



Nominate an inspirational person for Australia Day awards

Do you know someone who has made an outstanding contribution to our community? Now is the time to recognise their efforts and get your nominations in, before the mad rush of Christmas is upon us.

Nominations for the 2016 Australia Day Awards for the Southern Downs region are open and Southern Downs Regional Council's Mayor, Cr Peter Blundell is encouraging people across the Southern Downs to consider nominating a worthy recipient.

"These Awards recognise the outstanding contribution of individuals and groups who, through their commitment and effort, make our region a better place to live. Award nominees don't have to be well known, just someone whose efforts are commendable and worthy of recognition.

"It is a wonderful way to acknowledge and thank the people within our community whose efforts inspire us and are worthy of recognition," he said.

Australia Day Awards will be presented in eight categories as follows:

- Australia Day Citizen Award
- Australia Day Junior Citizen Award
- Australia Day Cultural Award
- Australia Day Junior Cultural Award



Northern 2015 Australia Day Award recipients at Glengallan Homestead. Council is encouraging residents to recognise the efforts of someone who has made an outstanding contribution to our community through Award nominations, and to get their nominations in, before the mad rush of Christmas is upon us.

- Australia Day Sports Award
- Australia Day Junior Sports Award
- Australia Day Sports Administration Award
- Australia Day Community Event of the Year

"So, now's the time to get your thinking caps on, and if you know of someone who you believe is worthy of recognition, please take the time to nominate them for an Australia Day Award.

"Please also help us to spread the word about the Australia Day Awards nomination process with your family, friends, neighbours, work colleagues, schools and members of any sport or recreation groups and clubs that you are associated with," Cr Blundell said.

Nomination forms can be collected from Council's Community Contact Centres and Libraries, or may be downloaded from Council's website at www.sdr.cqld.gov.au/our-region/what-s-on/australia-day-2016. Nominations close on Monday, 14 December 2015.

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Letters to the Editor...

The Editor,

It was refreshing to read Robyn Draper's positive letter in last week's Allora Advertiser. We can only hope that Mrs Bower and her DISGRUNTLED colleagues can realise there is more to life than belly aching.

Name Supplied

To the Editor,

I have recently moved to Allora and have been reading with interest all the letters to the editor regarding Grainx and I am amazed at those letters that suggest that good honest citizens who take pride in their homes and have chosen to live in Allora leave the town because they have an issue with Grainx.

It seems to me that all these people are asking for is their basic right to live in peace in their own homes and to breathe fresh air. These people who have written such inappropriate childlike rubbish should be the ones to leave as I cannot imagine that with such a negative attitude that you could contribute in any meaningful way to the community. You should write letters of apology to your fellow citizens or was it your intention to try to turn people against each other.

I am not directly affected by the Grainx operation but clearly there is a problem and this has been acknowledged by the council.

Are there not enough smart intelligent people at SPRC to solve these issues?

Anonymous

Dear Sir,

I am responding to the person that put people down in this town about drug addicts and all the people that are apparently bad for this town. All I can say about that is they not correct. There are nice people living in this town and it's not all what that person said - there are elderly ladies and families living in Allora. People move here to get away from this crap. I moved here to get away from all that. My kids are in a good school. I am not on drugs or on Centrelink nor am I a bludger. I do the best for my kids and husband who works. Yes, I am home with

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Solution in classifieds section

my kids but I am not a "needle freak". I am not on welfare. I get what I get for my kids and that's it. Whoever wrote that letter needs to look in their back door. I am sick of people bagging others when they are the ones that are scamming the system and making others feel bad when other people need it and they don't.

Name supplied

Dear Editor,

Having been fortunate to have a dear friend who is not as allergic to computers as I am, my property at Allora is no longer anyone's business but mine, hopefully.

However, there appears upon Domain's list seven properties in Allora that is their business. These homes, some in glorious colour appear to be in Geek Street, 5 in Arnold Street, 2 in Forde Street, and 1 in Herbert Street. Anyone interested who is curious about the name Domain having their homes price and internal set up, might like to enquire from their real estate agents about the connection

Melba Morris.

Dear Sir/Madam,

As one of the coordinators of the Allora State School P&C Car Boot Sale that unfortunately had to be cancelled due to excessive rain on the school oval making it inaccessible to vehicular traffic, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the Allora Advertiser in the way you promoted the event with editorial articles and promotional photographs leading up to the day. With an inaugural event such as this, we were unsure of what we would have for a marketing budget and it was refreshing to have the Allora Advertiser promoting the event as you did. I would also like to thank those that donated items to the P&C Jumble Sale stall that were to be sold on the day.

WEATHER FORECAST

Day	Forecast	Min/Max
THU	Morning Clouds. Warm. Dry.	14 34
FRI	Mostly Sunny. Hot.	17 37
SAT	Sunny. Hot. Dry.	19 36
SUN	Mostly Sunny. Mild.	16 27
MON	Thunderstorms Late. Cloudy. Mild.	15 27
TUE	Storms Late. Morning Clouds. Mild.	16 28

Those donors can be assured that their items will be sold for the benefit as advertised leading up to the cancellation and the decision as to when this will occur will be made at the upcoming P&C Meeting next Tuesday 24/11/2015.

