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THURSDAY, 2nd JULY 2015



ABOVE: Former students gathered for another class photograph at the recent Allora State School 25th Anniversary Reunion of the 1990 Year 10 Class. Back row - Jeff Betts , Brett Pidgeon, Greg Denny , Tony Ruzicka, Camelle Lawson, Craig Hunter, Kiri Loveday, Mark Doherty, Elizabeth King, Fraser Clark, Leonard Caldwell, Donna Sternbeck, Neil Gilmore. Front Row - Karen McGrath, Joanne Peters, Kerri Black, Hailey Sparksman, Melissa Kennedy, Matthew May, Cameron Haig, Nicola Gwynne, Mary-Rose O'Grady, Jane Tomlinson.

School Reunion Success

It was certainly a challenge but former Allora local Jane Brooks (nee Tomlinson) detective work in the months earlier this year to track down her class mates of the Allora State School Year 10 Class of 1990 proved very successful. The objective was to reunite the group who graduated 25 years ago, along with others who had been class mates along the school life journey for a reunion held on Queensland Day, June 6th this year.

Remembering the days in the old school yard is a regular celebration it seems in recent times, with the Allora State School Year 10 classes of 1984 and 2004 reuniting late last year.

Hosting a reunion of a class that has spread across the nation and world over the last 25 years was quite a challenge, but according to Jane arrangements stayed on schedule.

An advantage in locating past students was that even though they all started together in Grade 1 in 1980, some left and returned and some went off to private schools, but their connections have stayed very strong to this day.

While thirty students graduated from the Year 10 class, the reunion included all past pupils of the classes in Year 1 in 1980

RIGHT: Allora State School 25th Anniversary Reunion of the 1990 Year 10 Class cake.



to Year 10 in 1990.

The 1990 Allora State School Year 10 Graduating Class was: Johnathan Bacon, Jeffrey Betts, Kerri Black, Kevin Briggs, Simon Butler, Rebecca Byrne, Lennard Caldwell, Fraser Clark, Gregory Denny, Meagen Denny, Ashley Geitz, Nicole Gwynne, Cameron Haig, Craig Hunter, Melissa Kennedy, Elizabeth King, Kiri Loveday, Cameron May, Matthew May, Karen McGrath, Donna McKinney, Mary-Rose O'Grady, Joanne Peters, Kylie-Ann Pickering, Hayley Sparksman, Michael Sparrow, Lisa Stephan, Donna Sternbeck, Wayne Tickle & Michelle Wilson. Celebrations and an evening of special memories were hosted

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at the Allora Sports Club, and Sunday saw a visit to the Glengallan Homestead Markets. The weekend saw so many special memories rekindled, the reunion dinner an excellent night, with guest travelling from Yass in NSW, Ipswich, Brisbane, the Gold Coast, Sunshine Coast, Port Macquarie and around the Darling Downs. A particular special moment was meeting up with former teacher, Mrs Vivienne Deacon.

Glyn Rees

THE ALLORA PHOTOGRAPHY GROUP

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Letter to the Editor...

Dear Editor,

Come on Aussie come on they chant, however it is time now to chant *come on Allora come on!* Tell the light fingered Southern Downs Regional Council to leave our wee park alone. No they tell us, you are not entitled to have two War Memorials, how dare you insist on depriving the council of the mighty dollars we can raise from selling off Darling Street. Who cares if the precious words featured there "Grow old along with me the best is yet to be" are reduced to dust! Australia Remembers 1945-1995 is the past and not worthy of paying staff to mow the grass around it! They have to raise more money to waste and try to confuse Allora with a fancy sign about Regionalisation! Come on Allora we are few but we are many when our treasures are under threat. Tell them to destroy this special place at their electoral peril!

Melba Morris.



Several residents have raised concerns that the Darling Street War Memorial park may be at risk of removal in the near future.

NOTICE RECEIVED BY THE EDITOR: The Allora RSL are currently in discussions with the Southern Downs Regional Council regarding the war memorial in Darling Street.

WEATHER FORECAST

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| THU | Sunny. Cold. Crisp. | 6 16 |
| FRI | Mostly Sunny. Cold. | 2 15 |
| SAT | Mostly Sunny. Cool. | 2 17 |
| SUN | Mostly Sunny. Cool. | 3 18 |
| MON | Mostly Sunny. Cool. | 3 18 |
| TUE | Sunny. Cool. Crisp. | 5 16 |

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Solution in classifieds section



Goomburra Swings to Jazz & High Tea

It's all happening at the Goomburra Hall, snuggled in to the pristine back ground of the Goomburra Valley, on Saturday afternoon, July 18th from 2.00 pm.

The sounds of cool, hot or mellow jazz always heralds the beginning of the Jumpers and Jazz in July Festival in the Warwick region, and none more so than in the Goomburra Valley. Yet again the well known Natalie de Jager Jazz Band will thrill the audience until 4.00pm at the Jazz and High Tea function.

