



Spring Fair flowers on the fence at Allora P-10 State School - Photo © Leanne K Photography

## Less than two weeks until Spring Fair

Spring is in the air and the Allora State School community has sprung into action ready to host their annual Spring Fair.

"This event is a great way for the Allora community to welcome in the new season and to showcase our great school," said P&C President, Jeff Lack. "We have built upon the Spring Fair for over five years now and each year it seems bigger and better."

A fun family day out, crowds can expect plenty of stalls and lots of goodies to eat. A barbecue will be operating all day as well as a morning and afternoon tea stall, for those who just want to sit and take in the carnival atmosphere.

There will be fun and games galore as well as loads of market stalls including the very popular, Mr Wilbury's Show Bags. At 1 o'clock a highlight of the day for school-age children will undoubtedly be the Bonza Bike Give-away where one lucky child will take home a new bike to the value of \$500.00.

The P&C extends a warm invitation to the wider community to come along and enjoy the 2015 Spring Fair, 10.00am - 3.00pm, Sunday, 13th September.



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## Allora Landcare Group notes

Ian Tate from the Warwick Credit Union was kind enough to chair the AGM for the Allora Landcare Group on 20th August. Elections were held for the executive positions. Hughie Huston retained the presidency, Gary Burns was re-elected Treasurer and Adele Thomas was elected as the new secretary.

A regular meeting followed in which the year's activities were discussed and plans made for next year.

The Group welcomes any new members and anyone wishing to join is asked to ring Adele Thomas for further details on 0412 007 393.



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### From the Publisher...

### Long Term Financial Forecast

The Community Information Session for Allora was held on Tuesday, 1st September. Those who were unable to attend can read the Power Point Presentation on the Southern Downs Regional Council website at [www.sdrcl.qld.gov.au](http://www.sdrcl.qld.gov.au)

### The Saxy Lady Variety Music Concert, Hosted by Lynette Gordon-Smith

Last Friday saw the music of Mike Woollett enjoyed by an audience of eager music lovers.

The medleys provided sing-alongs of well known and familiar tunes. There was a lot of joy and laughter and Mike took us on a trip down memory lane. Mike also offers to come back to Allora, and he would like to entertain for an Afternoon Tea Dance before the end of the year. The other performers on the day provided various music styles.



Classic Country gave an outstanding rendition of Country classics, with Allan Polley, Mike Spence, Peter Rutherford and the Saxy Lady adding their talents to the program. The guest speaker was Chris Gleeson from the Allora Advertiser, she gave a fascinating insight into the role of The Advertiser in the Community.

The lunch provided was a sausage sizzle cooked by Noel from Warwick, thank you Noel. There was also a choice of help-yourself-salads.

Caroline Pierce, Peter Rutherford, Mike Woollett, Mike Spence, Lynette Gordon-Smith, Kevin Stow and Allan Polley.

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### Preparations are underway for the RAFF Group CRT Rural Trade Show.

Staff of the RAFF Group Clifton store are getting the shop into top condition as 17 key rural suppliers line up to take part in a 'Mini Farmfest' on site on Thursday, 10th September.

"We want to break the image that we are just the local hardware. We are also a member of CRT and have access to everything that brand has to offer. From Animal health and nutrition, fencing, fertilisers, summer and winter seed, and of course horse and pet food, and everything in between."

The event is an opportunity for customers to talk one on one to suppliers about their own individual requirements. Expressions of interest will be noted down for on farm visits, and focus meetings specific for our area.

Toowoomba Regional Council and local Landcare will have displays and advice about pest animal and weed management happening in the area.

Local horse trainer Scott Keogh will be doing horsemanship demonstrations throughout the day, and will also be available for attendants to talk to.

RAFF Group will be putting on a free BBQ lunch for everyone, and there will be great specials on all rural products on the day, with giveaways and a lucky door prize.

The CRT Rural Trade Show will run from 10am to 3pm on



Raff Group CRT Rural Trade Show will be held on site at Raff Group Clifton.

Thursday, September 10 at Raff Group, 47 King Street, Clifton. Suppliers featuring on the day include Merial Animal Health, Gallagher, Agricon, RapidPlas, Zee Tags and Seed Distributors, plus many more.

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As the second half of the program commenced, fruit platters were served on each table.

The next concert is the September 25th concert, with a line up of talented musicians. You are invited to join us for morning tea at 10.30am with the concert commencing at 11.00am. The Queen Bee of the Allora Red Hatters will speak about the history of their group and their involvement in the Community. Their story is quite fascinating.

Entry is \$10.00 and Lunch is served at 12.30pm with the concert re-commencing at 1.00pm, with a finish at 2.30pm.

### WEATHER FORECAST

Day	Forecast	Min/Max
THU	Showers Early. Mostly Cloudy. Cool.	10 18
FRI	Mostly Sunny. Cool.	6 21
SAT	Mostly Sunny. Cool.	6 21
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## Scottish Adventurers On The Downs: The story of Goomburra and Talgai

By Clem Lack

One evening in the late thirties of the last century there was a historic gathering in the ancestral home of Sir Robert Horn Elphinstone Dalrymple, at Logie Elphinstone, in Aberdeenshire. His son, Ernest Elphinstone Dalrymple, a gallant young officer in a Highland regiment in India was home on furlough, and to celebrate the occasion Sir Robert feasted all his tenantry.

It was a gay company that gathered in the gloomy stateliness of the old hall. There were toasts and songs, and laughter echoed from the lofty roof.

There was the wild, stirring music of the pipes, and many a romp and reel and nimble rigaudon was danced by elegant, downy-bearded young men and pink-cheeked maids with eyes

starry beneath the golden glow of the candelabra.

"Haud yer blether," — Donal' a burly retainer at the end of the long table elbowed his talkative companion to silence. "Do ye no' see the laddie is gaun tae speak?"

It was a speech that held the audience enthralled. The young officer told them of his travels in the United States and foretold the Civil War between the North and the South over slavery, which broke out nearly 30 years afterwards. He told them, too, of how Allan Cunningham had discovered a pastoral Eldorado of wide rolling downs stretching as far as the eye could reach in the unknown northland of Australia, where a thousand flocks could roam on lush pasture; a land awaiting pioneer development, where stout hearts and willing hands could reap the reward of industry and enterprise.

