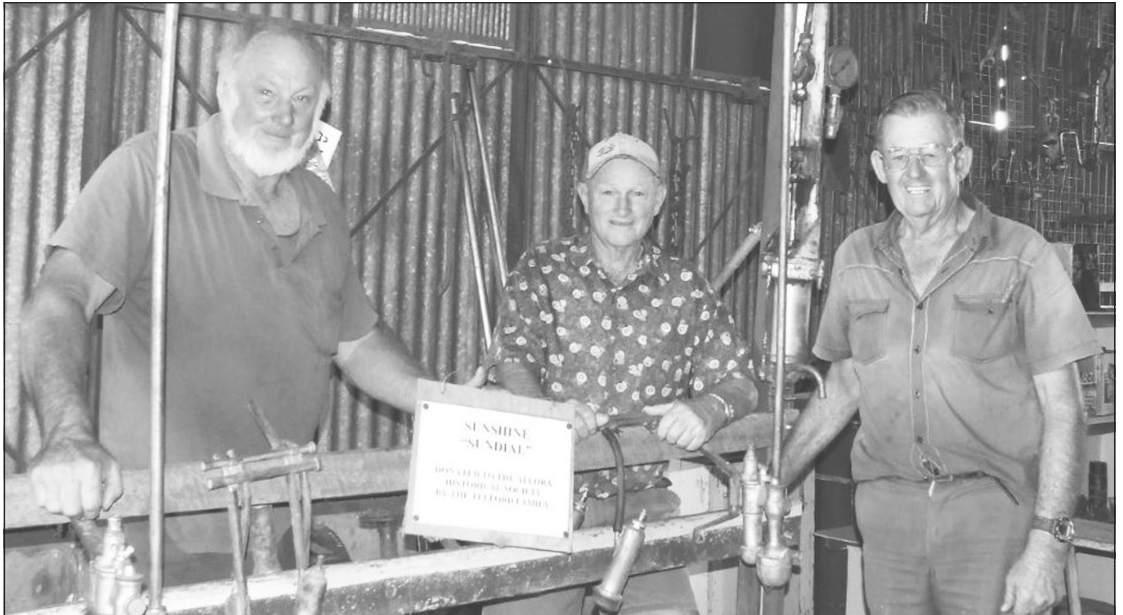


## Allora Historical Society Displays

From an ANZAC Display to a Sunshine Milking Machine, our Devoted Allora Historical Society are Dedicated to Educating About Our History. Allora Historical Society President Allan Darr is in high spirits about the progress of the group he heads, and while his willing band of volunteers are giving a huge amount of hours in pursuit of the preservation of local history, and the forthcoming second Historical Society Display & Demonstration Day, he and his group consider it "all very worthwhile". Given the restoration work that has and is being carried out on the old Allora Shire Hall and site in the past year, the Society sure aren't letting grass grow under their feet, but they are more than happy to have new fences, roofs, repainting and repairs and renovations occurring in regularity as they work to preserve the Allora & district past. That preservation includes improvement, upkeep & maintenance of two museums sites and precincts along with upholding their vision for the group's future, to see the history of the Allora district preserved for future generations.

Those walking along the Herbert Street footpath on Tuesday would have seen the Allora Historical Society doing what they do best at Allora Pharmacy while getting into the spirit of Australian Heritage Week. The Heritage Week is an annual national celebration of Australia's unique heritage. It is an opportunity for all Australians to join together to celebrate our shared and special heritage. In 2013, Australian Heritage Week will run from Saturday 13 April until Sunday 21 April and the Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population &



Historical Society members Graeme McMillan, Graham Anderson and Allan Darr are hard at it restoring a Sunshine Milking Machine in preparation for the upcoming Historical Society Display & Demonstration Day.

Communities encourages all communities to get involved with planning and hosting a range of exciting activities during Australian Heritage Week that showcase your unique local heritage to the rest

The Allora Historical Society has arranged displays with a differing focus annually in support of Heritage Week, in the window of Allora Pharmacy. This year the display, arranged by Historical Society members Bev O'Halloran and Lyn Wright, has an ANZAC Day theme.

It's a busy month for the Historical Society, and while the

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Photographs of Allora's past Mayors and Shire Chairman will once again adorn the walls of the former Council meeting room at the old Allora Shire Chambers after a recent repaint and revamp of the meeting room.



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ANZAC Day display was taking shape in Jon Constable's Pharmacy window, Society members Graeme McMillan and Graham Anderson are focused on preparing a rare 1941 Sunshine milking machine with Historical Society President Allan Darr. The milking machine comes complete with a separator, milk pump & wash up tub, and has an accompanying Sundial engine, all generously donated to the Historical Society by the Telford family, and all to be displayed on April 20th at the Society's Display & Demonstration Day.

The Historical Society shed reveals many more historical gems of machinery from the rural past, and while the milking machine won't be operating for the coming display event, a Moffat Virtue single stand shearing plant manufactured in 1898 in Europe will be in action shearing sheep for all to see.

Another significant attraction of the Display & Demonstration Day on April 20th is the restored former Allora Shire Council meeting room in the old Allora Shire Hall that now serves as a museum and research centre under the control of the Allora Historical Society. The meeting room was recently repainted thanks to volunteers Graham Anderson and Bob Lawson, and the photographs of the 28 men who served as Mayor or Chairman of the Allora area from 1869-1994 are soon to be remounted on the walls. Of those, 21 served as Mayors of the Allora Municipal Council from 1869 until 1915, and nine served as Shire Chairman of the Allora Shire Council from 1915-1994, including two who had previously served as Mayor. The old Allora Town Hall itself was built on 1907, becoming the

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Allora Shire Hall in 1915 when Allora Shire was formed. The second Display & Demonstration Day will also highlight Allora's historical sites around the town itself on the day of a celebration of local history, with tours of the town in a people mover taking in the Allora Heritage trail, the over a century old St. David's Anglican Church and Les & Loraine Struthers' Mary Poppin's House (Queensland National Bank) among other attractions.

