

Carla Frizzell... Allora's Miss Showgirl in 2013

It was smiles all round for Allora's Frizzell family at Saturday afternoon's Allora Show Society Miss Showgirl Quest judging in the Railway Hotel Function Room, when 18 year old swimming instructor Carla Frizzell was named 2013 Allora Miss Showgirl. Carla received a sash, flowers, gift pack from Allora Pharmacy, a voucher from PR Hair Salon in Allora and a gift from the Allora Show Society all presented by 2013 Allora Miss Showgirl Lauren Morris and judging function organizer Janette Lollback.

Carla's bubbly personality obviously endeared her to the judges, but the family are not strangers to the Quest with Carla's older sister Alana winning the Allora Miss Showgirl title in 2011.

The younger daughter of Allora residents Mark & Joanne Frizzell, Carla entered the quest both as an opportunity to contribute to her community and to hopefully represent that community at a higher level. She has achieved her goal and will now represent the Allora district in the Darling Downs Sub Chamber Miss Showgirl Quest later this year, the winner announced at the Royal Toowoomba Show.

Carla, who turns 19 next month, was born and raised in the Allora area, firstly on the family dairy farm at West Talgai before moving into town when aged eleven.

She recalls wonderful memories of life on the farm, the general tasks of running the dairy and helping Mum & Dad, to the fun times that included riding a favourite cow, rural life obviously agreeing with her and her sister Alana & younger brother Brodie.

An Allora State School student from prep to Year 10, Carla was a student Council member from Year 6 to 9, and School Captain in Year 10 before heading to the Warwick State High School for her senior education. Currently our new Allora Miss Showgirl is thoroughly enjoying life as a Learn to Swim Instructor and Lifeguard at the Warwick Indoor Recreation & Aquatic Centre where she has been on staff for a little over a year. She teaches swimming to 4 to 12 year olds, and also instructs an adult disability squad. Carla is perusing further studies so as to advance her swimming instructor qualifications, and also acquiring further qualifications regarding swimmers with disabilities.

Carla doesn't have a lot of free time, but enjoys some time out with partner Matthew Wheatley at Leslie Dam or four wheel driving at Killarney. The young lady, who has a penchant for mangos and likes to relax with a cup of tea, is devoted to her family, so grateful to her Mum & Dad for being the most loving and supporting parents.

Carla's Miss Showgirl responsibilities now see her carrying out those duties at this weekend's Allora Show, a special experience



Allora Showgirl 2013 Carla Frizzell after the Showgirl judging at the Railway Hotel, Allora on Saturday afternoon with 2012 Allora Showgirl Lauren Morris, Judging Function organizer Janette Lollback and Allora Show Society President Shirley Cornhill. Also see photo page 10 inside.

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indeed given this, the 135th Allora Show will be officially opened by the Governor of Queensland, Her Excellency Ms Penelope Wensley AC. It's a busy year ahead for the new Miss Showgirl, having also recently been appointed to the role of Wattles Rugby League Football Club Ambassador for 2013.



2013 Allora Showgirl Carla Frizzell has had previous experience with the Showgirl Quest, a flower girl for the Showgirl Ball in 2001.

Along with Carla, Amy Young and Jessica Bool were fellow entries in the 2013 Allora Show Society Miss Showgirl Quest, Jessica winning the Runner-Up sash. Judges Mr. Lewis Von Stieglitz, Mrs. Corey Hayden & Mrs. Andra Bite were very impressed with the young ladies throughout the judging process. Allora Miss Showgirl from 2012, Lauren Morris was on hand to assist with presentations, with guests including Allora Show Society President Shirley Cornhill, Secretary Wendy Ardrey, Treasurer Ken Muir, Miss Showgirl Quest Fundraising Organizer Ted Cowley, Miss Showgirl Function Organizers Grant & Janette Lollback, Allora Show Society Life Members Ray & Olive Shooter and Southern Downs Regional Councillor Glyn Rees.

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ALLORA STREETSCAPE DESIGN DISPLAY AT ALLORA SHOW

Council has adopted concept 1 of the Allora streetscape concept designs for final public comment. The design will be on display at the Allora Show on Friday, 8 February 2013 from 8.00am to 5.00pm. Council staff and Landscape Architect, Stephen Palmer, will be in attendance at the stand to answer queries. Members of the community wishing to provide feedback on the design can see Council staff at the Allora Show or written feedback can be forwarded to the Chief Executive Officer, Southern Downs Regional Council, PO Box 26, Warwick Qld 4370 or email mail@southerndowns.qld.gov.au. The design can also be viewed at Council's website www.southerndowns.qld.gov.au and at the Allora Library.

