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LEFT: One of more curious items for auction this year was this Cubby House.



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FRI	Mostly Sunny. Cool.	5 18
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**Allora Community Auction 2012**

Despite the shocking weather conditions over the whole long weekend, a crowd of the tried and true auction fanatics stood firm and bought their 'bargains'. With about 700 bidders taking cards to chase the 2500 items for sale, approximately \$120,000 in sales was reached, down on previous years but amazing considering the rain.

Personally I would like to thank each person who volunteered any time or cooking to make the auction the success that it was, and a special thanks to the auctioneers who gave their valuable time and expertise to keep it moving so smoothly. You need to be there to appreciate their comical banter with the crowd. It is a credit to them.

Many local organisations will once again receive funds in a few weeks when the profits are tallied. Thank you all again.  
Wendy Ardrey,  
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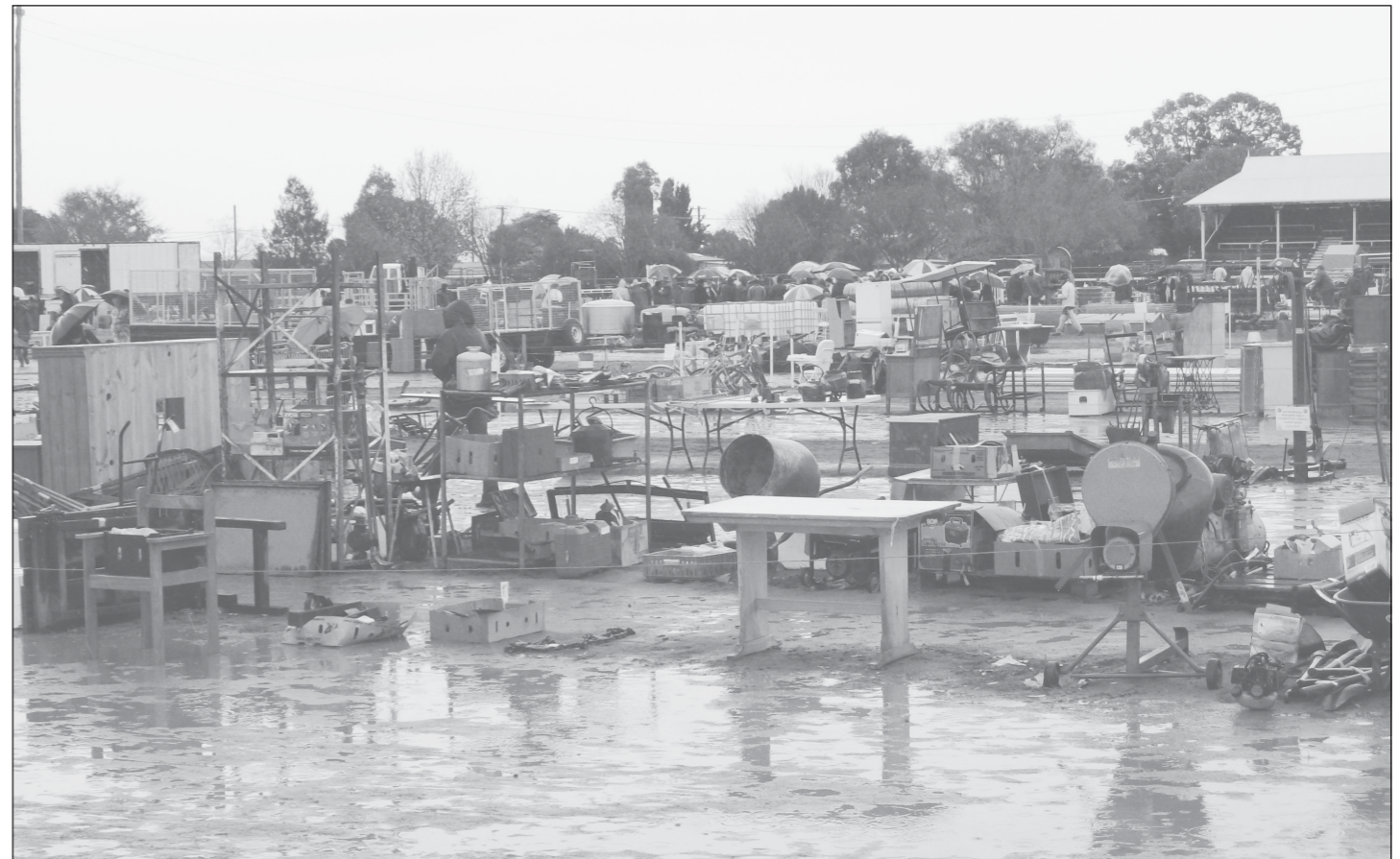
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Attendance numbers at the rain soaked Allora Community Auction were lower due to the less than pleasant weather.

