv & Kathy Shannon 4666 3286 or Jon Constable 4666 3001



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THINGS THAT HAPPENED ON THIS DAY - 17th MAY

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| 218 - 7th recorded perihelion passage of Halley's Comet. | 1883 - Buffalo Bill Cody's 1st Wild West Show premieres in Omaha. | addition to the National Gallery, London, a "monstrous carbuncle on the face of a much-loved and elegant friend," sparking controversies on the proper role of the Royal Family and the course of modern architecture. |
| 1590 - Anne of Denmark is crowned Queen of Scotland. | 1890 - Comic Cuts, 1st weekly comic paper, published in London. | 1986 - "Chicken Song" by Spitting Image hit #1 on the UK pop chart. |
| 1620 - 1st merry-go-round seen at a fair (Philippapolis, Turkey) | 1902 - Greek archaeologist Valerios Stais discovers the Antikythera mechanism, an ancient mechanical analog computer. | 1990 - The WHO takes homosexuality out of its list of mental illnesses. |
| 1630 - Italian Jesuit Niccolo Zucchi, 1st to see 2 belts on Jupiter surface. | 1906 - Switzerland's Simpson Tunnel opens to rail traffic. | 1993 - Intel's new Pentium processor is unveiled. |
| 1733 - England passes Molasses Act, putting high tariffs on rum and molasses imported to the colonies from a country other than British possessions. | 1916 - British Summer Time (Daylight Savings), 1st introduced. | 2004 - Massachusetts becomes the first U.S. state to legalize same-sex marriage. |
| 1792 - 24 merchants form NY Stock Exchange at 70 Wall Street. | 1943 - World War II: the Dambuster Raids by No. 617 Squadron RAF on German dams. | 2007 - Trains from North and South Korea cross the 38th Parallel in a test-run agreed by both governments. This is the first time that trains have crossed the Demilitarized Zone since 1953. |
| 1803 - John Hawkins and Richard French patent the Reaping Machine. | 1960 - 1st atomic reactor system patents, J W Flora of Canoga Park CA. | |
| 1859 - Australian Rules Football first 'laws of the game' published. | 1969 - Russian probe Venera 6 landed on Venus. | |
| 1875 - 1st Kentucky Derby: Oliver Lewis aboard Aristides wins in 2:37.75 | 1973 - Stevie Wonder releases "You are the Sunshine of my Love". | |
| 1877 - Edwin T Holmes installs 1st telephone switchboard burglar alarm. | 1975 - Mick Jagger punches a restaurant window, gets 20 stitches. | |
| | 1984 - Prince Charles calls a proposed | |

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Letter to the Editor...

Vinnies volunteers - everyone counts!

To the editor,

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The St Vincent de Paul Society is one of the largest volunteer organisations in the country. We are a charity started by volunteers in France and currently operating in 147 countries, with about 1.3 million volunteers.

Our volunteers work in our Centres, Conferences, aged care facilities, homelessness facilities, they staff our night patrols (taking food, drink and comfort to those on our streets each night), they visit our hospitals and prisons, they work in our offices.

As a Society we are volunteers, and on behalf of the St Vincent de Paul National Council, I wish to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of our volunteers for their hard work, their dedication and love for those less fortunate than themselves.

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Looking Back...

Allora's Past 25 years ago May 1987

Allora Stars

Two Allora and district performers will play a prominent part in the Warwick Choral Society production "Songs from the Shows", to be staged in the Warwick Town Hall on the 7th and 8th of May. The programme features songs in chronological order from the Society's shows over the past nine years.

Allora's Mary O'Dea will take her customary leading roll, along with Choral Society newcomer, Don Burge, who gives dashing renditions of "The Girls" from "The Gypsy Princess" and "Tea for Two" from "No, No, Nanette".

Allora's Past 50 years ago May 1962

Allora Youth Week Celebrations

Thursday, 7th June -
Youth Wants to Know!

See and hear the youth of Allora direct questions at a panel comprising four prominent local citizens: Dr. A. Jones, Miss M. Deacon, Mr. L. A. Gunn and Mr. T. McVeigh.

Supper served afterwards St. Andrew's Hall

Joy Shooter, Hon. Sec.