It was a glowing picture he painted — a picture to fire the imagination of many an adventurous young man in that great

company.

Then to his father's astonishment he dramatically announced his intention of resigning his commission, forming a party of Aberdonians, and making his way to this new land across the seas.

"Disney" Dalrymple, as he was called by his associates, rapidly made his plans. Ten young fellows came eagerly forward and announced their intention of joining him.

Among them were George and Patrick Leslie, George and John Gammie, George McAdam, and James Fletcher. Sir Robert, who was a noted breeder of high-class stock, gave his son a Polled Aberdeen Angus bull and two cows and two thoroughbred blood stallions. James Fletcher was placed in charge of the thoroughbred cattle, and George McAdam had charge of the two blood horses. The long voyage to Sydney was made safely, but the landing of the live stock was a problem that was only overcome by swimming the animals ashore. Dalrymple's cattle came to the Darling Downs with the herd of the Leslie brothers, but the horses came to Moreton Bay by water, and travelled to the Darling Downs overland.

Patrick Leslie was first on the Downs, but "Disney" Dalrymple was close on his heels. Early in July, 1840, he arrived on the Downs with his own and Leslie's cattle, and took up North Talgai. The Talgai run included part of Clifton and the whole of Goomburra, which had been one of the out-stations of the original Canning Downs.

George McAdam stayed at Talgai for a time, and then left for Brisbane, where he built the Sovereign Hotel in Queen Street, for many years a favourite hostelry for the squatters on their periodic visits to the town.

"Disney" Dalrymple did not live to reap the reward of his enterprise. While on a visit to Brisbane he was stricken with malaria, a legacy from the Indian frontier, and he never rallied. He died on November 4, 1844, at the age of 24, and was buried in, the old Milton Cemetery. The sixth son of Sir Robert Dalrymple, Bart, he was a true Empire-builder, and, perhaps even more than Leslie, deserves the credit of initiating the settlement of the Darling Downs. His pioneer work was

followed up later by his brother, George Elphinstone Dalrymple. The Goomburra run was taken over by Patrick Leslie, who sold it in the middle of the fifties to Robert Tooth, a Sydney brewer, who was succeeded in turn by Charles H. Green, Edward Wienholt (father of Mr. Arnold Wienholt), and F. W. Donkin. Like most of the original stations of the Downs pioneers, Goomburra was acquired by the Government for closer settlement. It was thrown open to agricultural farm selection on May 1, 1902, and within 48 hours every acre had passed into the hands of farmers.

George and John Gammie, who had joined Dalrymple's party, were sons of Dr. Gammie, of Aberdeen. When they landed at Sydney armed with letters of introduction to Governor Sir George Gipps they were aged 23 and 21 years respectively. They had scarcely any ready cash between them, but Governor Gipps was able to pack them off with a letter to some of his pastoral friends at Bathurst. The two "newchums" walked there all the way on foot, and were successful in finding work.

It was a great adventure for these raw-boned young Scots, and other men of their type from the English universities.

It was a wild frontier life, and they did not seem the worse for the absence of vitamins in a monotonous diet of mutton and damper.

These old-time squatters and "jackeroos" were a race apart from the staid townsmen of the day. Like whiskery centaurs, the young squatters would descend whooping on the capital cities during their infrequent visits to the colonial towns. Noisily shouting and yelling, a dozen of them would come galloping down the uneven street in a cloud of dust, and more or less take possession of the hostelrys, spending their cash freely in a carnival of hilarity, until the townsmen longed for lambing and shearing to take them back to their runs again.

In Brisbane town many a wild prank was played by these whiskered denizens of the outback. One night at the Sovereign Inn a gay young blade with mutton chop whiskers undertook for a wager to leap his horse over the dinner table heaped high with smoking platters of roast beef. But he underestimated the

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The presentation of Life Memberships to members of the Allora Sub-Branch RSL Ladies Auxiliary at the RSL Hall in September 1990: Back - Noel Butler, Joan Kiernan, Norma Nielsen. Front - Phyllis Ellis, June Lawson, Dulcie Gwynne and Jean Holmes.

### Looking Back...

#### Allora's Past 25 years ago September 1990

#### Ladies Life Members

Four members of the Allora Sub-Branch RSL Ladies Auxiliary were presented with Gold Life Membership badges at a special dinner function held in the Allora RSL Hall. Mrs. Norma Nielsen, President of the Western Districts Council of Women's Auxiliaries said that the occasion was a first for Allora. The four ladies honoured were Mrs. Phyllis Ellis, Mrs. June Lawson, Mrs. Dulcie Gwynne and Mrs. Jean Holmes.

#### Allora's Past 50 years ago September 1965

#### PUBLIC MEETING PONY CLUB

A Meeting of all persons interested in the formation of a Pony Club in Allora will be

held in the Shire Council Chambers on Thursday, 23rd September at 7.45 p.m.

S. D. Henry,  
Chairman Allora Shire Council

#### Allora's Past 75 years ago September 1940

#### Bride-to-be Honoured

The members of St. David's Church of England Woman's Guild on Thursday afternoon entertained their former secretary, Miss Dulcie Gwynne, who will shortly wed Mr. Charles Tickle of Upper Forest Springs. Miss Gwynne resigned the secretaryship at the last monthly meeting after occupying the position for a number of years. On behalf of the Guild members Rev. De La Perelle presented Miss Gwynne with a crystal salad bowl as a mark of appreciation of her services. Mrs. De La Perelle (president) and Mrs. H. Volker (secretary) wished Miss Gwynne every happiness and prosperity in the future. Miss Gwynne suitably replied.

### Allora's Past 150 years ago September 1865 To The Honourable the Secretary for Lands and Works, Brisbane

Sir, I have the honour to report that, in compliance with your instructions dated 23rd November, 1864, I have recently visited the Allora Reserve, situated on Dalrymple Creek, Darling Downs, and found it contained 5,760 acres, of which 640 have been set apart for a village. Irrespective of the surveyed portion in the village, there have been about 1,400 acres surveyed for agricultural purposes, nearly the whole of which have been taken up and brought under cultivation. Of the unsurveyed portion there are about 900 acres well adapted for agriculture.