Council requires written feedback no later than 22 February 2013.

Andrew Roach
 Chief Executive Officer

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FRI	Mostly Sunny. Mild.	13 27
SAT	Scattered Showers. Cloudy. Mild.	15 25
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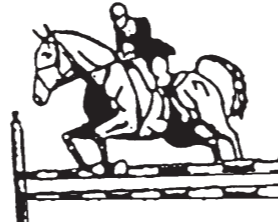
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Dear Sir,

My name is John O'Brien and I live in Goomburra, at the start of Gordon Country. I thought I'd pass on the rainfall figure we received from Thursday morning (24th January) until Tuesday morning (29th January). The total was 714 mm!! No wonder Allora was flooded, with all that rainfall going down Dalrymple Creek.

John & Honor O'Brien

Dear Sir,

Travis Goff and Mary Poppins from the Mary Poppins House at 61 Herbert Street, Allora would like to thank all those who attended their "open house" on 27 January 2013. In spite of the inclement weather over 60 people attended and joined us in an inspection tour of the house and also joined us for a pleasant afternoon tea. Donations given on the day helped us complete the restoration of Travers Goff's grave site at the Allora Cemetery. We would also like to thank Shona from the Warwick information Centre, the Allora Advertiser and the Producer, Director and actors of the Walt Disney Production "Saving Mr. Banks" who all contributed their time and donations for the cause.

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Kookie Calls it a Day

Out Allora way one of the communities great characters is gearing up for a life change, a life change that will affect one of the Allora district's great institutions, and all that gather annually to arrange the significant local event.

The event ! None other than the Allora Annual Show, the medium that displays all that is special about the "Best Little Town on the Downs" that first presented Allora & it's district to the community in 1878 and continues to this day, the 135th Allora Annual Show open to all on February 8th & 9th.

An Urban Dictionary definition of a legend states "totally worth respect for any reason", and Allora's man of all seasons Kookie Tickle wear's such a title admirably. Ian Tickle, nationally known as Kookie, is a life member of the Allora Show Society, and long serving ground steward. One of the more identifiable local agricultural Show loyalists, 71 year old Kookie can be seen barefoot and bearded across the Allora Show week, directing and advising all that cram into the picturesque Allora Showgrounds. "I bought a header in 1976 and decided to grow a beard at the same time" said the knockabout farmer, "never had any inclination to shave it off". Kookie's other trademark is his eternal bare feet, "I wasn't born wearing boots, so never really saw the need to wear them, barefoot at school, town visits, everywhere as a child". There have been the odd occasions such as weddings and other family moments,

"Father Don Murray returned them once after I had slipped them off in church, said he had no way getting rid of them at the church fair".

The former Talgai West State School student who spent two years at Gatton College, was born in 1941. He moved with his two brothers Mervyn & Dudley and parents Charlie & Dulcie Tickle to the family property, "Poverty Hills", on Australia Day 1946, Kookie just four years old. He started his working life with his father on the meagre earnings of nothing, loading and hauling bags of barley & wheat to Ellinthorpe on a truck, the young Kookie without the luxury of a driver's license. "The local constable simply asked when I might find time to pop into the police station to acquire a license". Farming the 273 acre property he took over from his parents (was 530 acres then) in 1980, he grows oats, barley, Jap millet, sunflowers & sorghum, along with running some cattle. He has also operated a seed cleaning business for the past 45 years, "it's a special machine I use to clean the seed, and it takes a special idiot to operate it, and it's for sale" Kookie grins widely from behind his trademark beard. He and wife of forty-four years Nola raised five children on their property that rests beside Dalrymple Creek Road.

After 43 years roaming the Showgrounds and upholding the rules and standards required of those attending the Allora Show, Kookie Tickle is calling it a day. "I have been helping at



Veteran Allora Show Society Ground Steward Kookie Tickle considers his retirement from the position he has held for 43 years with loyal friend Shocking.

the Show since 1958, I used to sell tickets in the dressed steer weight guess competition" recalled the veteran steward, "I did that for four years, for two bob (.20c) you got three guesses". The Shows back then were very popular, but they weren't as big as today, and you didn't need as many volunteers. We need some youth involving themselves to keep the Show tradition alive, some willing dedicated workers with ideas to take us into

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the future, we sure aren't getting any younger.