Natalie is a singer and songwriter known for her expressive pop vocals and innovative jazz improvisation. She regularly performs around South East Queensland at many festivals and venues including Brisbane Jazz Club, Brisbane Music Festival, Queen St Mall, Sofitel Hotel Gold Coast, Toowoomba Carnival of Flowers, Tenerife Festival, Easterfest and Jumpers & Jazz Festival.

The Goomburra Jazz & High Tea is one of the many amazing events and activities that will be enjoyed by locals and countless visitors to the Warwick region during the upcoming 2015 iconic Warwick Jumpers & Jazz in July festival.

This year the Goomburra Hall committee are celebrating their twelfth consecutive Jazz and High Tea and warmly invite people to attend. Guests are requested to be at the hall at 2.00 pm to be welcomed with a complimentary glass of 'bubbles' as they arrive.

'Scotty', the Rag Doll Piper will stand at the entrance to greet guests, and fairy lights, vintage tea sets and tiered cake stands will create a great atmosphere inside the 110 year old wooden hall.

The Hall Committee and their helpers are busily planning the menu, and believe a High Tea should always include more-ish sandwiches, chocolate cake, lemon curd tarts and meringues. Bookings are essential for this function at 17 Inverramsay Road, Goomburra, please contact committee members on 4666 6050 or 0418 401 220.

Glyn Rees



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Events Calendar

2015

- July -**
- Sat 4** **Wattles v Warwick**
Platz Oval, Clifton
- Sat 11** **Allora Doctor Who Club Meet-Up**
Allora QCWA rooms, Warwick St., Allora, 11.00am
- Sat 11** **Warwick Uber Markets**
Leslie Park, Warwick, 10.00am to 2.30pm
- Sat 11** **Traditional Xmas In July Dinner by Days For Girls**
Commercial Hotel Allora, 6.00pm for 6.30pm start
- Wed 15** **Allora & District Historical Soc. Inc. AGM**
Allora QCWA rooms, Warwick St., Allora, 7.30pm.
- Sat 18** **Jazz & High Tea**
Goomburra Town Hall, 2.00pm to 4.00pm
- Sun 19** **Meet The Makers**
R.S.L. Hall, Allora
- Sun 19** **Allora & District Historical Society Open Day**
Warwick Street Museum, Allora.
- Sat 25** **Allora Mens Shed Meeting**
Allora Mens Shed (old fire station), 11.30am
- August -**
- Sat 8** **Warwick Uber Markets**
Leslie Park, Warwick, 10.00am to 2.30pm
- Sat 22** **Toowoomba Hospice Race Day**
Clifford Park Race Course, 3.30pm till late
- Sat 29** **Wattles v Pittsworth**
Platz Oval, Clifton
- Sat 29** **Allora Mens Shed Meeting**
Allora Mens Shed (old fire station), 11.30am
- September -**
- Sat 12** **Warwick Uber Markets**
Leslie Park, Warwick, 10.00am to 2.30pm
- Sun 13** **Allora P-10 State School Spring Fair**
Allora P-10 State School, 10.00am - 3.00pm
- October -**
- Sat 10** **Allora High Tea**
Allora Community Hall. 2.00pm
- Sat 10** **Warwick Uber Markets**
Leslie Park, Warwick, 10.00am to 2.30pm
- November -**
- Sat 14** **Warwick Uber Markets**
Leslie Park, Warwick, 10.00am to 2.30pm
- December -**
- Sat 5** **Creekside Carols & Markets**
Dalrymple Park, Allora
- Sat 12** **Warwick Uber Markets**
Leslie Park, Warwick, 10.00am to 2.30pm
- 2016
- April -**
- Sat 16** **Allora & Dist. Historical Society Display & Demo Day**
Warwick Street Museum, Allora.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION - Clients wishing to include their events in the *Events Calendar*, must book a display (boxed) colour advertisement for the event in *The Allora Advertiser*, sized AT LEAST 2 column x 4 cm. Clients will then automatically receive, as a bonus, a calendar entry. These entries will be in a 2 line format as above, starting in bold with date and event, followed by venue and time. If people wish to contact The Allora Advertiser and discuss their particular needs, please feel free to do so. Ph 4666 3128.

SDRC supports NAIDOC Week celebrations in the Southern Downs

Southern Downs Regional Council will again support local NAIDOC Week celebrations with a calendar promoting eight events to be held across the region from July 5 – 12. NAIDOC Week celebrates the history, culture and achievements

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5. What's the difference between tension and compression?

Answers in Classifieds pages

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of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, and recognises the contributions that Indigenous Australians make to our country and our society.

In 2015, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples' unique and timeless connection to land is the special focus and theme of NAIDOC week. Mayor Peter Blundell said that as a rural community, this is a theme most Southern Downs residents would be able to relate to.

The local NAIDOC Week working group comprises representatives from Council, Centrelink, local schools, Mission Australia, Red Cross, Condamine Alliance, Queensland Police and Queensland Health, as well as local community groups.

