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THURSDAY, 15th OCTOBER 2015



Jim Rawlings with the top six finishers in the 2012 event (right to left) Kal Bruyn on Bindi, Brian Bourke on Nineta Carrie, Shane Corbould, Darren Rafton, Wayne Hingst on Expected Handgun and Sarah Gordon.



Kelly Wallen on Doogara Model Rae in full flight at the 2012 Down's Polo Club Campdraft at the Allora Showgrounds.
Photo courtesy of Maddie & Laura Hoey

Allora Downs Polo Campdraft Action this Weekend

The Downs Polo Association's annual Allora Downs Polo Campdraft will have the Allora Showgrounds buzzing this weekend with campdraft action commencing at 12.00 noon sharp on Saturday. The event is a renowned annual occurrence

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on the Darling Downs campdraft circuit.

Events include the 'George & Fuhrmann Real Estate, Stock and Station Agents, Warwick' MAIDEN DRAFT at 12.00 noon Saturday followed by the Downs Polo JUVENILE DRAFT (13 Years to less than 17 years) and the 'The Frank Phelan Memorial' JUNIOR DRAFT (8 Years to less than 13 Years).

Sunday morning will see action underway at 6.00 am with the 'Clifton Real Estate & Allora Engineering and Welding' NOVICE DRAFT that carries a purse of \$1,000 total prize money before the 'Hooper Accountants' OPEN DRAFT of one Round and a Final carrying total prize money of \$1,500.

Highest cut-out winners in the Maiden, Novice & Open Drafts will receive a set of reins by Handmade Horse Gear – Melinda May, while in the Juvenile & Junior Drafts the first four places will share prize money and winners will also receive a Scott Keogh Horsemanship DVD.

This weekend's campdraft competitors are of a high standard and for those spectators looking to learn the finer arts of a very skilful sport, the Allora Showgrounds is the place to be this Saturday and Sunday.

Campdrafting is a unique Australian sport involving a horse and rider working cattle. In a campdrafting competition, a rider on horseback must "cut out" one beast from the mob of cattle in the yard or the "camp" and block and turn the beast at least two or three times to prove to the judge that they have the beast under control; then take it out of the yard and through a course around pegs involving right and left hand turns in a figure eight, before guiding it through two pegs known as "the gate". The outside course must be completed in less than 40 seconds.

Up to a total of 100 points are scored by horse and rider: "Cut out" is worth a total of 26 points; horse work up to a further 70 points; and 4 points for the course. The sport requires consummate skill and horsemanship, and the skill in selecting a beast from the mob that will run well, but is not too fast for that particular horse. Great prestige is bestowed on the winning horse and rider of the competition.

It is thought the sport developed in outback Queensland among the stockmen and drovers in informal competitions to prove horse skills. The first formal campdrafting competition occurred in Tenterfield at the Tenterfield Show Society's 1885 show

All nominations are to be completed through www.campdraftcentral.com.au

Food outlets and bar facilities will be available at the venue along with entertainment and music on Saturday evening.

For further information contact Jason Denny on 0448 612 799 or jason.denny@blacktoyota.com.au

Glyn Rees

WEATHER FORECAST

Day	Forecast	Min	Max
THU	Morning Clouds. Mild.	13	26
FRI	Early Fog Followed by Sun. Mild.	13	25
SAT	Early Fog Followed by Sun. Warm. Dry.	10	28
SUN	Early Fog Followed by Sun. Warm.	12	27
MON	Mostly Sunny. Warm.	11	27
TUE	Mostly Sunny. Warm.	11	28

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Letters to the Editor...

Dear Editor,

Thank you Allora for a wonderful stay. The town, the surrounds and people have been so nice. It is a pleasure to come here as strangers and leave as friends. We will be back some day. All the best.

Laurie, Angela, Leonore and Graham.

Dear Editor,

Great to hear from the Year 10 Students in Canberra having a great time.

Allora Show Society.

Dear Editor,

RE: Veterans' Health Week

Australia's veterans, war widows, currently serving personnel and their families will come together in cities and towns across the country over the next nine days to participate in the annual Veterans' Health Week (VHW), 10–18 October 2015.

This year, the focus of VHW is on mental wellbeing—a priority for the Australian Government—and includes activities ranging from early morning surfing and yoga classes to golf days, health expos and health information sessions.

To coincide with the beginning of VHW and World Mental Health Day, today I am releasing the Government's Social Health Strategy 2015–2023 for the Veteran and Ex-service Community and Mental and Social Health Action Plan.

These documents outline support for ex-service personnel and their families who may be experiencing mental health issues, and what the Government is doing to improve their circumstances. Key initiatives include:

- non-liability health care arrangements under which the Department of Veterans' Affairs can pay for treatment for a range of mental health conditions—such as post-traumatic stress disorder, anxiety, depression, alcohol and substance use disorders—whatever the cause. That is, the condition does not have to be service-related
- online resources and smartphone apps, designed to be used in conjunction with clinical support, to help current and former serving Australian Defence Force personnel to build their resilience, combat suicidal thoughts and manage their alcohol consumption (available from www.at-ease.dva.gov.au)
- the Men's Health Peer Education Programme, which trains volunteers to provide health information to their veteran

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This year's VHW—my first as Minister for Veterans' Affairs—is set to be the largest in the event's history, with about 220 activities around Australia and an anticipated attendance of 17,000 members of the veteran and defence communities.

When reporting on veteran-related issues, I encourage you to include contact details for the Veterans and Veterans Families Counselling Service (VVCS), which provides free and confidential specialist counselling and support services for ex-service personnel and their families 24/7 on tel 1800 011 046.

Please visit www.dva.gov.au/health-and-wellbeing/health-events/veterans-health-week-2015 for more information about events in your region.

Yours faithfully,

Stuart Robert

St. Patrick's Parish Hosts Annual Fete

Tomorrow evening will see the Allora community gather for that long standing local tradition that is the St. Patrick's Parish Annual Fete underway from 5.00 pm to 10.00 pm, a very special evening on the annual Allora entertainment calendar.

The Parish volunteers have been engrossed in the Fete organisation for some time now and will have the picturesque grounds of Allora's St. Patrick's School in pristine condition ready to cater to what is always a very popular line up of performances, events, stalls and attractions.

The Annual Fete will feature stalls aplenty including plants, the traditional bottle stall, cakes & sweets, tea/coffee & deserts along with a barbecue and the popular licensed bar.

