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## Allora Reserve shines thanks to Adopt a Patch funding

Allora Landcare was successful in round one of Adopt a Patch funding and is a shining example of what can be achieved after their successfully used the support to purchase of equipment and herbicide to assist in the management of Allora Mountain Reserve.

Condamine Alliance's Adopt a Patch funding program now open Round 2 and Expressions of Interest are due by September 30 2012.

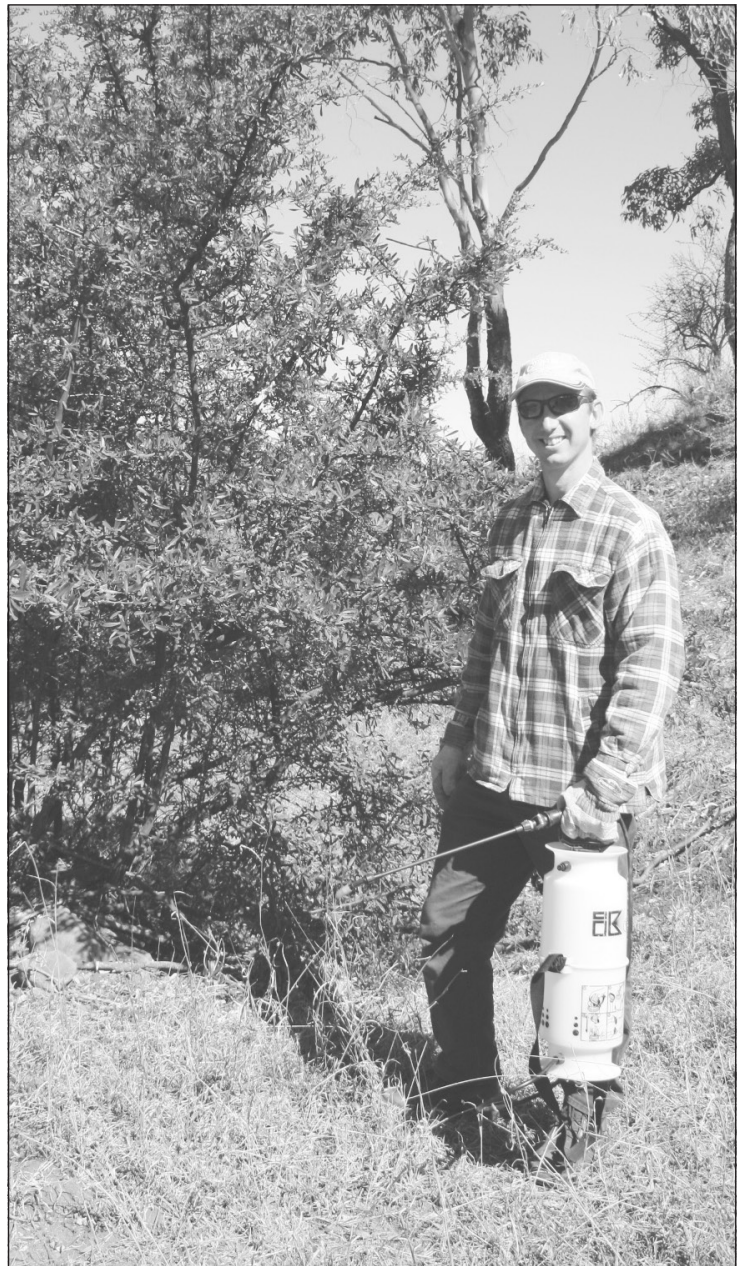
Groups and individual landholders from across the Condamine catchment are again being offered the opportunity to participate in this program aimed at improving the condition and connectivity of habitat for native plants and wildlife in the catchment.

Successful applicants will be offered assistance ranging from the provision of information and expert advice on management issues unique to their individual patches, through to funding for the purchase of specialist equipment or materials for conservation based on ground works.

Condamine Alliance's Manager - Biodiversity, Jayne Thorpe said, "This program is about providing much needed support for community members who manage habitat areas in Condamine catchment".

"We are providing opportunities for people who care about the landscape to work; we aim to connect the energy and motivation of our community groups with willing land managers." The 212 hectare Allora Reserve, a real hidden gem, is not only a beautiful place to visit but also contains a diversity of flora species; including a number of threatened species such as Hawkweed (*Picris evae*), Austral Toadflax (*Thesium australe*), Australian Anchor Plant (*Discaria pubescens*) and Native Thistle (*Rhaponticum australis*).

