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19 Years of Tradition Continues with the 2013 Allora Heritage Weekend

The upcoming 2013 Heritage Weekend will see all roads leading to Allora yet again on the Australia Day weekend, 26th & 27th of January, a stream of historical vehicles and machinery converging on the picturesque Allora Showgrounds. For two days the Showground's precinct will be transported back in time to various points across the past century and more, highlighting the vehicles & machinery that played such a significant role in the development of rural Australia. It will provide significant memories for some, and a wondrous education for others, but you can be certain it will hold the attention of the thousands who are expected through the Showgrounds gate with a display that is rated among the best of its type in the nation.

The Heritage Weekend is known internationally, having been a subject in Historical magazines of Britain and other countries. "It's amazing what has been achieved from such humble beginnings", said Ted Woodrow, President of the Warwick Veteran & Vintage Vehicle Club (WVVV), organising body of the Heritage Weekend. And humble they were, "the Weekend was born 1995, as an opportunity for local enthusiasts to roll their vehicles, machinery & motors out of their sheds and have a bit of fun" says Ted. In a few short years to year 2000, the Heritage Weekend was famous throughout Queensland & New South Wales and provided a line up of hundreds of displays, the large majority working, for the enjoyment of the endless crowds rolling up to the event. "We've come a long way" said Mr Woodrow, "people enjoy the experience immensely, and it isn't hard work when you enjoy it, we enthusiasts and restorers catching up to compare notes



Allora's Danny Henricks with his early 1950's model BSA Bantam motorcycle. BSA motorcycles will be one of the feature pieces of machinery at the 2013 Allora Heritage Weekend at the Allora Showgrounds on January 26th & 27th.

and experiences". The Allora Heritage Weekend was the talk of many historic vehicle events in recent times, "everyone will be at Allora in 2013"

While the 2011 Heritage Weekend was cancelled due to local flooding issues, and the 2012 event affected by rain, the

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historical feast arranged by a group of dedicated volunteers from around the Central & Southern Downs that takes pride of place in this part of the world fittingly on Australia Day weekend, now boasts exhibit numbers in the thousands, countless visitors and international notoriety.

While historical machinery will roll into Allora from around Australia, the contribution from local vehicle and machinery restorers gives accurate recollections of Allora's historical past. Organising committee member since the inception of the Heritage Weekend, Ted Woodrow is a long established name when it comes to vehicle restoration. Famous for his mower collection that numbers around 100 machines, Ted is considered to have one of the largest collections of different makes of mowers in Australia, ranging from bowling green to slasher type "grass cutters", including a 1934 "Ransones" mower. A machinery collector since leaving school, his initial restoration projects included a 1929 Essex and a FJ Holden panel van. He at times also drives a piece of Allora's history in the form of an FJ Holden sedan. The vehicle was once the Allora Church of England parish car, at the time driven only by his father the Rev. Eric Woodrow since bought new. The car was presented to Rev. Woodrow on his retirement and has remained a valuable possession of the Woodrow family.

Fellow tractorologist Graeme (Yogi) McMillan is also an original on the Heritage Weekend organising committee, and a restorer of note. Born under the shadow of a Mack truck, Graeme boasts an impressive collection of machinery, a regular displaying tractors, the odd stationary engine, trucks & his Mk II Zephyr. He considers himself a late starter compared to some other local enthusiasts. His initial dabble in vehicle restoration was with a 1934 Bedford truck that he had going 1987, & was used to carry the Allora, Warwick, Clifton Fishing Club display in the 1988 Bicentennial parade in Allora.

While Graeme has seen a wide range of vehicles and machinery over the past decade, he considers an 1899 Winton car and Dave Fiechtner's 1908 Cadillac memorable. "The harvester parade in 2002 was also a highlight, led by an early 1900's horse drawn model and ending with John Roesler's state of the art 9600 John Deere" also impressed the former WVVV Club President.

Since 2001 the Allora Heritage Weekend organisers have nominated feature machinery as a focal point of the event that attracts thousands to the Allora Showgrounds each Australia Day weekend. Some past Heritage Weekend feature machinery and the subsequent displays include the initial feature machinery in 2001, Ellis Chalmers tractors, with Minneapolis Moline Twin City tractors in 2002 & McCormick Deering International in 2003. Many will recall the amazing "Caterpillar" avenue at the 2004 Heritage Weekend, Caterpillar tractors & dozers side by side at attention for inspection of the endless line of admirers. That was the Heritage Weekends Tenth Anniversary event, when Caterpillar & Field Marshall tractors teamed up as the feature machinery.