Kookie recalls how in times gone by the dairy cattle section of the Show was the biggest and most competitive, and the crowds overall attending the Show were also bigger. Over time though the beef cattle sections have overtaken the dairy section in really what is a sign of the times. Some things have been eternal though, "the yodel of the Dagwood Dog vans, the fairy floss a treat for all ages, and people, the Langtry family still coming to Shows to sell their fare over generations.

Now days the ring program with an amazing schedule of horse events is a large proportion of the Show, while outside the ring there are many more stalls selling a greater variety for the general public.

A great honour for Kookie was receiving a citation from the Showman's Guild, special recognition to the man respected widely by the guild, the tie he was awarded celebrating 100 years of the Showman's Guild and formerly owned by legendary Guild member the late Frank Jobson.

"Our picturesque showgrounds has changed somewhat from earlier Shows, which I might add were held midweek on a Wednesday, the area near the Show office that now constitutes sideshow alley was an area considered to have little use" said Kookie, "but over the years the various users have moved

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Shows have bred some amazing characters, and Kookie attests to being one, but he also has made friends and shared a laugh with many who are considered legends on the Queensland Show circuit. Amos Taff is one name to come to mind, born on the Allora Showgrounds, Amos lived to be 100 years old. The Taff name is deeply entrenched in Show culture, their lolly and sweets vans common place across generations of Queensland Shows, from the times of horse & cart until the present day.

Rides have also evolved with current safety requirements ending the thrills of the trapeze, swings, Octopus and others, not to mention the odd loose bull that managed to escape from the rodeo ring.

The Allora Show is a family affair for the Tickles, wife Noela supporting Kookie and his Show ventures over the years.

He may be hanging up his Ground Steward ribbon, but the Allora Show hasn't lost his experience and talent, continuing on as the Head Steward of the Show Home Brew section. A competent judge of home brew, Kookie has won numerous champion honours over the years with his secret ales & lagers at local Shows in the district.

A familiar sight along Dalrymple Creek Road over a life time, Kookie was most recognisable in a 1976 Leyland P76 that had over 800,000 kms on the speedo when he retired the car out. It still runs though, having served its owner well, many locals able to recall a glimpse of it heading in to the western sun after a venture to town. While the P76 instantly identified the bearded Allora Show Life Member, a smiling black & white Border collie, a fixture seated in the passengers front seat was one of many loyal canine companions. Kookie's list of favoured pets over the years reads like a canine electoral roll, with Yogi, Bima, Jasper, Rastus, Mate along with a dozen others with Shocking the current loyal pal.

Kookie believes the secret to the Allora Show Society's success is the total cooperation and trust within the organisation, "we are a team, a long serving team".

Allora Show Society President Shirley Cornhill can't speak highly enough of her veteran ground steward, "yes we are a team, and Kookie Tickle has been such a key part of that team across the years of his long involvement" said the Show Society Chairperson of the past 21 years, "he has plied his ground steward trade to the highest level, he has a wonderful rapport with and respect from the Showman's Guild, and his knowledge of our showgrounds physically and historically is invaluable to us". Kookie is unique in many ways, but his dedication to the Allora Show Society has been complete, and you only have to ask and you know the job is done" says Shirley, "Show Societies, and any voluntary organisation need people like Kookie Tickle, nothing is a problem to him".

It's hard to say that Kookie Tickle would ever have spare time, but should he find some he feels a book written about the comical occurrences of Allora Shows would be a best seller. Here's hoping a copy rolls of the Allora Advertiser printing press in the not too distant future !

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Allora Showgrounds

Sat 16 Allora RSL Country Markets
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March -

Sat 2 Bi-Funathon (RSL fundraiser) - Walk/Run/Swim
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Sat 2 Concert - "Happy Wanderers"
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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

June -

Sat 15 St David's Guild's 'Lavender & Lace' Hi Tea
St David's Church Hall, 1.30pm

November -

Fri 1 Anglican Parish Allora/Clifton Annual Fete
St David's Church Grounds, 4.30pm

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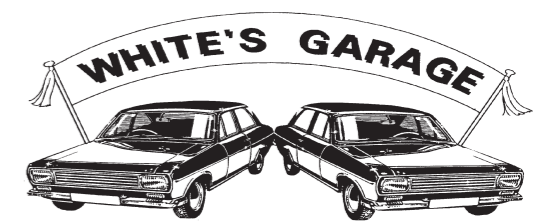
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Immediately after each milking the droppings must be swept up and removed to the mature heap. The separator and all the utensils must be well scalded after each use.

RIGHT: This old creamery stands on Graham Morrish's farm at North Branch Goomburra. It meets all the requirements as set out in Dairy Produce Act of 1905.