The St. Patrick's ladies famous cheerios & sauce along with their special recipe of savoury mince is also on offer adding to the many evening meal choices.

There is plenty to entertain the younger folk with face painting, Glow Products, a jumping castle and rides on "Li'l Squirt" the fire truck. Long established fete regulars Lyn & Joan Cronin's Lyn-D-Jo Boutique will feature a fashion parade from 6.30 pm under the expert commentary of Mrs Nell Evans, followed by a very talented line up of entertainment including school performances at 6.00 pm and live music with Allora's own John Denny into the evening commencing at 8.45 pm.

Viv's Farmyard Shearing Shed & Farm Animals is returning to this year's Fete, with the collection of lambs, goats, ducklings, chickens & piglets, along with Viv's sheep shearing demonstration.

Allora's St. Patrick's Parish annual art union will be drawn on the night at 8.00 pm, but not before patrons can invest in a few last minute tickets in 1st Prize: Side of Dressed Yearling Beef; 2nd Prize: Side of Dressed Pork; 3rd Prize: Side of Dressed Lamb and 4th Prize a Dressed Turkey.

The evening will provide many opportunities to take home a raffle prize, the famous Deuchar Stall's prizes, \$50 boards & the Cake & Plant Stall raffles.

The traditional Chocolate Wheel will be spinning across the night with delicious meat trays on offer along with other raffle prizes, before the auction of the Glenmar Fuels Drum of Oil

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around 8.30 pm.

The hammer will fall on the Anything Goes team auction at 7.00pm, followed by the action packed races that provide an exciting flavour to St. Patrick's Fete, and it sure isn't for the faint hearted. Teams will contest four heats for the final gets underway at 8.15 pm.

Last year saw a full field of teams entered and veteran race caller Peter Cavanagh is confident the field will be as big in 2015. It's time for those up to the challenge to round up a team of four in preparation for this year's heart stopping event, nominations are taken on the night.

A great night is assured, everyone is welcome!

Glyn Rees

Spectacular Science Circus comes to Warwick

Spin yourself until you're dizzy, compare your reflexes to a Formula 1 driver and see your fingertips under the microscope with the Shell Questacon Science Circus.

Community venues will be overflowing with exciting, hands-on science when the Science Circus and their colourful semi-trailer roll into towns across the Warwick, Kingaroy, Dalby, Toowoomba, Maryborough, Bundaberg, Gympie and Caloundra regions from 18 October – 15 November to stage public exhibitions of their 'pop-up' science centre.

Visitors of all ages can enjoy over 40 interactive science exhibits and watch spectacular science shows as Science Circus presenters hold fire in their hands, lie on a bed of nails and levitate beach balls.

"Our exhibition is a fantastic opportunity for the whole community to get hands-on with science. It's a great way to discover new things about our world and explore the science and technology all around us," Science Circus presenter Josh Ezackial said.

The team is visiting local schools throughout the eight regions in October and November, sharing flying rockets, freezing cold liquid nitrogen and goopy slime with students through a range of interactive science shows.

"We hope that many of the students we've visited in schools will bring their families along to the public exhibition, to explore science together and with the rest of the community," Josh said.

The Science Circus comprises 15 postgraduate students studying a Master of Science Communication Outreach at The Australian National University. The students spend three months visiting communities all over Australia to engage people with science and technology.

This year, the Science Circus is celebrating 30 years on the road. Since 1985, the Science Circus has inspired over 2.2 million people with interactive science demonstrations on multiple visits to over 500 towns and communities, including 90 remote Indigenous communities.

The Shell Questacon Science Circus is a proud initiative of Shell, The Australian National University and Questacon – The National Science and Technology Centre.

Shell Questacon Science Circus Public Exhibition will be in Warwick on Wednesday, 28 October, from 5.00pm to 8.00pm, at YMCA WIRAC, 29 Palmerin Street, Warwick.

Tickets available at the door, cash payments only. Admission: adult \$6, child/concession \$5, family \$18 and children under 5 are free.

WEAPONS LICENCING SAFETY COURSE

Clifton Shooting Club are running another Weapons Licencing Safety course on Sunday, 8th November, for Catagory AB, (rifle) Licencing.

The course will be held at the Laurie Bowe Rifle Range at Rosenthal Boundry Rd, Leyburn. The cost of the course is \$110.00 per person and juniors over he age of 11yrs are welcome to attend. You will need to be at the range by 7.30am as it is an 8.00am sharp start.

After lunch starting about 1.00pm we will be conducting a Category H (handgun) safety course for anyone who maybe interested, the cost of this course is \$110.00 as well.

If you would like o book or want more information please call Gordon on 0418 877 525.

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

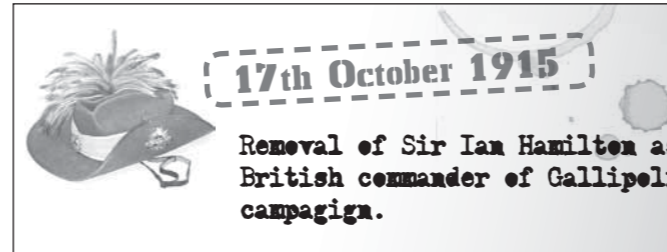
CORPORAL HOWELL NICHOLAS BICKFORD

Howell Nicholas Bickford was dairying on shares for W.W. Holmes of "Melmerle" Goomburra when he enlisted in the A.I.F.

in Brisbane on 12th February 1916. He was born in Toorak, Victoria, the eldest of three sons to parents Ernest John and Mary Bickford of Sydney.

The Bickford family's military history began with Ernest. He had been the recruiting officer of the Prince of Wales Light Horse for a period of eight years when he enlisted in the A.I.F. on 3rd August 1917 at the age of forty-four. With the rank of private he was assigned to the Engineer Reinforcements 2nd M.D. He was promoted to acting sergeant and left for overseas in March 1918. Ernest was taken on strength with the unit in France, and in March 1919 was detached to the Australian Graves Regiment, 7th Field Company Engineers. He returned to Australia at the end of the war and was discharged in December 1919. His youngest son, Richard Watson Bickford, was the first son to enlist. He was only seventeen when he enlisted on 13th August 1915. He had been in the militia prior to applying for acceptance in the A.I.F. He was a driver with the 9th Australian Field Ambulance and served in France. Richard was wounded in action in April 1918. He was discharged after the war ended. Second son, Leslie Wills Bickford, a jackaroo aged nineteen, was accepted at the Central Enlisting Depot, N.S.W. on the 10th October 1918. His mother, Mary, signed her consent as at that time his father was serving abroad. He had been a cadet for two years. Leslie received his vaccinations and dental treatment before he applied for discharge to join the Siege Artillery Reinforcements a month later.