The successful concept has continued each year since, with 2013 featuring military vehicles & equipment, Oliver Hart-Parr tractors, Leader trucks, Mini Minor cars, Lister stationery engines & BSA motor cycles.

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Local motorcycle tragic Beetle Wakeford can recall childhood memories riding around on present day classics, BSA Gold Flash & Lightning motorcycles. "We didn't appreciate just what we were riding as kids" says Beetle, "They are classic British motorcycles, I'd love to have one in my collection now". The Birmingham Small Arms Company Ltd., known popularly

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The final production year for BSA was in 1972, ending with the B50SS Gold Star, A65F Firebird Scrambler twin, the A70L Lightning, the A75R and A75RV Rocket Three, and the 500cc B50MX Motorcross which was later sold in the U.S. as the Triumph TR5MX.

If you're a "Beeza" lover, be sure to make your way to the Allora Heritage Weekend and relive the great motorcycle's classic past.

A vehicle considered a British icon will take pride of place at the 2013 Allora Heritage Weekend this Australia Day weekend. Morris Mini Minors, more affectionately known as Minis, a small economy car that was made by the British Motor Corporation (BMC) and its successors from 1959 until 2000, will come from around eastern Australia to be part of a stream of historical vehicles and machinery converging on the picturesque Allora Showgrounds.

The Minis join military vehicles & equipment, Oliver Hart-Parr tractors, Leader trucks, Lister stationery engines & BSA motor cycles as feature machinery of the 2013 Heritage Weekend. All eyes will be on Allora local Rob Slatter, a proud Mini owner, to make a few circuits of the Allora Show Ring in his example of the vehicle that in 1999 was voted the second most influential car of the 20th century, behind the Ford Model T.

August 1959 saw the introduction of the Austin Seven, Morris Mini-Minor and Morris Mini-Minor DL 2-door saloons, all with transversely mounted 848 cc engine and 4-speed manual gearbox.

Throughout the 1980s and 1990s the British market received numerous special editions of the Mini, which shifted the car from a mass-market item into a fashionable icon.

After the last of the Mini production had been sold, the Mini name reverted to BMW ownership. The new BMW Mini is technically unrelated to the old car but retains the classic transverse four-cylinder, front-wheel-drive configuration and iconic bulldog stance of the original.

The Mini has won many awards over the years, perhaps the most notable include: Car of the Century (Autocar magazine 1995), Number One Classic Car of All Time (Classic & Sports Car magazine 1996) and European Car of the Century in a worldwide Internet poll run by the prestigious Global Automotive Elections Foundation in 1999. The Mini managed second place (behind the Model T Ford) for Global Car of the Century in that same poll.

In the end 5.3 million Minis were sold, making it by far the most popular British car ever made. Thousands of these are still on the road, with the remaining pre-1980s versions being firmly established as collectors' items.

If you're a Mini owner, restorer or just appreciate classic vehicles, the Allora Showgrounds is the place to be on Australia Day Weekend January 26th & 27th, for the internationally acclaimed Allora Heritage Weekend.

As in past years there will be a swap meet over the two days of the Heritage Weekend, and there will also be a Cent Sale run in aid of the Warwick Disability Support Group.

For further information contact Ted Woodrow on 4666 3693 or 0418 875 469, or Graeme McMillan on 4666 3554.

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Governor to Open 135th Allora Show

It's all systems go for the Allora Annual Show according to the Show Society Secretary Wendy Ardrey, the 135th annual agricultural show in the "Best Little Town on the Downs" scheduled for February 8th & 9th.

On an historical note, the Allora Show is actually the tenth oldest Agricultural Show in Queensland, the 135 year old tradition commencing on the 4th June 1878 when the resolution, "That an Agricultural and Horticultural Association be formed within the Allora and Spring Creek districts in connection with the Allora Ploughing Match Committee, to be styled the "Central Downs Agricultural and Horticultural Association", was passed at a public meeting.

A feature of this year's event that exhibits Allora in all its finery will be the official opening of the Show by Queensland Governor, Her Excellency Ms Penelope Wensley AO, who will also honour the Allora community by dedicating the recently restored Allora Showgrounds grand stand.

