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THURSDAY, 20th AUGUST 2015

Mayor of Kumiyama Visits Allora

On Wednesday August 5th 'the Best Little Town on the Downs' hosted International visitors very interested in seeing the sights of Allora and surrounds as part of a sister city visit while gaining an appreciation of Australian rural town sustainability and industry.

The Mayor of Kumiyama Town Kyoto Prefecture, Shinki Yasutaka & his wife Mrs. Shinki Momoyo and Okuno Shintaro - Secretary of Mayor of Kumiyama Town Kyoto Prefecture were special guests in Allora and surrounds accompanied by Keiko & David Brailey of Warwick, Southern Downs Regional Council Mayor Peter Blundell, Cr Glyn Rees and Southern Downs Regional Council's Economic Development Project Officer Jenny Sherrin.



Allora hosted international visitors touring the area and local industry - (Front) Mrs. Shinki Momoyo, Shinki Yasutaka - Mayor of Kumiyama Town Kyoto Prefecture, Keiko & David Brailey & (Back) Mayor Peter Blundell - Southern Downs Regional Council, Okuno Shintaro - Secretary of Mayor of Kumiyama Town Kyoto Prefecture and Cr Glyn Rees - Southern Downs Regional Council.

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Letters to the Editor...

The Editor,

Thank you for printing the date for the town meeting at the town hall which was held yesterday afternoon (10th August). Thank you also to the Lord Mayor Peter Blundell.

I am very concerned about issues of this meeting. Some points to make:

1. GrainX representative was NOT at this meeting.
2. There were no health issues addressed in the Environmental Team's enquiries. Although the main topic for those residents was their health concerns.

Miss Brooke had already said to me on my enquiries that no health issues are to be addressed, ONLY dust, noise and nuisance. She was not knowledgeable on many of the questions asked of her.

3. That the overall comment made by an Environmental officer was that other than a brothel starting up, industrial operation can operate in an existing property even in a residential area, because of the law.

Well this law needs to change. This is not protecting us, the residents of Allora, and those especially living in Herbert and South Streets.

I urged people at the meeting to phone and/or write to the Federal Government as this is a Federal issue when it is concerning health of residents other than dust, noise or nuisance, which is all council is addressing. Most people at the meeting did not vote on compliance but to have GrainX moved elsewhere.

The Member for Parliament to write to is: Hon. Bruce Scott MP, PO Box 641, Dalby Q. 4405. Phone 4662 2715 or 1300 301 964.

Name supplied.

Dear Editor,

Grainx is here to stay - The residents/rate payers/renters have to ensure that the regulations in regard to the grain handling facility in Allora are complied with so that there is as little damage as possible in our environment.

It seems that the council is inept at ensuring this happens. Who knows? Depends on what you listen to. The council may have it under control.

GrainX might be mean and nasty or they could be doing their best to get it right.

Who knows? Depends on what you listen to.

Future jobs might be there at Grainx for our children and grandchildren or Denny's supplying more silos and metal bits and pieces. Who knows? Depends on what you listen to.

Don't forget, if it wasn't for farmers growing grain around here in the first place this town might not be here. Who knows? Depends on what you listen to.

So a meeting is being called to get the truth of what is being done or not done and what needs to be done.

There are on-going communications between Grainx and SDRC about Grainx complying with these regulations. An attempt is being made to get what is called a Transitional Environmental Programme (draft), conforming to the

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Solution in classifieds section

Environmental Protection Act, done. Dead-lines are given and the date passes by, with more time and dust passing, back and forth between SDRC and Grainx. They still haven't agreed on anything. It still hasn't been approved and accepted. It still isn't fully clear whether it's Grainx or SDRC holding things up and why.

Since the meeting on 10th August 2015 various people have been contacted and some documents on the subject gathered together. The date on the first thing, a complaint, is December 2012. One letter, complimentary, dated February 2014. Some one in Allora could have earlier or additional letters / documents that could be added to what has already been gathered.

If it turns out that the regulations are not being followed there are further steps to take, the more people and information the easier the steps will be.

This has also been sent directly to some of the councillors at the SDRC and the Directors of Grainx, in the hope that open and honest communications can be used to sort this problem out. Once a response is gotten from them a date will be set for this meeting.

Anyone who is interested in this group or have anything to add please contact me.

Lynn Collie

Allora CWA notes for August

This first meeting of the new year for the CWA had a very small attendance with many people away. However there was plenty to do as it has been a very busy month. Fortunately secretary Margaret Ryan and previous presidents Olive Shooter and Vivienne Deacon were on hand to steer the new office bearers through their first meeting.

The AGMs for both Allora and Clifton CWA were held in the rooms at the end of July. Zone president Joyce Bell officiated

WEATHER FORECAST			
Day	Forecast	Min/Max	
THU	Early Fog Followed by Sun. Cool.	8	18
FRI	Breaks of Sun Late. Cool.	8	18
SAT	Morning Clouds. Mild.	9	23
SUN	Early Fog Followed by Sun. Mild.	8	24
MON	Showers. Afternoon Clouds. Cool.	14	23
TUE	Rain Showers. Mostly Cloudy. Cool.	13	16

and the new officials for Allora are president Sharon Hannah, treasurer Trish Thornberry and international officer Alison Payne. After a light lunch several attended the Annual General Meeting at Condamine Valley branch in the afternoon.

Three members attended the Division Hats and High Tea in Warwick to celebrate the 93rd anniversary of the CWA on 11 August. In addition to the afternoon tea, entertainment and a hat parade, there were two speakers from the new Bush Kids facility in Warwick. They had some very interesting photos from the early days of the Bush Children's Health Scheme with which CWA was closely associated.

The main item of business at the meeting today was preparation for the Bony Mountain Festival on September 19 and 20 where CWA will again provide morning and afternoon tea. It is hard to believe that last year our patrons on Saturday alone demolished 331 cakes or pieces of slice as well as 7 loaves of bread in sandwiches and 80 servings of scones with jam and cream. Despite replenishing our supplies we were sold out again by early afternoon on Sunday.