Howell was twenty four years and six months old when he



signed his attestation papers. He had served as a naval cadet before leaving home to go share farming in Queensland. He was issued regimental number 3752 and was assigned to the 9th Reinforcements of 31st Battalion. He received his initial training at Fraser's Paddock in Brisbane. The Goomburra community gave Howell a send-off and presentation before he embarked for overseas service.

The reinforcement unit left Brisbane aboard A49 "Seang Choon" on 19th September, 1916 bound for Plymouth. After two months with the 8th Training Battalion at Folkestone, they proceeded overseas for France and were taken on strength by the 31st Battalion in the field on 23rd January 1917. At this time the 31st Battalion was mostly kept in reserve positions. They carried out follow-up operations after the British front advanced as the German Army withdrew to the Hindenburg Line.

Howell was appointed lance corporal and joined the 5th Army Sniping School in the field in May. His time at the front was short, he was treated at the 14th Australian Field Ambulance for a sprained ankle and shortly after he was selected to return to England to undergo training for a commission at the 8th Training Battalion in Chelsea where he came first in the examination. The news of his success was printed in the Allora Guardian. He was appointed as a permanent cadre of 8th Training Battalion at the Jellalabad School of Instruction at Tidworth. On 1st October he was appointed acting sergeant. He was then attached as a permanent cadre of 14th Training Battalion for duty with "A" Company until he returned to the front.

On 1st March 1918, Acting Sergeant Bickford reverted to the permanent rank of corporal on marching out for overseas service. He re-joined the 31st Battalion in the field on 8th March and was wounded in action on the 10th April. Howell suffered gun-shot wounds to the left scapula and elbow and to both thighs. From the 11th Australian Field Ambulance he was taken to the 3rd Canadian Stationary Hospital where he died of his wounds on the 12th April 1918. He was buried at Doullens Communal Graves Cemetery Extension by Chaplain Reverend S. Wilkinson attached to the hospital. Howell's personal effects were received by his family along with the memorial plaque and scroll, a photo of his grave and his medals, the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

Back in Goomburra, Mr J T Tod speaking on behalf of the Goomburra Red Cross, announced the death of another gallant Goomburra man. We learn that Howell Bickford had come to Goomburra ten years previously when he was quite a young man. Mr Tod said that Howell had many good qualities and during his time in Goomburra had always been thrifty and enterprising, qualities that won him promotion after passing his examination for a commission with high honours. Howell Nicholas Bickford is remembered on the Goomburra Roll of Honour and the Allora Memorial

Lyn Wright

SPIRIT OF ANZAC CENTENARY EXPERIENCE TRAVELLING EXHIBITION IN LAUNCESTON

The Spirit of Anzac Centenary Experience travelling exhibition was officially launched on 26th September in Launceston. The interactive experience includes more than 200 artefacts normally housed at the Australian War Memorial in Canberra. "The Spirit of Anzac Centenary Experience is the flagship community event of the Anzac Centenary national programme, and provides an opportunity for people in cities and regional Australia to mark the most significant commemorative period in our nation's history," Minister Robert said.



Wheat harvesting on Pacholke's property at Victoria Hill.

Looking Back...

Allora's Past 25 years ago October 1990

No Cricket Fixtures

Cricket players and followers face the prospect of there being no local fixtures in the area this season. The Back Plains Cricket Association held its Annual General Meeting last week and only teams from Nobby, Victoria Hill and Allora indicated that they would be able to field teams. The Clifton Club has gone into recess with only four members attending their A. G. M. and no prospects of being able to form a team.

President of the re-formed Back Plains Association, Mick Comerford, said that it was even considered that a three team competition be held but this failed to eventuate. The Association has been forced to withdraw from the Eastern Zone competition which they had previously entered. Mr. Comerford said that the decision would have to be made soon whether to abandon the local competition in order to give the teams time to nominate for the Warwick fixtures.

Allora's Past 50 years ago October 1965

A Welcome Home

will be tendered Mr. and Mrs. Graham Hoey in the Forest Springs Hall on Saturday, 30th October. Fourstar Orchestra S. Gilmore Hon. Sec.

Allora's Past 75 years ago October 1940

Wheat Harvest

Wheat harvesting in the Allora district has commenced, although as yet it is confined to properties on the higher ground. Within a week, operations will probably be in full swing throughout the district, this being somewhat earlier than usual and due apparently to the exceptionally dry season.

Crops harvested are showing a fair average yield, from seven to ten bags to the acre being reported. The grain is of exceptional quality, as is usual in hard, dry seasons. The Victoria Hill and Ellinthorp districts are showing the best crops and some good yields are expected

in these areas.

(Warwick Daily News 25th October 1940)

Allora's Past 100 years ago October 1915

Wheat Samples

After all, the season's wheat crops cannot be the entire failure which we were led to believe is the case, that is, if we can judge from the very fine samples of wheat left by Mr. E. Sparksman on Wednesday last. One is of the Budd's Early variety and is practically mature. The straw is fully 40 inches long and the heads are long, full and heavy. The other sample, which is equally as good, is typical of a fair area of the Bunge variety which Mr. Sparksman has succeeded in bringing to something approaching perfection, even in the face of the trying conditions which have prevailed. We congratulate him on his achievement and only wish that his case could be multiplied by hundreds. Unfortunately they are few and far between and the fair promise of the early spring remains unfulfilled in the vast majority of cases.

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"The travelling exhibition was embraced by audiences in the Albury-Wodonga region when it opened its Australian tour earlier in September, with many people saying it was one of the best exhibitions they had ever seen," Minister Robert said. Launceston was the second of 23 locations the Spirit of Anzac Centenary Experience will visit between September 2015 and April 2017, including Toowoomba in May 2016.

The Spirit of Anzac Centenary Experience includes a community zone which enables local communities to uncover the contribution made by their men and women - both those who served and the families and loved ones who remained at home. The Spirit of Anzac Centenary Experience is a free event but bookings are essential as places are limited. Bookings for individuals and for groups of up to thirty people can be made at www.spiritofanzac.gov.au.