Allora's Past 75 years ago May 1937

Birthday Celebrations

Former Allora resident, Mrs. Jane Hyde, celebrated her 86th birthday whilst on a visit to her daughter, Mr. W. E. Hadley of Sherwood. After spending a lifetime in the Allora and Warwick districts, Mrs. Hyde now resides with her elder daughter, Mrs. Thomas Holmes of Pittsworth. Mrs. Hyde also has two sons, Mr. Andrew C. Gillam and Mr. J. F. Hyde as well as 26 grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Allora's Past 100 years ago May 1912

An Old Friend

Sergeant Maguire, who Alloraites will remember as one of the straightest going men in khaki who was ever entrusted with the maintenance of law and order hereabouts, is on a visit to Allora. He appears to be in excellent form and looks younger by years than when he last sojourned in this locality. He is still stationed at Gympie, to which station he was sent soon after his departure from Allora three years ago.

(Sergeant William Maguire was preceded as officer in charge of the Allora police station by Sergeants D. E. Dunn and William Ferguson. "Beetle" Wakeford of Allora Hardware, was pleased to recently discover a previous connection with the town of Allora. His great-grandfather, Sergeant Walter King, served at the Allora police station from January 1896 to November 1898.

On his transfer on promotion from Gatton to Allora, Senior Constable King was eulogised at his farewell function for the fearless manner in which he had carried out his official duties and for his encouragement of manly sports of every kind.

In the Allora Police Court following his transfer from Allora to Laidley, Sergeant King was commended by the Chairman of the Bench, Mr. William Deacon J. P., on his resolute execution of his duties. The remarks were endorsed by Mr. Patrick Donovan J. P. and Allora solicitor Mr. G. V. Jenkins. An informal farewell function, attended by townsmen and seven local magistrates, was held in Tattersalls' Hotel the same evening)

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Doorknock Weekend 19-20 May 2012

The Salvation Army is calling for volunteer collectors in the Allora area to help with the national Red Shield Appeal doorknock on the weekend of 19-20 May.

The Salvation Army needs to reach a national doorknock goal of \$10 million to maintain services in the year ahead. The national target for the overall Red Shield Appeal, which includes a business appeal and direct mail campaign, is \$81.5 million. Salvation Army Appeals Director, Major Jeff Winterburn said: "The Red Shield Appeal is vital in enabling us to continue our frontline services. The clients we see are some of society's most vulnerable people and are coming to us with increasingly complex needs, particularly with financial strain from housing affordability and the increased cost of living.

"We are also seeing more clients than ever before with high levels of stress, anxiety and depression. More worrying is that the prevalence of people presenting at our services who are exhibiting suicidal tendencies is increasing.

"Many people are becoming more and more desperate and are being forced to take dire financial risks in order to stay afloat. "However, The Salvation Army is uniquely positioned to be able to meet people's needs on many fronts - we help people find freedom from financial stress, emotional turmoil, loneliness, homelessness, addiction and with so many other issues."

"More than ever, we need the support of the Australian community to help fund our social programs," said Major



A range of celebrities are urging people to help with this year's Red Shield Appeal Doorknock including basketball star Andrew Gaze and comedy star Mark Mitchell. Also pictured here are Hannah Venables and Brian Hallett.

Winterburn.

"Our aim is to mobilise more than 100,000 collectors to knock on as many doors as possible and we hope the people will come out in force to support the Red Shield Appeal. Volunteering for the doorknock is very rewarding, knowing you are helping those most disadvantaged in our community".

To volunteer simply call 13 SALVOS (13 72 58) - local call cost - or visit salvos.org.au

To give to the Red Shield Appeal, please call 13 SALVOS, visit salvos.org.au, donate at any Westpac branch, or post your cheque to PO Box 9888 in your capital city.

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Rebecca's Waterfowl Success

Mt. Marshall based poultry breeder Rebecca Gallaway has tasted more success last weekend at the 2012 Southern Downs Poultry Club "Young Bird Show", when her six month old natural mallard duck took out "Grand Champion Waterfowl of Show" honours.

