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THURSDAY, 23rd JANUARY 2014



Allora Men's Shed committee members Justin Petersen, Trevor Shields, Dick Evans, Ros Cave & Andrew Cave recently inspected The Men's Shed new home base, the former Allora Fire Station in Herbert Street.

Men's Shed Meet in New Home Base

Allora's Men's Shed group will gather on Saturday for their first official meeting at their recently acquired home base, the former Allora Fire Station in Allora's main street, at 80 Herbert Street.

Group Secretary Ros Cave said "there is plenty of excitement within the membership given we finally have our own place", due to the recent signing of a lease with the Southern Downs Regional Council over the old fire station property.

Group President Danny Daniels is upbeat about what lies ahead for Allora's Men's Shed membership, "we needed a building to call our own and begin hosting activities and providing a meeting place for those involved, now we have taken that step".

Securing the historic old fire station has been a hot topic at recent group meetings, and the planning of the building's future

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layout to cater for members activities. The group have benefited from the generosity of the community with donations of tools & furnishings to outfit the building.

Thanks to considerate donors the group have a band saw, router, drop saw, a grinder and a collection of hand tools along with tables & chairs. Community members are requested to consider donating tools, furniture and other items considered useful for the Shed.

"Everyone involved is looking forward to the future" according to Secretary Ros Cave, "there is a definite opening for an organisation like the Men's Shed in Allora, our growing membership reflects a high level of interest".

Men's Shed Vice President Dick Evans, who is keen on vehicle restoration, welcomed the suggestions from fellow members, "the guys are keen to concrete an area at the rear of the building and build a skillion over it, the building is in dire need of a repaint, some landscaping & a vegetable garden will spruce up the back yard, and we have suggestions of a fire

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place and outdoor oven". Fellow member Trevor Shields, who has a talent for making bush furniture, is keen to have residents of the Homestead Aged Persons Hostel involved, and feels members of the Allora Men's Shed have skills that can be imparted at the local schools.

This Saturday's meeting commences at 9.00 am and will feature guest speaker Bill Challen from the Glen Innes Men's Shed, and new members are encouraged to attend.

The new Allora Men's Shed abode is an historical site, the town fire station from 1965 until 2001, and after that a seed grading laboratory and later an art studio. Prior to its years as a fire station, the building has housed a number of businesses including a couple of tailors, a second hand trader & a dry cleaning business.

For further information regarding the Allora Men's Shed, contact Ros Cave on 0428 334 500.


Glyn Rees

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Keith's Maxwell Magic

A dream has come true over the past six months for Allora historical vehicle restorer Keith Wilson, finally he is the proud owner of a rare 1910 Maxwell AA Runabout. The Maxwell will join Keith's stable of veteran & vintage



Allora based machinery restorer Keith Wilson making some minor adjustments to his 1910 Maxwell AA Runabout that he will display at this weekend's upcoming Allora Heritage Weekend.



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vehicles, the result of a life time interest in restoration that was first fuelled as a youngster in his father panel beating works at the top end of Allora's Herbert Street.

"We resurrected a 1935 Ford until the local goat ate all the vehicles wiring" laughs Keith. Things are moving steadily in Keith's workshop, a real workshop's workshop that would have most handymen in awe, in the lead up to the Allora Heritage Weekend. Keith is preparing to head to the Allora Showgrounds with a 1929 Whippet 6, a 1953 Cadillac, a 1929 Austin 7 along with two motor cycles, a 1924 Australian made Waratah and a 1953 BSA Bantam Major, and the Maxwell of course. With such a running collection and others ready for their turn for revival, it's a good thing the goat population of inner city Allora has declined to non existing levels.

A recent visit to Keith's workshop found the former building contractor busying himself in his hobby of making timber spoke wheels for veteran & vintage vehicles.

It didn't take much though to turn the subject to the gleaming red Maxwell, still to be totally completed, but on the verge of being road registered.

"I purchased the car in July after seeing it advertised in a magazine produced by the Horseless Carriage Club of America, it came from Poway, California" explained Keith, "alas the owner passed away just after the transaction which slowed down delivery, but it eventually arrived in Brisbane in a container about three months back".

"It needed lamps which I accessed on the internet, originals to fit the vehicle".

Keith still has to fit the bonnet and some other minor fittings, as well as a little basic mechanical maintenance, "but it'll be well and truly in tip top condition for the Heritage Weekend".