The branch is required to develop a five year plan and the group discussed the aims of the CWA and the needs of our community now and in the future. It is very interesting to try to foresee Allora then but we need to be ready to assist where needed as CWA heads toward its centenary.

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A sister city of Warwick for two decades, and now the Southern Downs, the Japanese centre of Kumiyama is a town located in Kuse District, Kyoto Prefecture on the island of Honshu and has a population of close to 20,000.

The Australian visit, albeit a brief almost five days, commenced on Sunday August 2nd at the Gold Coast and included a day boating on Moreton Bay before heading to Warwick. After tours in the Warwick area and visits to local industries, the Warwick State High School and the School of Total Education over Monday and Tuesday, the tour party headed to Allora on Wednesday.

The Mayor of Kumiyama's visit coincided with a visit to the

Kumiyama relationship strengthened through cultural and economic exchange

The Southern Downs was a key highlight in the itinerary of a delegation from Kumiyama, Japan that visited the region following last year's visit by Southern Downs Regional Council's Mayor, Cr Peter Blundell to Kumiyama.

Kumiyama Town's Mayor Shinki, along with his wife Mrs Shinki and Secretary Mr Okuno visited Warwick for three days in conjunction with Kumiyama school students as part of a cultural, economic and student exchange.

While the school exchange program is the basis of the relationship with Kumiyama, Mayor Blundell said that he and Mayor Shinki are keen to explore the economic opportunities that may arise from this 20 year relationship. "Kumiyama has a significant manufacturing component as well



Kumiyama's Mayor Shinki and Mrs Shinki in a council backhoe at the Yangan Road Depot.

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Southern Downs by students of the Kumiyama High School, who were treated to a welcome and morning tea on Tuesday. The morning in Allora included a tour of Maydan Feedlot courtesy of staff members Brian Gartery and Russell McMillan. Next on the schedule was a tour of Denny's Engineering - Haigs Road Workshop thanks to Yoshiyuki Fujimoto from owners Satake and staff members Steve Blakemore and Albert Otten.

The Kumiyama visitors were amazed at the size and statistics of the Maydan facility, with a special interest in the Wagyu cattle, before they were stepped through the process of silo manufacture at Denny's Engineering in a very detailed presentation.

Following the industry tours the Railway Hotel provided a very enjoyable morning tea for all visitors, many thanks to Robyn Miles.

Allora's special guests then headed for an afternoon at the Gold Coast before departing for Japan early Thursday morning.

Glyn Rees

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as an agricultural sector that make up its economy. From this perspective, there are some similarities with the Southern Downs region," he said.

Part of the delegation's visit concentrated on understanding businesses within the Southern Downs. The itinerary included tours of Grove Juice, and Integra

"Grove Juice was another significant highlight for the delegates, and they were very interested in both Grove Juice's manufacturing process and concepts and plans for the future," he said.

The Kumiyama delegates were shown around Council's Yangan Rd Depot and also took in the action of a cattle sale at the Warwick Saleyards.

"The cattle sale was a new experience for delegates, and one I'm sure would've left an indelible impression," said Mayor Blundell.

Reflecting on his recent attendance at the Bush Council's Conference in St George, Mayor Blundell said "I found it interesting to listen to the Deputy Premier Jackie Trad, who spoke of the importance of international relations. She sighted the Toowoomba experience that focuses not only on student and cultural exchanges, but looks to achieve broader outcomes in the area of economic opportunity.

"Mayor Shinki and I are certainly keen to explore the economic opportunities that may arise from the relationship between Kumiyama and the Southern Downs," said Cr Blundell.



Kumiyama delegation touring Southern Downs Regional Council's Warwick Saleyards - Front L-R: Mrs Shinki and Mayor Shinki. Back L - R: Mayor Peter Blundell, Alan Wenham, Mr Okuno

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Sunnies at Spring Fair

Be sure to say "Hi!" to The Sunnies at the upcoming Allora State School P&C Spring Fair, September 13th. Mary Higgins and Amy Harrison are warming into the spirit of the new season and plan to share some sunshine and smiles around on the day of the Fair. "That's just the beginning of the fun," says Fair organiser, Shannon Sparksman. "The school grounds will come to life with stalls, food, games, and a full program of regional entertainment. It's just a great family day out showcasing our wonderful school."

"Sunnies" Amy Harrison and Mary Higgins will be at the Allora State School P&C Spring Fair.

ALLORA'S ANZACS REMEMBERED: A project by the Allora Historical Society

NORMAN LESLIE WEYNAND

Henry Weynand came to Queensland from France in 1878. He started a general blacksmith business opposite the Town Hall near the corner of Warwick and Forde Streets. Later he was an agent for Massey Harris. (Tom Maher, Michael's grandfather, purchased the blacksmith business). Henry and Frances Weynand (nee Anderson) had four children. Frances was only 44 years old when she died in 1897. Norman, who was born in 1894, would have only been three years old. In 1909, Henry retired and moved to Wynnum and planned a trip to Europe. He then married his second wife, Elizabeth. Norman Leslie Weynand enlisted for active service on 18th August 1914. He had served with the 4th Infantry of the Moreton Regiment. When he signed his attestation papers, Norman was only 20 years and 6 months old and was working

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as a clerk. He nominated his father, Henry Weynand of "Allora", Wickham Street, Newmarket, as his next of kin. A certified true copy of Norman's will made on the 10th March, 1914, shows that Henry was to inherit his property and effects. The will was signed by N. L. Weynand, Cpl., Reg. No 66, 9th Infantry Brigade.

The first entry on Norman Weynand's Casualty Form-Active Service is dated 2nd March 1915 when the Officer in Charge, Troops, notes 'Embarked "Ionian" to join M.E.F. Gallipoli

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Looking Back...

Allora's Past 25 years ago August 1990

Mt. Marshall Fire

Allora police are investigating the cause of a fire which destroyed a house at Mt. Marshall. Sergeant Kel Timms of the Allora police was called to the scene by a neighbour at 6.10 p.m. Firemen from the Allora Fire Brigade fought to control the blaze which had completely engulfed the house by the time that they had arrived. The house was unoccupied at the time of the fire. Owners Ian and Barbara Sutor were at their piggery when the fire started. It is believed that there were no suspicious circumstances.