The project focuses on the removal of invasive environmental weeds including African Firethorn (*Pyracantha sp.*), Privet



Allora Landcare president Ken McCray is set to poison the African Firethorn at the Allora Mountain Reserve as part of the Condamine Alliance Adopt a Patch program


(*Legustrum sp.*) and African Boxthorn (*Lycium ferocissimum*) over a 21.8 hectare section of the reserve.

The initial vision to preserve Allora Mountain back in 1996 came from former Councillor for Allora Shire and then Warwick Shire, Sue Cowley, who was instrumental in securing greater protection for the reserve.

Although Mrs Cowley unfortunately passed away before seeing the completion of her dream Allora Landcare members are keen to fulfil her vision and over the years have undertaken weed control, flora and fauna surveys and rubbish removal. With support from former Warwick Shire Council they also construction of a visitor car park.

With renewed interest in the project sparked by new members to the Landcare group, the Adopt a Patch program proved

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timely to assist with the weed control works planned for the coming spring.

"The funding through the Adopt a Patch program will enable us to carry out essential works in terms of achieving our goals," said Allora Landcare president Ken McCray.

"It's great to be making progress towards our long-term vision for the reserve," he added.

Future planned works for Allora Mountain Reserve include the creation of a driving track for easier visitor access, construction of a picnic area and the installation of interpretive signage to enable more locals and visitors to enjoy this icon of Allora.

Allora Landcare Group also hope to involve students from both Allora State School and St Patricks School in tree planting programs at the reserve.

Groups, such as Allora Landcare, and individuals with visions for a patch are invited to apply for Round 2 of the Adopt a Patch program. Funding is open to all landholders and volunteer groups, however it will be targeted on the management of nationally endangered vegetation communities; including Brigalow (Acacia harpophylla dominant and co-dominant), Natural

grasslands on basalt and fine-textured alluvial plains of northern New South Wales and southern Queensland, Semi-evergreen vine thickets of the Brigalow Belt (North and South) and Nandewar Bioregions, Weeping Myall Woodlands and White Box-Yellow Box-Blakely's Red Gum Grassy Woodland and Derived Native Grassland.

Habitat for nationally threatened species will also be targeted,



African Firethorn (Pyracantha sp), one of the environmental weeds at Allora Mountain Reserve

as well as habitat threatened by serious environmental weeds, including blackberry (Rubus fruticosus aggregate), Chilean needle grass (Nasella neesiana) and parthenium (Parthenium hysterophorus).

All applications will be assessed on an individual basis, with funding targeted at works that will deliver the highest biodiversity values within the identified priority areas.

With much of the region's biodiversity values contained outside

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SAT	Mostly Sunny. Cool.	4	17	
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MON	Morning Clouds. Cool.	4	19	
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the protected area estate, landholders and community groups throughout the catchment undertake extensive management activities every year to maintain and improve the biodiversity values located on both public and private land.

It is also anticipated that this program will provide excellent opportunities for landholders to engage with volunteers and groups to enlist help with the ongoing management of high value privately owned patches.

Groups and individuals interested in participating in the Adopt a Patch program can get more information and download an application form on the Condamine Alliance website: [www.condaminealliance.com.au/programs/adopt-a-patch](http://www.condaminealliance.com.au/programs/adopt-a-patch) or they contact the Adopt a Patch Project Coordinator Dawn Heath on 0459 133 132 or email [dawnheath@bigpond.com](mailto:dawnheath@bigpond.com).

The Adopt a Patch project is made possible through funding by the Australian Government's Caring for Our Country program.

## BAD JOKE OF THE WEEK

Twice a week a Belgian riding a bicycle crossed the German border and he always carried a suitcase filled with sand.

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St Patrick's Catholic Church is planning a Thanksgiving Celebration on Sunday 9th September 2012 for the 96 year presence of the Sisters of St Joseph in Allora. The day is being held as a mark of gratitude to the Sisters who have been a vital and valued part of the community since 1916. There have been around 90 Nuns who have resided in the Allora Convent; faithfully fulfilling St Mary MacKillop's dream of providing Catholic education for the local children in the early years and in later years responding to the needs of the community.

The Celebration will commence with Mass at 11am and a luncheon will follow at the Allora Community Hall, where there will be a display of memorabilia. The formal proceedings will also include musical entertainment by the St Patrick's school children. An invitation is extended to all who may have had a past association with the Sisters and the Allora Parish. Luncheon tickets at \$15 will be presold and bookings are essential for catering purposes.