The Mayor thanked the NAIDOC Week working group for organising this year's events.

"It's good to see positive partnerships between government and non-government organisations, working together to raise the profile of NAIDOC week in our region.

"It is also important for us as a community to recognise NAIDOC week and by celebrating together we can do just that. "I would strongly encourage all residents across the region to feel very welcome to participate in the celebrations and activities listed in the calendar, as these events have been organised for the enjoyment of all members of the Southern Downs community.

For residents looking for a fun way to kick off the school holidays, there'll be something for everyone at the free NAIDOC Family Fun Day on June 29 at Leslie Park, on the Guy St side, between 10.00am and 2.00pm.

"There will be traditional Indigenous games, rock climbing, lots of art activities and a special appearance by the Tooth Fairy", said the Mayor.

The calendar is available from Council's website www.qld.gov.au. For more information about any of the NAIDOC activities contact the event organisers listed in the calendar or contact Council's Community Development Officer on 1300 MY SDRC (1300 69 7372).

Animals are the winners with re-homing rates on the rise

Figures released in a report to Southern Downs Regional Council's General Council meeting today show the region's impounded animals are the winners, with the rate of rehoming of animals on the rise, and euthanasia rates at an all time low. Mayor Peter Blundell said that in May 2015, of those dogs impounded at the Warwick Animal Pound, no dogs were euthanised, 35% of dogs were released, and the remaining 65% were rehomed, in comparison with March 2011, which saw 80% of impounded dogs euthanised, 10 % released and 10 % rehomed.

"Similar positive results were achieved at the Stanthorpe Animal Pound in May 2015, with zero dogs euthanised, 45% released and 55% rehomed, in comparison with figures from March 2012 which reflected 80% of impounded dogs euthanised, and 20 % released.

"These vastly improved figures are a result of the close working relationship between Council's Local Law Animal Control Officers and animal welfare organisations based in and outside of the region, to ensure that release or rehoming of animals to loving new owners is the highest priority.

"Sadly, euthanasia does still occur. However it is pleasing to see that it's increasingly the last resort when it comes to dealing with impounded animals.

"Through responsible pet ownership, residents can play an important role in combating impoundments and the need for euthanasia, by ensuring their own pets are registered, de-sexed, micro-chipped and kept in secure and safe enclosures that limit their ability to wander," he said.

If you're thinking about adding a pet to your family, please consider rehoming an animal from Council's Animal Pounds. For further information about animals currently available for rehoming, telephone Council's Community Contact Centre on 1300 MY SDRC (1300 69 7372) or visit Council's website www.sdrc.qld.gov.au.



CA Chief Executive Officer Phil McCullough and QWaLC Chair Rhonda Alexander shake hands after signing the memorandum of understanding.

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Queensland Water and Land Carers partners with Condamine Alliance to support NRM volunteers

Condamine Alliance and Queensland Water and Land Carers (QWaLC) have signed a three year memorandum of understanding to work together to coordinate better outcomes for volunteers in the Condamine catchment.

Condamine Alliance is the recognised regional body for delivering government natural resource management (NRM) programs in the Condamine catchment and QWaLC is the independent body for NRM volunteers in Queensland so the memorandum will see industry and community working hand in hand to make it easier for NRM volunteers to be active.

The memorandum will allow Condamine Alliance and QWaLC to inform the community of the NRM services available to it, to promote NRM work undertaken by its volunteers and establish and strengthen relationships within the NRM community.

It will also collaborate on evaluating and monitoring trends within the sector and influence NRM debate by contributing well thought through information.

Condamine Alliance CEO Phil McCullough welcomed the landmark memorandum.

"This is the first of its kind since both Condamine Alliance and QWaLC were formed and will give us a better framework to work together and deliver better services for our volunteers," he said.

"Often there are people willing to put their hands up to help out and volunteer, but they aren't sure where to start so this will make it easier for volunteer groups to get the most results in the region where they live."

QWaLC Chair Rhonda Alexander said the memorandum will help volunteers who work in the agricultural and resource management industries.

"This provides QWaLC with a real direction about how we can best service our volunteers to achieve the best NRM outcomes," she said.

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ALLORA'S ANZACS REMEMBERED:
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THOMAS AND CHARLES SPANNING
- A MOTHER'S CONSENT

Ada (Hais) Spanning gave her consent to her two sons to join the A.I.F. On 30th July 1915, at aged 18, Thomas Spanning signed up in Allora for active service. Ada wrote a letter of

consent "I give my consent for my son Thomas Spanning to enlist in the Expeditionary forces and to fight for King and country".

Dr Pain gave Thomas a medical clearance and A Hamilton, Shire Clerk accepted the Attestation Form. Thomas was listed as a farmer who lived at Hendon.