Jack Muller's house on the northern side of the William Deacon bridge close to where the Ross family cottage was. Photo courtesy Marian Palmer.

Allora's Past 50 years ago August 1965

ALLORA SHIRE COUNCIL SALE FOR REMOVAL

Tenders are invited, closing at 12 noon on Tuesday, 21st September, 1965, for the purchase of Water Tanks, Stands, Pump House, Electric Motor and Pump situated in the Park Reserve, Allora. Inspection may be arranged by contacting the undersigned.

Lex Ellwood, Shire Clerk.

Allora's Past 75 years ago August 1940

Patriotic Sports

Some of the results of the Patriotic Sports held at the Allora Show Grounds on Saturday were:

Patriotic Handicap, M. O'Dea 1, J. Wright and T. Gillespie 2; stepping distance, G. Slatter; polo goal hitting, A. Gilmore 1, J. Gilmore 2; old buffers race P. Cranitch 1, J. Kelly 2; novelty pony race, G. Bell 1, P. Byrne 2; mile bicycle handicap, P. Gartner 1, H. Jensen 2; tent pegging, P. Huston 1, H. Gwynne 2; throwing at wicket, A. Bott;

flag race, C. Cooke 1, G. Bell 2; open handicap, J. Wright 1, M. Waldron 2.

Allora's Past 100 years ago August 1915

School Accident

An accident occurred to Clarice bond, a scholar attending the Allora State School, yesterday. The girl, who is 12 years of age, slipped on the school steps as she was descending them, and catching her left leg between the steps, fractured it. She was attended by Dr. Pain, and was subsequently taken to her home.

Allora's Past 125 years ago August 1890

ALLORA

Forty six years ago, in the year 1844, Mr. Neil Ross and his family were the only inhabitants in Allora. Their residence was above the present residence of Mr. C. Muller, and at the time was considered one of the best in the district. There was also a splendid vegetable garden close to where Mr. Muller's barn now stands; and I remembers seeing as fine cabbages in that year as I have seen grown on the Downs since, yet one of the representatives of the Legislative Chamber in Queensland

quite recently asserted that the soil of the Darling Downs was incapable of growing a cabbage.

But Allora in the present year presents a very different appearance; the rapid strides of civilization during the past forty odd years have been astonishing. We now have five places of worship (Anglican, Presbyterian, Roman Catholic, Wesleyan and Salvation Army). It is pleasing to note that in point of number the houses of God keep ahead of the houses of liquor. Allora now supports three hotels and about twenty other places of business, including eight general stores. There are two banks (A. J. S. and National), a resident M. D., Town Hall, School of Arts, Post and Telegraph Offices and Savings Bank. We have an Agricultural Association, a newspaper, corporate bodies (Municipal Council and Divisional Board), Court House, State School, lemonade factory and a soap works.

Let us hope that in 46 years hence, it will be the happy lot of some writer to state what was accomplished in this direction in the years 1891, 92 and 93.

(Edward Anderson, Allora correspondent, Warwick Argus 16th August 1890)

Colin Newport

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Campaign from Alexandria'. On 28th April 1915, Norman was promoted to Sergeant and one month later promoted to Company Quarter Master Sergeant. A further promotion was noted on 9th November 1915 on the Gallipoli Peninsular making Norman a 2nd Lieutenant.

After he was evacuated from the Gallipoli Peninsular, Norman had all his curios placed in a box and had them left at Cook Tour's office in Cairo. The family never received this box.

He received a further promotion to Lieutenant on 20th February 1916. He proceeded aboard the "Saxonia" to Marseilles on 3rd April 1916. Norman Weynand was killed in action

in the Battle at Pozieres, France, on the 23rd July 1916.

An article in the Allora Guardian headed - 'Lieutenant Weynand' reads "W. W. Anderson has communicated to us the news that Lieutenant Norman Weynand, son of an erstwhile highly respected resident of Allora, has been killed in action in France. The messenger adds that his brother Sydney has been wounded. Both were Allora natives and did credit to the town of their nativity wherever they went in after life".

The details on Norman Leslie Weynand's grave at Villiers Bretonneux read -

*WEYNAND Lt. Norman Leslie, 9th Bn
23rd July 1916. Aged 22. Son of Henry and
Elizabeth Weynand of Church Street, West End,
South Brisbane. Born at Allora, Queensland.*

Lyn Wright



Weynand's blacksmith shop, Forde Street, Allora. Norman Weynand is on the bicycle in the foreground and Henry Weynand is standing in the centre.

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the 49th anniversary of the Battle of Long Tan, I encourage secondary school students to participate in this opportunity to learn more about the bravery and determination of our Vietnam veterans," Senator Ronaldson said.

"By entering the competition, students will learn about the many battles and engagements involving Australians, including the most significant battle for us, the Battle of Long Tan, which sadly took 18 Australian lives.

"They will also learn about the difficulties many of our Vietnam veterans endured when they returned from service and importantly," Senator Ronaldson said.

The competition is open until Friday, 8 April 2016, giving students two full terms to participate. Winning students will be invited to attend a three-day Canberra Commemorative Programme in August 2016 where they will visit cultural institutions and attend the national commemorative event marking the 50th Anniversary of the Battle of Long Tan.

"The Honouring Australian Vietnam Veterans schools competition is one of several initiatives linked to the Australian Government's Anzac Centenary national programme. A key aim of this programme is to improve education and awareness about Australia's wartime history, especially among younger Australians, and initiatives such as this one are vital to its success," Senator Ronaldson said.

Further information, including entry details, the competition question, guidelines and frequently asked questions, is available at www.anzacportal.dva.gov.au/competitions

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HONOURING AUSTRALIAN VIETNAM VETERANS SECONDARY SCHOOL COMPETITION

The Minister for Veterans' Affairs, Senator the Hon. Michael Ronaldson, has announced on Tuesday, 18 August, a one-off school competition to honour Australia's Vietnam veterans.