Rebecca also scored a ribbon at last year's "Young Bird Show" with a pair of natural Mallard Ducks. Her latest mallard success was bred at her Mt. Marshall home, and comes from champion stock, the duck's mother having won Champion Waterfowl of Show honours in New South Wales. Additional to last Sunday's Mother's Day "Young Bird Show" honours, Rebecca also pocketed "Champion Waterfowl of Show" ribbons at the Warwick, Allora and Stanthorpe Agricultural Shows earlier this year. Next port of call for Rebecca and her champion mallard is to compete at the 2012 Royal Canberra National Poultry Show, the biggest poultry show ever staged in the Southern Hemisphere. The National event will be hosted by the Royal National Capital Agricultural Society on the 8, 9 and 10 June 2012 at Exhibition Park in Canberra. Aside from her champion mallard, Rebecca will also have an assortment of Pekin & Saxony ducks to contest the National's in Canberra.

While the weekend's "Young Bird Show" boasted 320 birds, it will be standing room only it seems in the National Capitol where over 5,000 entries will strut their stuff.

An Assistant Show manager with the Southern Downs Poultry Club, Rebecca has over a decade of experience breeding poultry and



Rebecca Gallaway with her natural mallard duck that won "Grand Champion Waterfowl of Show" at last Sunday's Southern Downs Poultry Club Annual "Young Bird Club".

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water fowl, and currently tends over thirty young mallard ducks she has bred. "It's a full time job looking after them all" laughs Rebecca.

On the local front the Southern Downs Poultry Club will host a club show with Wyandotte fowls a feature on July 1st, followed by the Golden West Waterfowl Club annual show on July 8th both at the Allora Showgrounds.

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Council Removes Dangerous Trees

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"It is unfortunate that these trees have to be removed, but public safety has to come first" said Michael Bell, Manager Parks and Projects.

"A recent health check found that seven trees between Grafton and Fitzroy Streets were in such ill health that they were in danger of falling, or dropping large limbs" he said.

"They are beyond any treatment and need to be removed."

Removal work took place on Friday 11 May between 6.30am and 8.00am and Saturday 12 May between 1.00pm and 5.00pm. Traffic control measures were in place during the above works.

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Tourism funding offers farmers alternative income

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Fifteen places are available for farmers and producers who are interested in nature-based or food tourism.

Farmers in the Southern Downs regional area are invited to attend a field day to be held on Tuesday 5 June from 9am to 3.30pm, to learn more about the Agritourism concept.

Julie McMurtrie, Regional Tourism Development Officer for South East Queensland Country, is encouraging farmers to see the potential tourism can bring to their business.

"Farmers are the custodians of the most beautiful places in our region and often do things visitors are interested in," Ms McMurtrie said.

"Learning about robotic milking, picking their own fruit or veggies, staying at a working farm, or buying locally-made products are among the things people are interested in seeing and doing when they're here.

"We were pleased to obtain T-QUAL Grants - Tourism Quality Projects funding through the Department of Resources, Energy and Tourism to develop 15 new agritourism businesses across Southern Downs.

"It's a great opportunity for farmers who could do with another income source."

For more information, or to register your interest, please contact Julie by Friday 1st June at foodnetwork@hotmail.com.au or 0437 008 712.

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Queenslanders urged to be aware of winter home fire risk

With the arrival of cooler temperatures across Queensland tipped for this week, RACQ Insurance is cautioning householders to ensure their home heaters are safe to use.

RACQ Insurance Executive Manager Communications, Mike Sopinski, said that with cooler nights and mornings heaters are being put into use after many months in storage.

"At this time of year, Queenslanders need to be especially aware of the potential risks posed by heating devices, particularly those that have been stored for some time and may be overdue for a safety check," Mr Sopinski said.

RACQ Insurance research showed faulty electrical appliances including home heaters were a major cause of house fires. RACQ Insurance claims data from last year showed the prevalence of home electrical fires during the cooler months:

- May (5.1 per cent)
- June (7.3 per cent)
- July (7.3 per cent)
- August (9.8 per cent)

The day of the week home electrical fires were most likely was Thursday (19.3 per cent) and Wednesday (17.1 per cent), while the greatest danger times were between 10am – 11am (11.1 per cent) followed by 4pm – 5pm (9.4 per cent).