With the Maxwell shining in the sun between an older model Valiant sedan

Glenmar Fuel Donation Appreciated

The Allora and District Historical Society are conducting a raffle to raise money to maintain their museum buildings and machinery collection and to purchase storage boxes for their valuable collection of garments including wedding dresses, baby clothes, bloomers and camisoles. Tickets will be sold this weekend at the Heritage Rally. First prize is a \$200 fuel voucher donated by Glen and Margaret Henschell of Glenmar Fuels and second prize is a \$100 voucher from Supercheap Auto.

Members of the Histoical Society will again have a display of items from the Museum. The theme of this year's display is medical with equipment from the old Allora Hospital, a dentist and items donated to the museum by the Briggs family relating to George Briggs, an Allora Chemist.

Ken Gillam purchasing tickets in raffle from Secretary Carolyn Anderson



and a yet to be restored Triumph Super 7, Keith decided to fire up the Maxwell's two cylinder, horizontally opposed 12 hp motor, "my ride-onthe mower has more horsepower" he grins. Some minor tuning needed, but the Maxwell ran like a dream. The Maxwell automobile company produced automobiles from 1904 through 1925. The operation began in Tarrytown, New York under the name of Maxwell-Briscoe Company. The name was chosen after its founders, Jonathan Dixon Maxwell and the Briscoe Brothers Metalworks. The twin-cylinder Maxwell runabouts were popular due to their competitive price tag and durable engines. The 1910 saw the last of the right hand drive Maxwells, which changed to left hand drive the very next year.

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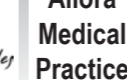
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400 Ducks Aquacking

While we are all well aware the 400 duck 'Dalrymple Duck Race' is underway again in just over a fortnight, please be advised the **Duck Races will now occur at the Allora Swimming Pool on Monday January 27th.**

Ted Cowley & Allora Showgirl entrant Katie Dennis have been busy selling tickets across January for the 400 cute yellow ducks that will take to the Allora Swimming Pool. Keep an eye out for Ted & Katie outside the Allora Pharmacy tomorrow, or collect your tickets before the big races on Australia Day. Two races will be held, commencing at 3.00 pm.

With the purchase of a \$2.00 ticket community members can lay claim to a duck in the feature sprint event, and should that duck cross the finish line first the winner collects an easy \$150, second place pockets \$100 and a crisp \$50 note goes to third place.

For further details contact Ted Cowley on 0418 731 514.

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Looking Back...

Allora's Past 25 years ago January 1989

Australia Day Celebrations

After the previous years record breaking celebrations, the Allora Australia Day committee decided on a different location and format for the 1989 ceremony. This took the form of a street carnival, followed by an open air concert and a bush dance in the Community Hall at night.

The celebrations commenced at 4.30 p.m. with the presentation of the citizenship and sporting awards. Mr. Joe Donegan received the Citizenship Award for his community work especially that for St. Patrick's Church and the St. Vincent de Paul organization. Eric and Val Ireland were presented with a Special Award for their work in beautifying Dalrymple Creek Reserve over the previous ten years. David Allen received the Sporting Award for his achievements which included a silver medal in the State Athletics Championships.

The presentations were followed by some light hearted fun with the staging of an iron man competition. This involved an obstacle course, swimming a length of the pool in a dress, rolling a tyre back to Herbert Street, and eating a cream bun. Senior winner was Brendan Doherty with David Allen the junior winner.

Allora's Past 50 years ago January 1964

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Allora's Past 75 years ago January 1939

Golden Wedding

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Ryan celebrated their Golden Wedding anniversary on January 7. The old church of St. Mary, in Warwick, was the scene of the wedding which took place on January 7, 1889, the ceremony being conducted by the late Rev. Father J. J. Horan.

Mr. and Mrs. Ryan have four children and 14 grandchildren. A luncheon was arranged on the verandah of their home, Springfield, and the Rev. Father Concannon presided.

Allora's Past 100 years ago January 1914

Mr. Deacon Honoured

A public function was accorded Mr. William Deacon in the Town Hall in recognition of his service to the Allora community over a period of more than forty years. When the Allora Municipal Council was incorporated in 1869 Mr. Deacon was appointed to the position of auditor. After a period of four years in that position he was elected as an alderman, and except for one year's voluntary retirement, served the people of Allora in that capacity for a total of thirty-nine years. During that time he was Mayor on no less than eight occasions. With the abolition of the ward system and the resultant dissolution of the old council in January 1913 he did not offer himself for re-election.



Allora Shire Chairman Jim Deacon (right) presenting the 1989 Citizenship Award to Joe Donegan.