The Honouring Australian Vietnam Veterans secondary school competition encourages students in years 9 and 10 to explore the service of Australia's Vietnam veterans, and to reflect on the importance of remembering their involvement in the conflict.

The Vietnam War saw some 60,000 servicemen and women deployed overseas, and more than 500 Australian lives lost, in the longest 20th century conflict in which Australia participated. "Today (August 18), as we mark Vietnam Veterans' Day and

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Now is the time to apply for new grants programme open to Maranoa communities: Bruce Scott MP

Federal LNP Member for Maranoa Bruce Scott's passionate advocacy for bush communities is represented in the Coalition Government's new Stronger Communities Programme set to deliver \$150,000 per year, for two years, to fund small capital projects in his electorate.

"I have long-fought for better infrastructure in the bush and this new Stronger Communities Programme will deliver not only infrastructure but also social benefits to Maranoa communities," Mr Scott said.

"This is an exciting opportunity for local communities to work with me to identify potential projects which will contribute to our region's long-term vibrancy and viability.

"I encourage not-for-profit organisations to contact my Roma office and submit an expression of interest for funding by September 10.

"Funding will be available, through a competitive application process, for funding of at least \$5000 and up to a maximum of \$20,000 and must provide matching cash or in-kind funding on at least a dollar for dollar basis.

"I've established a community consultation committee - with a member from each corner of the Maranoa - to evaluate and identify priority projects to ensure this funding delivers the best possible outcomes for our community."

Mr Scott said applications for grant funding will be assessed against the Programme Guidelines by the Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development to ensure approved projects represent value for money.

For more information on the Stronger Communities Programme, check out: www.infrastructure.gov.au/SCP

Stronger Communities Programme expressions of interest should be emailed to bruce.scott.mp@aph.gov.au by September 10. For more information, please contact Mr Scott's Roma office on 1300 787 299.

Tim heading to Solomon Islands for Teen Missions

Hi! I'm Tim Linder and I'm 17. On December 12th 2015 I'm heading to the Solomon Islands on a Missions Trip with Teen Missions International Australia. My team and I will be renovating and helping with maintenance at a local church one hour from Honiara, the capital. This work will greatly improve the community learning environment where the children study. We will also have the opportunity to do evangelistic outreach in the community.

I need your help. I must raise \$2500 by November 1st. If I can help you with house maintenance, taking rubbish to the tip, walking your dog; whatever it is you need help with, I am willing to earn the money to go on my trip. Alternatively, donations can be made to Teen Missions for the trip expenses (Important: please call me if you would like to donate directly to Teen Missions).

If you are willing to help in any way, please call me on 4666 6272 or mobile 0448 629 420. Thank you in advance!

Tim Linder



Community groups can apply for grants up to \$5000 to deliver electrical safety or energy efficiency projects in regional Queensland.

Applications are now open for Ergon Energy's Community Fund with grants between \$200 and \$5000 available for individual organisations and \$50,000 in total to be shared.

Community Strategy Manager Sara Collins encouraged local not-for-profit groups to develop innovative ideas that could benefit them and inspire their local community to adopt energy efficient and electrically safe behaviours.

Examples of the sort of projects that could attract funding include those that:

- Reduce energy consumption, particularly during the peak period between 4pm and 8pm.
- Upgrade equipment to more energy efficient models.
- Educate and encourage people to change the way they use energy.
- Use or promote renewable energy alternatives (solar, wind, hydro and biomass).
- Adopt energy management systems to monitor, measure and control a building's electrical load.
- Keep the community safe around electricity.

Last year, 14 community groups from Cooktown to Pittsworth received funding for projects as diverse as solar heating a swimming pool, insulating ceilings, installing LED lighting and recycling water.

"Grants were awarded to schools, sporting groups, a men's shed, charity organisations, community halls, a history museum, an aged care facility and a plant nursery," Mrs Collins said.

"Most projects will not only improve facilities for members of the groups that successfully applied for grants, but many other local residents in those areas will also benefit directly or indirectly.

"The projects will also serve an important role in educating the wider community on the importance of electrical safety and energy efficiency."

Applications for the next funding round will close at 5pm on Monday, September 14.

For more details or to obtain an application form, visit the Ergon Energy website at ergon.com.au/communityfund.

Residents take advantage of rates discount

Southern Downs residents are taking advantage of the discount offered by Council for payment of their rates before the September 4 due date.

Residents were lined up in Council's Stanthorpe and Warwick customer service centres to pay their rates when notices started to hit mailboxes on August 3. Rates payments are steadily being received, with almost 17 percent of total rates already paid in a week and a half of notices being issued, showing a good acceptance of the rates.

Southern Downs Regional Council's Mayor, Cr Peter Blundell said the feedback from staff is many people are keen to pay their rates and get their discount, and the level of complaints received about the increases is about the same as in previous years.

"In relation to complaints, I understand that some people are disappointed with the rate increase; however Council has to take steps now to redress the financial situation to improve things for the future.

"I would also urge people not to take out their frustrations on Council's customer service and rates staff. Staff are doing their very best to answer ratepayer questions and provide advice on payment options for those finding it difficult to pay their rates.

"Council is quite prepared to consider payment agreements, and anyone wishing to explore this option can drop into Council's customer service centres, or call our 1300 number.

"Information about payment options has also been promoted in our Council News page this week and on Facebook, and I would encourage residents to contact Council sooner rather than later to discuss the options," Cr Blundell said.

Ratepayers also have the option to receive their rates and water notices through BPAY View and this year Council has added the option to request these notices by email.

"We've had a great response from ratepayers about the option to receive rate notices by email in the future, with 130 requests submitted to date, and now have almost the same number registered for BPAY View," he said.

For further information about rates payment agreements, prepayment of rates, or to request notices via BPAY View or email, contact Council on 1300 MY SDRC (1300 697 372).

?? CSIRO Double Helix Quiz ??

1. What is dry ice?
2. What is the largest organ of the human body?
3. How many eyes does a grasshopper have?
4. Where is the largest desert on Earth?
5. How many naturally occurring chemical elements make up the noble gases? Bonus points for naming them.