The dairy stood where the tank can be seen in the back ground. There is good drainage and the building was ventilated with gauze in the windows. Graham has recently donated the building to the Allora Historical Society



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Looking Back...

Allora's Past 25 years ago
February 1988

Miss Allora Showgirl

Cathy Smith, an arts/law student at the University of Queensland, was crowned Miss Allora Showgirl at the Bicentenary Show Ball held in the Community Hall on Friday night. Cathy is the youngest daughter of Roy and Helen Smith of Allora. She was sponsored by the Allora Scope Club and partnered by her cousin Michael Cowley. Show Society president, Mr. Barrie Geitz, presented Cathy with her prizes which included a cheque for \$100 from the Show Society and tickets from Greyhound Coaches.

Rachael Close took out the title of Miss Charity Showgirl, along with the other entrants Cathy Smith and Jenny Evans, raising a total of \$2,150 for the Show Society.

Seven young ladies, Susie Atkinson, Christine Blissett, Leah Gilmore, Helen Peters, Carmel Schelbach, Jo-Anne Sparrow and Bronwyn Tickle, competed to be the inaugural Junior Miss Showgirl. The title went to Susie Atkinson, daughter of John and Ding Atkinson of Allora. The contestants were led on to the stage by flower girls, Rebecca Denny, Elizabeth Gwynne, Carla Petersen and Clare Ryan.

Allora's Past 50 years ago

February 1963

Princess Competition

1963 was the first year of the Darling Downs Show Princess Competition with entrants representing the various show societies throughout the Downs area. Five young ladies entered the first Allora Show Princess Competition; Jan Dippelsmann represented the Junior Farmers, Mary Donegan Y. C. W., Barbara Smith Q. C. W. A. Younger Set, while Sue Easton was sponsored by the Allora Chamber of Commerce and Colette Geitz by her employer, Deacon & Co.

The winner was Mary Donegan, an office worker at Holmes & Co. and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Donegan of Allora.

Allora's Past 75 years ago
February 1938

The Country Show

To get behind the scenes is to realize just how enthusiastically country people work towards the success of their local show. Months ahead, an energetic committee, steered by its busy president and secretary, plans its campaign and revises its schedule to meet ever changing conditions. An astonishing amount of voluntary labour is performed before the show, nearly all repairs to buildings, the improvement of the horse and cattle stalls, the erection of hurdles, and even the grading of the trotting ring

being done by working bees.

More often than not, the local carpenter, painter, and plumber give their services free. Such voluntary work is necessary for all country societies, whose expenses on show days usually exceed the revenue, must carefully husband their slender resources.

(Bert Sims, former editor of the Allora Guardian, wrote this piece for the Sunday Mail 75 years ago. Judging by the activity at the Show Grounds in the past fortnight the same applies today)