The retirement of Sr Clare Vogler earlier this year bought the end of an era as the curtain fell on the presence in Allora of the Sisters of St Joseph, the Order founded by our Nation's first Saint. While there will no longer be Sisters in permanent residence in the Convent, the Parish's long and close connection with the St Joseph's Order will be ongoing through the active Josephite Association which has a number of new members who were inspired by Sr Clare.

St Pat's Care and Concern Ladies assisted by the Josephite Associates host a Peruvian Luncheon in September each year with proceeds from the day, including a Peruvian craft stall and multi draw raffle, being donated to the Sisters of St Joseph to support the communities in which they live and work in Peru. This year's function will be incorporated in the Thanksgiving Celebration.

Allora was one of three Convent Schools to be established in 1916, the others being Nundah and Pittsworth. Father E Carroll established Allora's Convent and it was dedicated and opened by Archbishop James Duhig on 23 January 1916. The Sisters arrived by rail, wearing the heavy dark serge habits of the time and travelling very light with their possessions in a small case. A roomy up to date Convent built at a cost of some eleven hundred pounds plus furnishings awaited them.

There are presently around twelve Sisters of St Joseph in Peru where they have been bringing life and opportunity to many communities in both urban and rural areas since 1981. The Sisters live out the legacy of Mary MacKillop by supporting families and communities to deal with the trauma and everyday struggles of living in poverty and ensuring access to the right of education. They set up health and education programs, support disabled and aged care and organise the teaching of handicrafts to women which provides a helpful income stream. All are welcome as we say thank you to the Sisters who have served us so faithfully as well as an opportunity to support the Sisters of St Joseph to make a difference to the lives of the most marginalised in Peru.

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## Allora Landcare Group

The Allora Landcare Group (ALG) held its annual general meeting last Thursday at the Blue Cow Hotel in Allora, followed by the bi-monthly August business meeting. We are delighted to report the election of well-know local farmer Hughie Huston to the position of Chairman of ALG, replacing Ken McCray who stood down on the birth of his new son William. We thank Ken for all his hard work and leadership in the position over the past 2 years and look forward to his continuing involvement in Landcare.

Mulching the Allora Mountain Reserve car park on Forest Plain Road is complete, with the mulch provided free of charge by Council. We intend to plant the area with one hundred appropriate trees and shrubs in the last week of the current school semester on Thursday 20th September with the help of local school children. We will make this an educational day for everyone too, by inviting a representative from SDRC Parks Department to provide expert commentary as well as skills assistance. We will also take this opportunity to begin preparing a path in the adjacent part of the Reserve, which is currently

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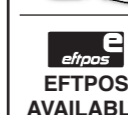
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We are also delighted to announce that following a number of meetings with Council, we have permission to proceed with a graded road from the Refuse Station entrance to the level of the reservoir. This will be paid for by ALG with engineering plans provided by Council. A start date has not been announced yet but hopefully will be soon. The outcome of all this activity is that Allora Mountain Reserve will have two formal access points. When the new road is settled, the ALG will then proceed with plans to develop the reservoir area for visitors before proceeding to the bigger picture of opening up the larger and higher Mountain Reserve.

Intended future activities for ALG include a manned stall at the Allora State School Spring Fair on Saturday 15th September and a street display outside Allora Foodworks at a date to be determined. This latter activity will require a permit from Council so details are vague at the moment.

We were delighted to welcome a number of new members to our last two business meetings and to greet new visitors to Allora Mountain Reserve during our mulching days. Please stop and visit us where you see our members out and about. Please direct any correspondence or enquiries to the ALG Secretary, Pete Thomas at [pandathomas1@bigpond.com](mailto:pandathomas1@bigpond.com) or 0419 724 025.

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On Sunday, 12th August 2012, the Scope Club Allora Inc. held its annual change-over. This year we had a luncheon at the Commercial Hotel, with over 30 people present. Clubs from Ballina and Wynnum were in attendance and representatives of local Service Clubs. National Present Daphne Whatley and Zone II President Marilyn Myers were present. A new member, Rosemary Sargent, was inducted into the club, by outgoing President, Helen Smith.