Answers in Classifieds pages

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Allora State School Secondary Department Year 10, 1975 - Back Row: Paul Doyle, Peter Bond, Brian Chandler, Bradley Stallman, David Teys, Peter McVeigh, Timothy Chester. Third Row: Phillip Drewery, Allan Robin, Jeffrey Weier, Robin Fisher, Bradley Weier, David Atkinson, Gordon Fredericks, Glen Larkin. Second Row: Penelope Betts, Helen Ruhle, Wendy Crooke, Norma Smith, Robyn Hoey, Wendy Whitton, Jessica Mynarends, Debra Burge, Leanne Doyle. Front Row: Diann Powell, Sharee Shapland, Julie Dwyer, Janelle Holzgart, Toni Rix, Kaylene Wiedman, Josephine Green, Sharon Wright, Maria Lister.

Allora 1966-75 School Reunion

A trip down memory lane to the days in the ole schoolyard is planned for Saturday, October 3rd, 2015 for students who attended the Allora State School within the period 1966 – 1975. Organisers Robyn Draper and Liz Marshall have been busy sorting the weekend itinerary and locating past students, and are putting the message out that any students or staff who were part of the class at Allora State School commencing 1966 to 1975 are welcome to attend. Perhaps those reading this article may be aware of past students from the nominated era, and if so it would be gratefully appreciated if the information could be passed to those people involved.

The Allora State School Secondary Department Year 10 graduating class of 1975 was: David Atkinson, Penelope Betts, Peter Bond, Debra Burge, Brian Chandler, Timothy Chester, Wendy Crooke, Leanne Doyle, Paul Doyle, Phillip Drewery, Julie Dwyer, Robin Fisher, Gordon Fredericks, Josephine Green, Robyn Hoey, Janelle Holzgart, Glen Larkin, Maria Lister, Peter McVeigh, Jessica Mynarends, Diann Powell, Toni Rix, Allan Robin, Helen Ruhle, Sharee Shapland, Norma Smith, Bradley Stallman, David Teys, Bradley Weier, Jeffrey Weier, Wendy Whitton, Kaylene Wiedman and Sharon Wright. The reunion of the classes that commenced school all but 50

years ago will be held at the Allora P-10 State School commencing at 3.00 pm featuring a 'back to school' visitor's book, a photograph display, an open house, afternoon tea and a roll call.

An evening function at the Allora Sports Club will follow including social drinks and a barbeque.

On Sunday the reunion continues at the Allora Sports Club with a barefoot bowls afternoon.

Costs for the event are \$5.00 per person on Saturday afternoon at the Allora State School, \$20.00 per person for the Saturday evening social at the Allora Sports Club and \$5.00 each for those taking part in the barefoot bowls.

Those wishing to attend should RSVP with payment of event fees by the 19th of September 2015 for catering purposes. Cheques can be made payable to School Reunion, P.O. Box 131, Allora, Qld, 4362, and bank transfer facilities are available.

For details please contact Robyn Draper 0447 767 401 or robd.60@hotmail.com or Liz Marshall 4666 3512

Glyn Rees



Allora State School Grade 7, 1972 - Back Row: David Renton, Robin Fisher, Bradley Stallman, Bradley Weier, Mark Lehmann. Third Row: Phillip Drewery, Graham Free, David Atkinson, Peter Corbett, Gordon Fredericks, Derrick Dau, Glen Larkin. Second Row: Judith Abernethy, Norma Smith, Helen Ruhle, Jessica Mynarends, Catherine Frizzell, Cheryl Parker, Robyn Hoey, Janelle Holzgart. Front Row: Sharee Shapland, Debra Burge, Heather Clarke, Nancy Bray, Teacher Mrs. S. Mulkerin, Wendy Whitton, Wendy Crooke, Penelope Betts, Toni Rix, Leanne Graham, Sharon Wright.



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Business interest in reticulated natural gas sparks further investigations

Southern Downs businesses have indicated interest in seeking access to natural gas to reduce the costs associated with heating and manufacturing processes in a recent survey by Southern Downs Regional Council.

Council officers sought to gauge the level of interest from potential users of a reticulated gas system. Responses were received from businesses in the private sector, as well as a number of public sector organisations.

Southern Downs Regional Council's Mayor, Cr Peter Blundell said the provision of the infrastructure to provide reticulated gas from Toowoomba to Warwick would be undertaken by a third party infrastructure provider, with no financial contributions being made by Southern Downs Regional Council.

"At present there appears to be enough interest from businesses to continue with the investigation process.

"It has been determined however, that there will be an additional level of consultation with businesses and communities along the proposed pipeline route, thereby including areas

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south of Toowoomba, as well as townships in the Southern Downs region, such as Allora.

"There has also been an indication that should the pipeline become feasible, based on the majority of the supply being dedicated to business consumption, there may be the opportunity to connect residential areas, based upon demand and the route of the pipeline," Cr Blundell said.

Council officers will continue to liaise with representatives from both the Department of State Development and the infrastructure provider to determine the potential for the pipeline and consult with businesses and residents in the additional areas.

Cr Blundell went on to say that the provision of natural gas offers businesses the potential to lower production costs and may assist in attracting new businesses to the region.

"It is important that a full suite of infrastructure services is made available to existing businesses and those considering a move to the Southern Downs region. If one of the indirect benefits of the installation of this infrastructure is the provision of gas to residents, then that would be a great outcome.

"Whilst Council is only in the early stages of the feasibility investigation, if the project was to come to fruition there would be welcomed employment created as part of the construction process and the long term management of the infrastructure, as well as the potential benefits to businesses," said Cr Blundell.

Southern Downs' communities to benefit from graffiti removal kits

Communities across the Southern Downs region will benefit from access to graffiti removal kits being made available by Southern Downs Regional Council.

Council was successful in obtaining funding from the Queensland Government for a 'Graffiti Stop' project, which aims to stop ongoing graffiti problems within our communities. Southern Downs Regional Council's Manager Community Facilities, Mr Michael Bell said the funding has enabled the purchase of a number of graffiti removal kits which will be offered to community under a partnership approach.