If you wish to know more about the Display & Demonstration Day contact President Allan Darr on 4666 3159

Glyn Rees

## WEATHER FORECAST

Day	Forecast	Min	Max
THU	Partly Cloudy. Cool.	12	23
FRI	Scattered Clouds. Cool.	13	22
SAT	Afternoon Clouds. Cool.	13	23
SUN	Mostly Cloudy. Mild.	14	24
MON	Showers Late. Mostly Cloudy. Cool.	14	23
TUE	Scattered Showers. Cloudy. Cool.	15	22

## Letter to the Editor...

Dear Sir,

On June 8 this year, Proserpine State High School will be officially celebrating its Golden Jubilee. We are writing to you to ask your assistance in publicising this important event to your readers.

We are issuing an open invitation to all past students, staff members and parents of the school, as well as their family members, to attend our celebrations which commence at 1.00pm in the high school grounds in Ruge Street, Proserpine. Throughout the afternoon, there will be tours of the school, subject area and other displays, memorabilia of the past, entertainment featuring the school band and choir as well as other activities. Food and drink will be available, including an afternoon tea and also a barbecue later in the day. The official proceedings will take place from 2.30pm - 3.30pm and will include the cutting of the Golden Jubilee cake, the launch of our book, *The Golden Arrow: A Pictorial Snapshot* and special guests from the past.

Admission to this event is free. While it is not obligatory to reply to this invitation, this would assist us with our catering. Please reply to lrbiggs@bigpond.com indicating numbers. Any other queries you might have may also be addressed to this email.

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### Allora News Colouring Competition

Congratulations to Jai Catling, who attends St Patrick's School Allora. Jai was the winner of the Allora Newsagency Newspaper Colour to Win Competition. Jai's entry will now go on to state judging where he will be representing his school for further prizes. Allora News wishes to thank all the participants for entering the Easter competition.

### Dalrymple Creek Road floodway reconstruction

The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) advises flood reconstruction works will soon begin on a damaged floodway crossing on Dalrymple Creek Road, 13 kilometres west of Allora.

These works will involve reconstruction of the floodway structure, including removal of debris, backfill of scour locations and new batter protection.

Work on the floodway will commence in the week of 15 April 2013 and be completed by mid-May, weather permitting. The works will be carried out by the RoadTek on behalf of TMR.

Southern Downs Regional Council will also be carrying out pavement stabilisation on Dalrymple Creek Road between the floodway and Hansens Road intersection from Monday 8 April 2013.

During these works, a detour using Hansens Road and Hendon Victoria Hill Road will be in place.

Motorists are reminded to obey all signage and drive to conditions for their own safety and the safety of road workers and other motorists.

These works are being delivered through Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements (NDRRA), a joint federal and state initiative. Under NDRRA, the Australian Government provides 75 per cent of the funding, with 25 per cent from the Queensland Government.

For more information on flood-related roadworks in the Darling Downs region, contact the department on 1800 063 397 during business hours or email reconstruct\_darlingdowns@tmr.qld.gov.au

### Allora & District Sports Museum Update

The following nominations have been received for Hall of Fame inductees - John Doyle, Melissa Willett, Lew Platz, Geoff Horan, Russell McMillan, Joff Denny, Leo Cronin, Steve Gibson, Vince Bermingham, Stuart Hoey, Steve Dwan and Grant Rix.

The Committee will decide on two to be inducted later this year into the Allora Regional Sports Hall of Fame. Thanks to all who have nominated these worthy people.

### BAD JOKE OF THE WEEK

A retired couple, Denise and Bob, moved to Tamworth.

Bob always wanted a pair of R.M. WILLIAMS boots, so, seeing some on sale, he bought them and wore them home.

Walking proudly, he sauntered into the kitchen and said to his wife, 'Notice anything different about me?'

Denise looked him over. 'No Darl.'

Frustrated, Bob stormed off into the bathroom, undressed and walked back into the kitchen completely naked except for new R.M. Williams boots.

Again he asked Denise, a little louder this time, 'Notice anything different NOW?'

Denise looked up and exclaimed, 'Bob, what's different? It's hanging down today, it was hanging down yesterday, it'll be hanging down again tomorrow, 'cause its always that way'

Furious, Bob yelled, 'AND DO YOU KNOW WHY IT'S HANGING DOWN, DENISE? DO YOU?'

'No Darl', she replied.

'IT'S HANGING DOWN, BECAUSE IT'S LOOKING AT ME NEW R.M. WILLIAMS BOOTS!!!!'

Without changing her expression, Denise replied, 'Shoulda bought a hat, Bob. Shoulda bought a hat.'

### It's Not Hard to Love Allora

A dream and a future were the result of a meeting with a family member and the lure of an onion paddock for a young lady from the other side of the world who has fell in love with Allora.

Many of Allora's residents will be familiar with the bright eyed cheery smile that greets them as they enter the Railway or Commercial Hotel, or taking a stroll up Herbert Street, the young lady English born Lauren Pruce. Lauren arrived in Allora with then partner Chris Atkins late last year.

A recent light hearted discussion over a coffee at Allora's "Amy's" uncovered a reluctance to leave the sunburnt country and many new friends, and a burning desire to return to Australia. Alas Lauren is to return to the mother country leaving Allora on May 20th, and jetting back to Britain the very next day.