The new executive for 2012/13 was inducted by Marilyn Myers with Carol Donaldson being the new President. The guest speaker was Joyce Gibson who spoke on her views of the National Curriculum being introduced into Schools, and its effect especially on Prep-year 3 children. Cheques were handed out to Allora Show Society, Allora Medical Centre and Kairos, and other cheques were handed out during the following week to Allora/Clifton Blue Care/Respite, St Vincent de Paul Assoc., Allora State School, St Patrick's School, Allora Kindergarten and Allora Chaplaincy. Allora Club will be hosting the Annual National Conference in 2013.



Left to Right: Carol Donaldson (President), Mary Dwan, Kenita Auger, Helen Smith, Daphne Whatley (National President), Jill Leeson and Marilyn Myers (Zonell President).

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- August -**  
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- September -**  
Sun 9 **Reppels B&B Create Your Own Hat**  
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Sun 9 **St Pat's Parish Thanksgiving Celebration**  
For Sisters of St Joseph  
St Patricks Church, 11.00am  
Fri 14 **Allora Diggers Youth Disco**  
Allora RSL Hall, 6.30pm - 9.30pm  
Sat 15 **Allora State School Spring Fair**  
Allora State School, 9.00am - 2.00pm  
Fri 28 - 1 **AMSG Fund Raiser Progressive Campout**  
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- October -**  
Wed 3 to Sun 7 **Allora Sheep Dog Assoc. Trials - Qld Champ.**  
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Sat 6 **High Tea Fundraiser**  
Allora Community Hall  
Sat 13 & Sun 14 **Open Garden Fundraiser**  
118 Ryan Road, Allora, 10.00am - 4.00pm  
Fri 19 **St Patricks Parish Fete**  
St Patricks School Grounds  
Fri 26 **Anglican Parish Fete**  
St David's Church Grounds, 4.30pm
- November -**  
Sat 3 **Allora Daylily Expo**  
Allora RSL Hall  
Tue 6 **Allora Swimming Club Melbourne Cup Luncheon**  
Railway Hotel Allora  
Tue 13 **Late Night Christmas Shopping Sale**  
Allora Pharmacy
- December -**  
Fri 7 **BlueCare Christmas Market Day**  
Allora Blue Care Boutique, 8.00am  
Fri 7 **Allora Rotary Bush Christmas**  
Herbert Street, Allora  
Sun 16 **RSL Mega Christmas Cent Sale**  
Allora RSL Hall, 2.00pm

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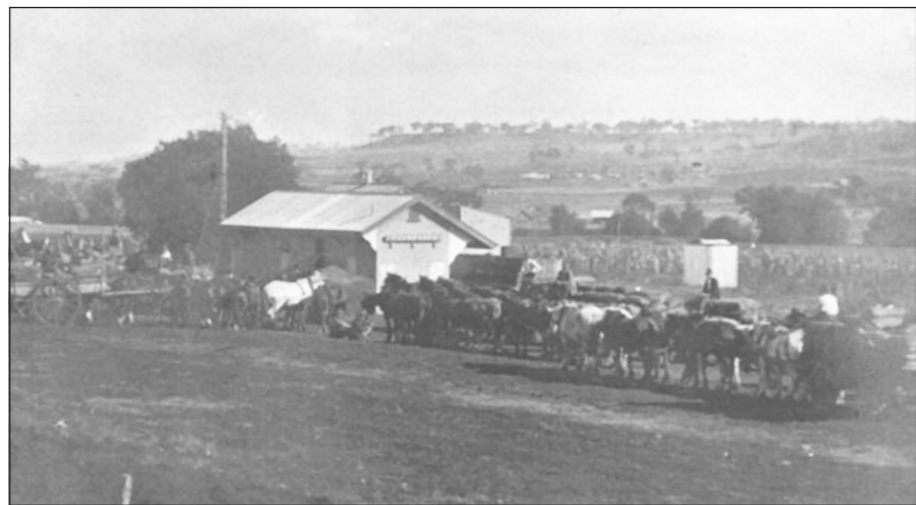
#### Allora Cricket Club

Officials elected at the annual meeting of the Allora Cricket Club were: President, Mr. W. A. Deacon M. L. A.; vice-presidents, Dr. C. P. Sapsford, Messrs J. Dodd, A. R. Cunnington, G. Rickert and F. Hymus; secretary and vice-captain, Mr. A. Carney; treasurer and captain, Mr. W. Baird; auditor, Mr. G. Hamilton; delegates to Association, Dr. Sapsford and Mr. A. Carney.