After inspecting the reserve as at present defined, I proceeded to examine the neighbourhood with a view to extensions. I discovered that nearly the whole of the land suited for agriculture, for miles around, has been purchased under pre-emptive right (by the squatters), and that consequently there was very little room for extension.

With regard to the general character of the reserve, I have to report that the soil, with very few exceptions, is of an excellent quality, and capable of producing in perfection nearly all kinds of cereals, fruits and vegetables. I can bear testimony, from personal observation, that the crops of wheat, oats, maize and potatoes are equal both in quality and quantity, to anything of the kind that I have ever witnessed in any of the colonies. I was very much pleased, moreover, to notice the neat, comfortable and cheerful aspect which nearly every little homestead presented.

Judging from the successful occupation and cultivation of this small reserve, I am disposed to think that reserves of equally small dimensions might be advantageously laid out in many of the squatting districts.

Walter Hill (Surveyor)

(The Brisbane Courier 2nd September 1865)

Collin Newport

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

### HAROLD EDWARD HANNINGTON

Harold Edward Hannington was 19 ½ years of age and was serving with the Royal Australian Garrison Artillery at Victoria Barracks, Brisbane, at the time of his enlistment in the A. I. F. on the 22nd August 1914. He was born in Bengal, India, the son of Henry and the late Rosa Jane Hannington. He had been working as a farm labourer in the Allora district prior to his enlistment in Brisbane. He was issued with the regimental number 105, and was assigned to 1st Battery, Field Artillery Brigade.

Gunner Harold Hannington served in Egypt, Gallipoli, France and Belgium. His time served in France and Belgium included the harsh winter months. His Casualty Form attested to how Harold suffered from the cold. He was admitted to hospital over the months of November and December, 1916, with chilled feet, effects of cold, trench feet and influenza. He went on to serve another eight months before he was wounded in action in Belgium on 15th August 1917. He died at the 64th Casualty Clearing Station from effects of head injuries the next day.

At the time that Harold's personal effects were dispatched, his father was engaged in munitions



Gunner Harold Edward Hannington.

work in the United Kingdom. The effects in a kit bag included letters, photos, 1 scarf, 4 handkerchiefs, 1 pair of mittens, 1 pair of gloves, 2 housewives (sewing kit), 3 note books, testament, brush, metal cup and films.

In a letter dated 6th April 1920, Harold's father wrote to the Melbourne Base Records Office regarding a plaque, Gallipoli Star and Medals for Active Service in Gallipoli and France, as well as a gratuity when issued, and giving his change of address in Sydney. He had previously made the request to the Brisbane Base Records Office and had not received a reply.

On the 19th October 1967, Ernest Clifford Hannington, "The Croft", Eagle Heights, Queensland, wrote as the elder full brother of Harold Edward Hannington, to say he was the person entitled to the medallion under the War Service Estate Act 1942-43. The only other surviving relatives were a niece and nephew of another brother.

Ernest Hannington had also worked as a farm labourer in the Allora district. He enlisted in Allora on the 26th August 1914, the same month as his brother, and served with the 2nd Light Horse Regiment in Egypt, Gallipoli (where he was wounded), Sinai and Palestine. He was discharged in 1919.

Both Harold and Ernest Hannington's names are inscribed on the Allora World War 1 monument.

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height of the low ceiling, and was knocked from his saddle by a projecting beam, narrowly escaping a fractured skull. What did they look like — these squatters of the forties and fifties? Whiskers, beards, and moustaches of every description effectively hid or protected their faces, in striking contrast to the smooth-cheeked townsmen, who did not boast such hirsute ornaments. In the crude daguerrotypes of the period they have the similarity of twin brothers. Some affect the square, spade-cut beard, others have pointed beards, and look like Elizabethan adventurers born out of due time.

Others, like Brian Penton's "Rusty Guts" Cabell, wore the all-too-frequent sheath to cover the sightless eye, lost in bush accidents or in fights. In the fifties they wore the Crimean shirt of vivid blue, strapped trousers, and hessian riding boots, with wicked-looking spurs, the rowels of which were as big as a penny. Around their waists were slung heavy belts, carrying their money and tobacco pouches. Many of them had heavy pistols slapping at their hips, and all of them wore the huge, low-crowned, flopping cabbage-tree hat, made from the plaited leaves of the cabbage tree.

These were lean times. The station employees, as told in Bennett's "Christison of Lammermoor," ate portulacca to keep off scurvy, and made tea with wild marjoram. There was nothing to eat but pigweed and mutton.

It was in such conditions as these that the Gammies lived. Catarrh broke out among their employer's flocks, and he was unable to pay them wages. He offered, them instead "3000 catarrh-stricken sheep and an old grey mare. They accepted the best of a bad bargain, and set out for the Promised Land of the Darling Downs.

It was an amazing overland trek with ailing sheep and a solitary flea-bitten mare. They travelled without any kind of map, and only the crudest kind of direction, through country practically unknown. Nevertheless, they got there. Travelling via Liverpool Plains, Tamworth, Barraba, Bonshaw, and on to Texas, they finally reached the Darling Downs in 1841.

Settling on country adjoining the Leslies they established their run, and speedily made good. Later, they increased their flocks

considerably by the purchase of 7000 sheep from the Forbes at Clifton, and in 1848 they took over the old Talgai run. In the same year cattle in the Hunter River country were being sold at the famine price of 5/ and 6/ a head, and the Gammies bought a, great herd of 10,000 and drove them to the Darling Downs. These facts are gleaned from Thomas Hall's reminiscences, and Hall relates that after the cattle had been fattened several drafts were sent to Ipswich to be boiled down for tallow, and the balance sold to W. B. Tooth, Clifton, at £3 per head. Thus, the Gammies made a handsome profit on their speculation.

They strengthened their flocks with the best merino sheep obtainable, and on the advice of Mr. Fred Bracker, manager of Rosenthal, the man to whom above all others Queensland owes the development of its high-class merino flocks, they imported a valuable ram from Germany.

Although drought, flood, and disease decimated their flocks the Gammies never looked back. In 1854 they were shearing as many as 60,000 sheep. This fact is revealed in the letter books of the late James Morgan, father of the late Sir Arthur Morgan, who managed the property from 1849 to 1854.