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### CALENDAR FOR JUNE

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**18th June** – Monthly General Meeting at Sports Club at 6.30pm – All welcome.

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### Looking Back...

Last week, Historical Society members John & Lyn Wright and myself visited Murray & Merle Briggs to inspect an old port full of documents originally belonging to Murray's grandfather, Spencer Briggs. Murray had come into possession of the port, unwanted by the family, during a divide-up of the belongings of his late aunt, Noel Briggs in Allora. The port contained photos, letters, a book manuscript, diaries and accounts dating from 1821, a treasure trove to the fanatical local history buff but a pile of old rubbish jokingly referred to by Merle Briggs.

One thing that I found was that the articles, "A New Chum's Troubles" printed in the Allora Guardian from May 1889, were written by Spencer Briggs and were in his own words "The author's first attempt at the art of literature". Spencer Briggs went on to write a regular column under the pen name "The Angel" and eventually to become the editor of the "Guardian". The following is the first of those articles:

### A NEW CHUM'S TROUBLES

I was the other day sent by my boss to get a load of ant bed to floor the kitchen with. I was provided with a shovel, a dray, two horses and the necessary harness. I started, glorying in the fact that I, as a new chum, was trusted with all this paraphernalia. I reached the wilderness at Hendon and soon found an ant bed. I knew it was an ant bed as soon as I stepped onto it. There were, on a rough calculation, fifty seven ants to the square inch, so there could be no mistake about it. I thought that the sooner that I got it on the dray the better. I shovelled. The ants didn't seem to sting but they were nasty creeping things. They ran up the handle of my shovel and up my sleeves by the hundreds and crawled round my neck. They got up the legs of my trousers by swarms, but I determined not to give in, new chum as I was. I determined to have that ant bed. I shovelled very fast and moved my legs about as much as possible. After I had got half the load on I distinctly felt two very sharp stings behind me. I dropped the shovel and rubbed them, then I received another sharp sting below my belt (I have since been told that I must have stepped on nest of jumpers, I know that I never jumped so terribly before and I expected more every minute) I was in the solitude of the Australian bush, so sacrificed appearances. I removed the greater part of my clothing in order to take vengeance on the ants and to cool my burning limbs. At this interesting moment, coming full trot up the road, I beheld Mr. Buxton's coach full of passengers. I fled, my bluchers in one hand and my moleskins in the other. The forest at Hendon is intersected by a great many tracks and I believe I crossed them all. I had a horror of being in the vicinity of anything approaching a beaten road. I did not know at what minute the coach would be coming back. At last, under the friendly cover of a three rail fence, I resumed my garments and then started back to my dray. It was a long time before I found it, but I discovered it at last, in the Hendon reservoir. That reservoir wants cleaning out. I am rather tall but I sank up to my shoulders in the mud before I succeeded in extricating the horses. When the reservoir is cleaned out a blucher boot will be found five feet seven inches below the surface. That boot is mine. As it was getting rather late I only gave myself a rough rub down with some grass, making matters worse than they were beforehand, and started home with my disconsolate team. We presented a picturesque appearance as just after sunset we reached home. I will not repeat here the welcome that the boss gave me; amongst other things he said was that I would be the last new chum that he would ever have anything to do with. I am sorry, but if he wants any more ant bed he will have to go and get it himself.

John and Lyn Wright, Colin Newport and Murray Briggs poring over the treasure trove of old documents.