Two years later Charles Spanning enlisted in Allora on 15th September 1917. He had previously worked at Longreach as a rousabout. Like his brother, Charles was only 18 when he signed the forms to join the A.I.F. This time Ada signed a Consent Form for Persons under 21 years of age to allow Charles to enlist for active service. Dr Pain signed to attest that Charles was fit for active service and Allora's Shire Clerk, A Hamilton, signed as Recruiting Officer.

Patriotism was very strong in Australia during World War One and many newly enlisted service personnel were given rousing farewells. Charles was one of a group who were farewelled at the Hendon School. Hearty cheers were raised for the boys and their parents.

By the time that Charles had enlisted, his brother Thomas had been killed in action the previous year near Pozieres, France. He had been a member of the 49th Battalion. Etched on his headstone the brief words - SPANNING Pte. Thomas, 2902 49th Bn. 5th Sept. 1916

Charles was also sent to France with the 26th Reinforcement 15th Battalion as a T/driver. He fought at the front until he was wounded in action. He had shrapnel wounds to his right hip and to his ribs. The shrapnel was not removed. Charles was sent back to Australia to recover. A Medical Report on an Invalid form dated 22nd June 1917 reads - Wounded (1) Shrapnel above right hip - flesh wound; (2) Shrapnel wound over ribs F.B. still in, now no disability Sgn. Charles Spanning. It was recommended that Charles be remobilized. The form was signed by R Winterbottom, Captain and W R Kelly, Major (Medical Officers, confirmed by S A Sutton, Colonel and signed off by D E Trumpy, Captain.

When the war ended Charles returned to Australia in August 1919. He suffered from rheumatism on the journey home and was hospitalized on arrival in Australia. He was one of group of servicemen who were welcomed home at Allora and presented with a pendant.



Lyn Wright

The Villers Bretonneux Memorial on which Private Thomas Spanning's name is recorded.

Looking Back...

Allora's Past 25 years ago July 1990

Dedication Recognised

President and secretary of the Warwick branch of the Endeavour Foundation, Jack and Sheila Littler, were presented with plaques in honour of 25 years of dedicated service to the organization. Mr. and Mrs. Littler were elected president and secretary on the 22nd June 1965 and have been re-elected annually since that date. They were drawn to assist the Foundation in appreciation of assistance given to their daughter Jenny who had been able to live a full and rewarding life through living in community accommodation and working in the Endeavour workshop in Toowoomba.

Allora's Past 50 years ago July 1965

Attention Table Tennis Players!!!

A move will be made to start Table Tennis Fixtures in Allora and District. Any person interested in playing please contact Mr. Murray Robin. Watch these columns for further particulars and notice of Meeting.

Allora's Past 75 years ago July 1940

Late Mr. David Geck

The death is announced of Mr. David Geck, 57, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Geck who were amongst Allora's earliest settlers. Mr. David Geck was born and educated in Allora where he lived all his life except for a brief period at Minnie Downs station from which he brought home with him the beginning of a line of racehorses which have included

Brown Force, Tibby, Wallard, Allora Lad and Allora's Hope. Mr. Geck is survived by a widow (formerly Miss L. Winberg of Brisbane)

(The Courier-Mail 4/7/1940)

Allora's Past 100 years ago July 1915

Farewell Nurse Smith

The following letter addressed to the President of the Allora Branch of the St. George Society has been handed to us for publication.

Sir, - Would you kindly convey to the members of the St. George Society and the other friends of Allora and Glengallan, my warmest appreciation of their kind

wishes for my welfare and safe return to Queensland. Thank them also for their very thoughtful action in presenting me with a valuable inscribed gold wristlet watch. It will be extremely useful in my work and on the voyage to Egypt. I feel it is my duty to give my assistance at a time like the present. I will probably meet troops who have left the Allora district. If I can help them in any way or relieve the suffering which is so rife over there, I shall have not left Queensland in vain.

Again thanking you for your kind action and good wishes - Yours very sincerely,
 Ada G. Smith

Allora's Past 150 years ago July 1865

Toowoomba Assizes Unnatural Offence

William Mayott was charged with committing the above offence at Allora on the 14th February. Mr. Gore Jones, instructed by Mr. Stable, appeared for the defence. The evidence of Christina Weber, Elizabeth Thornley and Frederick Weber was taken. The jury, after retiring for an hour and a half, returned the verdict of guilty of the attempt only. The prisoner, who had already been five months in jail, was sentenced to one month's imprisonment.

(Darling Downs Gazette 19/7/1865)

Colin Newport



A mannequin at the Allora Museum wears the uniform and medals that Sister Ada Smith would have worn. INSET: Sister Ada Smith. Inset photo courtesy of Heather Smith and Jillian Trethewey.

Poetry Corner: About this week's Poem -

"The Goods and Services Tax (GST) commenced in Australia on 1 July 2000. This poem was written for the anniversary of the GST's introduction, from the point of view of someone's first encounter with the new tax." - Andrew Guild

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Poetry Corner...