Early in 1855 the Gammies sold North Talgai to Messrs. Hood and Douglas. In 1856 John Gammie died at Ipswich; and soon afterwards George Gammie left for England. According to Hall's account the property then fell into the hands of Massie and Walker. It was cut in two, Clark and Hanmer taking the Old Talgai end, and Donald Gunn the southern half, which was always known as North Toolburra. Later, North Toolburra was acquired by the Coutts family. At the time of its disposal in 1895, when the State Government rebought 10,983 acres, it held the front rank as a sheep property.

What was left of Old Talgai was eventually sold to a large company, which established dairy herds and creameries, subdivided the estate, and sold it to dairy farmers. For a number of years it has been closely settled by many fine families, and today is one of the richest and most thriving agricultural districts of the State.

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## SDRC Going Gold to support childhood cancer awareness

Southern Downs Regional Council will support the Going Gold in September initiative this month to help raise awareness of childhood cancer.

Mr Declan Hegarty and Miss Keely Johnson, both sufferers of childhood cancers, began the Going Gold for September initiative in 2013.

Southern Downs Regional Council's Mayor, Cr Peter Blundell said residents will see the Warwick Town Hall and Council's Stanthorpe Administration building lit up in gold during September in support of this important issue.

"The Going Gold for September is an initiative which encourages us to light commemorative monuments, statues or buildings gold throughout September in support of childhood cancer awareness.

"Sadly the experience of childhood cancer has touched the lives of many in our Southern Downs communities. Lighting Warwick Town Hall and Stanthorpe Administration Building gold is just a small but visual way to champion this important issue, which has far reaching and long lasting consequences, not only for those young people who are ill, but also for the family and friends of those suffering from childhood cancer," said Cr Blundell.



## Allora Men's Shed visit Yelarbon

Allora Men's Shed members, with wives, attended a social meeting at Yelarbon to liaise with the Inglewood/Yelarbon Men's shed group. Not only was men's business discussed, but the excellent hospitality of the hosts and obvious ambiance of the venue, was appreciated.

The group camped out two nights 'fishing' by the Macintyre Brook nearby. The fishing 'possie' is a guarded secret, unlike the really true (?) tales emanating from an attending Allora 'identity'.

Back - Wayne, Ros, Rex, Anne, Maggie, Ivan, Pam, Keith. Front - Andrew and Trevor.

## Council's interaction with Department of Local Government

At the General Council Meeting at Warwick on 26 August, an allegation was made that Southern Downs Regional Council has been involved in acts of misconduct in the preparation of the 2015/16 Budget. A further allegation was made that inappropriate communications were undertaken with officers and staff from the Department of Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning in relation to advice on the budget process. This allegation was made by Cr Jamie Mackenzie and formalised in the following motion that was presented at the meeting;

"As a matter of practice, Council does not seek legal opinions nor act on advice from officers of State Government Departments but rather Council seeks its own independent qualified professional legal advice as recommended by the Acting Director General of the Department of Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning."

Cr Mackenzie informed the meeting that the motion and its actions were based upon an email from Mr Stephen Johnston, Acting Director-General Department of Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning. Cr Mackenzie indicated that the email would be tabled and provided to Councillors but this did not occur at the meeting, nor were Councillors provided with the correspondence that had been sent to Mr Johnson to provide a context to the response that was partially read out by Cr Mackenzie.

At the Council Meeting Cr Mackenzie was informed that should the actions contained within the recommendations of the motion be acted upon there would be an impact on the recently adopted budget.

Written feedback has now been received from Mr Johnston, Acting Director-General Department of Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning. It would appear that the intent of Mr Johnston's advice is somewhat different to what was presented to Council. Mr Johnston's advice to Cr Mackenzie is as follows: "I refer to your correspondence regarding advice provided by the Department in relation to section 107A of the Local Government Act 2009. I wish to highlight the fact that the Department does not provide legal advice to Councils or Councillors. Instead, any advice provided by the Department is general in nature only and where legal advice is required on a particular matter, Council should seek that advice through its own legal provider. Accordingly, in this instance, any request for legal advice should have been directed to Council's legal representative if there was doubt about the processes leading up to the adoption of the 2015/2016 budget complied with the legislative requirements. Whilst I apologise for any confusion the information provided in the email by my staff may have caused, my view is that the consideration of the budget is an internal matter for the Council noting it does require a majority

of the elected Councillors to approve it. I note that Council's budget was passed for the 2015/2016 financial year and Council should now focus on implementing this budget for its community."

Southern Downs Regional Council wishes to state clearly that there have been no acts of misconduct undertaken in the development of the 2015/2016 Budget. Council also wishes to indicate that it will continue to seek advice of a general nature from staff at the Department of Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning.

## THE ALLORA PHOTOGRAPHY GROUP

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## Property owners to benefit from vacant water access charge exemptions

Several property owners throughout the Southern Downs region will soon benefit from a decision passed at Southern Downs Regional Council's General Meeting last Wednesday, to exempt all properties in small towns currently zoned 'rural' from paying vacant water access charges.

Vacant Water Access Charges (VWAC) have been applied for a long time in the Killarney, Stanthorpe, Wallangarra and Warwick water schemes. In 2014 Council expanded the application of the VWAC to the smaller towns of Leyburn, Pratten, Karara and Dalveen, and this included those properties zoned as rural.

Southern Downs Regional Council's Mayor, Cr Peter Blundell said that in response to a number of complaints from affected residents in the smaller towns, Council's Water team undertook a review of properties to which the VWAC applied.

"The review concluded that the vacant water access charges should not be applied to lots zoned rural within small towns.

"The decision to exempt these properties will take effect as at 1 July this year. We will write to the affected property owners notifying them of Council's decision and arrangements will be made to credit the affected properties with the applicable rates for August 2015.

"This is a good outcome for these small towns, and I'm sure this decision will be welcomed by the affected property owners," Cr Blundell said.

## Dashing White Sergeants converge in Warwick

Pipers are tuning and drummers are keeping time, in preparation for a gala Spring Celtic Weekend at SCOTS PGC College. The tartan, glengarries, and sporrans from bands across South East Queensland will converge on the College to compete for band and individual prizes on Saturday 5 September. The beautiful grounds of Scots College will be in full spring bloom to host hundreds of pipers, drummers and guests throughout a busy day of friendly competition, starting from 8.30.