Back in November when they arrived in 'the Best Little Town on the Downs', the young couple were midway through their great adventure touring Australia for twelve months. After arriving in Brisbane from the 'Old Dar' in May, the intrepid travellers headed to the tropical north and a five month residence in Cairns. From there they jetted to Sydney, and prior to motoring into the tranquil atmosphere of Allora they took in the sites of destinations such as the Blue Mountains and Byron Bay, among others. The Opera House is a very special memory in Sydney for Lauren, but another special moment was when the two travellers teamed up with 'Carol Corolla' to share their adventures, a white 1992 Toyota hatchback with distinctive roof racks. 'Carol' carried Chris & Lauren to Allora from the New South Wales capitol and many points in between, and has been a more than loyal and reliable friend.

The lure to Allora came in the form of a work opportunity, non other that wonderful test of spinal endurance, onion picking. Well that proved to be not so much to the liking of Dorchester born Lauren and Londoner Chris. But if personalities and friendly disposition are any qualification it wasn't long



All the way from England, Lauren Pruce had adopted Allora as her home.

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before the two Pommies, who had fallen in love with Allora were actively involved in the work force. Chris' electrical trade had him engaged in the building industry, while Lauren's previous hospitality experience saw her a new face at notable Allora watering holes, the Railway & Commercial Hotels. "Robyn Miles offered me a job & I had bar work experience in Cairns & England" smiles Lauren. Oddly enough the Railway Hotel bar could be termed "Little England" given two of Lauren's work partners are mother and daughter staff members Kirstie Gibson and Alice Coates who are also English. Lauren enjoys her hotel work, "I find Aussies more responsible drinkers, and it is a much more sociable atmosphere with customers, and I admire the community mindedness with people having their many different meetings at the hotel". "Everyone loves their sport here" laughs Lauren, 'especially footy, with footy tipping something totally new to me'.

Where did the adventure start? About 17,000 kilometres from Allora in county Dorset where Lauren and Chris were hanging on the every word uttered by Lauren's Uncle, a member of the Australian defence forces who normally resided in Springfield here in Queensland. Chris and Lauren's dreams at that time included saving for a mortgage and setting down to family life, but after listening to her Uncle it was a unanimous decision to save to travel. From a travel perspective, Lauren had experienced Europe and regularly visited Grandparents in Cyprus, and Chris had previously visited Australian shores, but both decided to save furiously with a firm focus on the great southern land.

Allora was a far cry from Lauren's home in Dorchester, a town of around 19,000 people in south west England. A historic market town, Dorchester lies on the banks of the River Frome, in the Frome Valley. Lauren also resided in Weymouth for a time, where her medical financial adviser father currently lives, a town twenty minutes from Dorchester that was host centre of the Olympic sailing events last year. Our 21 year old with the room enlightening smile worked at a home for the elderly during her gap year after school, intending to head to University the following year. As it turned out she continued on at the high quality aged care facility, Grassington House on Prince of Wales Road, enjoying so many laughs, day trips, and chess strategies with the elderly residents while saving for her inevitable travels.

While Lauren obviously misses her Mum, family & friends back in Dorchester, and longs to see here new niece Charlotte born in August, there isn't much else that has her forlorn to go back home, the weather a particular deterrent. Aside from the many things she endears herself to in Allora, her love of fitness and health is something she has brought with her to the Sunshine State. A regular on the road to

Warwick in 'Carol' to work out in the gym, Lauren is a CYQ Level 2 Fitness Instructor, CYQ being Britain's leading awarding organization for health, fitness and wellbeing.

Reading and learning are Laurens hobbies, new experiences, talking & listening to people and experiencing new cultures. She has found plenty to keep her hobbies alive in Allora, which she also considers to be a very friendly place, and she is so grateful the way the community welcomed and included her and Chris so openly.

In Lauren's opinion Australia is so much more relaxed than her home country and she is impressed with Aussies willingness to help. After residing at the

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## Looking Back...



Passenger train at the Hendon railway station

### Allora's Past 25 years ago 1988

#### Station Demolished

Allora district residents were upset at the hasty demolition of the 119 year old Hendon railway station. Queensland Railways, the owners of the building, had given no indication of its impending destruction. The station had been erected in 1869 with the construction of the railway from Toowoomba, and was the terminus of the line until it reached Warwick in 1871. The station serviced the Pratten goldfields during the boom years of the 1870's and was the loading and unloading point for goods, passengers and mail to and from Allora until the branch line was built in 1897.

A spokesman for the Q. R. office in Toowoomba defended the Department's actions and said that the building was riddled with white ants and impossible to repair.

### Allora's Past 50 years ago April 1963

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### Allora's Past 100 years ago April 1913

#### Federal Election Campaign

Mr. B. F. Allen, Labor candidate for the Darling Downs, addressed a meeting of electors in O'Callaghan's Hall on Saturday night. The Mayor, Ald. J. Dean, presided. About 80 persons attended the meeting, which was characterised by a total lack of interest, and before the conclusion of Mr. Allen's address the gathering had diminished by about half. The candidate spoke for about two hours and the only applause that occurred was at the conclusion of his address.

In contrast, the address of the Liberal candidate, the Hon L. E. Groom was a resounding success when he spoke to a gathering of about 130 at the Protestant Hall on Monday night.

A vote of confidence in Mr. Groom and thanks for his many services to the district was proposed by Mr. W. Deacon, seconded by Mr. G. C. Clark and supported by Mr. F. Grayson M. L. A. It was carried by acclamation.

Colin Newport

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Commercial Hotel, Lauren has moved in with best friend Tiesh Erhardt and a readymade family of devoted pooches Kaos & Tess.