Mr Andrew Nikolic, Member for Bass and representing Minister Robert at the opening, said the Australian Government - Department of Veterans' Affairs, the Australian War Memorial and the Department of Defence - supported by the Commonwealth Bank and Telstra, are proud to bring the Spirit of Anzac Centenary Experience to Launceston.

"This exhibition will bring many unique artefacts that are rarely seen outside of Canberra," Mr Nikolic said. "I would encourage everyone to take up this once in a lifetime opportunity to see these artefacts so close to home and book a time to attend the exhibition."

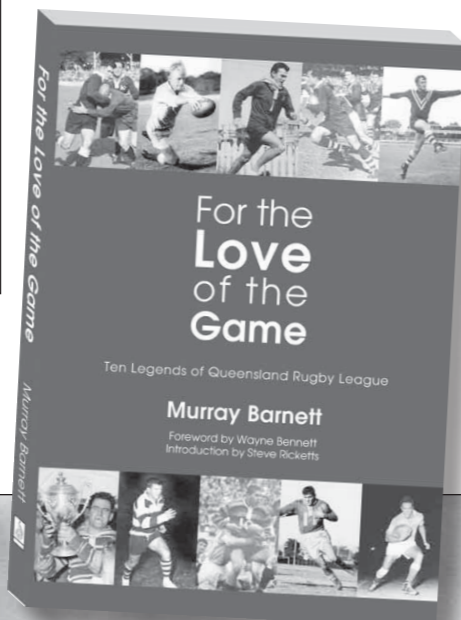
The travelling exhibition is intended to improve understanding of Australia's wartime experience, its impacts and its lessons, to carry forward the Anzac spirit and values.

More information, including the tour itinerary, is available at www.spiritofanzac.gov.au.

LOCAL LEGEND FEATURES IN NEW BOOK

John Gleeson was a wonderfully creative player. Opposition players feared him when he got the ball in his hands because he read the game so well – he could quickly sum up where the best point of attack was. He had great timing when passing the ball and made players that played outside him like Gasnier

and Irvine famous for scoring tries. When running with the ball, he could step off either foot and seemed to find gaps with ease. During his playing career, he was considered to be one of the most elusive players. On top of this, he was outstanding in defense, rarely beaten and able to tackle much larger players with a minimum of effort. John is now a proud member of the Allora Community and was on hand to see the Wattles Warriors win the 2015 Toowoomba Rugby League Grand Final by a convincing margin. A book called For the Love of the Game includes a chapter on John, as well as nine other legends of Queensland Rugby League. The price of the book is \$35. **You can receive a copy, signed by John and fellow legend Frank Drake, by ordering at the Allora Advertiser.**



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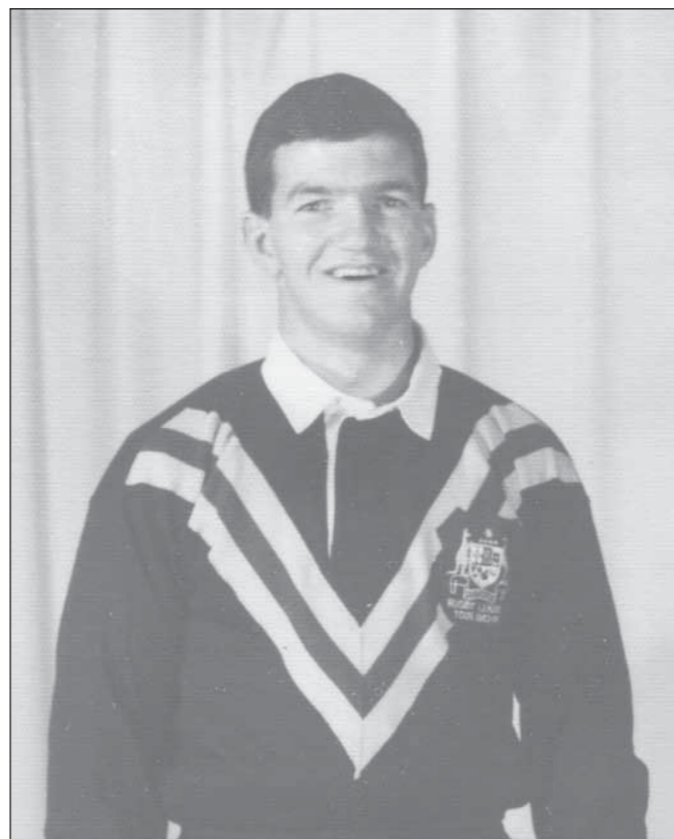
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John Gleeson - Born: 28/12/1938

Clubs: Chinchilla, Toowoomba All Whites, Wynnum-Manly, Brisbane Brothers

Queensland: 25 matches 1961 – 1967

Australia: 10 tests 1964 – 1967 and was a reserve for 4 more tests.

Awards: Jack Desmond Trophy (Best and Fairest Toowoomba A Grade) 1959; J Stafford Trophy (Best and Fairest Brisbane Rugby League) 1963; J G Stephenson Trophy (Best Queensland player vs NSW) 1964; Included in 100 Greats of Queensland Rugby League; member of Toowoomba and Southwest Team of the Century.



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Have you ever considered long range target shooting?

The Southern Downs Rifle Club (SDRC) is part of a shooting complex at Risdon, off the Stanthorpe Road and is considered to be one of the best full-bore ranges in Queensland. As a little history, the SDRC range was built by American troops during the Second World War and has been in use on and off since then. Extra facilities have been built, a new 'zero' range is complete and we are hoping to have the electricity connected within a few weeks.



Shooters at the Southern Downs Rifle Club.

The club meets every Sunday morning, shooting at 300 yards on the first Sunday of the month, 400, 500 and 600 yards on subsequent weeks. We are affiliated with the Queensland Rifle Association (QRA) and these are their standard competition events, however, after the formal shoot on a Sunday morning, we are more flexible and can accommodate whatever is wanted on that morning.