Allora's Past 100 years ago
February 1913

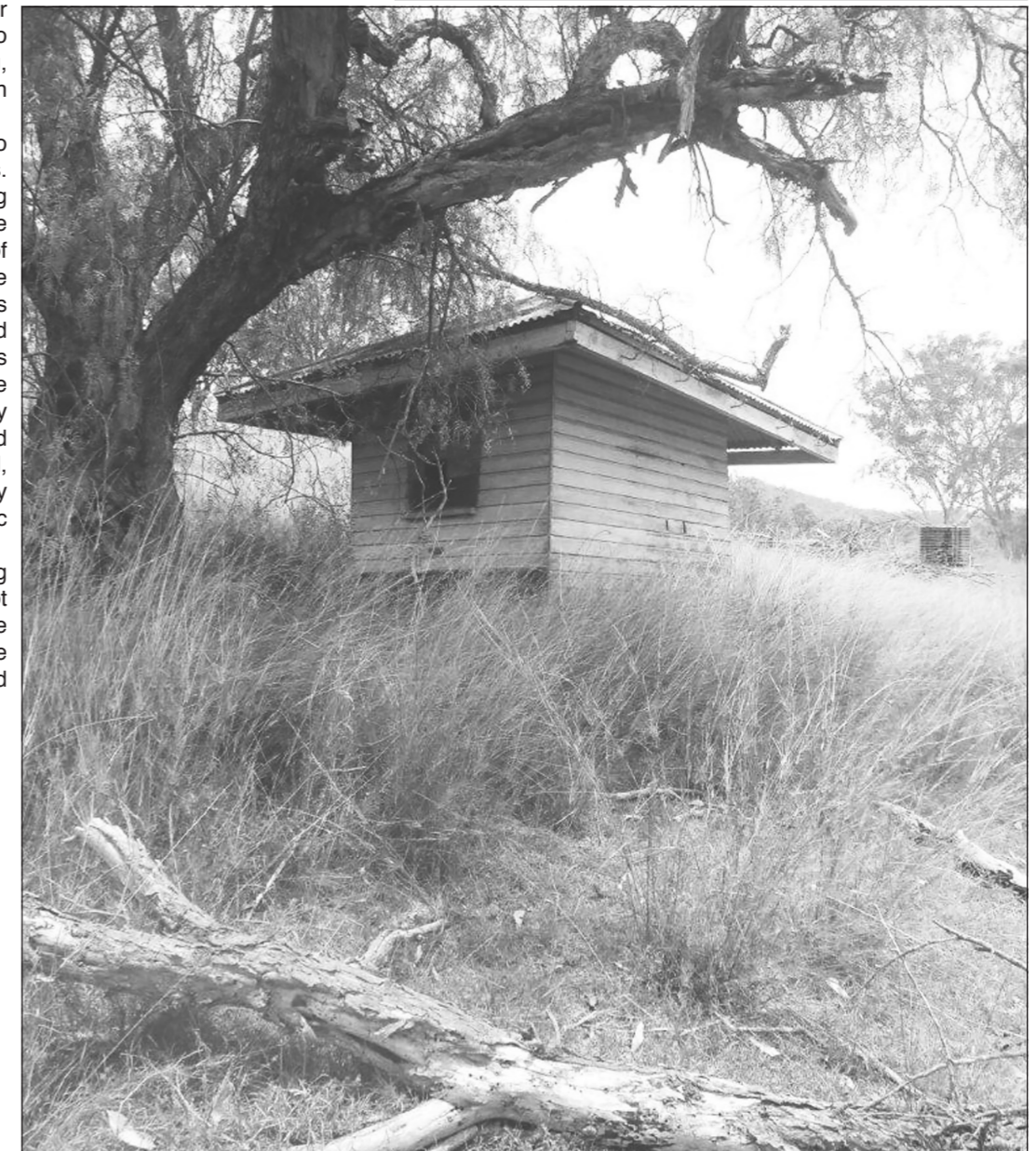
The Show

The suggestion by the committee to hold district exhibits at the forthcoming show is being enthusiastically taken up by the surrounding districts, and from what we hear competition will be very keen, especially as competitors who are positive that they will win have already decided to what use they will put the money.

The 25 ft. extension to the show building is now in progress. This will give a big area of much needed additional floor and wall space.

The show privileges realized record prices on Saturday. Mr. A. E. Bacon purchased the publican's booth for £25/10/0 and Mrs. Downes the fruit stall and tea tent for £13..

Collin Newport





Allora Show Society President Shirley Cornhill with Allora Showgirl Quest entrants, 2013 Showgirl Carla Frizzell, Showgirl Runner-Up Jessica Bool and Amy Young at the Showgirl Judging Function at the Railway Hotel on Saturday afternoon. See story on front page.

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Allora Dog Show

This week-end will see over 500 dogs descend on the Allora Show Grounds. There will be three shows in all. Friday night the Allora Kennel Club will hold their Open Show under their new lights. This show commences at 6 p.m. and is judged by Trainee judges. On Saturday 560 dogs will present for judging at the All breeds championship show commencing at 9.00 a.m. The judges this year are all Queensland judges. Mr. Alex McQuire will judge the Toys and the Working Dogs - Mrs Joanne McCann will judge the Terriers and the Hounds - Mr. Chris Woodrow will judge the Gun Dogs and Mrs. Sue Hewinson will judge the Utility group and the Non Sporting. Mrs. Hewinson will then judge the Show Specials. On Sunday 520 dogs will face up to be judged again at the Allora Kennel Club Championship Show commencing at 9.00 a.m. At this show Mrs. J.Ireland will replace Mrs.J.McCann. Mrs.Ireland will judge Toys and Utility dogs. Mr.McQuire will judge Gun Dogs and Non Sporting and Mrs. Hewinson will judge the Hounds and the Working Dogs. Mr. McQuire will then judge the Show Specials. At the Kennel Club Show on Sunday it is free admission. The club is also running a food stall with burgers and hot chips, cakes & slices for morning tea - Pre loved books for sale. So bring a chair and a hat and spend a day learning about the world of dog judging. It is a fascinating world in which to be involved .

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"We understand the impact disasters have on our local business community, including primary producers," said the Mayor, Cr Peter Blundell.