"It is a very proud moment for the Show Society to have the Governor open our Show" said Mrs. Ardrey, "not forgetting the dedication of our magnificently restored grand stand that will have stood on the western end of the show ring for 107 years come Show time".


The Allora Showgrounds grand stand is steeped in tradition and history, providing an historic backdrop to the picturesque Show venue. The restoration, that has maintained the historic appearance of the structure, was carried out in meticulous detail. Aside from the determination and dedication of those involved, which included so many volunteers, the venture was made possible due to a Warwick Credit Union Foundation grant of \$13,000 approved in early 2011.

The Warwick Credit Union Foundation is a non-profit foundation which was formed by the WCU Board of Directors in late 2009 focused on providing philanthropic assistance, of up to \$25,000, to community groups in Warwick Credit Union branch areas for innovative projects, facilities or activities. The Foundation was formed as an additional means to support local community groups as part of the Credit Union's community focus.

The 2013 Show has a myriad of attractions for patrons of all ages, a taste being favourites the dodgem cars, and a mystery new ride fresh in the country that is assured of being a big attraction. "There is a lengthy line-up of entertainment and attractions this year" according to Mrs. Ardrey, "the very popular animal nursery is returning, and a real favourite the Bailey Boys, their miniature displays sure to create plenty of interest again". "We pride ourselves on the standard of our agricultural & livestock exhibits, and the family entertainment we endeavour to provide" said the Secretary of the past six Allora Shows.

The Allora Show is well known for its night programs, the Show Friday night bull ride providing plenty of thrills and spills and national level riders. The giant fireworks display is a key attraction on Show family night on Saturday, the program also including the RASQ Outback Riders and an Allora Show feature event, the demolition derby.

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with the Show Society's 135th anniversary, focusing on the Show history from the Society's formation in 1878 to the present day.

Secretary Mrs. Ardrey is very encouraged by the steady list of entries rolling in, in the cattle, equestrian, goats and poultry sections in particular at this stage of preparations for the popular Show. Show Society President Shirl Cornhill is encouraging Allora district locals to support their Show, which showcases the area for all to see. "If everyone submitted an entry of some form, it counts significantly towards the success of the overall event" says Shirl, "the Show is the community, be part of it".

Sections that can be entered at the 2013 Allora Show include Horse Events, Bull Ride, cattle, Sheep/Goats/Miniature Goats, Pet Parade, Utes/Bikes, Anything Goes, Dogs, Floral Art, Farm Produce, Horticulture/Pot Plants, Fruit & Honey, Vegetables, Crochet & Needlework, Display of Collection/Gumboots, School Works, Pantry, Hobbies, Fine Arts, Photography, Woodwork, Home Brew & Poultry/Pigeons/Cage Birds.

2013 Allora Show Family Membership tickets are available at a cost of \$30.00 (GST incl), which provides two adult members' tickets plus student children 16 & under. Full membership entitles admission to the Allora Show for adult member, the holder of the accompanying ticket and the member's student children 16 & under; the right to attend and vote at the Annual General Meeting of the Show Society; and to be elected to the Committee of the Show Society. The Allora Show Society has entered into a reciprocal arrangement with Stanthorpe, Killarney & Warwick Show Societies, whereby a ticket issued by one Society entitles the holder to admission to the Annual Show at any of the relevant Societies. Full Single Membership is available at a cost of \$15.00 (GST incl), which

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Legendary Allora Show Ground Steward Kookie Tickle takes a breather on a warm 2012 Show day Friday sharing a yarn and a cool drink with regular Allora Show attendees Joe & Maria Dross. More locals identify Kookie with Showtime more than they do fairy floss, waffles & dagwood dogs. The Life Member of the Allora Show Society has a busy month ahead, a regular volunteer and exhibitor at the famous Allora Heritage Weekend on January 26th & 27th, and then arranging everyone to fit precisely into the Allora Showgrounds for the Allora Show on February 8th & 9th.

allows one adult member's ticket plus student children 16 & under). Single membership also allows for admission to the Allora Show for adult member and the member's student children 16 & under; the right to attend and vote at the Annual General Meeting of the Show Society; and to be elected to the Committee of the Show Society. The Allora Show Society has entered into a reciprocal arrangement with Stanthorpe, Killarney & Warwick Show Societies, whereby a ticket issued by one Society entitles the holder to admission to the Annual Show at any of the relevant Societies.