This invitation is for all who are interested, both experienced shooters and novices. If you have a rifle, bring it along - if not, we can organise one through the club and its members. The invitation is for all ages from teens to 80s, men and women alike - the club has a few regular female members. It has been shown in the past that novices of the gentler sex appear to be more adept when trying it for the first time! The late Percy Gartner from Allora who won the Queens at Belmont in 1963, used to be a member, and the club still displays a photograph of him along with his son Greg and grandson Matthew. I'm sure some of his descendants would be interested to call in, read about him and possibly have a go themselves. For more information please contact Margaret Taylor on 4666 1018, Bob Tyilyer on bobtyilyer@hotmail.com or www.southerndownsrifleclubwebsites.com.au

?? CSIRO Double Helix Quiz ??

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4. What is potash?
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Local businesses reap rewards from filming of Supercheap Auto TV commercial in Warwick

Local businesses have reaped the economic rewards from filming of Supercheap Auto's National Christmas sale television commercial at Warwick Aerodrome late last week. A spokesperson for the production, Mr George Vasiliadis said the company accessed local products and services for the commercial, spending in the order of \$60,000 on food and accommodation over the course of filming. "Tyre Power provided three staff and a mobile tyre changing machine and fitted approximately 88 tyres to the vehicles in two days. Zooma signs repaired the carbon wrap and sign writing on the cars, while Mid City Collision Repair Centre performed the repair work overnight. Absolute Trailer Solutions fabricated an axle to prevent any damage to the air strip," said Mr Vasiliadis.

Southern Downs Regional Council's Mayor Cr Peter Blundell said it is great to see filming occurring in the region, particularly where it boosts the local economy by offering opportunities to local businesses to provide goods and services to those involved in the production of films and commercials. "I understand a number of other local businesses picked up work from the Supercheap Auto commercial, including Warwick Sandblast and Powder Paint, Ryanie For Tyres,

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Warwick Betta Home Living, Bunnings, Buckaroo Motor Inn, Coachman's Inn and McNevins Motel. The considerable expenditure locally on food, accommodation, tyres, repair work, signage and other services unquestionably demonstrates that the filming of commercials and larger scale film production can provide short term economic boosts to the local economy. "We certainly welcome opportunities for films and commercials to be produced here as each one showcases our diverse region to a new group of people. This may act as a further enticement for new visitors, and potentially new residents, to explore the numerous activities, facilities, amenities and services on offer in the Southern Downs," the Mayor said.



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Filming of the Supercheap Auto's National Christmas sale TV commercial underway at Warwick Aerodrome

Events Calendar

2015

- October -**
- Fri 16 St Patrick's Parish Fete**
St Patrick's School Grounds
- Sun 18 Terry Masters Golf Day**
Allora Sports Club, 8.30am
- Sat 24 Dalrymple Seat Golf/Bowls Day**
Allora Sports Club 1.30pm
- Sun 25 Keith (K.O.) Masters Memorial Cricket Oval Naming**
Allora Cricket Oval
- Sat 31 Allora Men's Shed Meeting**
Allora Men's Shed (old Fire Station), 9.30am

- November -**
- Tue 3 Allora Senior Citizens Melbourne Cup Afternoon Tea**
Allora Senior Citizens, 1.00pm to 3.00pm
- Sat 14 Warwick Uber Markets**
Leslie Park, Warwick, 10.00am to 2.30pm
- Sun 15 Allora Car Boot Sale**
Allora State School soccer grounds, 9.00am to 12 noon
- Sat 28 Allora Men's Shed Meeting**
Allora Men's Shed (old Fire Station), 9.30am
- 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

- January -**
- Sat 30 Allora Men's Shed Meeting**
Allora Men's Shed (old Fire Station), 9.30am
- February -**
- Sat 27 Allora Men's Shed Meeting**
Allora Men's Shed (old Fire Station), 9.30am
- Sat 27 Allora Men's Shed Golf & Bowls Day**
Allora Sports Club, 11.00am
- March -**
- Fri 4 Allora Rotary Trivia Night**
Allora P-10 State School Hall
- Sat 12 & Sun 13 St Patrick's School Centenary Celebrations**
St Patrick's School Grounds
- Sat 26 Allora Men's Shed Meeting**
Allora Men's Shed (old Fire Station), 9.30am
- Sat 28 Christmas Candle - Helen Earley Ensemble**
Allora P-10 State School Hall, 7.30pm
- April -**
- Sat 16 Allora & Dist. Historical Society Display & Demo Day**
Warwick Street Museum, Allora.
- Sat 30 Allora Men's Shed Meeting**
Allora Men's Shed (old Fire Station), 9.30am
- May -**
- Sat 14 Scope Club Annual Afternoon Tea Fundraiser**
Allora Community Hall.
- Sat 28 Allora Men's Shed Meeting**
Allora Men's Shed (old Fire Station), 9.30am

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Southern Downs region to feature in new drama starring Rebecca Gibney

The new television series *Wanted* starring Rebecca Gibney will showcase the Southern Downs region with filming to occur in Warwick, Stanthorpe, Sandy Creek and Killarney.

The Channel Seven drama tells of two strangers who intervene in a deadly car jacking and are swept up in a roller coaster chase across Australia in a car full of money. Throughout the series, the main cast wander through the wilderness which will showcase some of the regions spectacular bushland, creeks and buildings. The series will also feature various businesses, buildings and roads throughout Warwick, Stanthorpe and Killarney.

Filming in the region has commenced on Monday, 12 October 2015, and continues up to 29 October 2015. The series will air on Channel Seven in 2016.

Wanted was created by Rebecca Gibney and Richard Bell and will see all filming and post production taking place in Queensland.

The filming and the production crew will seek to use local businesses wherever possible and have already contacted local businesses who will be involved in the filming process. Shooting of the series will occur on Council owned land, parks and roads, as well as privately owned properties.

Southern Downs Regional Council's Mayor Cr Peter Blundell said "it is great to see filming occurring in the region. The natural beauty of the Southern Downs, with its contrasting landscapes and historic buildings, lends itself to attracting production companies for films and advertisements. With easy proximity to Brisbane and strong local business support there is the opportunity for Southern Downs Regional Council to further promote the municipality as an ideal place for film production."

"Local film production brings new expenditure to the region and allows local business to pitch their skills and expertise to the production companies.

"Given the interest in Southern Downs, with two productions underway, it may be time for Council to be more proactive and put together a prospectus to Screen Queensland.

"I am pleased to support the film and look forward to seeing the finished product. It is an exciting opportunity for the region to be showcased in such a way and I'm sure the community will take great interest in the day-to-day operations of the filming.

"Council staff are working with the production company to ensure all necessary permits and road closures are in place for filming to proceed without delay", Mayor Blundell said.