"Often people are so busy in the aftermath of a disaster they don't have time to research and access the range of support services that may be available to them," said the Mayor.

"That's why Council, through the EDU, is working to provide this service which will also hopefully alleviate some of the stress associated with recovery from a disaster event."

If any business/primary producer has been flood affected and would like to have a confidential discussion about the services available to them they should contact Council's Economic Development Officers Diane on 4681 5528, or Nick on 4661 7332.



Top of Swanfels road.

Council working hard to open access to Range foothills

Southern Downs Regional Council is receiving many enquiries from people in the foothills of the Great Dividing Range who still do not have road access.

Council staff are trying to reestablish access as quickly as possible but some factors such as water levels and massive damage are delaying progress.

Roads known to be affected include Inverramsay/ Forest Reserve road, Top Swanfels road, Bakers Road and Condamine River Road at Killarney.

Unfortunately we are currently unable to determine when access will be reestablished. The above photos show the



Road damage between Mill and Rock crossings.

issues being dealt with.

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New Flood Warning ALERT stations installed

The installation of 4 new Flood Warning ALERT stations has now been completed under funding received from the Department of Local Government Grants & Subsidies Cyclone & Flood Warning Subsidy program (LGGSP). The new stations were installed by Greenspan Technology Pty Ltd for a total cost of \$142,598 (excluding GST) which was fully funded by the LGGSP. Installations were carried out at Campbells Gully, Canal Creek, Dalrymple Creek and Upper Dalrymple Creek. Each station consists of raised 3m platforms with spring loaded access gates, and a 3m rain tree. The antenna, solar panel and rain gauge are all mounted on the top of the enclosures. The stainless enclosure contains the instruments which measure rainfall and river level.

Each of these stations is now fully operational.

"The data provided by the new Flood Warning ALERT stations will increase Council's ability to communicate to the community the rainfall data and probability of potential flooding in these areas," said the Mayor, Cr Peter Blundell.

"Given the flooding we have experienced in [recent days], early warning of potential flooding will be extremely helpful in terms of making appropriate preparations," the Mayor said.

The new stations have now been included for data collection and display via the Bureau of Meteorology (BoM) web site http://www.bom.gov.au/hydro/flood/qld/rain_river.shtml

Round two for ChemClear in Queensland

It seems like round two for Queenslanders needing the services of the ChemClear program after the state has once again been battered by historic storms and floods.

Since late last year, ChemClear has been planning its 2013 collection for Queensland which was schedule to start in June.

ChemClear's National Program Manager Lisa Nixon thought they were headed for a dry run before severe weather hit most of the state this month. Lisa said the program's next collection will now be crucial after the devastating floods.

"We were gearing up for a relatively quiet run through Queensland this year but it seems that the timing of our collection will now coincide with the huge clean up that property owners are now faced with," she said.

"Once again our ChemClear team are ready and willing to help farmers and other agvet chemical users to dispose of chemicals that have been damaged, inherited or are simply not used anymore."

It's been two years since ChemClear responded to demand for its services after the devastating floods that hit in 2011. Since that collection another 37,500 litres of unwanted or out-of-date agvet chemical has been registered through the program for disposal.

Lisa said their last run in Queensland was the program's most successful.

"Our post 2011 flood collection included a Flood Recovery program where funding from the Queensland Government was provided to ChemClear to disperse to people needing assistance in the disposal of damaged and inherited agvet chemicals," she said.

"This funding provided much needed assistance to farmers and other community members who had found agvet chemicals after they had been washed downstream or had stockpiles of damaged products."

The joint industry government initiative was able to collect and dispose of over 52,700lt of hazardous agvet chemical that may have otherwise ended up buried in landfills.

ChemClear is an industry stewardship program which collects and disposes agvet chemical products from 99 manufacturers under a levy that is applied at the point of sale.

More than 15,500lt of these products are already registered for this year's collection and will be collected at no charge.

Non-participating manufacturers products, unlabelled containers, severely out of date chemicals and mixed chemicals can be collected through ChemClear for disposal under a fee per litre charge.

ChemClear encourages all property owners to check out their sheds and register any unwanted agvet chemicals with the program to be collected in the June pick-ups before the registration line closes on 19th April.

"There is always a bottle or container of something lurking around in sheds that people are nervous about, or have inherited, and have no idea what the chemicals constitution is," Lisa said.

"I encourage people to register their chemicals with us where you're guaranteed to know that you are disposing of that chemical appropriately." This collection will be ChemClear's fifth in the state with the last five runs collecting over 112 tonne of unwanted agvet chemicals.