**Allora's Past 100 years ago  
August 1912**

#### Goomburra Railway Officially Opened

Following years of agitation by the residents of the Goomburra Valley, deputations to the Minister of Railways and lobbying by the Goomburra Railway League and the Goomburra branch of the Queensland Farmers Union, the Allora to Goomburra branch line was opened for traffic on the 8th July, 1912. On the 23rd August, the official opening by the Minister of Railways, The Hon. W. T. Paget, took place in the presence of about 2,000 local residents and visitors. The opening did not go ahead without a



Horse teams at the Goomburra railway station

hitch, when the overloaded train full of visitors could not make it up Hughes' Hill and several carriages had to be uncoupled, including that containing the official party. The ceremony commenced with the arrival of the officials and the line was declared open after the engine, with the Minister at the controls, was driven through a ribbon held across the line by the Misses Nussey and Chard. At the conclusion of the ceremony 150 people sat down to a banquet provided by the residents of Goomburra. The banquet was chaired by Cr. James Purcell, Chairman of the Clifton Shire Council which in those days included the

Goomburra district. It is interesting to note in the Allora Guardian that for the month of February 1913, six months after the official opening of the railway, 178 tons of goods were despatched from the Goomburra railway station. This included: 104 bags of onions, 8 cases of tomatoes, 17 cases of fruit, 5 bags of vegetables, 42 bags of potatoes, 40 bags of skinless barley, 2,081 bags of wheat, 22 bags of bones and 32 pigs. The railway served the Goomburra district for forty-nine years before being officially closed on the 30th June, 1961..

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### Celebrating seniors with photography

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"This project is another way in which we can celebrate the seniors in our community and the contribution they make to our quality of life," said the Mayor, Cr Peter Blundell.

"The launch of this project will take place at the 7th Annual Southern Downs Leisure & Lifestyle Seniors Expo at WIRAC on Thursday 23 August, so be sure to go along and be a part of this wonderful initiative," the Mayor said.

The project will seek images from Southern Down's residents of all ages and backgrounds across four categories (Primary Students, Secondary Students, Open Amateur and Other Cultures) which promote one or more of the following themes:

- Seniors staying connected, actively involved in our community or simply 'living and loving life';
- The importance of relationships between different generations in families and in the community;
- Age-friendly initiatives in the Southern Downs community (events, social activities and programs for seniors); and
- Seniors captured by image in humorous situations.

The project will culminate in an exhibition of images on November 9 at Art Works on Davadi, community art space in Stanthorpe.

To help give you an informed start to your photographic ambitions, two digital photography workshops for seniors will also be on offer during September as part of the Celebrating Seniors project. Workshop registration details will also be available at the Seniors Expo on August 23. Don't miss out on this great opportunity to learn new skills or enhance what you already know!

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This project has been funded by the Queensland Government's 2012 Seniors Week funding program. For further information about the project or digital photography workshops, contact Council's Community Development Officers, Pam Burley on 4661 0404 or Gwen Jones on 4681 5522 or go to Council's website [www.southerndowns.qld.gov.au](http://www.southerndowns.qld.gov.au) and click on the project banner.

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assigned a stall to operate.

"By giving each class an area to run, it gives maximum opportunity for people to participate and also greater flexibility to enjoy the fete with the family," she said.

Principal, Jason Callcott sees the fete as a day when children and parents can enjoy some traditional fun together.

"With rides, food and entertainment, this is a day the kids look forward to all year and it also provides an important boost to the P&C's ongoing program of enhancements to the school's facilities," Mr Callcott said.

Good weather will equate to strong attendance and plenty of excitement in the portable fairground. In a first, this year's amusement rides will include Dodgem Cars as well as the hugely popular Rock 'n Roll Round Up, Lasseter's Lost Gold Mine, Super Slide and the Mat Hatter's Cup and Saucer ride.

"Our oval becomes just like a regular sideshow alley but the good thing is that parents can pay one price, and the kids can ride all night long," Mrs Vellacott said.

Armbands, which entitle the wearer to unlimited rides for the fete's duration, can be purchased from the school prior to fete day for \$35 per person.

Mrs Vellacott is keen for the whole community to support the school's night-time fete, which includes a variety of entertainment, food and stalls.

"P&C's work hard to raise funds to provide resources for students and teachers so it's rewarding

when initiatives like the fete are well-supported."

"In just over 12 months our P&C has allocated \$60,000 in funding towards new reading resources for Prep to Year 3 students so we have to sell a lot of fairy floss and show bags to fund these curriculum improvements."