"ALWAYS A LITTLE BIT MORE"

Written by Andrew Guild

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 Down at the local store
 I'd figured at twenty dollars
 But now they wanted more

They said "Hey there, Mister,
 What you've failed to see
 Is that you didn't calculate
 The government's GST"

For I had worked out, exactly,
 The money to be spent
 But I'd forgotten to add on
 That extra ten per cent.

I was going to buy a nice cake
 Now that was much too hard
 So maybe I'll just go back to
 Eating bread and lard

They always put more taxes
 Onto the battlers, just like me,
 So I hope they soon get rid of
 That rotten GST!



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Ready Steady Go Allora

Andrew & Cherish Sullivan are familiar faces at the Allora Sports Centre with their Ready Steady Go Kids program thrilling the many young children that have been involved. Ready Steady Go Kids is Australia's largest and most reputable multi-sport and exercise program for children aged 2.5-6 years. The high quality, physio-designed program teaches children the fundamentals of ten different sports in a fun, non-competitive, team-based environment. The classes run by Andrew & Cherish are of 45 minutes duration with five sports covered each term. Classes also focus on a specific gross motor, hand-eye/foot-eye and/or balance activity to complement the sport component. "The program has a structure that is repeated each week so that participants become familiar and



ABOVE: Benjamin Mason of Allora tries his hand in the Ready Steady Go Kids program at the Allora Sports Centre,

LEFT: Sienna Sparksman (front) and Matilda Rees testing their skills at the Allora Sports Centre in the Ready Steady Go Kids.



Glyn Rees

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comfortable with the routine" said Cherish. Ready Steady Go Kids seeks to develop a lifelong passion for physical activity and sport, decrease childhood obesity, increase confidence and prepare children for participation in school and the broader community.

"Our program objectives listed, include the introduction of preschoolers to a variety of sports in a structured, safe, inclusive and non-competitive environment; showing preschoolers that sport and physical activity are fun; developing and enhancing age-appropriate gross motor skills, coordination and correct posture; the introduction and reinforcement of the importance of warm-up and stretching to help prevent injuries and proper hydration and teaching the importance of good sportsmanship and teamwork. "We also ensure that every participant receives a high level of attention and support, while maintaining a low instructor to student ratio" outlined Cherish, "our instructors have, as a minimum, Level 1 Coaching qualifications under the National Coaching Accreditation Scheme from the Australian Sports Commission, a current working with children check and extensive experience in teaching preschool aged children." Cherish & Andrew's Ready Steady Go Kids program is structured so that they can accept enrolments throughout the term. So, if you have missed the start of a term don't panic, they might still be able to accommodate your booking. To inquire about class availability in your area call 1300 766 892, term fees are pro-rated to include only the remaining classes for the term.

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Mayor Cr Peter Blundell with the new citizens who took part in the citizenship ceremony last week: Front Row (from left to right): Mrs Jiyoung Moss, Ms Eun Young Cho, Mrs Tereza Wood, Ms April Wright, Ms Helen Troedson, Mrs Nicola Newing, Mrs Gaby Lobaton Valdivia, Ms Rita De Moor, Ms Teoh Yee Ting, Mr Tze Chuan Yip. Back Row (from left to right): Mr Richard Mannello, Mr Ali Madad Ghulami, Mr Edward Moss, Mr Paolo Vellington, Mr Lawrence Hughes, Mayor Cr Peter Blundell, Mr Amandeep Singh, Mrs Ruth Frost, Gabriel San Luis, Mr Harkewal Singh Brar, Mr Rajbinder Singh Dandiwal.

Council conducts citizenship ceremony at general meeting

Southern Downs Regional Council welcomed 24 new citizens at its June Council meeting at Warwick chambers. Mayor Cr Peter Blundell said it was wonderful to see such a large group of excited and happy people at the Council chamber and especially family members of the new citizens. "It's very special to be part of their day as they become an Australian citizen and we were all proud to sing the national anthem with them and take photos of the important ceremony," he said. The multicultural diversity of the region was reflected in the countries of origin of the new citizens which includes Afghanistan, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, India, Italy, Malaysia, New Zealand, Peru, Philippines, South Korea, and United Kingdom. All new citizens were presented with a certificate and an Australian native plant as a welcome gift. "We hope the plants take pride of place in the gardens of our new citizens and grow alongside them and their families.

"Choosing to become an Australian citizen is a very significant expression of a person's pride in being part of Australia's dynamic and diverse society, and on behalf of Council, I congratulate each of our new citizens on their decision to become an Australian Citizen," Cr Blundell said.

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Wattles Win Program at Gatton

It was a day of success for local league heroes the Wattles 'Warriors' on Sunday at Cahill Park, Lockyer Valley home base of the Gatton 'Hawks'.

'Warriors' President Aaron Scheid was all smiles on the ride home with his club having achieved wins in A Grade, Reserve Grade & Under 18 and 2nd Division affiliate club the Millmerran 'Rams' also in winning form.