A feature of the day will be a series of local food and celtic produce and crafts in a busy market stall atmosphere. A variety of providores from the Southern Downs will be showcasing their wares under tents in the spring weather. The market will offer the opportunity for a leisurely wander through stalls selling fresh coffee, cold refreshments, unique sweets and delicious cakes, fudges and shortbreads, jewellery and outdoor art, while the pipe bands are entertaining in the background.

On Saturday evening, bands and dancers will be taking to the floor in the College hall for a lively night of traditional Scottish entertainment. The bonnie tradition of Ceilidh dancing will be revived, with callers leading energetic dances such as the Haymakers Jig, the Gay Gordon, and the Dashing White Sergeant. A fully "kilted-out" Scot will address the Haggis, and Warwick's Inverness Dancers will also perform, making for an authentic night of Celtic fun. A hearty supper will be on offer before some audience participation in a choir of old Celtic ballads, and the essential Auld Lang Syne farewell.

Organisers of the Ceilidh are expecting the dance floor to be quite a spectacle. "Anyone with an interest of Celtic heritage will enjoy the evening", said Scots Events Co-ordinator Judi Haidley. Visitors are expected from the various Caledonian societies and old time and country dance fraternities around Southern Queensland and Brisbane. Tickets for the event are available at the College office, with enquiries to 0414 326 871.



SCOTS PGC College Pipes and Drums students Dhanyil Jackson, Talia Simmers, Aidan Ryan, Nicholas McGahan and Isabel Mauch. Photograph by Judi Haidley.

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Council's School based trainee Brett Lister-Petersen on the job.



Council's School based trainee Katelyn Koina on the job.

such as scheduling, production of documents using technology, accounts, customer service, and safety.

Since starting her traineeship, Miss Koina said she has learnt so many things already.

"I'm really enjoying my time working with the Engineering Department, and get to work on many different tasks. I'm doing work with Council's mapping system at the moment, and that's really interesting. The staff are really lovely and I would like to say a big thank you to my supervisor Barbara Fagan. She's always there ready to help me when I need her," said Miss Koina.

Miss Koina's supervisor Barbara Fagan, Personal Assistant to Council's Director of Engineering, commented that the traineeship is a very worthwhile activity.

"It gives young people valuable experience in the workforce while they're still studying at school. I'm very impressed with Katelyn. She shows great enthusiasm and picks up things very quickly," said Ms Fagan.

Speaking about his experience of the traineeship so far, Mr Lister-Petersen said he's already developed a variety of skills. "I've been editing and making application forms and flyers, I've learnt how to bind documents and use other office equipment. I've also been answering phone calls and taking messages, and taking notes at meetings.

"The things I enjoy the most about working with the Council is being a part of the Council team, and helping out others with tasks and jobs. I'm also really enjoying working with my supervisor Hailey Cosh," he said.

Youth Development Officer Hailey Cosh said "Brett has been a great addition to Council's Community Services team. He's extremely hard working and shows such commitment and skill in everything he does."

The trainees will each rotate through two six month placements with Council's Engineering Services and Community Services Departments.

As part of the of the program, the students are provided personal mentoring and case management through Mission Australia, to help them manage issues that make the move from school to work difficult, and to help them successfully complete the program.

## Indigenous young people on career pathway through Council school based traineeships

Two local Indigenous young people are getting a kick start to their future careers through school based traineeships with Southern Downs Regional Council under the Indigenous Youth Careers Pathway program (IYCP).

Through the IYCP Council is helping to develop and support the ability of local Indigenous students to transition effectively from school to employment.

Warwick State High School students Brett Lister-Petersen (Year 11) and Katelyn Koina (Year 10) recently started their traineeships, spending one full day each week working with Council.

The trainees will each complete a Certificate III in Business Administration, covering all introductory elements of office work

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## Sale of Slade Campus

Southern Downs Regional Council acknowledges that there has been substantial discussion in regard to the current level of debt Council is managing. It would appear that some persons believe there is a debt item included in the Southern Downs Regional Council's financial statement that is related to the sale of the Slade School.

Southern Downs Regional Council acknowledges that Christian Community Ministries made the final payment (ahead of time) in October/November 2014 to finalise the purchase of the Slade Campus on behalf of the Warwick Christian College. There is no debt being carried by Southern Downs Regional Council in relation to the Slade Campus.

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## ?? CSIRO Double Helix Quiz ??

1. What is a 'brown booby'?
2. What is the common name for the constellation named 'Cru'?
3. What proportion of the atmosphere is carbon dioxide? Is it a) about 0.040 percent, b) about 1.874 percent, or c) about 0.809 percent?
4. Which of these is not an alkali metal: Lithium, potassium, sodium, silicon.
5. What typically creates a sonic boom?

Answers in Classifieds pages

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# Events Calendar

2015

- September -**  
**Sat 5** **Rock 'N' Roll Night - 60's/40's Dance**  
 Goomburra Hall, 6.30pm  
**Tue 8** **Tuesday Night Bowls - Warm up night**  
 Allora Sports Club  
**Sat 12** **Warwick Uber Markets**  
 Leslie Park, Warwick, 10.00am to 2.30pm  
**Sat 12** **Allora Doctor Who Club Meet-up**  
 Allora QCWA, 11.00am  
**Sun 13** **Allora P-10 State School Spring Fair**  
 Allora P-10 State School, 10.00am - 3.00pm  
**Tue 15** **Tuesday Night Bowls - 1st night of new season**  
 Allora Sports Club
- October -**  
**Tue 6** **Allora Medical Support Group AGM**  
 Railway Hotel, Allora, 7.30pm  
**Thu 8** **Keeping Older Drivers Safe - Sponsored by Scope**  
 Senior Citizens, Allora, 5.30pm  
**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  
**Sun 13** **Allora Churches Together Christmas Carols**  
 7.00pm
- 2016  
**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.  
**May -**  
**Sat 14** **Scope Club Annual Afternoon Tea Fundraiser**  
 Allora Community Hall.