Any enquiries on the fete should be made to the school by phoning 4660 5333.



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## Allora and District Pony Club Gymkhana

The 41st annual Allora & District Pony Club Gymkhana will be held on this Sunday, 26th August, commencing at 8.30 am at the Allora Show Grounds. Clubs will be travelling from across the Downs from as far as Oakey, Gatton, Toowoomba and Millmerran to compete in 12 different events.

There will be 9 age groups from the 6 years and under on a lead line through to seniors over 26 years.

Allora Pony Club members have been travelling to compete in gymkhanas elsewhere within the Darling Downs, with one of our club members, Bridget Hegerty, having amazing success at the Pony Club Association State Championships last month in Yeppoon, coming 4th overall in the 10 and under dressage.

Spectators are welcome on Sunday with full canteen facilities available on the grounds. Allora Pony Club will be running a Father's Day raffle which will be drawn on the day prior to the presentation of trophies.

Bridget Hegerty competing at the PCAQ Championships at Yeppoon.



## Countdown to West Spring Spectacular

The countdown to spring is on. While gardeners are itching to get their hands dirty, the hands of West school children, parents and teachers are busy preparing for their annual Spring Spectacular Fete, to be held on Friday, September 7.

P&C President, Tracy Vellacott, said that the school's annual fete was definitely a case of many hands make light work.

"Our Spring Spectacular is the school's biggest fundraiser each year and with two very wet and soggy fetes in 2010 and 2011 we are optimistic for blue skies in 2012," Mrs Vellacott said.

Mrs Vellacott believes the fete is an opportunity to draw on the strengths and expertise of parents, teachers and students, as well as the wealth of goodwill from community organisations.

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79 - Mount Vesuvius begins stirring, on the feast day of Vulcan, the Roman god of fire.	1960 - World's largest frog (3.3 kg) caught (Equatorial Guinea).	1987 - 15-years old boy hijacks KLM B737, demands \$1 billion.
1328 - King Philip VI of France, crowned.	1961 - US lunar probe Ranger 1 reaches 190 km from Earth, falls back.	1996 - Osama bin Laden issues message entitled 'A declaration of war against the Americans occupying the land of the two holy places.'
1617 - 1st one-way streets open (London).	1962 - John Lennon weds Cynthia Powell.	2006 - Natascha Kampusch, who was abducted at the age of 10, managed to escape from her captor Wolfgang Priklopil, after 8 years of captivity.
1821 - Mexico declares independence.	1963 - Beatles release "She Loves You" in UK.	2011 - 5.8 earthquake occurs in Mineral, Virginia felt as far north as Ontario and as far south as Atlanta, Georgia.
1833 - Britain abolishes slavery in colonies; 700,000 slaves freed.	1966 - Lunar Orbiter 1 takes 1st photograph of Earth from Moon.	
1873 - Albert Bridge, crossing Thames opens.	1973 - Intelsat communications satellite launched.	
1889 - 1st ship-to-shore wireless message received in US (SF).	1974 - John Lennon reports seeing a UFO in NYC.	
1942 - Battle of Stalingrad: 600 Luftwaffers bomb Stalingrad (40,000 die).	1977 - 1st man-powered flight of a mile	
1958 - Marie Ashton completes playing piano		

### Wattles JRL Match Reports

**U16 Carlowrie Park** - Wattles V Collegians Knock Out Final, Saturday, the Wattles young guns travelled to Inglewood in a bid to gain their rightful spot in this weekend's WDJRL Grand Final.

From the get go it looked as though it was going to be a long day for the team, with ball handling being an issue in the opening minutes. This allowed the opposition to gain possession and field position easily from the usually safe Wattles outfit. The opposition capitalised on their cheap possession by crossing the try line for the first time in the 13th minute.

Wattles kicked off and with a stroke of luck, found touch and proceeded to play some great attacking football before again their handling became an issue.

Wattles were again required to turn around and tackle the extremely determined Dragons who managed to fight their way into our 20m zone before some wonderful tackling provided the error from the Collegians players that we were looking for. Mitchell Duff was quick to gather the loose ball and made some great ground. With a good play the ball, Brodie Sharman was able to give the Wattles boys some confidence, racing 80 metres to score under the black dot. Nick Morris converted and the scores were level.