Australia, and in particular Allora has provided an education in a sense for Lauren that will be long remembered. "I had never experienced flooding before, nor campdrafts, rodeos, a Show, pig races" recalls the young lady from Dorset, "so enjoyed fishing, and Australia's seemingly freer existence and outdoor lifestyle, not to mention the brilliant weather".

As time eases slowly but surely to Lauren's departure date, she laughs as she suggests "I may consider a marriage as it would mean I could stay".

Allora has benefited greatly from the small window in time that Lauren and Chris have been in town, and the experience has definitely been a benefit and cherished memory for them.

Lauren is hoping to return around Christmas, and hopefully a fulfilled dream would see her return permanently and pursue a future in the fitness and health industry. Those that are in her circle of friends hope that those dreams come true.

And so in the familiar words of Railway Hotel patron Barry Glass, "here's cheers big ears", to which our English bat attendant replies "same goes big nose", that last drink is approaching, and while Lauren's departure is a way off yet, both she and Chris will be missed until they return.

Glyn Rees

**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...**

### MEMORIES AND STORIES OF THE DAIRY INDUSTRY

John Geitz at aged 17 was the cream carrier from the Victoria Hill district to the Allora Butter Factory. At that time there were 61 suppliers. John remembers some of the other locals who also carted cream from other districts as well as others associated with the butter factory. John was the cream carrier for a period of 5 years. Ron Pettigrew took over from John then Max Pitkin had the run. Prior to that Max lived at Inveramsay and carted the cream from that area down the Goomburra valley to Allora. Allora's Don Denny had the Pilton cream carrying run before he started his engineering business. Johnny Barr was Pilton's next cream carrier then Ron May. In later years, Errol May carried cream in the Table Top area in the back of a utility.

John remembers the wood carters, Eric Henschell, Mick Davies and Col and Keith Rix. John tells the yarn about Mick Davies fooling the Manager of the Allora Factory, "Daddy"

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John can remember the engine drivers, Edgar Gwynne and Dick Slatter, butter maker Herb Volker and factory workers, Bill Ellis, Ernie Gartner and Barry Geitz.

Tom Huston used to bring his cream in from Mt. Marshall in the 'trotter' spring cart with the rubber tyred wheels. Others who carried their own cream from their dairies were the Hills, Chalks, Jim Crookey and Stan Erich. Mick Byrne drove his horse and cart, delivered the cream, picked up the butter and other supplies then tied the horse up under the trees at the back of the picture theatre. His next stop was the Royal Hotel where he spent a good part of the day before making his way home.

There were Dorrie and Dick Byrnes in the store along with Pat Connors, John Hamilton, Denny Butler, Betty Barr and Bill McKay who was exceptionally good with figures, adding the sums up in his head.

One local identity who John remembers well is John Paholke who always wore a suit. He drove a Ford truck bringing the older primary school children into Rural School from Victoria Hill and Ellinthorpe. After picking them up at the end of lessons, he drove the truck to the store where the children purchased goods for their family. John timed them with his fob chain watch.

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Peter Cavanagh's great grandparents were Irish. They were part of the great numbers of Irish people who came to Australia during the years of 1860s and 1870s.

His grandfather, John known as Jack and his wife Bridget (nee O'Dea) had a farm at Upper Freestone. The farm was lost at the time of a major bank bust in the early 1900s. Like many others they borrowed money from money lenders and could not make repayments. Jack worked on Glengallan Station from 1909 where he was in charge of the horses. Their home was where Virgil Willett later lived near Glengallan Creek. Jack's sons also worked on the station. In 1920-21 the family went to Pilton to work for the Berniche family. They started share-farming on Dean's dairy farm at Berat in 1923. James Dean was the Manager of Barnes & Co. at the time and later became a Mayor of the Allora Council. The small herd was milked by hand and the separated milk fed to the pigs. Jack and Bridget had a family of eight sons and three daughters. All the older sons worked on the farm before moving away. Daughter Francie worked with her family till she married when she was

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in her early thirties. Bridget was a seamstress prior to her marriage. She would have been busy caring for her large family, sewing, making bread, churning butter and cooking and general household chores.

The farm consists of approx. 180 acres originally purchased from the Government by William Dean as a Agriculture Land Purchase and a 120 acre block purchased by him from the Picken family who moved further up the Goomburra valley. The farm was worked by a team of horses.

During a drought in 1926, the creek dried up. There was no water in the creek from the bridge at Goomburra to the bridge at Berat. Peter recalls that this happened again in the year 2000. In the 1926 drought all the cows died except two or three. The horses were spared and Jack worked on neighbouring farms to make a living for his family. The drought was broken with rainfall of four inches that fell on Boxing Day 1926 and the Cavanagh family were able to plant corn. Thankfully the corn was sold for a very good price. Improvements were made with the purchase of a 1020 tractor.

The share farming arrangement continued and in 1946 a six bail dairy with a Ridd Milking Machine with three sets of cups was installed. This building is part of the milk room in the new herringbone dairy used by Peter on the farm today. The end of the Second World War saw an improvement in prices. There was great demand for butter, beef, pork and grain throughout the Commonwealth.

Peter's father Ned who married Illma (nee Rauchle) in 1948 took over the share-farm from his father in 1952. The arrangement with the Dean family was half share of the income from the crops and half the cream cheque with the Deans receiving the bulk of the sale of the pigs.

A new piggery was built in 1954 by Jim Byrne near the site of the old dirt floor piggery.