Wanted is being produced by Matchbox Pictures and R & R Productions, with Federal and State government support through Screen Australia and Screen Queensland.

Please direct any filming related enquiries to the production publicist Nicola Warman-Flood on 0423 842 258 or nicola@chatter.com.au. For any Council related issues please contact 1300 MY SDRC (1300 697 372).

Organisations unite to undertake Disaster Management Exercise

Southern Downs Regional Council participated in a multi-agency Exercise Clarion on Thursday 8th October involving more than 10 State, Local and non-government agencies. The exercise was based on a hypothetical flooding and extreme weather event occurring across the Southern Downs which also included the Emergency Action Plan for Connolly and Storm King Dams.

Two shifts were simulated with representatives of Police, Fire and Emergency Services, Ambulance, SES, Red Cross and Department of Communities all taking part in their various roles.

Council's Disaster Management Coordinator, Mr Mark Saunders said "the exercise ran smoothly and was a great opportunity to test changes that were made to plans after previous exercises and events."

"Although the exercise was based around a flood event in the Condamine River, we work in an all hazards environment and the coordination of response to different events is similar. The lessons learnt are transferrable and useful in all types of weather events."

One of the many positive points highlighted from the exercise was the value of the MySDRC App. Chair of the Local Disaster Management Group, Mayor Cr Peter Blundell said "the alerts page was an extremely useful tool during the exercise to provide timely and critical alerts to those who would be affected by the flooding. I encourage more people to download the app and start accessing its many benefits."

"As with most disaster management exercises, this particular exercise also identified a few minor issues. A full evaluation will be undertaken and reported back to Council in due course. Learning's were identified by many of the agencies involved and a number have indicated that minor tweaking of plans will occur in the coming weeks", Mayor Blundell said.

The Exercise Clarion tied in with QLD Get Ready week from 12th to 18th October.

The MY SDRC app is available for both Android and Apple users and is free from the Play Store and App Store. Simply search for MY SDRC and install.

For further information please contact Council on 1300 MY SDRC (1300 697 372).

BAD JOKE OF THE WEEK

DOCTOR: The pain in your right leg is caused by old age.
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Allora vs Inglewood

On Sunday 11th October saw the Allora XI take on Inglewood at Inglewood. Allora won the toss and elected to bat, winning by 105 runs.

The Allora XI were 3 for 77 just before drinks

before Cameron Masters came to the crease top scoring with 73 runs. This included 11 fours and a 6. Aaron Vietheer was 58 not out, including 10 fours and Scott Sparksman scoring 32 runs. Allora making a total of 265 runs from their 40 overs.

Matthew Kiernan bowled well this week taking 3 for 32 off 8 overs. Scott Sparkman took 2 for 13 off 5 overs and Stew Henderson took 2 for 11 off 4 overs, including 2 maidens.

Allora Batting: Matthew Kiernan (9), Craig Cousar (16), Luke Jensen (17), Luke Cullen (25), Cameron Masters (73), Tom Higgins (2), Aaron Vietheer (58 not out), Scott Sparkman (32), Greg Hoffman (4 not out), Stew Henderson and Jarrod Vietheer (did not bat), Sundries (29) – Total 265 runs.

Allora Bowling: Luke Cullen 5-0-0-22, Tom Higgins 3-0-0-18, Craig Cousar 8-1-0-20, Matthew Kiernan 8-1-3-32, Scott Sparksman 5-1-2-13, Greg Hoffman 5-0-1-33, Stew Henderson 4-2-2-11, Jarrod Vietheer 2-0-0-6.

There will be no cricket for the next 3 weeks. We have a bye, Warwick Rodeo then there is a Mitchell/Davis Shield game. The next game will be on Sunday 8th November against Maryvale at Slade Park starting at 12.30pm. Please let Aaron know if your available to play on 0428 627 107.

There were 2 cricket raffles drawn this week. The winners were: Meat Tray – Mandy Mutch, Meat Tray –Katherine Newport, Railway Dinner – Kim Burns, BBQ Chook – Danny H, Bottle of Wine - Janine and Scratchies – Max Holmes. Meat Tray – Krissy, Meat Tray – Yasmin, Railway Dinner – Tab Peters, BBQ Chook – Mindy, Bottle of Wine – Kelly Robson and Scratchies – Shaz. Thank you for your support. The raffles are on every Saturday night at the Railway Hotel from 5.30pm.

Shannon Masters

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BOWLS

Allora Sports Club Bowls Results – Round Five

It had to happen, the two unbeaten teams The Old Boys (Lynn Patterson, Mal Sinton and new old boy Barry Donegan) and the Zoolanders (Greg Patterson, Dennis Allen and new girl Elice) met on the green this week. It was an intense game with virtually impossible shots played. In the last end with the last bowl and with the smallest of margins, a 'freckle,' the Zoolanders are now in the lead with 10 points. Greg will enjoy writing that win up in his records book! Nearly all the games played in Round Five were close. Great to see the keen competition. As of round four, progressive scores were:- 8 – Old Boys & Zoolanders; 6 – Lawn Grubs & The Three Amigos; 4 – Roonicks, Railway, Intruders; 2 – Team Engel, Bindartins, Swimming Pool, The Rat Pack & Men's Shed; 0 – Door Mats!

Rink Five players came out winners this week. Roonicks won the Runners Up prize and Team Engel won the Winners prize. Ashley was in charge of the touchers and she kept us in suspense before she rang the bell. Congratulations to Craig who won \$5.00 kindly donated by Darrin Powell each week and to Toni, Josh, John C, Trevor, Len and Chris L who won the Evans Drilling chocolate blocks. I hear that Caleb tried ever so hard to win a chocolate.

Thanks to our weekly sponsors and thanks to the bowlers who buy raffle tickets, we can help towards the cost of lighting and upkeep of the green. Thank you to the volunteers who work tirelessly for our club. Special thanks to Donna & Garry Evans. We will miss them while they spend the next six weeks travelling.

I.G.A. donate a fruit tray once a month and weekly sponsors are Bolzen Sands, True Value Hardware, Paul Parker, Railway Hotel and the Allora Sports Club.

It is obvious that no one on Rink 4 read the bowls notes last week regarding recording the score each end. After several ends the score card was found under the stool and they hastily completed this task! Tsk tsk. While not a rule of the game of bowls, placing the bowl of the skip to play the first shot on the mat is an important rule of etiquette. Please remember to do this every game.