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### Illegal dumping to be targeted across the Southern Downs

Illegal dumpers beware. Southern Downs Regional Council will be targeting illegal dumping across the region, particularly at Council's unsupervised waste transfer stations, in the coming months.

Southern Downs Regional Council's Acting Director Planning and Environment, Mr Tim O'Brien said there have been ongoing incidents of illegal dumping and incorrect use of the unsupervised waste transfer stations, identified both by Council officers during routine inspections and from reports from residents.

"The unsupervised waste transfer stations are provided for nearby residents to dispose of their domestic waste only. However, there have been continual problems with commercial waste and bulky waste (such as green waste and furniture) being disposed of at these facilities, including on the ground adjacent to the bins. The cleaning of these waste transfer stations is a significant cost for Council and the community. "Council will be educating the public about the correct use of the waste transfer stations. In addition, surveillance cameras will be used at Council's waste transfer stations, as well as known 'hot-spots' for illegal dumping," he said.

Mr O'Brien added that fines can be imposed by Council for illegal dumping and littering.

"The on-the-spot fines that Council can impose on an individual for illegal dumping are \$1884 for less than 2500L of waste, or \$2356 for more than 2500L of waste. The on-the-spot fine for littering is \$235 for an individual.

"It is important to note the placement of waste on the ground at the facilities, and not in the bin, is considered illegal dumping, and a fine may be issued for this activity," said Mr O'Brien.

Mr O'Brien emphasised that in order to ensure the safety of all users and to preserve the health of the surrounding environment, the following guidelines should be followed when disposing of waste at unsupervised waste transfer stations in the region:

- Place all domestic waste in the bins provided, no waste is to be placed on the ground;
  - Place all recyclables in the allocated bins provided;
  - To reduce windblown litter, dispose of plastic and paper in enclosed bags with heavier items;
  - Large household/domestic items are to be taken to a supervised waste facility;
  - No commercial, industrial, farming waste, larger household items and green waste;
  - All commercial, industrial, farming waste, larger household items and green waste is to be taken to the nearest supervised waste facility;
  - Always cover your load to prevent litter along our roadways;
  - Always wear enclosed footwear; and
  - Lock the gate on leaving the waste facility.
- Council is also supporting the South West Region



Illegally dumped waste at a Southern Downs Regional Council Transfer Station.

roadside litter campaign 'Love Queensland. Keep it clean'. Check out Council's Facebook page for regular messages and litter myth busting posts.

For further information contact Council's Environmental Services team on 1300 MY SDRG (1300 697 372).

### BAD JOKE OF THE WEEK

A man was passing a country estate and saw a sign on the gate. It read: "Please ring bell for the caretaker."

He rang the bell and an old man appeared. "Are you the caretaker?" the fellow asked.

"Yes, I am," replied the old man. "What do you want?"

"I'd just like to know why you can't ring the bell yourself."



### Preliminary finals

Clifton Auto Ag U11 - Preliminary finals day down in Tenterfield was a great occasion for the players and their supporters. All arrived ready to play and after a solid warm up took to the field. We started well, not giving much ground to suburbs and tackling well, I was

critical early with our forwards as they were not moving up and running square, this was soon fixed and I commend them all for how they responded to the message they were each given.

Suburbs were first to score with Jonah Duncan, Cody a Close converted. Wattles were next to score with Lane Eastwell, Liam Ruhle converted. Suburbs scored next with Riley Walker, the try was converted. Wattles were next to score with Eli McKinney with Lachlan Peardon converting.

We went into the break 12-12. We had to fix our creativity when under pressure and get across the advantage line first if we were to keep within reach of the ultimate goal, the team once again demonstrated how they can dig in when needed and were first to score in the 2nd half with Tobias Seibel scoring and Michael Shingles converting.

Suburbs quickly hit back to level the scores at 18-18 with a try to Hayden Sampson he converted his own try. A unfortunate error against Wattles saw possession handed to a Suburbs in great field position which they capitalised on quickly with their 5/8 Riley Walker, Codie Johnson converted.

Wattles were next to score with Michael Shingles scoring and Darcy Gorkow converting to level the scores at 24-24 with only 3 minutes on the clock, a good passage of play from Suburbs saw them get downfield where possession came to Wattles, but again, a error saw the possession hand over to Suburbs and they scored in the final minute to wrap up the game 30-24.

I would like to thank the boys for the effort they have put into their footy, particularly over the last month. The improvement they have shown is evident for all to see. Good luck next year in U12's and work hard for your new coach. Thank you as well for any U10 player who has given us their service this year, Lane, Lachlan, Reuben and George all gave up a great day at Albany Creek to help us achieve our goal, I am very thankful for your support, I hope you have learnt a bit from playing up this year and your game improves from it.

A huge thank you to Pam Lever for her help and support, your positive messages are what make you the ultimate manager. Thank you to my League safe boys Darcy Brady and Tyler Gillam for conducting drills and pre game warm ups and getting the message to the boys calmly. Maybe next year guys? Lastly thank you to the parents for your positive support.

Wattles Superior Silage Under 13s played their preliminary final against Goondiwindi at Tenterfield.



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Thanks to our under 12s for playing up a grade again today and to our water runners who helped the team as well as our parents support. See you all on the field next year. GO THE WARRIORS!

Ian Brady



### Allora Bowls Club Notes

Well hasn't time flown. It seems like just yesterday the summer night bowls competition finished

up with that memorable and gripping finale. Now the 2015 spring competition is set to start on Tuesday the 15th September at 7.00 PM. To shake out the winter cobwebs, there will be a "warm-up" the week before on Tuesday 8th September at 7.00 PM.

The cost of night bowls remains at \$5.00 and will include a light supper.

Anyone who has been to night bowls in the past year will agree that it is just the happiest place in town to be on balmy Tuesday evenings, with a light breeze wafting off the mighty Dalrymple Creek and mellow music playing in the background. Both the fellowship and sportsmanship at night bowls are just unbelievable and everyone enjoys themselves immensely. The green is in top shape following the renovation last year together with the continued care and attention by Garry over the winter months.

Anyone interested in nominating for night bowls, either as an individual or a team, please contact Greg "Patto" Patterson on 0431 568 818. If you would like to come along as a spectator on any Tuesday night during the season, you will be made to feel most welcome.