Brutal Murder

Sensation was felt in Allora on hearing the news of the brutal murder of one of its young citizens. The former Miss Bridget Mary O'Callaghan, 21 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick O'Callaghan, respected residents of the Hendon District, was found brutally murdered in a timber yard in Brisbane. The cause of death was three blows to the head with a large piece of timber. The young lady had been married for two months to a 30 year old Englishman and member of a travelling buckjumping show. The husband has been charged with her murder.

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History of Timber in Allora

This year the Allora Historical Society's Demonstration and Display Day will be held on the 12th April. The members decided to feature timber in their demonstrations and displays. Timber has played such an important part in white settlement of Australia and the natural timber resources were used by the aboriginal people. Their weapons were made out of timber. They used wooden fire-sticks to start their fires and their musical instruments were hollow branches and sticks. Aboriginies were known to wrap their dead in bark, which was placed on a platform of sticks built in a tree. Some groups dropped the body of their dead into the hollow of a dead tree. Their crude gunyahs were made of bark. It is known that that in the early days of settlement of Allora, two aboriginal women lived in an old bark gunyah on what is the now the golf links. From the aboriginal use of bark came the early settler's use of the material to roof their rough shanties.

In the book "Allora's Past", the author tells a story about 'Johnny' who made his living stripping bark which he sold to the early settlers for roofing for their slab huts. After being arrested and bought before the bench for being under the influence of liquor, Johnny was asked his occupation. "Me bark carpenter" was the reply.

The town of Allora was originally part of the vast sheep grazing station of "Goomburra". The first 'house' built on what was to become the township was an out-station on the station. The hut was built in 1844 and was on the present site of the corner of Raff and Drayton Streets. As time went by there were several shepherd's huts dotted throughout the countryside.

The site of Allora was on the route used by the bullock wagons to haul goods and chattels from Brisbane over the range to Drayton and onto Warwick. Allora's first public house was built near the crossing of the Dalrymple Creek in 1857. This building became the centre of commercial, public and social life in the district. The building had a timbered floor and was used for church services and dancing. This floor would have been slabs of timber laid onto logs not stumps as was later used.

Carpenters and blacksmith's or wheelwrights followed the squatters and settlers. William Jubb a blacksmith carried out his trade in a bark shelter on the site of the present Jubb and Forde Streets.

In the early days the timber was cut with axes and later pit saws were used. By the time the one square mile of township had

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been surveyed in 1859 there was a mix of small cottages and bark huts and J Harris owned a shingle cottage.

The early residents of Allora established churches. Most of the churches were built from subscriptions of the parishioners. The beautiful timber churches that stand today were built by local builders using timber milled from the area.

Allora's first saw mill was erected in 1881. The Hall brothers who had already established a sawmill in Emu Vale equipped their mill with a steam engine and saw benches. This is when the first cedar was hauled by bullock wagon from the ranges at the head of the Dalrymple Creek.

Timber was used to fire the steam engine for the mill as well as for the engines that drove the first Flour Mill that the store keeper, Francis Kates established in Drayton Street in 1871. As the railway line progressed through the Darling Downs the construction gangs working at Hendon would have hewed timber from nearby for the sleepers.

After the large selection owners were persuaded to 'exchange' some of their land, farms were surveyed and opened for selection. Some of the conditions placed on the new selectors were that they had to build a house and live on their selection and over a certain time fence the property. Of course all the buildings were made of timber as were the fences.

Over the coming weeks leading up to the Demonstration and Display Day the Allora Historical Society will publish a series of articles about the history of timber in this District. The articles will include the stories of the bullock drivers, the mill owners, the builders, and the buildings both commercial and residential. We have to acknowledge the work of Roy Neale who left many notes of research on the history of Allora and district and the time that Colin Newport contributed in sorting and cataloging Roy's notes. This information is of great value when compiling stories about the history of Allora and district.

Thank you to Derek Weir who answered our request for the history of their homes. Derek is now living in a house that was shifted onto the property a number of years ago but the original house on the property has an interesting story. A hut was shifted from the gold fields at Pratten in 1914 to the small farm that was subdivided from the Talgai West Station. The two room structure was shifted by horse and wagon. The owners, Les Ranger, Colin Parmenter and Walter Shooter added a second bedroom, kitchen with stove recess and an open verandah. Later in late 1949-50, Derek's parents enclosed the verandah to add more rooms. This old house still stands today. Note: The Pratten gold fields were first discovered in 1863 and in the 1870's was booming.

Please contact Lyn Wright Ph. 4666 3098 or e-mail - lyn@tcb99.com with the history of your home or your families connection with the timber industry.

European Exchange for Allora's Adina

Seventeen year old Adina Gunnis has been living a dream lately on a school exchange in Switzerland. A former Dux of the Allora State School, who will soon commence Year 12 at the Warwick State High School, has also been taking in the amazing sites of Europe.