Ned and Illma had ten children. Illma and the children helped in the dairy. At this time about thirty cows were being milked and 100 acres was under grain crops. Changes came to the dairy industry with the change-over to milk production in 1967 and bulk milk in 1968. A milk vat was installed. The milk initially went to the Warwick Co-op Dairy Factory then later bulk tankers went to Toowoomba. Peter now sends his milk to the Lion Nathan owned factory, Dairy Farmers at Crestmead in Brisbane.

After a share-farming arrangement of 45 years, the farm was sold by James Dean's sons to Ned and Illma Cavanagh. The original herd was the Illawarra breed then a change was made to the Fresian breed. Peter has introduced the Brown Swiss dairy breed. This breed had its origins in Switzerland and is popular in America and Europe. The Brown Swiss is a big framed cow that calves with very few problems. This breed is more suited to the open grazing that Peter prefers.

Thank you to John and Peter for sharing their stories for the Dairy Industry themed Display and Demonstration Day on 20th April.



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Allora Regional Sports Museum President Perry Cronin accepts a donation from tent boxing legend Fred Brophy, who also caught up with Allora local Bob Denny at the Sports Museum on Sunday.

**Legend Visits Museum That Punches Well Above Its Weight**


The Allora Sports Museum is experiencing a steady stream of sporting enthusiast traffic of late, the guest book at the entrance recording visitors from far and wide taking in liberal dose of the tremendous amount of sporting history that has emerged from the Allora region.

Last Sunday was no different, only one guest was a legend himself, a name recognisable to many across Australia, especially if you were keen to test your pugilistic ability at the local agricultural Show, or whether you were just watching the active participants. The guest's name is Fred Brophy, the last boxing tent showman in the world, a man who has become a legend at events around the outback. Fred had his tent set up at the annual Warwick

Show late last week, and on his way back north he pulled into the Allora Sports Museum and spent some time with museum guide and Allora Regional Sports Museum committee President Perry Cronin. It doesn't get much better for Perry, ushering a legend around a museum full of legends. Fred Brophy, who is the current owner of the Crocow Hotel in Central Queensland, is a fourth generation showman; his dad was a side-show operator and his mum a trapeze artist. For four generations the Brophy Boxing Tent has toured the countryside challenging local brawlers to take on the might of a Brophy boxer. Tent boxing was an amusement seen at agricultural shows throughout Australia. Along with Brophy's, the more famous of tent boxing troupes, are the ones created by Roy Bell and Jimmy Sharman. Born in England, the boxing tent is now an endangered phenomenon, banned in Britain and the United States. The Australian outback is today the only place such an attraction can survive. Bureaucracy and legalities have whittled down the tents in Australia with only Brophy's Boxing Tent remaining, with rules and regulations dictating that the tent only appears in Queensland and the Northern Territory. Starting in the late 19th Century boxing troupes of professional fighters would travel the mining towns and outback of the country, following fairs, carnivals & Shows, putting up big top tents and taking on all-comers for cash in the ring. In their heyday during the 1920s and 1960s, dozens of boxing tents regularly toured the country show circuit. With the sounding of a drum, the local talent lined up to take on the travelling troupe of boxers. Everyday men were elevated to heroes as punches were traded in the ring. Local lads were lured into the ring by big

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purses, often their fathers and grandfathers looked on, some of whom had cut their teeth in the ring years before. While absorbing the sporting atmosphere, Fred took particular interest in the Hall of Fame displays of Murray Robin and Les Lane, both highly skilled men in the boxing ring. He also rekindled an association with Allora's Bob Denny, the two having met previously near two decades ago. Fred kindly donated a flag to the Allora Sports Museum that will form a back drop to a new display currently being formulated.  
 Glyn Rees

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**SDRC launches Community Recovery Plan**

Southern Downs Regional Council is committed to facilitating the recovery and reconstruction of the Southern Downs in the wake of the Australia Day 2013 flooding. As part of this commitment, Council has released the Southern Downs Community Recovery Plan 2013 which outlines the region's needs and priorities for community, economic and environmental recovery and reconstruction following the disaster events of January 2013. This recovery plan is a roadmap for the recovery and reconstruction of our communities affected by the floods. Each strategy put forward in this plan highlights the community priorities for recovery in a broad sense, providing a framework for action on matters that must be done now as well as those which influence the future of the Southern Downs. Through our recovery, our legacy will be a strengthened, more resilient and improved Southern Downs region, united into the future as an even better place to live, work and play. Residents can access a copy of the plan online at www.southerndowns.qld.gov.au or pick up a copy of the plan from Council's Warwick Administration Building.

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# Events Calendar

2013

- April -**  
**Sat 13** **Wattles Super Saturday - Warriors v. Diehards**  
 Platz Oval, with Wattles v. Millwood from 11.00am
- 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
- May -**  
**Fri 3** **Allora CWA International Day**  
 St Andrews Hall, Allora, 1.00pm
- Wed 8** **Allora Annual Chaplaincy Dinner**  
 Allora State School Hall, 6.30pm
- Fri 17** **Victoria Hill Cent Sale**  
 Victoria Hill Hall, Allora, 7.00pm
- Fri 31** **St Pat's P&F Annual Rattle of the Brains Trivia**  
 Allora Community Hall
- June -**  
**Sat 15** **St David's Guild's 'Lavender & Lace' Hi Tea**  
 St David's Church Hall, 1.30pm
- October -**  
**Fri 18** **St Patrick's Parish Allora Annual Fete**  
 Church and School Grounds commencing 5pm
- November -**  
**Fri 1** **Anglican Parish Allora/Clifton Annual Fete**  
 St David's Church Grounds, 4.30pm

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## A month of fine movies for Peace Festival

Warwick film lovers are in for a treat over the month of April as the Peace Festival partners with the 'Warwick First Tuesday Film Club' to present four international movies.