With possession now in the hands of Wattles, our forwards were able to line up and do the hard work required, with Jacob Lousick, Dalton Neilson, Max Somes, Mitchell Duff, Nick Morris and Colin Chowns prominent.

A penalty against Collegians allowed the team some breathing space and also gave us some good field position for a hard running Dalton Neilson to charge across the line, only to be held up by some great Collegians tackling. The ensuing line drop out went into the arms of Mitchell Duff and flowed along the backline to Tom Henry, Max Rubie and Joe Morris before they linked up with Sharman, who strode over for his second

try of the day. Nick Morris converted his kick to take the score to 12-6 at the break.

Following the break, the attacking football of the previous half continued, with our forwards dominating from the start. Nick Morris was unlucky not to score after punching through the defensive line, he was brought to ground just metres from the line. A quick, clean pass from dummy half found a rampaging Dalton Neilson, who was able to score a much deserved try out wide. The conversion attempt failed. Score 16-6.

Midway through the second half, Wattles lost Brodie Sharman and Joe Morris to injury. The boys held their nerve and all dug in deep and defended exceptionally well with Mitchell Duff, Cody Brown, Thomas Ryan and Will Bashford all lifting their workload at a vital stage of the match.

A scrum feed to Wattles saw Jeremy Wright, Tom Henry and Nick Morris handle the ball and they quickly managed to find an unmarked Max Rubie who dived over to score out wide, the conversion attempt failed and the score was 20-6.

From the Collegians restart of play, the Wattles boys managed to make fair ground up the middle, the Collegians defence was tight and with 10 minutes to go they managed to bust through the tiring Wattles defence and score out wide, they failed to convert, score 20-10.

The Collegians players now had a sniff and were throwing the ball around and making easy metres. They soon crossed the line, however, some amazing defence from Ben Comerford prevented the ball from being grounded.

Four minutes were remaining and again Collegians were able to cross for a consolation try to take the final score to 20-16 in favour of Wattles, who now progress on to the Grand Final in Tenterfield against Gundi on Saturday 25th August.

Wattles JRL encourage all supporters to make their way to Tenterfield to cheer on the boys this Saturday and join in the Wattles chant.

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**Allora QCWA Notes -**

Our first meeting of the new financial year proved to be quite lengthy due to the number of items to be discussed. Our members have agreed to manage a food stall both days of the Norma O'Hara Murphy Music Festival to be held at Bony Mountain on 15th and 16th September.

Our 90th Birthday celebrations are to be held on 7th October in the RSL Hall. It will take the form of an afternoon tea followed by cutting of the 90th Birthday cake.

President of the Allora club, Mrs Olive Shooter, will give a brief history of the Allora CWA since 1924. Our State President will be in attendance. All members of the public are most welcome to attend.

The asbestos report from the Government Building Department has been presented and discussed by the club members. The Heritage Listing of our building was also discussed. The Club

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were demolished in a resounding 94 - 12 victory for Brothers, in the A grade clash. While the result saw Wattles take one more step towards completing a disappointing season, the two premierships points and seventeen try scoring blitz should see Brothers wrap up the 2012 Toowoomba Rugby League minor premierships this coming weekend.

Brother's classy centre Nathan Gaulton was unstoppable, running in five tries in the match, while team mates Sam Hannant and former Wattles hooker Justin Croft crossed for a hat trick each.

Croft set the Brother's juggernaut in motion scoring after just six minutes of play, the flood gates opening for the visiting side to lead 48 - 0 at halftime. The torment continued after the break, former sixteen game State of Origin "Maroon", and fifteen Test "Kangaroo" forward Jason Smith touching down after five minutes to have his side back in point scoring rhythm. Wattles put their first points on the scoreboard with the "Leprechauns" leading 76 - 0. From a restart, strong running centre Justin Van Der Poel put in a determined chase for the ball, gaining possession and taking on the defence only to be halted ten metres from the try line. The ball flowed to Wattles back line where halfback Jordan Henry dummied and sliced through to score. Henry converted his try, the first of his two successful conversions in the game. Trailing 88 - 6 with five minutes remaining on the ground clock, Liam Ross played an integral role in Wattles final try. The workaholic lock forward ruthlessly charged up two of the three hit ups that lead to giant front-rower Lindon Langton muscling his way over for the final home side touchdown.

Second-rower Aaron Scheid, who was voted Wattles' "Player's Player", was outstanding throughout, continuing his consistency as one of Wattles better performers across the season. Captain-coach Glen McMillan was another to shine and another who has not taken a backward step all year. Pocket rocket Liam Ross was also among Wattles best with an, as always, gutsy performance.