*Colin Newport*

## Events Calendar

### 2012

**June -**

**Sat 16** "All Things Blue" Afternoon Tea  
 St David's Hall, Allora, 1.30pm

**Sat 16** Pink Stumps Day - Allora Vs. The Local Blokes  
 Allora Cricket Ground, 12.00pm - FREE ENTRY

**Sun 17** Wattles v Dalby  
 Platz Oval Clifton

**Fri 29** Winter Blues Disco  
 Allora RSL Hall, 6.30pm - 9.30pm

**July -**

**Sun 1** Allora RSL "Produce to Pantry" Cent Sale  
 RSL Hall, Allora

**Sun 1** Wattles v Valleys  
 Platz Oval Clifton

**Sat 14** Caxton Street Jazz Band  
 Allora Community Hall, 6.00pm

**Sun 22** Wattles v Oakey  
 Platz Oval Clifton

**Sun 29** St Pat's Parish presents: An Afternoon of Song  
 Allora Community Hall, 1.30pm

**Sun 29** Wattles v Gatton  
 Platz Oval Clifton

**August -**

**Sun 5** Wattles v Warwick  
 Platz Oval Clifton

**Sun 19** Wattles v Brothers  
 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.

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### Sootie's Feline Facts...

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Like Chocolate for Women presenter Kim Morrison

## Delicious new chocolate event melts into Jumpers & Jazz program

The organisers of Jumpers & Jazz are excited to announce a delicious new event on the 2012 program.

Chief Executive Officer of Warwick Tourism & Events Tracy Vellacott said *Like Chocolate for Women* offers women the chance to warm their soul and enjoy a chocolaty afternoon of fun.

"The beautiful and talented Victoria Luppi will send us into a mellow state of mind with her jazz performance, before our guest speaker, Kim Morrison delivers a humorous but life-changing presentation on how to ignite the inner spark and create a positive ripple effect - a chocolate one if you please," Mrs Vellacott said.

"As women we all strive to be the 'best' friend, sister, daughter, wife, mother, cook, home-manager and business woman, yet often we fill our cup to overflowing and forget about being our

## Valiant fight not enough

Facing a fired up Adelaide Thunderbirds with a sell-out crowd behind them, the Mission Queensland Firebirds faced a tough competition in Adelaide.

Despite coming out firing in the first quarter, it wasn't enough in the end for the Firebirds who went down 54-49.

It was a physical match up across the court with both teams fighting to cement their place in the top four of the ANZ Championship ladder.

The Firebirds were chasing their sixth win in a row and the T-Birds were looking to make amends for their loss against the Melbourne Vixens last week.

Starting with the usual seven of Allora's Laura Geitz (GK), Romelda Aiken (GS), Natalie Medhurst (GA), Chelsea Pitman (WA), Lauren Nourse (C), Keirra Trompf (WD) and Jacinta Messer (GD) this paid off well in the first quarter for Coach Roselee Jencke with the Firebirds ending the first quarter

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own best friend and nurturing our own needs, well *Like Chocolate for Women* is a warm remedy for this prevalent condition," she joked.

As a five times best-selling author, creative director of *Twenty8* and a multi-tasking mum and wife, Kim Morrison could not be more qualified to offer advice on how to manage the juggle.

With Cliff Young as her mentor, she set a world record as the youngest female to run 100 miles in less than 24 hours, and still to this day lives by his ethos that success is 90 per cent mental and 10 per cent physical.

Kim has used her running story as a direct metaphor for life - riding the highs, hitting the walls, pushing through the pain barriers, understanding people, crossing the line and never, ever giving up! She believes combining your inner power and passion, applying your commitment and having truck loads of self-belief and people awareness is what distinguishes you as an achiever.

"It's about visualising your dream and going for it - regardless of the feedback you receive or the challenges you face," she said.

*Like Chocolate for Women* will be held in the Warwick Town Hall on Sunday, July 22 from 1.30pm to 4.30pm. Tickets are available from the Visitor Information Centre at a cost of \$20. Those wanting a dose of 'chocolate' are urged to get in quick as tickets will be limited.

ahead by one 13-12.

But it was the second quarter where the T-Birds took charge, taking a quick five goal lead, before a time out was called by the Firebirds.

Jencke made a few changes, bringing on Elissa Macleod in Centre to replace Nourse and Amy Steel into GD to replace Messer.