Peace Festival organiser Ruth Power said that the films are being shown at the Warwick Twin Cinemas at 3.30pm each Sunday in April.

"The Film Club was tasked with getting together and reviewing a range of films and then selecting what they considered to be high quality films which promote positivity and convey a strong sense of valuing people in a variety of circumstances," Ms Power said.

"The selected films display fitting themes and messages in the lead up to Peace Festival's One World Day in May," she said.

Last Sunday's film was "Monsieur Lazhar", a Canadian/French film which follows the story of an Algerian immigrant who becomes a teacher in a primary school following the tragic death of one of the teachers.

"What ensues is a sensitive and enlightening study of the healing of grief as well as the plight of many modern refugees," Ms Power said.

The next movie of the month on this coming Sunday, April 14 is

"The Intouchables" (M), an irreverent comedy about friendship, trust and human possibility, again as a man learns about what creates joy in life.

On Sunday, April 21, a Korean film entitled "Spring, Summer, Fall, Winter... and Spring" (MA) will show. The story follows a Buddhist Master in the Korean wilderness as he raises a young boy to grow up with wisdom and compassion.

The last movie to be screened on Sunday, April 28 is a delightful French movie called "Conversations with my Gardener" (M). In this movie a middle aged Parisian businessman returns to his home in the rural countryside and develops a surprisingly frank and warm friendship with his newly employed gardener. Based on a true life story it shares warm and sensitive insights into life and its ups and downs and is set amidst the authentic beauty of the French countryside.

Ms Power said that the film screenings have been made possible by the kind support of Warwick Twin Cinema.

"We suggest everyone bring some friends along each week to the Warwick Twin Cinemas and enjoy this rare opportunity to have four such fine films in one month."

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## McLennan Named Allora Cricketer of the Year

Notable Allora Cricket Club all rounder Kris McLennan was rewarded by his peers on Friday evening overwhelmingly voted as Allora's Cricketer of the Year for the 2012/13 season. The Cricket Club end of season break-up and presentation evening was hosted at the Allora Sports Club. Players and supporters celebrated the Allora side's success in winning their second Warwick Cricket Association Reserve Grade premiership, and the success of players recognised with awards.

Kris McLennan collected the award for most wickets, his younger brother Mitchell McLennan scoring most runs, while Nick Morris received the most improved player award. Most Enthusiastic Player was Peter Morton, Best catch went to Josh Henry, and Lauchlan Hoey edged out Steve Hughes for the Best All Rounder trophy.

With the 2012-13 Warwick Cricket Association season now officially at a close, the Allora Cricket Club sincerely thank sponsors Allora News, Allora's Railway Hotel, Allora Foodworks and the Allora Sports Club, and a special thanks to groundsman Rod Simpson and also Noel Wallace for their efforts throughout the season, as well as very special vote of thanks to the many loyal patrons and staff who support the Cricket Club raffles at the Railway Hotel in Allora every Saturday afternoon.

Glyn Rees

LEFT: Trophy winners at Friday evenings Allora Cricket Club end of season break-up and presentations Kris McLennan, Aaron Vietheer, Lauchlan Hoey & Josh Henry.

BELOW: Allora Cricket Club joint Captains Kris McLennan & Aaron Vietheer with the club's Warwick Cricket Association Reserve Grade premiership trophy.



## THINGS THAT HAPPENED ON THIS DAY - 11th APRIL

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| 1471 - King Edward IV of England conquers London from Henry VI.               | and crashes in a failed assassination attempt on Zhou Enlai by the Kuomintang. | 1986 - A Canadian 1921 50 cent piece auctioned in NYC for \$22,000.                                      |
| 1689 - William III & Mary II crowned as joint rulers of Britain.              | 1957 - Ryan X-13 Vertijet becomes 1st jet to take-off & land vertically.       | 1986 - Dodge Morgan sailed solo nonstop around world in 150 days.  |
| 1775 - The last execution for witchcraft in Germany takes place.              | 1965 - 40 tornadoes strike US midwest killing 272 & injuring 5,000.            | 1986 - Halley's Comet makes closest approach to Earth this trip, 63 M km.                                |
| 1890 - Ellis Island designated as an immigration station.                     | 1970 - Apollo 13 launched to Moon; unable to land, returns in 6 days.          | 1992 - Euro-Disney opens near Paris.   |
| 1906 - Einstein introduces his Theory of Relativity.                          | 1970 - Beatles' "Let It Be," single goes #1 and stays #1 for 2 weeks.          | 2002 - The Ghriba synagogue bombing by Al Qaeda kills 21 in Tunisia.                                     |
| 1933 - Hermann Goering becomes premier of Prussia.                            | 1976 - The Apple I is created.   | 2006 - Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad announces that Iran has successfully enriched uranium.      |
| 1941 - Germany blitzes Coventry, England.                                     | 1979 - Ugandan dictator Idi Amin overthrown; Tanzania takes Kampala.           | 2007 - Two bombings in the Algerian capital of Algiers, kills 33 people and wounds a further 222 others. |
| 1943 - Frank Piasecki, Vertol founder, flies his 1st (single-rotor) craft.    | 1980 - Paul McCartney releases "Coming Up"                                     | 2011 - Minsk Metro bombing.  |
| 1947 - Jackie Robinson becomes 1st black man in modern major-league baseball. | 1984 - Challenger astronauts complete 1st in space satellite repair.           | 2012 - 8.6 magnitude earth quack and 8.2 aftershock occurs off the coast of Indonesia.                   |
| 1950 - Prince Rainier III becomes ruler of Monaco.                            | 1984 - Chinese troops invade Vietnam.  |  |