The booking line for this year's collection closes on the 19th April.

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Historic Showgrounds Grandstand to be Dedicated

This weekend's 135th Allora Annual Show has all the makings of an exceptional event in the Best Little Town on the Downs, the attendance of the Governor, Her Excellency Ms Penelope Wensley AC to officially open the Show adding to the glamour and significance of the occasion.

Another event with significance to occur is the dedication of the restored 106 year old Allora Showgrounds Grandstand, the restoration completed last year courtesy of a \$ 13,000 Warwick Credit Union Foundation grant in 2011. The restoration works have now been completed, however the work was not without obstacles. After years of use and minimal maintenance, the grandstand was in a dilapidated state, the restoration was a long, trying and painstaking process, but now the Showgrounds grandstand is the pride of the community once again. Steeped in tradition and history, the grandstand provides 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, thanks to the determination and dedication of those involved, which included so many volunteers.

The Warwick Examiner & Times of Saturday, December 31st 1904 reported that the tender of W. Leggatt, £185 18s had been accepted for the erection of a grandstand on the Allora Showground. Research by Allora Show Society Secretary Wendy Ardrey suggests the grandstand was built in 1906. While this year the Allora Show is so fortunate to have the Governor, Her Excellency Ms Penelope Wensley AC to carry out the official opening of the communities special event, back in 1906, the year the Grandstand was built, the show was also opened by the Governor, His Excellency, the Governor Lord Chelmsford.

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.

Glyn Rees

Allora Host Colts on Home Turf

The Allora Cricket Club take to the turf again this weekend after a few weeks with no fixtures due to representative commitments and the Annual Australia Day Weekend Cricket Carnival. Allora host Colts on Saturday at Allora Cricket Oval from 12.30 pm in a forty over competition fixture. The Allora team to play Colts is Aaron Vietheer, Cameron Masters, Mitchell McLennan, Lauchlan Hoey, Kris McLennan,

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Allora Swimming Club News

Welcome back to all swimmers after a longer break due to the flooding last week. Next Monday we will hold the Rackley Memorial Swim followed by a free sausage sizzle donated by Linda and Bill, could families please bring along a plate for sweets. Spectators, members and life members are encouraged to attend to see who will take out this inaugural handicapped event. Congratulations to club member Brendon Hoffman!! Brendon was awarded the junior sportsperson of the year at the Australia Day Awards ceremony at Warwick. The swim team has also continued to taste success in the pool attending Gatton and Stanthorpe swimming carnivals. Congratulations to these swimmers: Brendon and Cody Hoffman, Molly and Cooper Harm, Lachlan and Cassidy Henry, James, Toby and Will Gilmore. There are many swim meets coming up with event details in the folder at the pool entry or at www.ddrsa.org Please forward all swimming meet nominations to Jan Banister.



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"Condamine Cup" Points Table 2012/13 (after round 10)

Team	Played	Won	Lost	Bye	N/R	B/P	Total Points
Maryvale	10	7	1	2	1	9	41
Wheatvale	10	6	4	1		6	38
Inglewood	10	5	4	1	1	7	37
Diggers	10	6	2	2	1	6	36
Colts	10	4	4	2	1	6	30
Allora	10	1	8	1	1	2	24
Sovereign	10	1	6	2	1		20

Glyn Rees



Allora Golf Notes

First a big Thank - You to all who have helped during the last week with cleaning up around the place. We

played golf Sunday and this would not happen if this work was not done.

Sunday we played the Monthly Mug sponsored by the Railway Hotel. Winner of the day was again Matt May. Runner Up was Aaron Simpson. App went to Adam on the 2nd, Kev on the 11th, Rod on the 8th, Aaron on the 17th and Matt on the 6th & 15th.

Next week will be Club Trophy, tee off 12 noon Allora time, also there will be a Golf Meeting next Sunday at 10.30am. To play is to live.

Wattles Sortie Blasts Bombers

Local league club the Wattles "Warriors" cut the ribbon on the 2013 season on Saturday evening with an overwhelming win over the 2012 Ipswich Rugby League Premiers, the Fassifern "Bombers" in a pre-season trial in front of more than 250 onlookers on Wattles home turf at Clifton's Platz Oval. The "Bombers" had all but one of their premiership winning side playing in the trial, including classy dual rugby league/rugby union international and ex NRL player Andrew Walker.