With ground to make up, the Firebirds pegged back the T-Birds lead, but it wasn't enough and they ended the first half trailing by four 28-24.

Jencke continued to try and shake it up in the third quarter, replacing Nourse with Pitman in WA and bringing in Shannon Eagland to WD to replace Trompf.

This seemed to work at first with the Firebirds bringing it back within three goals.

But the T-Birds shooters could not be slowed with Carla

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Borrego shooting at 100 per cent and Erin Bell not far behind, despite strong defence from Geitz and Steel. At the other end of the court, Medhurst shot at close to 100 per cent, but Aiken struggled against a T-Birds keeper Sharni Layton who was picking off the high passes. Despite winning the quarter, the Firebirds still ended the third quarter behind 38-35. Heading into the fourth quarter, the Firebirds needed to make some bold moves to get back the game. A time out with five minutes to go saw Jencke have a last attempt to mix it up, bringing Pitman into Centre, Macleod into WA and Trompf back into WD to replace Eagland. But the T-Birds hungry for the win, were relentless across the

court, despite the Firebirds best attempts to bring it back, the T-Birds took the game 54-49. Jencke said there was a need to mix it up across the court. "The Thunderbirds have caught up napping today," she said. "We had the opportunities, but we didn't capitalise on them today." Mission Queensland Firebird Laura Geitz worked hard to fire up the team, but it wasn't enough. "It is disappointing to come away with a loss today, but it's by no means the end of our season," she said. "We have had a taste of the top four and we just need to bring it for our last two games of the season." The Firebirds will have a bye week and will return on Sunday, June 24 at Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre against the West Coast Fever.

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**90th Birthday...**  
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Wattles defenders Tim Hentschel (15) & Liam Ross bring down a Brothers runner as Justin Van Der Poel arrives to assist in last Sunday's TRL Round 8 clash at Toowoomba's Glenholme Park.



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**Victory Eludes Wattles**

Wattles struggle to secure Toowoomba Rugby League premiership points failed again on Sunday at Toowoomba's Glenholme Park, the "Queensland Farmers Warehouse" A Graders on the wrong end of a 58 - 0 loss to Brothers. The Warriors below par initial forty minutes in the main game provided little opposition for the home side Leprechauns who led 40 - 0 at the half time break after running in seven unanswered tries. Former Wattles representative back Brenden Wilson crossed for two tries wearing the Brothers colours, while his centre partner Nathan Gaulton added four tries to his season total. Wattles lifted the tempo with a better second half,

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but the damage was done with Brothers scoring four further second stanza touchdowns to cement victory and slide into second place on the premiership ladder.

Luke Baker was voted Wattles' "Player's Player" for his strong all round effort, team skipper Glen McMillan, lock Liam Ross, back rower Aaron Scheid & fullback Russell McMillan also giving there all against dominant opponents.

Wattles will be working overtime on their defence and ball security this week, if they are to be any chance of worrying the Dalby Diehards at Platz Oval this weekend. The Warriors one on one defence was non-existent against Brothers, deficiencies leading to many points scored against them.

Coaches Glen & Russell McMillan are looking to a minor miracle to see Wattles lift their status on the competition ladder, after eight rounds the top grade line-up are yet to win a game. Perhaps an omen though is that Wattles played eight rounds last year from the season start for just one victory, and then burst into premiership contention winning five games from Round 9 to Round 15.

In lower grades on Sunday Brothers were successful overall, winning reserve grade against the "Railway Hotel, Allora" Warriors 28 - 12, after toppling the "Allora Foodworks" Under 18's 48 - 16. Giant front-rower Justin Wade won both Wattles Best Player and Player's Player honours in Reserve Grade, with hooker Dean Cubby and fullback Chris Oliver also shining in a match that was well within Wattles grasp. Talented forward Jimmy Johnson was Wattles outstanding player in the Under 18 clash, also voted "Player's Player", front-rower Lee Lousick & hooker Michael Duggan also among Wattles best.

Wattles are real chances of victory in all grades this weekend against Dalby, and invite all league supporters to the Central Downs League Mecca, Platz Oval, this Sunday to cheer them to victory.



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The Wattles club has always prided itself on loyalty and spirit, and as in tough past seasons, now is the time to dig deep.

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