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## Warriors Snare Eagles at Gold Park

Halfback Matt Duggan steered the 'National Farmer's Warehouse' Wattles Warriors to second season win on Saturday evening at Toowoomba's Gold Park, overwhelming the Highfields Eagles in a fiery encounter 36 - 20. Duggan was Wattles outstanding player, directing the attack around the rucks, his outstanding solo try in the 32rd minute a feature of the match. Prop forward Mitch Hannant and second-rower Dan Manley also impressed in a win that highlighted the Warriors still had some polish to put on their act. Tries by Hannant and five-eighth Ryan Duggan had Wattles leading 12 - 0 after twelve minutes, with Matt Duggan advancing the scoreboard to 18 - 4. Former Wattles back Jeff Nielsen crossed for two first half tries to keep Highfields in the game, but a brilliant intercept in the shadow of half time saw winger Tim Henschel out sprint chasers over 90 metres to score and allow Wattles a 24 - 10 lead. The Warriors appeared to go off the boil in the early stages of the second stanza, with the game erupting on two occasions. In the 50th minute Highfields star halfback Josh Duncan was placed on report, and tempers frayed in another all in altercation in the 59th minute resulting in two Highfields players along with Wattles' Mitch Hannant being placed on report by Referee Rod Spain. However Hannant is free to play this Saturday after the TRL judiciary found he had no case to answer. The Eagles touched down through halfback Duncan twenty minutes from full time, but Wattles responded when a clever chip to the ingoal by Brenden Wilson saw team mate Tim Henschel dive on the ball for his second try of the match, Wattles leading 30 - 14. Wilson claimed a four-pointer himself soon after, before Eagles fullback Steven Lee added a try to his side's total seconds before fulltime.

The result was just what the Doctor ordered according to Coach Luke Duggan, "but we still have a deal of work to do". A serious shoulder injury to fullback Joel Koina will see him sidelined for up to six weeks. Wattles 36 Tim Hentschel 2, Brenden Wilson, Matt Duggan, Ryan Duggan, Mitch Hannant tries; Matt Duggan 6 goals) defeated Highfields 20 (Jeffrey Nielsen 2, Steven Lee, Josh Duncan tries; Brandon Cubby, Josh Duncan goals). **Reserve Grade** - The 'Railway Hotel, Allora' Wattles reserve grade side fought back gallantly from a 28 - 10 deficient at half time to muscle up in a very exciting finish and drew with Highfields 34 all. Classy front-rower Justin Wade was Wattles best, with Josh McIntosh & Jason Wilson also shining in the result, and new comer Nick Schnitzerling pocketing two tries in an impressive debut performance. The Eagles raced to a 10 - 0 lead after just ten minutes, before Wattles' hooker Josh McIntosh gave another example of his obvious class, taking a tap kick fifteen metres out before bursting through defenders and popping a round the corner pass to an eager Aaron Vietheer who nailed the Warriors opening try. Among a rising penalty count both ways, five-eighth Regan Howells added another Eagles try to the total, his side leading 16 - 4. Powerful back-rower Michael Nauschutz was always a difficult package for the Eagles to contain, and added a try to his season total running off experienced five-eighth Burwood Robinson to keep Wattles in touch on the scoreboard. The Eagles spread their wings in the minutes prior to the break, crossing twice to score and take a healthy 28 - 10 advantage into the half time dressing room. While Highfields were finding corridors through Wattles defence at will, Warriors debutante Nick Schnitzerling showed his ability reaching out to score and keep his side in the game trailing 16 - 28 soon after

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**• PUBLIC NOTICES •**

**ALLORA LANDCARE GROUP WILL MEET on  
Thursday 18th April in the Blue Cow Hotel, Allora,  
at 7.30pm. All welcome. Enquiries to the Secretary,  
Pete Thomas at pandathomas1@bigpond.com.**

**• ANNOUNCEMENTS •**

**Bereavement Notice -**

VERA MARY HENRY (nee McPaul), late of the Oaks, Warwick,  
formerly of Allora. Passed away peacefully on 7th April, aged 87.  
Beloved wife of the late Stuart Henry, survived by her 6 children, 17  
grandchildren and 21 great-grand children.  
Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Vera's funeral,  
to be held at St Patrick's church, Allora commencing at 1 pm on  
Monday, 15th April.

**Funeral Notice**

HENRY, Vera Mary nee McPaul – Late of Allora. Passed away on  
7th April 2013, aged 87 years.

Beloved and devoted Wife of Stuart (dec'd). Dearly loved Mother  
and Mother-in-law of Malcolm & Maria, Carol & Ken Casey,  
Barry & Janylle, Christine, Denis, Shaun & Elizabeth. Much loved  
Grandmother and Great-grandmother to her extended family.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Vera's  
Funeral, to be held at St Patrick's Catholic Church, Allora.

Requiem Mass commencing at 1.00pm on Monday 15th April  
2013, followed by interment at Allora Cemetery.

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Unseen, unheard, but always near,  
Still loved, still missed, and very dear.*

Sadly missed by Perry, Lynette, Cassie, Ross and Molly.

**Thanks...**

*We wish to thank most sincerely all those kind people who sent us  
cards, phone calls, flowers or messages of congratulations on the  
recent occasion of our 50th Wedding Anniversary. It was greatly  
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Wattles tireless forward Jason Nightingale measures up the Highfield's  
defence in Saturday's 34 all drawn reserve grade match at Toowoomba's  
Gold Park. Photo by JD Sporting Photography.