"Residents should maintain heating equipment even when the appliance is not in use. Improperly installed, damaged or misused heaters are frequent sources of preventable incidents," Mr Sopinski said.

"Before switching heaters on, home owners should check for damaged cords and blocked filters, particularly in older equipment. People should also be careful when buying second-hand electrical appliances and thoroughly check the unit for safety."

RACQ Insurance urged Queensland householders to consider these simple steps to prevent and manage home electrical

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- Check for frayed or damaged electrical cords on appliances. If damaged, don't use the appliance – have it inspected and repaired by a licensed electrician.
- If an electrical appliance emits any odour or smoke, immediately turn it off at the power point and have it inspected and repaired by a licensed electrician.
- Inspect and clean filters on air conditioners.
- Always switch off the appliance, turn it off at the power point and disconnect the cord when the appliance is not in use.
- Never leave an operating appliance unattended for a long period of time or while you're not at home.
- Install and maintain smoke alarms in the house, as required by law.

Mr Sopinski said that Queensland fire protection laws required domestic dwellings to have smoke alarms installed. The laws also required householders to regularly check and maintain them.

"The Queensland winter can surprise with its sudden cold snaps and we expect home heating appliances to work overtime over coming months," Mr Sopinski said.

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Wattles halfback Jordan Henry sends a pass on it's way while team mates Tim Hentschel & Carl Gale watch on in support in the A Grade side's 10 - 44 loss against Oakey on Sunday. See story page 15

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Disturbing new data from The Salvation Army

The Salvation Army says the new research reveals a clear snapshot of what is happening to many Australians who are in crisis. The Salvos help over 1 million people in need every 12 months.

The Salvation Army polled over 1,700 clients over a 2 week period and the results are bound to surprise many.

At a glance the results reveal:

29% (close to a third) can't afford a decent meal at least once a day.

52% had gone without meals and 59% had cut down on basic necessities.

Over a quarter don't have a washing machine or furniture in reasonable condition.

45% have revealed they are selling and pawning possessions to make ends meet.

A quarter (25%) have taken on new debt.

56% have had to turn to family or friends for financial help in the past 12 months.

33% can't afford heating in at least one room of the house.

37% can't afford medications prescribed by their GP ... the same number also can't afford to make regular social contact with people.

Major Bruce Harmer said, "The increased cost of living has clearly meant larger numbers of Australians are now struggling to keep up with rising utility bills. Many are going without things we take for granted like nutritious food or a warm bed. Many are questioning how they will get through the winter months with what appears to be a never ending increase in the cost of living."

"We are seeing large numbers of families – including working mums and dads – who just cannot make ends meet. A number of these people are making heartbreaking decisions about whether to feed their kids or pay their bills. Without doubt we are seeing more clients suffering from stress and anxiety than ever before."

"The people we are seeing have issues that are increasingly more complex. They have a large number of debts."

"All of this indicates people are becoming more and more desperate. They are taking more financial risks just to make ends meet. The stress involved is affecting whole families with relationship breakdown, substance abuse and disruption to school just some of the consequences."

The national doorknock takes place on May 19-20. The Salvation Army is hoping to mobilise 100,000 people nationwide to knock on doors for the Red Shield Appeal. People can donate by calling 13 SALVOS (13 72 58) or visit salvos.org.au. You can also donate to this year's Appeal at any Westpac branch or post a cheque to PO Box 9888 in your capital city.

Wattles Denied Victory

After four rounds of the 2012 Toowoomba Rugby League premiership, local league club the Wattles "Warriors" are still yet to register an "A" Grade win. Despite an encouraging start they were defeated 44 – 10 by the Oakey "Bears" at Oakey on Sunday as they search for a much needed winning result.

Wattles defensive lapses and ball control let them down after they had run up a 10 – 0 lead by the 20th minute of play. Bustling winger Justin Van Der Poel crashed over to score off a gem of a pass by lock forward Liam Ross after nine minutes, before talented centre Tim Hentschel scored after some classy lead up work by winger Travis Downie. The "Bears" struck back immediately, their five eight Jordan Boney scoring the home side's first try, one of nine unanswered touchdowns they would claim in the final hour of play.

Wattles trailed 10 – 24 at the halftime break, the match still within their reach, but the "Bears" four try, twenty point second

stanza onslaught ensured they pocketed the two premiership points.