"Council is keen to partner with schools, businesses and community groups across the region to raise awareness about graffiti and the impacts it can have on urban and regional areas.

"In support of this approach, Council is providing the graffiti

removal kits free of charge, which we hope will enable those partnering with Council to remove any graffiti they have identified in their particular areas, and in doing so help both Council and the community combat graffiti," Mr Bell said.

The kits include removal products, personal protective equipment and information fact sheets.

"The graffiti removal kits have been rolled out through Council's community contact centres in Stanthorpe and Warwick. Schools, businesses or community groups wishing to obtain a kit need to complete a 'Graffiti Removal Kit Release' form," he said.

Council also reminds residents that they should report instances of graffiti occurring in their local areas to Council so that appropriate remedial action can be taken.

To obtain a graffiti removal kit or to report identified graffiti, contact Council on 1300 MY SDRC (1300 697 372) or visit Council's community contact centres in Stanthorpe or Warwick.



Wattles U13 Report

Superior Sillage U13 - Saturday the under 13s travelled to Tenterfield and played the border bears in our final fixture game before finals. The boys played well against a tough opposition.

The forwards kept charging forward Owen, Jack, Wesley, Clayton and Liam with good service from Rylan all working well together in defence.

A good effort by the backs in defence and attack.

Good organization by Darby and Joe as well as tireless tackling by these boys, Lachie and Aaron had good games with strong running and defence, we also managed to find another good goal kicker in Aaron.

We were a few players short this week and again the support from the under 12s was great. They seem to slot into our team easily thanks Lachie, Elijah, Hamish, Michael & Jacob. Good luck to all the teams in the finals. Time to step up to a higher level guys. Play hard and work together.

John Meddleton



Swimming club news

The AGM was held last week and it was great to see some new and enthusiastic parents. The 2015/16 committee is: President Roy Nott, Vice President Donna-Maree

Willett, Treasurer VACANT, Secretary Emily Henry, Carnival secretary Jane Gilmore, Registrar VACANT, Caterer Sonia Griffin.

Thank you to the previous committee.

Any parents who would be interested in a position as either Treasurer or Registrar, please feel free to contact any of the committee members. In order to become affiliated with Swimming Queensland we NEED to have these positions filled by the end of August.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, 25th August, 7.00pm at the Railway Hotel Allora.



Wattles on Track for Toowoomba Rugby League Minor Premiership

A match sealing try by Wattles brilliant halfback Matt Duggan on the full time hooter at Platz Oval on Sunday provided the Wattles Warriors

with a 38 - 22 victory over fellow top of the table club the Highfields Eagles, their thirteenth win in succession since Round 7 of the competition.

The result elevated Wattles to Toowoomba Rugby League minor premiership front-runners with Highfields tumbling from second to third place behind Gatton. The Warriors are three competition points clear of Gatton, and a win over low on the ladder Brothers this coming weekend will see them minor premiers for a second consecutive season.

Wattles finished with a 'full house' on Sunday, their second last home game of the season, collecting the premiership points in Reserve Grade and Under 18 as well as top grade. As Highfields don't field a 2nd Division team, Wattles unbeaten 2nd Division affiliate the Millmerran Rams rested up with a bye. Aside from an eye catching hat trick try haul, Matt Duggan was named Wattles' Player's Player and also snared the Toowoomba Rugby Leagues 'Hutchies Mug' as overall player of the match. The clash reflected all that was expected of a first verses second on the ladder encounter, and after scoring two tries apiece in the first half the Warriors and Eagles retired to the half time break level pegging at 10 all.

First points went the Eagles way when halfback Jarred Lee intercepted a pass and strolled the ten metres to score untouched in just the second minute of play.

Wattles were well aware there opponents meant business and had the early 4 - 0 advantage, and the loss of workaholic back-rower Brod Koina to a leg injury in the tenth minute compounded matters for the home side line up.

However minutes later two of Wattles form forwards Eugene Seddon and Jason Bradfield engineered a prime opportunity that led to playmaker Duggan sending fullback Corey Blades on the road to a touchdown that levelled the scoreboard 4 - 4. The Eagles strode to a 10 - 4 lead midway through the half when hooker Matt Dunstone scampered over from dummy half. Wattles levelled the ledger again at 10 all after those men Seddon and Bradfield laid the foundation for halfback Duggan to find brother Ryan Duggan steaming in support, finding the tryline carrying defenders with him.

The Warriors were a touch shorthanded from the 37th minute with centre Joel Koina cooling his heels in the sin bin for ten minutes.

You don't win twelve games in succession unless you have the goods to rise above opponents and the reigning premiers emerged for the second stanza lifting the intensity against the determined Highfields line-up, both sides pursuing a vital win to pave the way to a possible minor premiership.

The home side seemed unstoppable from the restart and in the space of 22 minutes the Warriors ran in four unanswered tries, one each to winger Michael Purcell and five-eight Brodie Ciesiolka and a double by Matt Duggan to have their side ahead 32 - 10.

BAD JOKE OF THE WEEK

A dentist told a mother, "I'm sorry madam, but I'll have to charge you a \$100 for pulling your boy's tooth."

The mother exclaimed, "A hundred?! You said it was only \$20!"

"Yes," replied the dentist, "but he yelled so loudly that he scared four other patients out of the office!"