"It's always a tough day out in Gatton, and currently they are first grade leaders, but our teams performed admirably resulting in a great outcome for the day".

The 'National Farmer's Warehouse' Wattles 'Warriors' have themselves well positioned on the Toowoomba Rugby League 'Hutchinsons Builders' premierships ladder within reach of the top rung after they outlasted a determined Gatton 'Hawks' fight back on Sunday to finish ahead of the premierships leaders 42 - 38.

Wattles now sit in second place level with the Highfields 'Eagles' on 18 premierships points behind Gatton on 20.

It was a try for try affair across most of the eighty minutes of play with Gatton making a late charge for victory that fell a try short of the mark. Half back Matt Duggan's seven from seven goals carried plenty of weight when it came down to the final score, both sides having touched down for seven tries apiece. Five-eighth Brodie Ciesiolka underlined his fine form of late with another stand-out effort, scoring the Warriors initial two tries to establish a 12 - 0 lead by the twenty minute mark. After scoring under the posts on the end of a forty metre dart, Ciesiolka's second touchdown minutes later was a gem that saw him gather a Gatton lost ball and kick ahead from sixty metres out to regather and score in the corner.

The early signs looked ominous for the 'Hawks', who only a fortnight earlier had fallen victim to the 'Warriors' 32 - 14 in the Madsen-Rasmussen Trophy final.

However they lifted their supporter's spirits when they raced a try into the corner of Cahill Park in the 25th minute and backed

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it up to trail 10 - 12 and be well back in the game. Wattles took a handy lead of 24 - 10 into the dressing rooms at half time, courtesy of two further tries, one to winger Michael Purcell off a slick Joel Koina pass before back-rower Jason Bradfield sliced through to touch down beside the uprights. While Wattles lost lock forward Ryan Duggan to injury soon after the second stanza restart, the Hawks nailed a try to stay within reach of their opponents. Centre Joel Koina looked sharp throughout and broke from sixty metres out to find flying fullback Corey Blades in support, Blades galloping forty metres for another Wattles' four-pointer.

The Hawks answered the call scoring to trail 20 - 30, before Wattles front-rower Eugene Seddon crashed over to lift his side's advantage to 36 - 20.

Wattles gave the crowd a taste of their amazing attacking skills in the 59th minute when Corey Blades raced fifty metres up field and as he was being dispatched out of play over the touch line by Gatton wing speedster Billy Jackwitz, Blades tossed the ball infield to the arms of Joel Koina who accelerated away to score in the corner.

Wattles appeared coasting when ahead 42 - 20 with seventeen minutes on the clock, when the Hawks found a few extra gears in a blazing finish where they ran in three vital tries to trail 38 - 42 with five minutes remaining.

Wattles defended the final minutes in what was a very important win that near slipped from their grasp.

Coach Duggan said the game was all he expected from a team of the Hawks calibre, especially on their home track. Wattles had plenty of hard working performers, but Eugene Seddon, Brodie Ciesiolka & Joel Koina showed great form throughout to guide the 'Warriors' to their ninth win from eleven fixtures.

Wattles 42 (Brodie Ciesiolka 2, Corey Blades, Michael Purcell, Joel Koina, Jason Bradfield, Eugene Seddon tries; Matt Duggan 7 goals) defeated Gatton 38.

Reserve Grade - While Coach Terry Bermingham's nerves were a little frayed at full time, it was worth it seeing his Wattles 'Railway Hotel, Allora' Reserve Grade outfit bag a last minute win against Gatton, an outstanding effort at the second on the ladder 'Hawks' home ground & considering those same 'Hawks' won the mid-season championship Reserve Grade President's Cup a little over a fortnight back.

When Wattles ran on to Cahill Park on Sunday they were level fifth on the 'Toowoomba Toyota' Reserve Grade Premiership ladder sharing the honours with Pittsworth.

Seventy minutes later 'Bermies Reserve Grade Babes' were in clear fourth place.

Gatton were first to bother the scoreboard attendant with a try after just five minutes, but Wattles speedy centre Dale McAntee added a try for the opposition in the 14th minute, and fullback Brodie Frizzell converted from near the sideline to level the match ledger at 6 all.

The home side frustration built when the 'Hawks' lost the ball centimetres from the try line, and minutes later Frizzell off loaded to the elusive McAntee who bolted the 25 metres to add his and Wattles second try and allow his side a 10 - 6 lead.



Wattles burly front-rower Eugene Seddon was among his team's best performers in their nail biting 42 - 38 win over Gatton on Sunday.

The 'Hawks' applied the thumbscrews for much of the final ten minutes of the first half, but Wattles defence withstood the pressure, mostly in the 20 metre zone and repelled everything the 'Hawks' threw, even the kitchen sink it seemed.

With nine minutes gone in the second stanza busy hooker Tom Henry scrambled over for a third green & gold try to take his side ahead 16 - 6, but two home side tries soon had the scoreboard locked at 16 all.