Dates to remember: Terry Masters Memorial Golf/Bowls competition – Sunday 18th October at 1 pm; Dalrymple Seat Golf/Bowls competition – Saturday 24th October at 1.30pm; Clifton Cup – Saturday 7th November in Clifton at 12.30pm

Are there any bowlers who would like a coaching session. Suggested topics would include selection of size and weight of bowl, holding and delivery of bowl and basic rules of game. Our games director will arrange a time to suit.



Railway Hotel Rascals vs. Sovereign Hotel Animals

Wow! The rascals team was on fire this weekend past, with a 141 victory against the friendly Sovereign Animals team. A swag of new records were set in the team and are as follows: highest partnership of 111- Tom Morris and Brad Johnson, highest team total- 216, lowest opposition total- 75, highest individual score of 74- Tom Morris. It was a great weekend of cricket, and the Rascals are happy that the batting form that was largely absent from the previous game, is improving.

After winning the toss twice (yes twice), the Rascals chose to bat on a hot and breezy day. Looking to drain some of the energy of the Sovereign fielders and bowlers with this decision, the Rascals batting was required to be strong. And strong it was. Openers Brad Johnson (69; 6x4's) and Jake Christensen (28; 2x4's), who put his hand up to open as the usual opener was out, batted fourteen overs together for a record Rascals opening partnership of 57. After Jake was caught out, Tom

GOLF

Allora Golf Notes

Duck Run on Friday saw 12 players compete, with Ray winning and Errol runner-up. Pin shots went to Chad on

the 11th and Rod on the 17th.

Sunday was the Monthly Mug, sponsored by Robyn at the Railway Hotel. Winner was Bowie who was out from Toowoomba for the day to play a decent course. Runner up was Kev. Balls went to Matty, Chad and Rod. Pin shots were won by Doreen (4th) Rod (3rd) Matty (12th) and Bowie (9th, 13th and 18th).

Next Sunday will be the Terry Masters Day commencing at 8.30 AM.

Morris (74 off 56; 10x4's) entered the fray and the pair batted until the 33rd over, amassing 111 runs together to take the score to 168, when the next wicket fell. Considering the situation, the Rascals went out for the last seven overs with an attacking licence. Unfortunately, the remaining eight wickets fell in this period for 48 runs, leaving the Rascals all out for 216 off 39.4 overs. Oh so close to lasting the 40! Paul Christensen struck his first six for the Rascals in this period, although if you ask him how he did it, he may not be able to tell you- but it was sweet!

After the break, the Rascals were on the field and ready to play. Knowing full well that the Animals had some quality batters that could score quickly and some that could stay around all day holding up an end, it was critical to take some early wickets. Joe Morris opened the bowling and took a wicket in his fourth and seventh over to finish with the sensational figures of 2-12/8. That kind of economical bowling set up the game. James Moore opened at the other end and bowled one of his finest spells, taking 3-35/8, including a wicket in his first over. James was keen to try opening the bowling, and proved everyone right with his efforts in his eight over straight spell. Tom Morris and Nick Van Der Poel entered the attack after the opening bowlers, where Tom was sensational with the ball and took 3-11/3, whilst Nick ended with a quality 1-9/4. In the field, the Rascals were fast and efficient, saving singles and boundaries throughout the afternoon. James Moore, Tom Morris and Mick Kelk all took catches, whilst Tom Morris (yes, Tom again) threw in a deepish ball he fielded magnificently/unbelievably to the keeper, leading to a great run out. After all this, the Animals were dismissed for 75, with Chris Baker scoring a solid 40 of these.

Railway Hotel Rascals player of the year points- 3: Tom Morris, 2: Brad Johnson, 1: James Moore.

This Saturday the Rascals travel out to Inglewood for their first away game of the season. The Rascals will be looking to continue their batting and bowling form, and hopefully make it two from three for the start of the season. The players know that there are no easy games, and through hard work, training, talk, thinking and fun; they will be doing everything in their power to be ready for each game and make Allora proud!



Wattles to Celebrate 50 Years of Memories

Wattles Rugby League Club's tremendous Toowoomba Rugby League A Grade Grand Final win on Sunday September 27th is far from fading in the minds of Allora, Clifton &

Central Downs residents, the club's fourth A Grade premiership achieved in its 50th year of existence as a club.

Club President & A Grade team member Aaron Scheid is looking forward the his club's Annual Presentation Night & Banquet this Saturday evening to celebrate arguably the club's greatest year of existence.

"As always the Banquet will be a night of celebration and recognition, as it always has been whether we have finished at the tail of the field of top of the table" said Aaron. "While the exploits of our players in all grades will be highlighted, the

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The 2015 Premiers snared the 96th TRL Premiership with a dominant 52 – 26 win over the Dalby Diehards to take back to back premierships for the first time in the club's half century history.

Wattles A Grade premiership tally has advanced to four since entering the Toowoomba Rugby League competition in 1967, premiers in 2015, 2014, 1997 & 1970.

Given the hype still circulating about their more than convincing 52 – 18 victory over the Dalby Diehards, it was interesting to hear from some other Wattles successful grand finalists.

Wattles former International back-rower Greg Platz recalled the basics of memories from the 'Warriors' 1970, 20 – 17 win over a very highly rated Valleys line-up. "While it's all a touch foggy now, we played, we won and we celebrated" said Greg.

While match memories from 45 years ago are a little shady, Greg recalls the celebrations in both Clifton and Allora on the following Monday. "I recall passing a football down the main street of Allora" he says with smile.

"The feeling in the Wattles camp was satisfaction and achievement. We defeated our old nemesis – Valleys – to win the premiership that was an achievement in itself."

"Wattles win in this year's Grand Final demonstrated their superiority in the 2015 Toowoomba Rugby League. They play brilliant attacking football yet have the ability to do the hard work when required.

"I was 20 years old when I played in the 1970 premiership side and my game was based on run, pass and tackle. This 2015 side is an aggregation of talented players who can not only read a game but play a structured style of football that exploits the strengths in the team.



Wattles 'Clifton Courier Player of the Year' contender Brodie Ciesiolka.

Their success this season is a credit to the club, the coach and the players."

Former Wattles and Toowoomba 'Clydesdales' front-rower Brad Eyre recalls the 1997 Wattles premiership winning line-up being a very close knit team, very determined to 'go all the way'.