Subscriptions should be forwarded to the Secretary of the Allora Show Society, MRS. W. ARDREY, P.O. BOX 99, ALLORA, QLD 4362, or can be paid at the Show Office during Show week commencing Monday February 4th.

For further inquiries contact Allora Show Society Secretary Mrs. Wendy Ardrey on (07) 4667 3778, 0488 673 778 or allorashowsociety@gmail.com. Allora Show office contact number is Ph/Fax: (07) 4666 3158.

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The Allora Historical Society is holding a **Demonstration & Display Day** with the theme of *The Dairy Industry* on 20th April 2013. The following is from a series of articles telling the story of the Dairy Industry in the Allora district each week...

Dairying at Talgai West

On the 19th February 1898 the 'Allora Guardian' reports that preparations are being made for carrying on dairy operations on an extensive scale at Talgai West. The Manager of the Scottish- Australian Investment Company, Mr Aubin Dowling

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along with New South Wales dairy stock judges has selected 100 dairy heifers, 3 Ayrshire bulls and 3 Shorthorn bulls from the Illawarra district. The erection of necessary buildings and the preparation of cultivation was underway. The Editor writes 'The existence of such a herd as this in the district, together with the valuable object lesson, it will afford of what high class dairying operations can accomplish, should be of great service to our local dairy farmers'.

The proposal by the S.A.I.Co. to farm and dairy on a share basis was not new to the company. According to a newspaper article, the S.A.I.Co. had a large experience in New South

Looking Back...

Allora's Past 25 years ago
 January 1988

Allora Citizenship Awards

The Allora Shire Council has announced the recipients of its Australia Day Citizenship Awards for 1988. Mrs. Lottie Darr won the Senior Award for her lifetime devotion to helping others in the community. She has been an active member of St. David's Church through her participation in the Ladies' Guild, Mother's Union, church choir, and as a Sunday school teacher. She is also a member of the Allora Branch of the Q. C. W. A., Meals on Wheels Committee, the Community Choir and other local organizations and clubs. Mark McGrath was awarded the Sports Medallion for his prowess in distance running throughout his school years.

The awards will be presented at a special ceremony during the Australia Day Bicentennial celebrations.

Allora's Past 50 years ago
 January 1963

Allora Red Cross

The president and members of the Allora Branch of the Red Cross desire to thank all those who assisted with the establishment of the blood taking centre. Thanks are also offered to all blood donors. More donors are needed, please contact the undersigned.
 M. Deacon, Hon. Sec.



The Historical Society has come across a photo of a Back Plains and District cricket team taken at Country Week in Brisbane in the mid 1950's. I have shown it to Keith Masters and the old top-order batsman was stumped by the identity of a couple of the players. Keith has named the players from back left as: Leigh Hoey, Bourke?, Ken Telford, Emmet Lyons, Garth Hopkins, Percy Chandler, Keith Jensen. Front: Jack Henry, Keith Masters, Andy Carney, Len Morris, Kev. Doyle, ?. Can anyone help with the missing names?

Allora's Past 75 years ago
 January 1938

R. S. L. Club House Shelved

A public meeting of subscribers to the Allora Diggers fund decided that as the Allora Sub-Branch of the R. S. I. L. A. found it impossible to go on with the building of a club house, the money now banked in the Diggers Building fund of the sub-branch should be spent on some other scheme.

Allora's Past 100 years ago
 January 1913

Fine Potatoes

On Saturday last Mr. Joseph Erhardt

favoured us with a generous sample of potatoes and other vegetables grown on "Cressbrook" his farm at upper Goomburra. The potatoes, of the Early Rose variety, were very large, clean skinned and sound, good to look at and equally good to eat. Some splendid specimens of cucumbers accompanied Mr. Erhardt's much appreciated gift. Our friend is satisfied that he has struck an unusually fertile corner of the earth in his present location. He expects something out of the common in the way of a maize crop, while his pumpkins are, to use his own words, crowding each other out of the paddock. Mr. Erhardt is of the type who deserves to get on.

Colin Newport

Wales both in the Riverina and Monaro districts where their tenants were milking over a thousand cows.