The exchange came about somewhat by surprise, a regular Education Queensland newsletter that included details of the annual Queensland-Switzerland-Germany exchange program. "The only catch" says Adina, "was that I had to be studying either German, French or Italian, and fortunately I had been studying Italian through Distance Education for two years".

The program saw Adina paired with a Swiss student, her partner Emilia Gianola, who visited and stayed in Allora in July/August last year, "and then two months later I got to go and stay with Emilia's family".

Adina's amazing seven week adventure began on December 1st with her flight touching down in Milan, Italy, and will see her back home in Queensland this week.

A particularly different experience for the young lady from Allora was a white Christmas.

"It was so totally different to what I am used to, I did not wake up to snow on Christmas morning, however on Christmas afternoon we drove two hours to the mountains to my host family's apartment in

Churwalden and at 11.00pm that night it started snowing, ...I got my white Christmas".

The young Ambassador from Allora has seen a good deal of Europe in the vicinity of her exchange family's home in Bedano, Switzerland. "The first weekend I was here we went to Milan for the day, then a couple of weeks later we spent the weekend in Venice followed by four days in Paris after Christmas" explained an excited Adina, "We spent the rest of the Christmas holidays in the Swiss Alps where I first saw snow, skiing and made snowmen, I spent most of the time on the ground when we went skiing".

"There are seven other people from Queensland and one from Adelaide on the annual Queensland-Switzerland-Germany exchange program in the same area of Switzerland as me" says Adina, "We have all gotten really close, all attending one of the nearby schools for Italian lessons".

Adina is more than pleased with the fact they eat lots and lots of pasta and pizza in her area in Switzerland, "I looooooove pizza and pasta" says the former Warwick Daily News journalism work experience student, "we also have lots of bread and cheese and Italian food, and the chocolate is also absolutely amazing here". While Adina now appreciates why Switzerland is famous for their chocolate, she does miss her Aussie fresh fruit.

Adina's adventure is coming to an end this week arriving back home in Allora and preparing for the coming school year. Her



Adina Gunnis with her Swiss exchange student partner Emilia Gianola admiring the 'Bridge of Sighs' in Venice.

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Skiing in the Swiss Alps at Churwalden was a highlight of Adina Gunnis' current seven week student exchange program.

BAD JOKE OF THE WEEK

A 10 Point Guide To Aussie Life

1. The bigger the hat, the smaller the farm.
2. The shorter the nickname, the more they like you.
3. There is no food that cannot be improved by the application of tomato sauce.
4. Industrial design knows of no article more useful than the plastic milk crate.
5. The alpha male in any group is he who takes the barbecue tongs from the hands of the host and blithely begins turning the snags.
6. It's not summer until the steering wheel is too hot to hold.
7. A thong is not a piece of scanty swimwear, as in America, but a fine example of Australian footwear. A group of sheilas wearing black rubber thongs may not be as exciting as you had hoped.
8. The wise man chooses a partner who is attractive not only to himself, but to the mosquitoes.
9. If it can't be fixed with pantyhose and fencing wire, it's not worth fixing.
10. The most popular and widely praised family in any street is the one that has the swimming pool.

experience abroad has sparked her ambitions, "for quite a while I was interested in Journalism, and did work experience at the Warwick Daily New and the Toowoomba Chronicle" ponders the young traveller, "I still have that interest but I am becoming more and more interested in community services". A bright smile though indicates Adina has been bitten by the travel bug, "I definitely want to travel more, whether it's for work or just travel."

Glyn Rees

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2. Which chemical element in the periodic table has the symbol, Ag?
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Sat 25 & Allora Heritage Weekend

Sun 26 Allora Showrounds

February -

Fri - Sat 136th Annual Allora Show

7 & 8 Allora Showrounds

March -

Sat 1 Allora R.S.L. Easter Markets

Allora R.S.L. Hall

April -

Sat 12 Allora & District Historical Society Display & Demo Day - Historical Society Building, Cnr.

Forde & Warwick Sts.

May -

Sat 3 Allora Scope Club Inc. Annual Afternoon Tea

Fri 9 Allora QCWA International Day - Vietnam

St. Andrews Hall, Allora

June -

Sat 7 Allora R.S.L. Winter Markets

Allora R.S.L. Hall

Sat 21 Anglican June Afternoon

St. Davids Hall, Allora

September -

Sat 6 Allora R.S.L. Spring Markets

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December -

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QLD LEGEND IN SPORT HALL OF FAME

Capping off a host of accolades earned over an illustrious sporting career, John "Jack" Gleeson has been inducted into the Queensland Sport Hall of Fame. With Legends like Wally Lewis and Arthur Beetson in the hall, Chinchilla's own Rugby League star said he was humbled to be granted one last honour.