"We had a great line-up" recalls Brad, "from coach John McLuskey down".

"We were very confident that if we played our best football we would make it very tough for the opposition, the Newtown 'Lions'.

Brad & his team mates did make it tough, overwhelming the 'Lions' 42 – 8, "It was very satisfying as it had been a long time

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THINGS THAT HAPPENED ON THIS DAY - 15th October

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| 1582 - Many Catholic countries switch to Gregorian calendar, skip 10 days. | 1932 - Tata Airlines (later to become Air India) makes its first flight. | 'n' Roll". |
| 1724 - Cornelis Steenoven is 1st archbishop of Old-Catholic church. | 1940 - "The Great Dictator", a satiric social commentary film by and starring Charlie Chaplin, is released. | 1985 - Shuttle Columbia carries Spacelab into orbit. |
| 1846 - Dr William Thomas Green Morton 1st public use of ether. | 1951 - Mexican chemist Luis E. Miramontes synthesized the first oral contraceptive. | 1985 - Shelley Taylor of Australia makes fastest swim ever around Manhattan Island, doing it in 6 hours 12 minutes 29 seconds. |
| 1878 - Edison Electric Light Company incorporated. | 1951 - "I Love Lucy", starring Lucille Ball and Desi Arnaz, debuts on CBS. | 1987 - The Great Storm of 1987 hits France and England. |
| 1889 - Amsterdam Central Station officially opens. | 1966 - Australia bans Troggs' "I Can't Control Myself" as "terribly obscene". | 1993 - Nelson Mandela & South Africa president F W de Klerk awarded Nobel Peace Prize. |
| 1897 - King Leopold II takes Belgian crown. | 1970 - Bridge over Yarra River in Melbourne crashes; killing 35. | 2001 - NASA's Galileo spacecraft passes within 112 miles of Jupiter's moon Io. |
| 1905 - Claude Debussy's "La Mer" premieres. | 1971 - The start of the 2,500-year celebration of Iran, celebrating the birth of Persia. | 2003 - China launches Shenzhou 5, its first manned space mission. |
| 1914 - ASCAP (American Society of Composers, Authors & Publishers) founded. | 1973 - Tanks attack Thailand demonstrating students, 300 killed. | 2005 - Riot in Toledo, Ohio breaks out during a National Socialist/Neo-Nazi protest; over 100 are arrested. |
| 1917 - World War I: At Vincennes outside of Paris, Dutch dancer Mata Hari is executed for espionage by the French Government after being convicted of passing military secrets to Germany. | 1974 - Nobel prize for chemistry awarded to Paul J Flory (macro molecule). | |
| | 1976 - Ringo Starr releases "A Dose of Rock | |

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CSIRO DOUBLE HELIX QUIZ ANSWERS

1. William Herschel discovered Uranus.
2. MS stands for Multiple Sclerosis.
3. Whales, dolphins, and porpoises are all cetaceans.
4. Potash is another name for potassium salts.
5. Ephemeral rivers only flow for a short time after rain or snow melt.

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between drinks since the 'Warriors' previous premiership 27 years earlier.

A special memory for Brad was arriving with team mates back at Wattles Platz Oval Clubhouse and seeing the team's gallant army of supporters who cheered the team into the clubhouse, "there would have been a lot of 'sickies' on Monday". Last year's Grand Final success meant the world to Club President & team member Aaron Scheid, "without a doubt the highlight of my career".

"In preparation for the game I felt that all of my previous games meant nothing, and the Grand Final the only game that mattered".

"It was great to have our supporters on the field with us, a very emotional feeling, a feeling I will never forget."

"There were three match moments that were special to me that was nothing short of inspirational". "Matt Duggan's pass to put Ryan Duggan through a hole for a try, the Xavier Manley and

Pat Manley

hit on an opponent that saw the ball spill off a tap 15 meters away from try line and Joel Koina's 'in and away' on Steve Fransiscus, after Joel had dislocated his shoulder on more than one occasion".

Wattles will celebrate their club's 2015 achievements this Saturday evening with their Annual Banquet & Presentation Function at the Allora Community Hall from 5.30 pm.

A highlight of the evening will be the presentation of the Clifton Courier Shield to Wattles 'Player of the Year'. Champion halfback Matt Duggan won the prestigious title in 2013 & 2014, also claiming the title of Toowoomba Rugby League 'Player of the Year' in those two seasons. Duggan will once again be well in consideration for Wattles blue ribbon award, having captained the Warriors to back to back premierships last year and this season, captained the Toowoomba 'Clydesdales' to a Central Division '47th Battalion Trophy' success and gaining selection

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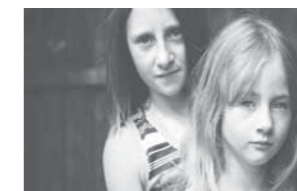
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in the Central Division A Grade side. He has had some competition though to keep him honest this year with the likes of brilliant fullback Corey Blades, gifted centre Joel Koina, strong running back-rower Jason Bradfield and outstanding five-eight Brodie Ciesiolka lifting to another level this season and finishing the second top try-scorer in the TRL A Grade competition, with Blades just behind as third top try-scorer. Ciesiolka was awarded the John

McDonald Medal as 'Player of the Match' in the Warriors Grand Final success.

Ciesiolka, Blades, Duggan, Bradfield & Koina all represented Central Division this season and along with mid-season arrival Michael Purcell were all named in the 'S. & K. Drilling/The Chronicle TRL Team of the Year'.

Since 1975 'Clifton Courier Wattles Player's of the Year' have been: 1975 Michael Ryan, 1976 Sam Achilles, 1977 Greg Platz, 1978 Barry Glass & John Bradfield, 1979 Greg Platz, 1980 Michael Ryan, 1981 Neil Ryan, 1982 Rob Neville, 1983 Rob Tew, 1984 Steve Dwan, 1985 Brian Dunne, 1986 Russell Lamb, 1987 Brendan Bange, 1988 Brendan Corby, 1989 Sam Achilles, 1990 Sam Achilles, 1991 Vince Ramsay, 1992 Brian Collins, 1993 Ross Murray, 1994 George Langton, 1995


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For further information regarding tickets or inquiries for Wattles 2015 Presentation Night & Banquet contact Joanne Frizzell (0407 121 633) or Alana Frizzell (0402 069 967).

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