The plan was to have 8,000 acres under wheat and the balance of 14,000 acres for dairying. It was proposed to cut up the land into 300 to 500 acre dairy farms. The Company planned to erect cottages, milking sheds, all necessary farm buildings and supply cows to each farm. The tenant was to pay rent of one-half of the net product of milk and cream.

The manager, Aubin Dowling, and a visting inspector of the Company met with the Minister of Agriculture in Brisbane on the 2nd July 1998 to ask not for any assistance save advice from the dairy expert with the Department of Agriculture.

In September of the same year Aubin Dowling writes to the local newspaper that the Central Downs Dairy Company has had another year of losses. He writes that he has faith that the dairy industry in the district will be a success. He says that Messrs. Sharpe & Leggart are now busy putting up cow yards and bails, milk room, milkman's cottages, piggeries and a small creamery which will be fitted with a horsepower separator. The plan was to have a small dairy herd and some good pigs on the homestead block with a competent dairyman to supervise. Aubin Dowling reported in the Guardian in January 1899 that the S.A.I.Co. had received a consignment of 52 head of choice cows from the south coast district of New South Wales, made up of 8 pure Jerseys, 3 grade Jerseys and the balance of the South Coast strain. They now have over 300 head of dairy cows. One of the farms has been let to a good tenant on the share system and by winter they expect to be milking 150 cows at the homestead.

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The village of Dalveen will host a six-a-side family cricket day at the Dalveen Cricket Ground from 12.30pm. BBQ facilities are available, with families encouraged to bring along their food or a plate. A bar will also operate on the day.

Stanthorpe celebrations in Weeroona Park will take on a truly Australian flavour with a pie-eating competition and a billy-boiling championship. Party-goers can also marvel at the wood chopping and chainsaw ripping events and band "Limited Edition" will set the atmosphere, kicking off the entertainment program at 2pm. Food stalls will operate on the day.

Stanthorpe's official ceremony mid afternoon will include the swearing in of new Australian citizens and the presentation of Australia Day Awards for the southern part of the region. With hefty temperatures, the swimming pool will be the place to be and is open free to the public from 2pm.

For those with a sporting disposition, Stanthorpe's Australia Day Triathlon will get under way at 6.30am from the YMCA in Talc Street, followed by the Mercantile Relay in the Stanthorpe Swimming Pool from 11am.

In Allora, the Australia Day action will be aquatic as ducks are let loose for the annual Dalrymple Duck Race. This race with a difference sees rubber ducks doing one lap of the Allora pool (with a bit of help from commercial fans), with proceeds helping the fundraising efforts of Allora Showgirl entrants. Organiser Ted Cowley has 400 rubber ducks for sale for \$2 each, with

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prizemoney on offer for first, second and third placing. The duck race is scheduled for 3pm. After being washed out in 2012, Warwick's celebrations are back in Victoria Park, across from the Warwick Hospital. Event organiser Tracy Vellacott said that Warwick's celebrations sit well within the relaxed Victoria Park environment. "It's wonderful to be able to run this event in a park that doesn't generally see too much action," she said. "We have a fantastic afternoon of musical entertainment planned and of course the celebrations will be capped off by a brilliant fireworks display by Council pyrotechnician Brian Weeks."

Victoria Park celebrations get under way from 4.00pm, where Lions and Rotary Club members will have the BBQ and hot chips fired up. The audience will enjoy entertainment from local performers and a free jumping castle and face-painting will keep the kids smiling. Later in the evening, the official ceremony will take place including the swearing in of new citizens and presentation of

Australia Day Awards, culminating in the much-anticipated fireworks display. Well-renowned food consultant Allison Alexander will attend major regional celebrations in Warwick and Stanthorpe as guest speaker of the Woolworths Ambassador Program. The Woolworths Ambassador Program sponsors high-achieving Queenslanders like Ms Alexander around the state to help communities throughout Queensland celebrate Australia Day.

Events Calendar

2013

- January -**
Sat 26 Australia Day Movie Night & Dinner
 Goomburra Town Hall, 6.00pm
- Sat 26 & Sun 27 Allora Heritage Weekend**
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- February -**
Fri 8 & Sat 9 135th Allora Show
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- April -**
Sat 13 Scope Club of Allora Annual Afternoon Tea
 Allora Community Hall, 1.30pm
- Sat 20 Historical Soc. Display & Demonstration Day**
 Old Shire Hall, Warwick Street, Allora
- November -**
Fri 1 Anglican Parish Allora/Clifton Annual Fete
 St David's Church Grounds, 4.30pm

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• DEATH NOTICES •

SPARKSMAN, Avelyn Derecia.