"I think this will be my last roll of the dice. It was a great honour, and I was very surprised to be chosen for it," he said.

The former five-eighth represented Australia between 1963 and 1968, and was part of the first side to win the Rugby League Ashes from the Poms in 1963.

Gleeson toured on three Kangaroo Tours plus tests in Australia. On several occasions he was the only Queenslander in the Australian team.

He played for Queensland from 1961 to 1967 and captained Queensland for a number of years. This was an era where the boys in Sydney looked at Queensland as a recruitment pool and little else in the great game of Rugby League.

The Men of League have judged the 63 Kangaroos side the greatest ever team to tour; with names that included Langlands, Gasnier, Raper, Johns, Irvine & Kelly. Earlier in 2013, Gleeson was also awarded the Men of League Honoree along with Keith Barnes (Australian fullback) and Ray Warren (veteran rugby league broadcaster).

In the 1960's, Gleeson was one of the highest paid players in the code at the time, earning \$4000 per year – with accommodation thrown in while on tour.

He said the game had changed immensely since he hung up his boots. "We played because we wanted to play; everyone on the kangaroo tours had a full time job," he said.

"We were the first team to fly to England – all the others had to go by boat."

With Queensland on top in the State of origin though, Gleeson said he had great hopes for the future of rugby league in Australia. "I'm sure there will be some great players coming through into the hall very soon", he said.

The award ceremony was held on December 2 in Brisbane, with Tanya Harding (softball), Daphne Pirie (women's sport) and Ron Richards (boxing) inducted on the same night for their contributions to Queensland sport.

Cricketer Greg Chappell was the only one on the night to be given the highest honour of being inducted into the list of sporting legends.

Allora's current sports stars were also honoured at the gala function with Laura Geitz (netball) nominated for Queensland Sport Star of the year; and Matthew Denny (athletics) nominated for Queensland Junior Sport Star of the Year, in front of a crowd of 750 people.

“ John "Jack" Gleeson – We played because we wanted to play; everyone on the Kangaroo tours had a full time job ”



Queensland Legend: Jack Gleeson has been inducted into the Queensland Sport Hall of Fame. Photo contributed.

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Rebirth of the Allora Cup

After a lull of around 45 years, the sound of a bugle ringing out "Call to Post" once again for an Allora Cup horse racing meet is only a fortnight away.

The "Railway Hotel Allora Cup Blues, Brews & BBQ's Race Day" race meet will be hosted at Warwick's Allman Park by the Warwick Turf Club on Saturday, February 1st.

Organisers are hoping to see all of Allora on course for the rebirth of the race meet named in honour of the "Best Little Town on the Downs".

Surprisingly, many around the region are not familiar with the former Allora Race track to the south east of the town neighbouring the New England Highway. Many a great day of racing was held on the track amid the 62 hectares that is now leased for agriculture. The track is now maintained by the Southern Downs Regional Council as a race horse training facility.

The Allora Jockey Club was formed at a meeting held in Allora's Princess of Wales Hotel on October 6th, 1888. Horse racing was held continuously at Allora after that date including "Patriotic Meetings" during WWI. Racing may have been suspended in Allora during the Second World War, the first reference to a race meeting after the war was a New Year's Meeting held on the 2nd January 1949.

The first "Allora Cup" appears to have occurred at a meeting held on October 8th, 1949 when the cup was run for overall prize money of £45 and a cup valued at £10/10. The race club secretary in 1949 and for the next eleven years at least, was the Allora railway station master, Jack Hilton. The winner of the inaugural Allora Cup was 'Nobleman' owned by Tom Cowley, trained by Dick Byrne and ridden by Joe Murphy. The 1950 Allora Cup was won by R. C. Crowther's "Bon Ami".

In 1953, the Cup winner was the mare "Plane" owned and trained by Frank Armstrong, and at the presentation of the 1955 Allora Cup, won by Frank Armstrong's "Lurcher Queen", Allora Jockey Club secretary, Jack Hilton, said that Mr. Armstrong apparently had a mortgage on the cup because it was the fourth time that he had won it.

The presentation was made by Mrs. Vera Henry, wife of club president, Mr. Stuart Henry, former Allora Shire Chairman.

Local racing historian Shirley Murray recently reminisced that the cup meeting was a huge event in Allora with a half-day holiday granted. Top race caller, Vince Curry, would call the races from the back of a utility backed up to the course fence.