The Warriors have bounced back after some dedicated off season recruiting, winning their first game since they defeated Southern Suburbs 34 - 26 at Clive Berghofer Stadium on the 26th June 2011. It's been a long dry spell for the boys in green and gold, but Wattles President Aaron Scheid, who didn't play in Saturday evenings winning result, is convinced the off season hard work is going to pay dividends across the season. "We wanted to add to the side to be competitive this season, given the results against the Bombers I think we can be happy with our efforts" said Scheid, "we also want to provide a season of great footy for all our Clifton & Allora supporters, and I am sure we will deliver".

First grade Coach Luke Duggan couldn't be happier with his team's performance, dominating the first two quarters to lead 34 - 0 over the beleaguered "Bombers" at half time. The mid match break saw reserve grade Coach Wally McIntosh slide into the "Warriors" mentor chair while some whole sale player changes occurred with a predominantly second grade line up taking up the challenge for the final 40 minutes.

Classy centre Mitch Koina crossed for the first of his three tries midway through the first quarter to have Wattles ahead 4 - 0 at the quarter time break. The "Warriors" were untouchable in the second quarter adding 28 points to their total through five tries. Wattles back rower Brenden Wilson, who is back in the green & gold after helping Brothers to a Toowoomba Rugby League A grade premiership last year, scored the first of those tries crashing over the line after 22 minutes to have Wattles advance to a 10 - 0 lead. Exciting former Toowoomba "Clydesdales" Under 20 back Jackson Green was in exceptional form at Wattles rear, the clever fullback showed an abundance of skill when he scored the home side's third try minutes later for the "Warriors" to go 18 - 0 up. The final ten minutes before the half time break saw mobile forward Dan Manley touch down to score, and Joel Koina run in two further tries. Seven minutes into the third quarter points scoring machine of the past two seasons Anthony McIntosh outpaced chasers to score advancing Wattles total on the scoreboard, as did Alex Morris who touched down under the posts for his side's final try of the match, the "Warriors" leading 46 - 6. Fassifern found their feet though for the final thirty minutes running in five unanswered tries before full time.

Half back Matt Duggan, fullback Jackson Green and front-rower Pat Manley were among many to shine in an exceptional performance by Wattles, especially the initial 40 minutes.

Wattles 46 (Joel Koina 3, Brenden Wilson, Jackson Green, Dan Manley, Anthony McIntosh, Alex Morris tries; Matt Duggan 6, Anthony McIntosh goals) defeated Fassifern 34 (Ethan Glen,

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Wattles Rugby League Club President Aaron Scheid was more than encouraged with the winning team performances in pre-season trials at Platz Oval on Saturday night.

David Tahervalu, Andrew Walker, Cameron Pennell, Callam McGuinness, Issi Mili tries; Andrew Walker 5 goals).

"Warrior Colts Win Close Tussle"

An eleventh hour field goal by Wattles Under 18 centre Dale McAntee allowed his side to sneak home to a 11 -10 victory in Saturday afternoon's pre-season trial against the Fassifern Bombers.

The "Bombers" held a 4 - 0 lead at the end of the first quarter, with Wattles charge to victory commencing minutes after half time when the quicksilver McAntee

scored Wattles first try of the season after a jinking run from ten metres out. James Conway converted the try to allow Wattles a 6 - 4 lead, before hard running centre Garth Lonergan crossed for the Warriors second touchdown in the 43rd minute. The "Bombers" struck back scoring an easy try close to the line to lock the scores at 10 all with seven minutes remaining. The match winning McAntee field goal sailed over the cross bar with just three minutes on the ground clock, setting up a tense final few minutes of play.

Both sides gave their all, but full credit to the Phil Sharpe coached Wattles outfit whose defence locked out some strong Bombers challenges to secure victory. On the subject of defence, the Dale McAntee try saving tackle in the final quarter that saw him grass long striding Fassifern outside back Adrian Ward try bound proved to be a match winner.

Coach Sharpe shelled out plenty of praise for his charges after their first 60 minutes of footy in 2013, and especially for the final stage grit that saw them claim a well earned win.

Wattles 11 (Dale McAntee, Garth Lonergan tries; James Conway goal; Dale McAntee field goal) defeated Fassifern 10. Wattles continue their 2013 season preparation this week, looking forward to the annual Barrett Shield trial against the Warwick Cowboys at Father Ranger Oval on February 23rd. The Warriors Toowoomba Rugby League season kicks off against the Southern Suburbs Tigers on March 10th.

Those interested in donning the Warriors Green & Gold colours for the 2013 season should attend training at Clifton's Platz Oval on Tuesday evenings from 6.00 pm or contact either Aaron Scheid (0458 204 550) or Glyn Rees (0400 811 093).

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