## Allora Golf Club Notes

Another fantastic roll up for Friday's Duck Run with 17 players taking to the course. Winner with 23 points was Aaron Simpson from John Sparksman with 20 points. Pin shots went to Kel and Adam.

On Sunday, 18 golfers turned out in slightly windy conditions. Another great roll up with the course in terrific condition after the rain. Winner was Chad Wilson with 39 points on a count back from Garth Simpson. Rod Simpson and Adam Cummins won balls in the run-down. Pin shots were won by Rod (7th); Jim (16th); Adam (1st); Matty (10th); Tommy Barth (5th) and Michael Maddern (14th). Great to see Michael back after a few months away from Sunday golf.

The results of the two match-play quarter-finals were Kel d John S (2 and 1) and Adam d John E (6 and 5). John E had a tough day and said that he had his pants pulled down, his head flushed down the toilet and his lunch money pinched. The Kel V John S match was much closer and would have certainly gone to an extra hole if the "battling pensioner" didn't miss a 6 inch putt on the 17th hole. Too much champagne the night before eh Sparky? Kel will now play Lindsay with the winner to meet Adam in the final.

Next Sunday we play for the Railway Hotel Monthly Mug. Speaking of the Railway, it is great to see our Club Captain and all round top bloke Adam Cummins joining Robyn's team at this premier Allora establishment. Robyn is a great supporter of the Sports Club and we wish Adam all the best with his change of careers. Apparently he is brushing up on his Swedish so he can interview the female backpackers applying for bar work.



## Wattles Nail Danes in Shaky 15th Consecutive Win

Premiership leaders the Wattles Warriors wrapped up their 2015 Toowoomba Rugby League A Grade fixture season on home turf at Platz Oval yesterday in what became a nail biting 36 – 27 victory over top five hopefuls the Pittsworth Danes.

The reigning premier Warriors led 8 – 0 by the fifteen minute mark after tries by fullback Corey Blades & centre Brenden Wilson. Back rower Jason Bradfield and halfback Matt Duggan also pocketed tries in the space of five minutes for the home side to take a 20 – 0 advantage in at half time in a game that resulted in their fifteenth consecutive win of the season.

While Wattles ground away a handy first half lead, the final forty minutes of match time had Coach Luke Duggan reaching for the nerve pills. The Danes moved quickly to make up lost ground running in four vital tries through back-rower Patrick McDonald, a double by Kabunare Kofe and another by winger Jake Johnstone to have both sides level at 20 all with twenty minutes remaining. Patrick McDonald crashed over under the uprights for his second try, vital points for Pittsworth as they snatched the lead 26 – 20, the try easing the door open to a final five finish for the Danes.

The Danes were reduced to twelve men from the 64th minute with forward Luke Hellyer dispatched to the sin bin, but they marched on with a field goal by half back Dane Evans putting the match well within reach leading 27 – 20 with eight minutes remaining on the match clock.

In the dying minutes it was desperation



Wattles Reserve Grade back-rower Nick Morris homes in on the tryline to score one of his side's ten tries in their 52 – 18 win over Pittsworth last Sunday.

stakes for Wattles, and they cashed in on three opportunities to post tries in the final six minutes, scored by winger Michael Purcell, Corey Blades and long serving local Brenden Wilson who was playing his final game at Platz Oval. The second half was a mighty contest finishing with Wattles ahead at the final hooter 36 – 27.

With classy forward Mitch Carpenter leading from the front it was a gallant display by Pittsworth who needed a win to stay alive for fifth spot, which has been filled by the Warwick Cowboys after their close 36 – 34 win over premiers high flyers Highfields.

While 'Hutchies Mug' Player of the Match Corey Blades, Matt Duggan & Jason Bradfield were shining lights for the Warriors, the premiers leaders got home in a worrying finish and will be looking to step up the standard as they contest the upcoming finals series.

The 'National Farmer's Warehouse' Warriors now have a break this coming weekend before running on at Clive Berghofer Stadium at 2.30 pm on Sunday September 13th in the Major Semi-Final against the winner of this Sunday's semi-final between Highfields and Gatton.

Wattles 36 (Corey Blades 2, Brenden Wilson 2, Michael Purcell, Matt Duggan, Jason Bradfield tries; Matt Duggan 4 goals) Pittsworth 27.

**McAntee Cuts Loose in Six Try Blitz** - Wattles 'Railway Hotel, Allora' Reserve Grade team coach Terry Birmingham was very happy to scoop the premiers points on Sunday against the Pittsworth Danes 52 – 18 in his side's final home game of the season. However, "the score line definitely didn't reflect the match" said the Coach, "Pittsworth were a hard & experienced outfit that came at us all game."

Dale McAntee was in superb form, the fleet of foot fullback was almost untouchable for his opponents, running in an amazing six tries in Wattles winning result.

Lock forward Jordan Henry tallied up plenty of metres up the middle while back rower Jared Peterson was strong across the park, especially his defence and intensity. Regardless of a work mishap big man Justin Van De Poel was in prime form proving a difficult proposition for the defence with his spirited sorties.

"Our forwards do a great job every week laying a platform for the fast men out wide to finish off" said team Mentor Birmingham, "I'm certainly very proud of the reggies so far this year."

The first ten minutes of Sunday's clash was a real arm wrestle before Justin Van Der Poel paved a track to near the tryline and alert dummy-half Liam Ross dived over to snatch the opening try of the game.

Soon after halfback Michael Duggan split the defence and sprinted away forty metres before offloading to Dale McAntee in support to run in his first try of the game. Ten minutes before

half time Wattles led 12 – 0 when five-eight Mark Duggan fooled defenders with a clever dummy before kicking ahead for trailing back-rower Nick Morris to gather and score. McAntee sailed in to a gap and beat chasers with shear pace to secure his second try, before Pittsworth notched their first points in the thirtieth minute of play, both sides heading in at half time with Wattles ahead 22 – 4.

With play only just recommencing for the second half Jared Petersen ran a great angle off Michael Duggan to cruise in and touch down beside the uprights. Minutes later Duggan & Petersen combined to halt a Pittsworth opponent ingoal and from the drop out McAntee fielded the ball and scooted away, to quick, to score under the goal posts.