>From 1956 the Allora Cup was run on Melbourne Cup Day, and the 1956 winner was "Bubbatonga" owned by Bob Armstrong. The final Allora Cup meeting appears to have been

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The 1949 Allora Cup won by Tom Cowley's 'Nobleman'.

run on the 3rd November 1959.

The 2014 'Railway Hotel Allora Cup' meet celebrations will begin on Friday evening, January 31st with a Calcutta at the Railway Hotel from 7.00 pm featuring horses in the four race program on race day Saturday.

A Cup Day breakfast will commence at 10.00 am at the Railway Hotel, prior to buses leaving for Allman Park at 11.30 am. The last race of the day starts at 3.30pm, after which leading Brisbane blues band 'Moomoopapa' will perform until 6.30pm, when the buses head back north to Allora.

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Tarla Brennan – the Face of Wattles 2014

Wattles 'Warriors' proud President Aaron Scheid announced recently that his club would have the honour of having 22 year old Tarla Brennan as their Toowoomba Rugby League Ambassador across the 2014 season, "Tarla has been a dedicated supporter of our club over the past year, we are so very fortunate to have her involved".

For Tarla, a Director's Personal Assistant with Toowoomba real estate firm Colliers International, this will be her first experience in the role of Ambassador of a rugby league club, but she is looking to harvest a few tips in carrying out the roll from close friend Jess Wagner, a former Toowoomba 'Carnival of Flowers' Ambassador, and last year's Wattles Ambassador Carla Frizzell.

The former Downslands College student who entered the real estate industry straight from school in 2009, is proud as punch to be the face of the 'Warriors' for the coming year, "Wattles are a wonderful club, so friendly & family orientated, I am looking forward to working with them in such an official role".

Wattles Vice President Don Scheid sparked interest when he suggested Toowoomba born & bred Tarla might like to consider the Ambassador role in conversation at Wattles 2013 Club Banquet.

Another attraction for the young lady whose wardrobe will now feature more than a splash of 'green & gold', is her partner Matt Duggan's involvement with Wattles. The couple, former schooldays sweethearts who have shared the past eight years together, Tarla "so proud of Matt's achievements in his first year at Wattles".

Darling Downs league disciples will be well aware of the talents of Wattles halfback Matt Duggan, a former Toowoomba Southern Suburbs junior who won four TRL premierships across five seasons with the Valleys 'Roosters' before linking with the Allora/Clifton based Wattles outfit and winning both Wattles Club and the TRL 'Player of the Year' honours for 2013. Duggan, who has gained Toowoomba 'Clydesdales' selection for the coming season, has been the key to Wattles rise from last place in 2012, to a stirring finals effort in 2013, a performance that could easily have seen the team in their first A Grade Grand Final in over 15 years.



Wattles 2014 Ambassador Tarla Brennan with partner and Wattles RLF Club 2013 Player of the Year, Matt Duggan

Matt is accepting that his charming partner may well steal a little of his limelight over the next twelve months, but that's a small sacrifice he says.

Tarla is already well advanced planning fundraising ventures for 2014, looking forward to working with Wattles' committee to arrange events for club & community enjoyment as well as reeling in some dollars for the boys in 'green & gold'.

It can be a demanding challenge taking on an Ambassador roll, but the young lady who devotes so much of her time to her career is keen to make a difference.

While Tarla's busy life doesn't allow for sport or hobbies currently, her life highs come from her time spent with family & friends. It can be said that the former classical dancer's sport is rugby league, her stepfather former Newtown star Dan O'Neill, and the fact she is always sideline supporting partner Matt.

"The Wattles club atmosphere, the family feel & focus and the overall involvement shown by those associated with the club is to be admired "said Tarla, "they are values to build on in my role".

Away from footy Tarla has two ardent supporters in her Cavalier King Charles spaniels 'Charlie' & 'Henry', who may be seen a little more now ushering the Ambassador around Platz Oval.

Highlights of 2013 ? "Matty's TRL awards", goals for 2014 ? "A very successful year promoting and fundraising for Wattles, and buying a home" says Tarla, with smile to light the room.