The game became an arm wrestle of sorts as both sides tried everything in their arsenal for closure, and it appeared the pendulum swung the 'Hawks' way when awarded a kickable penalty with seven minutes remaining before full time.

BAD JOKE OF THE WEEK

An intrepid photographer went to a haunted castle determined to get a picture of a ghost which was said to appear only once in a hundred years.

Not wanting to frighten off the ghost, the photographer sat in the dark until midnight when the apparition became visible.

The ghost turned out to be friendly and consented to pose for one snapshot. The happy photographer popped a bulb into his camera and took the picture.

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Leading 18 - 16 with healthy parochial support, Gatton bunkered down to defend their lead.

The game breaker came in the shadow of full time and Wattles threading the ball through multiple hands before the experience of former top grade dummy-half Liam Ross saw him burrow over to score near the left upright.

Brodie Frizzell was on target to convert and the jubilant 'Warriors' celebrated their seventh season win from eleven outings.

Wattles have another pressure cooker game this Saturday taking on premierships leaders the Warwick 'Cowboys', but as they showed last weekend if they stick to their guns they are fully capable of another win.

Wattles 22 (Dale McAntee 2, Tom Henry, Liam Ross tries; Brodie Frizzell 3 goals) defeated Gatton 18.

Under 18 - It was the sweet smell of victory for Wattles 'Allan & Debbie Smith's Toowoomba & Oakey Foodworks' Under 18 side on Sunday, kicking off their second round of the TRL premierships with a nail biting 22 - 20 win over the Gatton 'Hawks'.

Wattles hit the ground running from the kick-off, five-eight Joe Morris putting boot to ball after just three minutes and long striding back-rower Max Rubie won the race for possession before posting the first try of the game in the far right corner of Cahill Park.

Leading 4 - 0 just five minutes on, it was Joe Morris again bothering the defence, stepping through defenders from forty metres out only to be halted just short of the try line. Nevertheless the momentum was alive with hooker Jake Christensen gathering the ball and offloading to centre Dalton Nielsen on the fly and unstoppable.

With the Joe Morris conversion Wattles lurched ahead 10 - 0, but the young 'Hawks' made up ground when a defensive lapse saw them add a try from ten metres out and trail 6 - 10.

Another 'Hawks' try wide saw the scoreboard even at 10 all at half time, and the home side snatched the lead 14 - 10 after another touchdown early in the second stanza.

Wattles needed all hands on deck to remain contenders for the premierships points, and when Gus Somes sailed in to score they were back in front 16 - 14 with 22 minutes to play.

Five minutes later Max Rubie kicked to the corner and back-rower Paul Christensen was on the spot to nab Wattles fourth and final try, for a 20 - 14.

Gatton were far from done, and when their second-rower Riley Goodwin chased down a kick to score under the posts the scoreboard was locked yet again, this time at 20 - 20 with five minutes remaining in the game.

Gatton lost a player to the sin bin in the final stages but a penalty in the dying minutes provided an opportunity for Wattles 'Mr Reliable' goal kicker Joe Morris to guide the ball over the bar and black dot and lock in the 'Warriors' second win

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Wattles 1975 Under 16 TRL Premiership winning team: Back Row: K. Hutchinson, C. Hall, M. Moore, S. Kim, P. Hegarty, G. Pauli; Second Row: R. Fisher, N. Ranger, J. Ryan, D. Ellwood, B. Smith, P. Bermingham; Third Row: G. Slatter (manager), G. Berghoffer, A. Gillam, C. Hancock, P. Doyle, S. Davenport, R. Weribone, S. Cuskelly, N. Wilson, L. Ellwood (manager); Front Row: M. Logan, M. Ryan (captain), J. Byrne (coach), B. Anderson (vice captain), S. Achilles. Absent: D. Ragh.



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of the season.
A gutsy effort by Wattles to finish in front of a team a couple of rungs ahead of them on the ladder, with Players Player Dalton Nielsen, Joe Morris & Paul Christensen shining throughout. Coach Mick Ryan was very pleased with his players, "the boys opened really well and scored a couple of tries then seemed to idle a bit and conceded a few unnecessary penalties while defending that let Gatton back in the game. The win was great & the team seemed to try to stick to some of our moves, and it paid off. It was a confidence boosting result, but the players need to stay on the throttle for the whole game & not back off.

Great effort, they dug deep and so they earned the win".
Wattles 22 (Gus Somes, Dalton Nielsen, Paul Christensen, Max Rubie tries; Joe Morris 3 goals) defeated Gatton 20.
2nd Division - Millmerran 48 defeated Gatton 16.
Wattles head home to Clifton's Platz Oval this Saturday for the Southern Downs local derby against fellow top five club the Warwick Cowboys.
Matches commence at: 1.15pm 2nd Division (Millmerran v Warwick); 2.35pm - Under 18 (Wattles v Warwick); 4.05pm - Reserve Grade & 6.20pm - A Grade.
Wattles supporters are advised that the Warwick verses Wattles 'Old Boys' games that was scheduled for Saturday's program has had to be cancelled.
However adding to the atmosphere of the day is a reunion of Wattles 1975 Under 16 TRL Premiership winning team.