Late of Allora, passed away on 9th January 2013, aged 63 years.

Beloved Wife of Stuart. Dearly loved Mother and Mother-in-law of Tanya and Paul, Jason and Rebecca, Hayley and Ray. Adored Nanny to Sam, Will, Joe, Pat, Thomas, Mati, Jordan, Conor, Grace, and Olivia. Dearly loved Daughter of Glynn (dec'd) and Jean Holmes.

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Wattles Gear Up for Porker Sprints

The starter's gun on the inaugural Wattles Magic Hundreds Porker Sprints will be heard over the Clifton Recreation Grounds this Saturday afternoon. The event that will see a

selection of porcine thoroughbreds stretch out over a six race program in the Wattles Club's first major fundraiser for the 2013 rugby league season.

"We've got some big name pigs on the program that come with quite a reputation" said Wattles President Aaron Scheid, "and some handy local talent looking to put Allora/Clifton pork up in lights". Mr. Scheid

said the focus of the Porker Sprints aside from a fundraiser was family entertainment and fun for all who wish to attend, "Wattles may be hosting and arranging the event, but anyone who is looking for a great family afternoon out is welcome".

While it isn't quite the race that stops a nation, the 2013 Wattles Magic Hundreds Porker Sprints may stop a few around the Central Downs, the runners prepared at the Allora based Merivale Stud.

The Wattles Magic Hundreds Porker Sprints commences at 2.00 pm, with a licence bar and canteen open until late. The first race on the competitive program will start at 3.00 pm. Competing pigs will be auctioned prior to each



Team mates Matt Duggan, Dan Manley & Glen McMillan join with Wattles Club President Aaron Scheid as he welcomes giant former Southport "Tigers" front-rower Pat Manley who has signed on the dotted line to run on with the Wattles Warriors in the 2013 Toowoomba Rugby League season.

race, and the pigs will also be auctioned to sell after the race program is complete. There will be entertainment during the evening, with "Nash" until late. The 2013 Wattles Magic Hundreds Porker Sprints are proudly sponsored by Merivale Farms, Wilson & Rigby Allora Paint & Panel, Willett Electrical, Graham Smith Plumbing, Glenmar Fuels & the Railway Hotel,

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Allora.

In other Wattles news, the club that is about to embark on its 47th season, continues to recruit with their numbers growing looking to a competitive year in the Toowoomba Rugby League premiership. "We have a mixture of new talent that will enhance our line up of local and loyal players who have been the heart and soul of the club over a few difficult years" said the enthusiastic Club President.

Wattles on field campaign for the new season kicked off last Tuesday evening with the first official club training run at Platz Oval, with over thirty players attending.

Wattles held a successful Sign-on/Muster and social get together at their Clubhouse at Platz Oval on Saturday. Club President Aaron Scheid was more than happy with the attendance, players taking part in a training session before the Muster and barbecue. After the Muster Wattles players spent the afternoon at the Federal Hotel in Toowoomba, Wattles newest club sponsor for the 2013 season.


Players wishing to be part of Wattles for the 2013 season are most welcome, and should call 0458 204 550 or 0400 811 093 for more details.

Inquiries regarding the Wattles Magic Hundreds Porker Sprints should be directed to Aaron Scheid on 0458 204 550

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Allora Social Bowls Notes

The monthly meeting was held on Monday 13th January. Only three members were present. It was decided to hand over \$4,000 to the Sports Club which is responsible for insurance (including public liability), general expenses and upkeep of the club house. Our finance position is sound with \$1,771.25 in the account to go

towards the maintenance of the green and provide prizes. This month's 'Turkey Day' will be cancelled and a decision will be made regarding whether the Bowls Club continues to organize the monthly event. Members are reminded that the annual subs are now due. All social bowlers must be members of the Allora Social Bowls Club and the Sports Club. The combined membership is \$20.00 per player. The monthly meeting of the Sports Club is held on the 2nd Monday of the month at 7.30pm. This month Lynn Collie and Lyn Wright attended on behalf of the Bowls Club.