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the restart. Midway through the half Eagles finely built fullback  
Abbey Duncan gathered a ball in the Highfields ingoal that was  
bouncing through Wattles hands, raced into the clear and  
sprinted 100 metres up the grand stand touchline in an eye  
catching individual try.

Talented prop forward Wade ran an angle back to the posts off  
Schnitzerling with twenty minutes remaining diving full length  
and stretching to his limits to reach the white line and claim a  
try and keep the Warriors in the game. Trailing 22 – 34,  
Schnitzerling grounded the ball for his second try with eleven  
minutes remaining on the clock, the start of a thrilling Wattles  
fightback. Brod Koina, going head to head against his former  
club, touched down for Wattles to trail 32 – 34 with three  
minutes remaining. Koina placed the ball 25 metres out and 20  
metres wide of the uprights to attempt the conversion of his  
own try, subsequently guiding the ball over the black dot to  
level the scores 34 all and set up a nail biting finish. Wattles  
defended well, knocked down a field goal attempt and Highfields  
destroyed a couple of scoring opportunities, but when the full  
time hooter sounded, the scored was still locked together, and  
Wattles in clear second place on the premiership ladder.

Wattles 34 (Nick Schnitzerling 2, Brod Koina, Michael  
Nauschutz, Alex Griffiths, Justin Wade tries; Brod Koina 5  
goals) drew with Highfields 34.

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**Under 18** - Highfields proved to strong in the Under 18 match, defeating Wattles 32 – 8. The Eagles were first across the try line through Under 16 player Mark Buddee in the opening stages, and repeated the dose with Cody McIntosh touching down for a 10 – 0 lead after twenty minutes. Wattles registered first points five minutes before half time when five-eighth Dale McAntee kicked across field for flying winger Josh Wilkins to pounce and score. Alas, Highfields hit back almost immediately with another try to lead 16 – 4, and ran in another four-pointer after Buddee scored his second try on the end of a thirty metre gallop after the Warriors had spilled possession. Leading 20 – 4 as the second half commenced, the Eagles were reduced to twelve men for a ten minute spell when second-rower Sam Collins was dispatched to the sin bin in the 42nd minute.

The Warriors came to life with quick hands shifting the ball along the back line before fullback James Conway scored in the corner, Wattles then trailing 8 – 20. Highfields crossed for two further tries in the final twenty minutes to snare the valuable premiership points.

Jacob James, Jayden Baker & Dale McAntee among the Warriors best, Matt Burke & Baker sharing Players Player honours, while front-rower Mitchell Duff rated a special mention for his first rate defense.

Highfields 32 defeated Wattles 8 (Josh Wilkins, James Conway tries).

Wattles take on the Dalby 'Diehards' in all grades this Saturday at Platz Oval, in their initial home game of the 2013 season. It is a rugby league Super Saturday, footy galore from 11.00 am, Wattles Junior Rugby League Club up against Millwood (Millmerran/Inglewood) in the first round of the 2013 Warwick & District Junior Rugby League competition prior to senior fixtures commencing.

Kick-off times for the senior matches are: 4.15 pm (Under 18), 5.40 pm (Reserve Grade) and 7.00 pm (A Grade).

Glyn Rees



### **Allora Golf Notes**

Last Sunday we played for the Railway Hotel Monthly Mug. Winner of the day was John Sparksman.

Runner Up was Max on a count back

from two others. Pin Shots went to Ken on the 5th, Wal on the 14th, Max on the 7th as well as an Eagle Nest, great shot Max, Kev on the 16th & 8th, John on the 17th.

Next week will be the start of the Match Play rounds. Tee off will be 12 noon. The more we can get for this the better. Also a Golf Club meeting will be held prior to golf starting at 11.00am. Remember – to play is to live.



**Enjoy a game soon!  
Play competition  
Sundays or play a social  
game anytime with  
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## **Wattles Senior & Junior Clubs**

# **SUPER SATURDAY**

## **Gala Day of Green & Gold**



## **Rugby League Action**



Platz Oval, Clifton

**This Saturday, April 13**

**Wattles Junior Warriors take on Millwood (Millmerran/Inglewood) Juniors** from 11.00 am in the opening round of the 2013 Warwick & District Junior Rugby League Season

*followed by*

### **Toowoomba Rugby League Round 5 Action**

## **Wattles Warriors v Dalby Diehards**

**Under 18 - 4.15 pm**

**Reserve Grade - 5.40 pm**

**A Grade - 7.00 pm**

All Wattles Junior players and their families have free admission to the senior program. Footy action, footy food, footy friends and a licensed bar from 4.15 pm

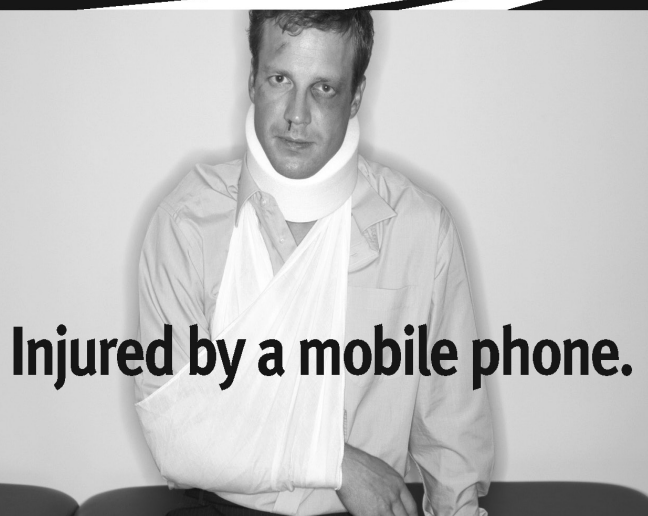
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