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Family and friends are warmly invited to attend Kate's Graveside Service, to be held at Allora Cemetery, Allora Clifton Road, Allora. Service commencing at 10.30am, Thursday, 23rd January 2014.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Prince Charles Hospital Foundation; gift envelopes available at the service or www.findingcures.com.au

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ALLORA CRICKET CLUB INC. **Allora Cricket News**

Happy New Year to you all; especially our sponsors and supporters. On Sunday, 19 January the Allora Cricket team played Maryvale at Slade Park, Warwick. Maryvale batted well, with Mick Bourke their best batsman, making 59 runs (hitting at least eight fours) before being caught by Kris McLennan. Allora fielded well, taking seven catches all up. Bowling - Kris McLennan took 4 for 26 off 10 overs, Lauchlan Hoey 2 for 47 off 10 and Brodie Frizzell was very economical with 2 for 18 off 10. Allora batted second, getting bowled out for 150 runs, after 38 overs. Mitch McLennan was the best batsman, going in early and staying until the end, not out for 49 runs. Matt Kiernan was the only other batsman to get to double figures, making 41 runs. Maryvale were just too good, getting three of our batsmen out



**ALLORA SOCIAL
BOWLS NOTES**

Chaos reigned but our Games Director in his usual calm panic got the players and teams sorted out. After Greg announced the green numbers, he asked Glyn Rees to acknowledge the club's sympathy for the Frizzell family on the passing of Ginger. Glyn mentioned the contribution that Ginger had made to the community and his involvement with the Allora Bowls Club for many years. I know that Ginger won many trophies as he had them displayed in his room at the Homestead.

We welcomed Andrew and Ros Cave, Barry Donegan, Simon Holmes, Alanna O'Halloran, Lance and Steve who substituted for absent players. Also it was great to have the Goomburra gang who played as 'Tue Value' and the 'Happy Hippy' teams. Tuesday night was the first time that the rink had been full since god knows... speaking of god, please don't tell him how badly his team played. Lyn led them astray, Alanna's bowl had a wobbly boot and John, well he was no help! Congratulations to the opposing team, 'Whites Garage' (Kaleb, Matt and Mark) who all played great consistent bowls.

Happy chocolate block winners were Steve, Chris, Matt, Kaleb Greg D and Ashley. Some of the visitors won a raffle prize and we thank everyone who supports the club by buying tickets. Lance, Blain, Kym and Ros were winners. Andrew Peterson won a chance at the \$40 Jackpot and won!

Rink 3 winners, Lorraine's Café, won the 'Winners' prize and rink 6 runners-up, True Value won the 'Losers' prize.

'Tally Ho' took the Spotto spotlight prize. He arrived on the shoulder of Phil and was a star attraction. He sat on Greg's shoulder during the raffle draw. 'Tally Ho' is an albino Rink-neck, a bird originally from India.

Do you think this would happen during social bowls - UNFORSEEN INCIDENTS - If during the course of play the position of the jack or bowls at rest be disturbed by wind or storm, unless the directors are agreed as to the replacement of jack or bowls, the end shall be replayed. This might apply if 'The Old Boys' and 'Honda Hawks' were playing against each other. The rest of us would be watching from the bar!

At the end of a great night, Greg thanked all the sponsors - Railway Hotel, Foodworks, Wilson & Rigby, Lorraine's Café, Gary Evan's Drilling and Swimming Pool. He never forgets to thank all the people who put the mats out, take the fees and write up the records, help with the raffles and any other tasks to run the social bowls each week. A special thank you to Donna who looks after the bar and patrons every week.

Scribe

for ducks. Allora 150, Maryvale 197. The next club game is on Saturday 15 February, against Wheatvale, at Wheatvale, with representative games and the Australia Day Carnival on in between.

The annual Australia Day Cricket Carnival kicks off this long weekend with the Allora based "Dalrymple Dingers" team to play Scots PGC, Saturday 11:30am at Allora: Cameron Masters, Chris Thomas, Al Taylor, Brad Fiechtner, Stuart Masters, Adam May, Craig Cousar, Jason Nightingale, Steve Hughes, Chris Veivers, Issac Viether, 12th Man: Scott Sparksman.

"Dalrymple Dingers" team to play Max's XI, Saturday 2:30pm at Allora: Cameron Masters, Chris Thomas, Andrew Petersen, Scott Sparksman, Nick Morris, Adrian Lee, Craig Cousar, Adam May, Brad Fiechtner, Chris Veivers, Issac Viether, 12th Man: Jason Nightingale.

Players required to be at grounds half an hour before the game starts. Any enquires please contact Cameron Masters on 0427 829 864. Spectators are most welcome to attend.



Railway Hotel Rascals vs. Colts

Round eleven of the Condamine Cup witnessed the Railway Hotel Rascals take on the Colts, who won the toss and chose to bat on a warm afternoon. The game was played at Queens Park on Turf, a field that few of the

Rascals have played grade cricket on, which provided the young Rascals with an opportunity to learn the different bounce of a Turf pitch compared to a Synthetic pitch.