Events Calendar

2015

August -

- Fri 21** **BNW Accountants Allora Visit**
Allora Advertiser Office
- Sat 22** **Toowoomba Hospice Race Day**
Clifford Park Race Course, 3.30pm till late
- Fri 28** **BNW Accountants Allora Visit**
Allora Advertiser Office
- Sat 29** **Wattles v Pittsworth**
Platz Oval, Clifton
- Sat 29** **Allora Mens Shed Meeting**
Allora Mens Shed (old fire station), 11.30am

September -

- Sat 5** **Rock 'N' Roll Night - 60's/40's Dance**
Goomburra Hall, 6.30pm
- 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
- Fri 16** **St Patrick's Parish Fete**
St Patrick's School Grounds

November -

- Sat 14** **Warwick Uber Markets**
Leslie Park, Warwick, 10.00am to 2.30pm
- Sat 28** **Christmas Candle - Helen Earley Ensemble**
Allora P-10 State School Hall, 7.30pm

December -

- Sat 5** **Creekside Carols & Markets**
Dalrymple Park, Allora
- Sat 12** **Warwick Uber Markets**
Leslie Park, Warwick, 10.00am to 2.30pm

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March -

- Sat 12 & Sun 13** **St Patrick's School Centenary Celebrations**
St Patrick's School Grounds

April -

- Sat 16** **Allora & Dist. Historical Society Display & Demo Day**
Warwick Street Museum, Allora.

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'Man of the Moment' - Wattles' Champion halfback Matt Duggan, Toowoomba Rugby League 2013 & 2014 Player of the Year, was an outstanding performer in the top grade clash against Highfields on Sunday, scoring three tries and receiving the TRL 'Hutchies Cup' award as Player of the Match.

Grade ladder, Coach Luke Duggan was calmly overwhelmed by his side's performance, especially the second half.

Leading in to the game "I asked the players to make a statement in this match and they did" said Duggan, "we're at the business end of the season against the proven contenders, it's time to commit."

While Matt Duggan was showered with accolades, back-rower Jason Bradfield was also exceptional while the coach thought the next best player was "everyone else in the line-up."

Wattles 38 (Matt Duggan 3, Michael Purcell, Brodie Ciesiolka, Corey Blades, Ryan Duggan tries; Matt Duggan 4, Eugene Seddon goals) defeated Highfields 22.

Reserve Grade - The 'Toowoomba Toyota' TRL Round 20 Reserve Grade match wasn't the great spectacle the crowd would have liked, but nevertheless the home side Warriors cashed in with a 26 - 4 winning result. Wattles Coach Terry 'Tezza' Birmingham was excited about the result, his Warriors now sitting firmly in fourth place on the competition ladder, a point behind Gatton and seven points ahead of fifth placed Pittsworth.

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'A Need for Speed' - Wattles Reserve Grade flying flanker Will Duff crossed for his thirteenth fixture try of the 2015 Toowoomba Rugby League season against the Highfields Eagles last Sunday.
Image courtesy Krissy Henry

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"While it was a very scrappy stop start game, a game that we found hard to get a roll on, we got up for another valuable win" said the Coach, "full credit to the Eagles though, they only had thirteen players."

Fullback Dale McAntee continued his exemplary form, claiming a hat trick of tries and was a constant attacking threat to the Highfields defence. Experienced forwards Jason Nightingale and Jordan Henry led from the front setting an admirable example, while fellow forwards Justin Van Der Poel, Justin Wade and Liam Ross also impressed.

The Warriors line-up was reduced to eleven when fiery backs Tim Hentschel and Brodie Frizzell were sin-binned as frustrations peaked in the game, Eagles centre Brent Tucker also having an enforced spell early in the second stanza.

Wattles nailed first points to lead 6 - 0 after just four minutes when winger Will Duff added yet another try to his season total, after some classy lead up work by McAntee, front-rower Wade and five-eight Mark Duggan.

Dale McAntee's first try in the thirteenth minute off a cut out ball by half back Michael Duggan saw the Warriors leading 12 - 4 at the break.

Wattles couldn't have started the second half better, McAntee taking a long high kick on his own tryline and proceeded to run the 100 metres to score threading through the Eagles defence and outpacing the rest.

Hooker Liam Ross darted over to score after a Wattles penalty, to have his side ahead 22 - 4, with the elusive McAntee crossing again before full time.

Wattles 26 (Dale McAntee 3, Liam Ross, Will Duff tries; Dale McAntee 2, Brodie Frizzell goals) defeated Highfields 4.

Under 18 - After a disappointing result in their last start the 'Allan & Debbie Smith Toowoomba & Oakey Foodworks' Wattles Under 18's reaped a gutsy 30 - 24 victory over Highfields.

"It was an encouraging result for us" said coach Mick Ryan. "Our first half was very ordinary" according to the Coach, "we just didn't seem hungry enough, although our second half was much improved and the boy's game lifted".

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On the whole Coach Ryan felt, "It was a great result against a worthy opponent and one they achieved by themselves by putting in the extra effort."

Wattles had a team of the bare thirteen players, with forward Sam McCullough in sensational form, his defence throughout was exceptional. Full credit to the young Highfields Eagles who also ran on with the bare compliment of gutsy competitors and certainly gave a commendable account of themselves.

Wattles had some handy opportunities early but failed to convert them to points, Highfields ahead 10 - 0 after fourteen minutes of play. However the Warriors showed some classy team work to surge upfield for fullback Joe Morris to score first points.

Wattles finisher Josh Sharman touched down after a great twenty metre charge by hooker Jake Christensen, the home side levelling the scoreboard 10 - 10, ten minutes prior to the break.

Two Highfields tries saw the visitors ahead 18 - 10 at half time. As the second half curtain unfolded back-rower Max Rubie launched the Warriors back in to the game after racing a blazing seventy metres to score, before Joe Morris backed up with his own long range four-pointer after selling a clever dummy to fool the defence.

The scoreboard acknowledged Wattles lead of 20 - 18, but despite a committed defensive effort soon after the Eagles battered their way over the tryline to snatch the lead back, 24 - 20.

The see-sawing score line saw Wattles ease back in front 26 - 24 after Joe Morris toed a loose ball ahead before gathering and scooting the twenty metres to ground the ball.

With just minutes on the match clock, Joe Morris skyed a high bomb with Max Rubie giving his AFL chances a mighty boost after a sensational catch and run to score.

Wattles 30 (Joe Morris 3, Max Rubie 2, Josh Sharman tries; Paul Christensen 2, Joe Morris goals) defeated Highfields 24.

Wattles head north to Toowoomba's Glenholme Park on Saturday taking on the Brothers Leprechauns. Matches commence at 3.20 pm - Under 18, 4.50 pm - Reserve Grade and 6.20 pm A Grade.