Just four minutes later after a penalty fifteen metres from the Danes tryline Dale McAntee took a pass and wriggled away from three defenders to score and have Wattles ahead 40 – 4 twenty minutes from full time.

While the Danes hit back desperately with a converted try, McAntee ran in two more tries in the 55th and 68th minutes, while winger Ben Oakman also nailed a four pointer after a forty metre gallop six minutes from the final hooter.

The Warriors won fourteen of their twenty fixture matches this season scoring 555 points for 358 against and finished in fourth

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### PUBLIC NOTICE

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1. A brown booby is a large seabird of the gannet family, Suidae.
2. Crux is more commonly known as the Southern Cross.
3. a) The atmosphere is drier than the speed of sound.
4. Silicon is not an alkaloid.
5. Something, usually a metal - it is a metalloid.

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honours and along with hooker Jake Christensen & fullback Joe Morris were Wattles shining lights.

Wattles commenced play with the bare thirteen players but their numbers grew to eighteen over the course of the game, including two Wattles Juniors Under 16 players in Tom Duggan and Gus Somes.

Wattles were on the scoreboard first in the very early stages, Max Somes & Jake Christensen taking the ball to the Danes tryline before Joe Morris chipped and a flying Tom Morris took the ball on the fly on his way to score.

Pittsworth stung back when their fullback Jack Cornford took the ball from the restart and raced the length of the field to score, and level the scoreboard at 6 – 6.

In a typical Jake Christensen charge the tough hooker ran from dummy-half twenty metres out to score near the uprights and Wattles lurched ahead 12 – 6.

The Danes retaliated to level again this time at 12 – 12, but with ten minutes remaining in the half Wattles were on the attack well inside the Danes half, with back-rower Max Rubie and Max Somes both denied tries held up over the line in the same set of tackles. Joe Morris hoisted a fifth tackle across field bomb taken by five-eight Henry Gartery to score in the corner.

Three Wattles reinforcements arrived after fifteen minutes of play to increase the forces to eighteen. With Wattles ahead 16 – 12 Pittsworth struck back with a converted try minutes before half to head in at the break with a two point advantage, 18 – 16.

Pittsworth emerged for the second half with a different attitude and ran in four unanswered tries to lead 38 – 16 with fifteen minutes remaining. Wattles cashed in when Max Rubie

gathered a short kick-off and Max Somes almost forcing his way over to score, but those honours went to dummy half dart expert Jake Christensen.

Minutes later Joe Morris split the defence racing forty metres and scoring after stepping around his opposite number. Wattles were trailing 28 – 38, but the Danes lifted a gear in a big finish to score three tries within five minutes to reach their winning total.

Pittsworth 58 defeated Wattles 26 (Jake Christensen 2, Tom Morris, Joe Morris, Henry Gartery tries; Tom Morris 3, Jake Christensen goals).

**Rams Finish Fixture Season Undefeated** - Wattles 2nd Division affiliates the Millmerran Rams finished their fixture season undefeated on Sunday when they defeated Pittsworth 32 – 4, and secured the 2015 'Berghofer Cup' 2nd Division



Wattles 'Railway Hotel, Allora' Reserve Grade side after defeating Pittsworth at Platz Oval last Sunday. The team will now contest the Toowoomba Rugby League Knockout Semi-final against the Valley's Roosters this Saturday at Toowoomba's Gold Park. Front: Michael Duggan, Garth Lonergan, Liam Ross, Jordon Henry, Dale McAntee, Nick Morris, Ben Oakman. Crouching: Luke Miller, Brodie Frizzell. Standing: Jared Petersen, Damien McDonald, Justin Wade, Hakan Mackenzie, Tom Henry, Tim Hentschel, Terry Bermingham (Coach), Mark Duggan, Jason Nightingale, Nick Pasterfield, Jake Smith, Justin Van Der Poel, Rob Slatter (Manager) and Nathan Watt (Leaguesafe).

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Minor Premiership. They now have a break next weekend along with Wattles top grade side before appearing at Clive Berghofer Stadium on Sunday September 13th in the Major Semi-Final. Millmerran 32 (Tom Halford 2, Marty Stevens 2, Brayden Gibbs, Brent Hearne tries; James Sinclair 4 goals) defeated Pittsworth 4. The curtain fell on two of Wattles biggest season fundraisers on Sunday with the drawing of club Ambassador Alana Frizzell's Giant Father's Day Multi-Draw Raffle and also the Whites Garage, Allora 2015 'Moo Poo Lotto'. The 'Lotto' was won by long standing Wattles supporters & volunteers Glenn & Marg

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Wattles committee extend a sincere thanks to the community members who supported the club's fundraisers in this their historical 50th Year, and also the tremendous support Wattles have enjoyed through the 2015 fixture season.

This weekend the Toowoomba Rugby League Finals Series commences with weekend one played at Toowoomba's Gold Park. Wattles 'National Farmer's Warehouse' A Grade team and their 'Railway Hotel, Allora' Reserve Graders have qualified with the Reserve Grade Warriors in action against the Valleys Roosters at 5.00 pm on Saturday in the Knock-Out Semi-Final. After resting up this weekend Wattles top grade team will commence their finals run to win back to back TRL A Grade premierships when they take on the winner of this weekend's clash between Gatton and Highfields, the following Sunday in the A Grade Major Semi-Final at Clive Berghofer Stadium from 2.30 pm.

Glyn Rees



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### Will does well at State Championships

William Gilmore competed for the Darling Downs at the U12 Schoolboys Rugby State Championships over the last weekend. It was hosted by St Patricks College at Shorncliff from Friday 28th till Sunday 30th August. The Darling Downs team finished in 3rd place after defeating the South Coast in the playoff for 3rd & 4th. This is the best a Darling Downs team has done in this competition. They were also awarded the Country Cup for being the highest placed country team in the competition. Will was awarded the Man-of-the-Match award in the final for the Darling Downs team (chosen by the officials from the South Coast team). The team played well, defeating Capricorn &

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LEFT: William Gilmore competed for the Darling Downs U12s.

Metropolitan West teams. Their losses against Met East & Met North were hard fought and lost by only narrow margins. Met East & Met North met in the final with Met East coming out on top. Congratulations Will.