The Rascals started the game well, with three early wickets. James Moore was involved in all three, claiming two wickets from his bowling and taking another one handed diving screamer at point. Seriously, nothing gets past James, he can catch anything no matter how hard the chance, that is, unless he uses both his hands! Going into the break, the Colts were at 3/98, a score that the Rascals were very happy with considering the opposition. Unfortunately things did not go well from here. The Colts lost one more wicket, with the score at 195, and continued to add runs at a fervent pace, finally reaching a score of 270/4. Nick Vanderpoel claimed two good wickets, whilst Joe Morris bowled extremely well and was the only bowler to concede less than six runs an over, finishing with 0-33/8.

Consider for a moment, if you would, the situation faced by the young Rascals players when going out to bat: Chasing down a mammoth total, late in the afternoon, tired from three hours in the field and facing a team with some of the best bowlers in the competition. Any team could fall apart and give up mentally facing these conditions. At this point, I find it impossible not to mention how proud I am of all the young players and the way that the all stood up and took to the challenge, and did not for a second, back down or give up in any manner whatsoever!

Opener Andrew Boal scored an excellent 31 against some quality bowling, although three wickets were lost quickly with the score at 18. Paul Christensen volunteered to go up the order, and impressed all with his batting, scoring 11 runs from 45 balls, safely holding an end for 15 overs- exactly what the team required to achieve the goal of lasting 40 overs with wickets spare. What Paul doesn't know (and won't until he reads this) is that he actually lasted 52 balls (there was a slight error between the two scoring books) and won the box of soft drinks on offer for any junior player who could bat for 50 balls. Patty Geyle, in this third game for the Rascals, scored an impressive 32 runs and batted for the last 22 overs of the game and finished not out alongside Simon Moore, four-not out.

Railway Hotel Rascals player of the year points- 3: Patty Geyle, 2: Andrew Boal, =1: Nick Vanderpoel, =1: Paul Christensen.

The Rascals next game is against the Diggers at Allora, on Saturday the 15th of February. However, there may be a game in the week preceding this, making up for the wash out in round



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five, which was coincidentally also against the Diggers.

Australia Day Weekend- The Blue Cow XI

This weekend plays host to the massive Australia Day Cricket Carnival, with each team playing five Twewnty20 games over the three day weekend. The Blue Cow XI will enter the competition for the first time, with its players primarily derived from the local Rascals team, also including some of the young players' parents and siblings.

With one week to go before the first ball is delivered, there is much excitement in the Blue Cox XI camp- as many of the team have not played in this carnival before, let alone played three days of cricket in a row. There is also much to worry about. Who will cook the BBQ brekkie each morning, who will first don the pink Tutu for dropping a catch and what happens to you when you get a Duck? We will find out soon...

This team would not be possible with the support of the Blue Cow Hotel, and from the entire team, we wholeheartedly thank Denise Dalglish for her efforts in helping to get this team up and running financially in the first place- without you we would not have the team! Furthermore, the team would like to thank Brenden Cook and Cookhaul for their sponsorship of the team, who will have their Cookhaul Logo proudly displayed over the back of our playing shirts.

The game schedule is as follows. Saturday 25th: Mayhew Oval, Warwick- Games at 11:30am and 2:30pm. Sunday 26th: Killarney- Games at 8:30am and 2:30pm. Monday 27th: To be advised.

The Blue Cow XI: Ian Christensen, Jake Christensen, Matty Christensen, Neil Christensen, Paul Christensen, Liam Duncan, Simon Gill, Jamie Holmes, Tom Holmes, Brad Johnson, Liam Keating, Mick Kelk, Luke Kilah, James Moore, Simon Moore, Joe Morris, Tom Morris, Clayton Smith, Nick Vanderpoel, David Watson.

The Blue Cow XI expects a great weekend, and we will represent ourselves and our sponsors with pride. Results from our games and individual player awards will be in the Allora Advertiser next week, who we thank for posting our results each week!

Brad Johnson

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 **Allora Golf Notes**

Last Sunday we played the Monthly Medal sponsored by Jenco. Winner of the day was Ken Wilson with a 61 net. Runner Up on a count back from Rod was Neil C. Well Done men. Pin Shots went to Neil on the 7th, Rod on the 16th, Moose on the 2nd & 14th, Adam on the 11th & 5th. Next week will be a Club Trophy. Tee off 12noon for all. Memberships are now due, see Kev, Adam or John. Also last week we played the Medal of Medalist. This is the winner of each Monthly Medal through out the year. Winner of day was Ken Wilson. Well Done big Kenny. Thanks to all helping out on the course it is looking great. Working bee Saturday to fix the bridge to whom can turn up and help.

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