Glyn Rees

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Allora's Laura Leads Diamonds to World Championship

Among Allora's greatest ambassadors, Commonwealth Games gold medallist Laura Geitz continues to gain honours on the world stage, most recently captaining Australia's national Netball team the Diamonds to World Cup victory.

While Laura's family and many of her friends were among the world record crowd of 16,752 at Sydney's Allphones Arena, almost the whole of the Allora community, and indeed the Southern Downs, experienced the historic achievement of victory in the World Cup final in some way. The Australian Diamonds 58 - 55 success delivered their 11th world title in the pulsating final of the 2015 Netball World Cup at Sydney Olympic Park from 7 to 16 August.

For the Diamonds it was a hat-trick of world titles, successfully defending their crown from 2007 and 2011.

A blistering opening quarter set up Australia's victory and the Diamonds withstood a spirited second half fightback by New Zealand to emulate the feats of the 1991 Australian team in winning the world title on home soil.

Veteran defender Julie Corletto bowed out on a high in her final Test match for Australia, winning her third world title along with goal attack Natalie Medhurst.

It was Australia's highest regulation score in a Netball World Cup match against New Zealand, eclipsing the 53 scored in the triumphant 1991 Final.

Australia's accuracy was the difference between the two sides



Laura Geitz, Captain of the 2015 Netball World Cup winning Australian Diamonds.

as the Silver Ferns had 11 more shots on goal than the Diamonds. Caitlin Bassett finished the match with 47 goals and praised the work done by the players in front of her.

"The drive to the circle was amazing; the girls were bringing the ball down really quickly and Nat did a great job in keeping goal defence busy which kept me in a one-on-one situation which was perfect," Bassett said.

Australian captain Laura Geitz said she was proud of her team for bouncing back from their loss earlier in the tournament to the Silver Ferns.

"To finish like that in front of our home crowd, to have family here and to play with that particular group of girls, to play with Julie Corletto, it's wonderful to step into the defensive circle

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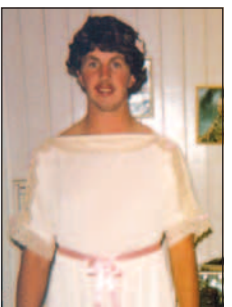
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Lynn Collie

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with such a wonderful athlete," Geitz said. "World Cup netball, that's what it comes down to; hard work and just grinding away. Our attackers were just sensational and capitalised on every tip and touch that we got and the first quarter set us up nicely." Coach Lisa Alexander started with the same line-up from Saturday's semi-final against Jamaica with Corletto the only change to team that faced the Silver Ferns earlier in the tournament. Unlike their earlier encounter, the Diamonds were the dominant team early as they jumped to a six-goal lead. Corletto and Geitz were at their miserly best in defence and Bassett and Medhurst were only too happy to convert their turnovers in attack.

A 4-0 run late in the quarter saw the Diamonds open up a nine-goal lead which they took into the first break as New Zealand was held to just seven goals, its lowest-scoring quarter of the tournament. Australia led by as much as 12 goals mid-way through the second quarter as the Diamonds wings Renae Hallinan and Kimberlee Green continued to have a major influence and Bassett was standing up to the intense pressure of the New Zealand defence. But some brilliant long-range shooting by Maria Tutaia late in the quarter saw the Silver Ferns cut the margin to eight goals at half-time. The two countries traded goal for goal to start the third quarter and it was New Zealand who gained the first decisive break,

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the Silver Ferns continuing to make in-roads on Australia's lead.

They cut the gap to four goals late in the term before the Diamonds steadied with the last two goals to head into the final term with a six-goal advantage. That was the same margin between the two sides last Sunday, but in New Zealand's favour.

Every New Zealand challenge was answered by the Diamonds in the opening minutes of the last quarter and Australia gained the break it was looking for, converting on a Silver Ferns error to edge out to an eight-goal advantage.

The Silver Ferns made one late rally but the clock beat them and the Diamonds enhanced their ranking as the world's undisputed number one netball nation.

Malawi goal shooter Mwayi Kumwenda was named the Player of the Tournament for the Netball World Cup SYDNEY 2015.

Federal Minister for Health and Minister for Sport Sussan Ley congratulated the world-conquering Diamonds on behalf of all Australians.

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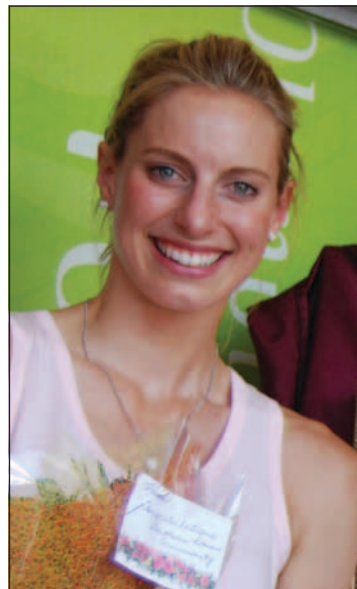
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sport, as well as an inspiration to generations of women, young and old".

On November 22nd last year Laura Geitz was recognised by her adoring community when presented with the 'Key to the Southern

Downs' in recognition of her amazing achievements at all levels of her development as a world champion athlete and her devotion to the town and area of her childhood.

Aside from the trials and tribulations, dedication and sacrifice that lines the pathway to success of an athlete achieving at the highest levels of her sport, Laura and her family have also endured heart wrenching loss with the passing of her father and great supporter Ross Geitz in May 2013.

Laura Geitz has risen above the many challenges that have confronted her on her life journey to date, and the Allora community salute her and her abundant achievements that have brought her fame, recognition and respect as an athlete and a person, one of the world's great sporting identities.

Congratulations Laura Geitz, Allora is certainly honoured to be able to claim you as one of our own. Laura has generously donated her 2015 World Cup winning jersey to the Allora community to be displayed in the Allora Regional Sports Museum.

The very best wishes of all in "the Best Little Town on the Downs" are yours as you progress your remarkable sporting career long into the future!

Glyn Rees