Glyn Rees



Sunday Tennis to Start Earlier

The start time for Sunday social tennis at Allora Tennis Club has been changed to 2.00pm for winter months. The start time was previously 2.30pm. Play is generally for around two hours, though players can arrive and leave as they wish. The ball fee is \$3 per player. No ball fee is charged for children of participating adults. Spare racquets are always on hand for new players or visiting friends and family. Please direct any enquiries to Andrew or Catherine on 4666 2260.

Central Downs Junior Rugby League

The "Ray Bunch Machinery" sponsored Central Downs Junior Rugby League Zone 5 teams this week start a their annual two week tournament in different areas of country Queensland. Club president Peter Cavanagh has said that the culmination of 8 weeks of training from the teams will see the u10/35kg team of 15 boys and girls from the local and Pittsworth district out in Charleville playing a high quality brand of rugby league against 8 other teams, whilst the u12/43kg team of 17 will travel to Murgon in the South Burnett region.

Coach of the u35kg team Ian Brady is pleased with the team assembled and is looking forward to watching the team develop over the week in Charleville. His captain for the week will be the Pittsworth Danes William Nason, William was a Central Downs representative last year in St George and was awarded the coveted Best Back of the Carnival.

Cavanagh has high hopes as well for his u12-43kg team that has drawn on players from across the region and is relishing the opportunity to once again play against some of the tougher u12 teams in the region including the Warwick colts team, whom a very friendly rivalry has built up over the years. The u12 captain has yet to be named.

Cavanagh went on to say that both teams will play a minimum 2 games per day and the experience of this level of representative football will give the boys valuable rep footy experience.

Cavanagh would like to express his thanks to the Central Downs major sponsor Ray Bunch Machinery and other sponsors Raff Hardware Clifton, Madison Sports Goods, Allora Butchery, William Hill Australia, Black Toyota in Warwick, Arms Hotel Clifton and Ferny Grove Old Boys Association for their support and enabling the fees to be kept as low as possible.

Ian Brady



Wattles JRL Reports

Clifton Auto Ag U11 - A magnificent 4 try effort by Eli McKinney handed the young warriors a nice win against the Hornets on Friday night. Playing the game at dummy half Eli was quick on his feet and either ran through traffic or

when close to the line dived over to score.

At the start of play the Suburbs boys quickly scored and raced to a 10-0 lead before Eli started to fire, at the break it was locked up 10-10. The message we gave the boys was to keep their defensive line moving up tight and together and not leave the gaps the hard running hornets were finding easily.

Tonight we were lucky to have the services of a hard working forward pack of Todd Newport, Darcy Gorkow, Darcy Minnikin, Tobias Seibel, Marcus Blackwood, Ethan Metzroth, Lane Eastwell and Reuben Sullivan. It is a pleasure to know that I can call on boys with the work ethic these guys have to do a job, I am able to rotate my bench and give them all a spell when they need it, they were tackling hard and running all night and gave us great field position.

Special mention must be made of two game turning events, Todd's effort to chase down and tackle the flying Suburbs number 4 was remarkable and Liam Ruhle's plan to kick deep on the 2nd tackle to Tobias who scored a great try was very good vision. The other try scorer on the night were Ethan Metzroth who dived over from dummy half. AJ Harris, Michael Shingles both had great all round games. Thanks to those u10's who played up to give us a strong interchange bench. The final score was Wattles 30-22

Ian Brady

Wattles Superior Silage U13 - played Suburbs at Suburbs today and came out winners with the final score being 24 - 16. Fantastic overall team effort, everybody did their job. Our forwards worked hard in attack and defence and our backs set up well for great back line movements resulting in five tries, 1 each to Owen, Rylan, Liam and 2 to Jacob.

Great to see that the team came out in the 2nd half and played just as strongly as they did in the 1st.

Thanks once again to our U12s who backed up and played well.

Clifton Newsagents Best and Fairest was Darby Peardon. Have a good holiday, see you all at training after the holidays and good luck to our U35 and U43kg Central Downs teams in the coming weeks.

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up were locals Kev Harrison, John Ellwood, Neil Chandler and Max Bielefeld with a 9 under par 59 and net 51.75. In third place were the team of Deacon, Padget, McMahon and Robinson with a net 52. The Sports Club was lucky to have many wonderful sponsors on board for the day and Golf Club President Lindsay May passed on the club's gratitude to them.

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On Friday, 15 golfers contested the Duck Run with Kel Strange winning with 22 points from Hethe Ramus on 21. Great to see Hethe over from the Sunny Coast having a hit of golf. Aaron Simpson won both pin shots.

John Ellwood

Golfers waiting to hit off on the first tee of the Holden Scramble with the Holden Colorado in the background.