Despite the scoreline Wattles threw all they had at the Oakey side trying to stem the points flow, with Liam Ross, backrower Aaron Scheid, prop Jason Nightingale and clever hooker Josh McIntosh giving their all and gaining deserved "Player's Player" points. Young up and coming front-rower Carl Gale was a tower of strength, finishing among Wattles best on field with a shining performance. The "Bears" final try of the match was scored with twelve minutes remaining in the game, the "Warriors" defending vigorously to the end to ensure no points in those final minutes. In lower grades Wattles collected their second Reserve Grade victory of the year beating the home side "Bears" 30 – 26. Coach Robbie McIntosh was more than pleased that his side had returned to the winners circle, with halfback Coedie Tandy, front-rower Craig Pettiford and back rower Luke Miller among Wattles better performers. Wattles pointscorers were: Chris Oliver (2), Luke Miller (2), Coedie Tandy, Gary Hooper, Walter McIntosh tries; Coedie Tandy goal.

Oakey got away with a marginal win in Under 18 edging Wattles out by 30 – 28. Fullback Dale McAntee was voted Wattles player of the match with a strong effort that included two tries. Bullocking front rower Lee Lousick was also among the Warriors best, as was ever dependable five-eight Josh Henry. Wattles pointscorers: Dale McAntee (2), Anthony McIntosh, Jordan Hooper, Josh Henry tries; Anthony McIntosh 4 goals.

Wattles are back on home turf at Platz Oval this Sunday, taking on the Southern Suburbs "Tiger's" in all grades from 11.30 am.

Glyn Rees



Allora Golf Notes

Last Sunday Allora golf members played a 4BBB. Conditions were perfect and some good golf was the result. Winners of the day were Phil and Jack. Runners-up were Mat and Gene. Well done to all. Pin shots went to Kev on the 4th, 5th, Gene on the 13th, Phil on the 8th, Kel on the 17th and Aaron on the 14th. Next week will be the Monthly Medal, also the start of the second round of the match play. Hit off will now be at 11.30am. The Duck run is still on Friday so pop on down for a hit and giggle. Remember – to play is to live.

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Queensland Catholic Netball Association is seeking nominations from players to trial for the Queensland Catholic Schoolgirls Netball Teams to compete in the Australasian Catholic Netball Championships.

Spots are available in two divisions, Under 16 Years and Opens for the Championships which will be held from September 23-28 in Adelaide. Please note this is open to Secondary school girls only. Queensland Catholic Netball Association representative Karen Adams said there were two trials being held in June.

"This is a great opportunity for our young netballers presently attending Catholic schools to represent their state in netball," she said.

"We hope to get as many netballers as possible to trial in order for the Queensland Catholic Schoolgirls Netball Team to be the best possible."

The first day of the two day trials is on the northside of Brisbane and is being held on Saturday, June 16 at South Pine Sporting Association, South Pine Road, Brendale from 10.00am-12.00pm. And the following day, the second trial will be on the southside of Brisbane on Sunday, June 17 at Cornubia Park Sports Centre, Bryants Road, Shailer Park from 9.00am-12.00pm.

Trials are open to girls attending a Catholic School in Queensland or those who have met all the eligibility requirements as registered members of Queensland Catholic Netball

Wattles Under 13 vs Goondiwindi

Wattles Superior Silage under 13's have continued the pattern of the previous two weeks by not capitalising on good attacking opportunities to get on the scoreboard first. The flow of the game then changed and the boys didn't finish off their tackles which let the Goondi forwards off load and gain momentum to score three soft tries, to go in 16-0 down at half time. The team put it together in attack in the second half, by scoring first from a good cross field kick from Blake Lollback for Michael Kelk to cross the line. Thomas Duggan converted. The second try came from another clever kick from Blake to put Thomas Duggan over in the corner. Goondi also crossed for two unconverted tries in the second half which brought the final score to 24-10. Slow starts to the game and poor defence are really hurting the boys as they are capable of playing better footy. Trent Henry topped the tackle count and Jake Ranger playing at fullback, had the most hit-ups. Nick Van der Poel had a consistent game and won the FoodWorks award.



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