The A Grade "Warriors" have just one chance to claim a victory this season when they take on the Dalby "Diehards" at Dalby on Sunday. Dalby are sitting sixth on the TRL ladder with nine wins to their credit this season, but a committed Wattles effort could well reap that long awaited win. The prize for the A Grade victor between Wattles and Dalby is the "Rod Frahm Memorial Trophy", who had a long rugby league & business involvement in the Dalby & Allora/Clifton areas, and is remembered for his wonderful support of both clubs.

The A Grade clash will be a reunion of a sort, with the Dalby line up boasting former Wattles players Luke Baker, Leigh Rickert and 125 game National Rugby League veteran Kirk Reynoldson.

**Reserve Grade** - The "Railway Hotel, Allora" Wattles reserve grade side hit the ground running against Brothers, but alas the momentum didn't last the seventy minute match duration, Brothers emerging 54 - 12 victors. Classy home side hooker Josh McIntosh burst through the defence in the fifth minute with

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is required to give a report to the Department of Health and Safety.

Our club will forward a donation to the Chaplaincy Committee following their annual appeal.

For this year's external appeal our members voted to support the Autism Association.

For the country of study for 2013/14, we voted - Vietnam.

It's as though the ladies had a businessman's luncheon as it seemed to take a long time to complete.





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a courageous bullocking run that had him breaking out of tackles at will before being halted just short of the try line. Not to be denied though, the "Warriors" snatched a try after the ball was sent wide to fullback Brandon Cubby to score in the corner. While the "Warriors" enjoyed their early 4 – 0 lead, the Brothers machine slowly gained momentum and ran in five first half tries to lead 28 – 4 at half time. The "Leprechauns" showed little mercy for the home side, scoring off an intercept minutes into the second stanza, and running in another three touchdowns to lead 50 – 4 after twenty minutes of the new half. Wattles finally fired in the latter stages, front-rower Lindon Langton powering over to score after a twenty metre gallop to have Wattles trailing 8 – 50. With five minutes remaining five-eight Rob McIntosh kicked across field into the goal mouth where John Byrne gathered and scored. Josh McIntosh was judged Wattles best on the paddock, with team mates and co-centres Jayden Baker & Michael Brackin also among Wattles better performers, Baker voted his team's "Player's Player".

**Under 18** - With a team of the bare thirteen players, Wattles "Allora Foodworks" Under 18 side put in a "never say die" effort against top five club Brothers, only to lose 20 – 72. Brothers were just too big and too fast around the field, scoring thirteen tries for their trouble. Tireless prop forward Jimmy Johnson was named Wattles top player in another outstanding effort, also pocketing the "Player's Player" vote. Winger Brandan Nothdurft was also among Wattles best, along with five eight Anthony McIntosh.

Wattles got away to an early lead as a result of an outstanding piece of play. A charge by Johnson led to major ground gained before he off loaded to McIntosh who fired a long ball to fullback Dale McAntee. The quicksilver McAntee was to slick for the defence before chipping infield for the ever present McIntosh to score. McIntosh converted his own try, the first of



Wattles centre Justin Van Der Poel heads for the open spaces against Brothers in last Sunday's A Grade TRL fixture at Platz Oval.



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his two conversions for the match, to have Wattles ahead 6 – 0 after six minutes.

Brothers found their rhythm after Wattles early wake up call

and ran in seven unanswered tries to lead 40 – 6 at the break. Wattles regrouped after the break to see centre Brandan Cubby score on the end of a sweeping backline play, Cubby repeating the dose minutes later to have Wattles trailing 16 – 56. McAntee and McIntosh combined their talents ten minutes before full time, McAntee showing his sizzling speed as he split the defence near the right touchline before swinging the ball infield to McIntosh. The gifted five eight gave the ball some air with a high cross field bomb that McAntee jumped high to take and subsequently score.

Wattles head to Dalby this Sunday to take on the Dalby "Diehards" in all grades, the final matches Wattles will play in the 2012 season. Matches commence at 11.30 am (Under 18), 1.00 pm (Reserve Grade) & 2.30 pm (A Grade).

Glyn Rees



Brothers Captain Sam Hannant is presented with the Danny Ryan Memorial Trophy by Ryan family member Mick Ryan and and Wattles RLF Club President Barry Glass.