Again, thank you very much to the Allora Advertiser for your Community spirit.

Sincerely
Andrew Dunn



Erin Weier - 2015 Dux of Warwick State High School.

Allora Student 2015 Dux of Warwick State High School


Erin Weier did Allora proud last week when she was named the 2015 Dux of Warwick State High School. Erin was top of her class in Biology, Geography and Home Economics. She was one of four students to win an Academic Excellence award for receiving Very High Achievement ratings in all her senior subjects.

Erin was a student at Ryeford State School until Year 3 and then attended Allora State School until she graduated in Year 10. At the 2013 Allora State School Speech Night, Erin was Dux and took out the prizes for Mathematics, Science (tie), Visual Art, Business and Food Studies. After a close study of

Local Legends Rugby League Trivia

1. Who was the Captain/Coach of the Wattles RL 1969 side?
2. In which of these years did Wattles RL win the TRL Premiership?
a. 1969 b. 1970 c. 1971

Answers in Classifieds section



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Darcey Liesegang - Academic Achievement Award and Paul Ashton and Associates Accounting Bursary recipient.

the records, we believe Erin is the first student ever to have won Dux at Allora State School and Dux at Warwick State High School.

Darcey Liesegang also showed her academic talents by receiving both an Academic Achievement Award as well as the Paul Ashton and Associates Accounting Bursary. When at Allora State School, Darcey won the Academic Excellence Award (or was runner-up to Dux).

Another Allora student to take out an award at the Warwick SHS awards night was Max Rubie who won the Prevocational Mathematics Award.

In addition to their success at the Warwick State High School Annual Awards Night, both Erin and Darcey have received tertiary scholarships for 2016. Erin has won a \$12000 USQ Vice-Chancellor's scholarship while Darcey has won a \$6000 USQ Vice-Chancellor's scholarship. Three of our former students, Kayla Heslin, Erin Weier and Darcey Liesegang have also been guaranteed acceptance to study at USQ next year. Congratulations to these students. 'The Best Little Town on the Downs' is very proud of your achievements.

Robyn Westerman, Allora State School

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The Kingscliff Probus Club members who visited Allora recently.

TOURISTS INTERESTED IN ALLORA'S HISTORY

Months of planning went into a recent bus tour of the Downs by the Kingscliff Probus Club. Tour leader, David Rea from Lismore had never heard of Allora. A volunteer at the Warwick Information Centre recommended that he include Allora in the three day trip. Unfortunately accommodation and venues had already been arranged so their stay in Allora was brief. Allora Historical members were asked to give an overview of Allora's history during their thirty minute stopover. We decided that we would promote Allora's places of interest and accommodation to persuade the forty-seven visitors to return to our town. Brochures, promotional coasters, business cards and phone numbers were given to David to pass around. Research Officer, Colin Newport boarded the bus outside Les and Lorraine Struthers' 'Mary Poppins' house and guided the tour through the streets of Allora explaining our early beginnings and places of interest. The Probus Club showed their appreciation of Colin's excellent commentary by donating a \$50.00 cheque to the Allora Historical Society. The tourists also purchased copies of 'Allora's Past' to learn of our interesting history. David has reported that everybody enjoyed their visit to Allora and a number have indicated that they will return. The visitors were all charmed by our historic town.

Lyn Wright

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Clifton Shooting Club are running another Weapons Licencing Safety course on Sunday, 6th December 2015, for Category 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 the 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 to book or want more information please call Gordon on 0418 877 525.

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CWA Allora CWA notes for November

It was a busy meeting for the Allora CWA this morning with fifteen members present. The president reported on the recent state conference held in Gympie where major decisions were made. The CWA is Queensland's largest women's group and is regularly consulted by governments. For nearly 100 years it has been representing and servicing women particularly in rural areas. At the conference members passed resolutions about product labelling, overseas food imports, help for rural students, domestic violence and drug usage as well as listening to speakers on prostate cancer, women's health, rural telecommunication problems, healthy eating. Allora discussed the forming of a sister branch relationship which can assist a western branch affected by drought. The members were very sympathetic to the difficulties faced in areas where there can be very little fundraising within the town because the drought has swallowed up incomes. It was decided to take up an invitation by the McGrath breast cancer nurse to discuss a meeting in Allora. This will be planned for 2016.

Border division have offered tutors for handcraft classes in Allora in 2016. These would be once a month and open to non-CWA. The CWA has always promoted handcrafts and have kept alive many skills which would otherwise have disappeared by offering classes at an affordable price.

The Christmas party will be at the Railway Hotel on the 9th December and it was decided that instead of buying presents a donation would be made to a chosen charity.

The members will be selling tickets in the Christmas raffle on 27th November and the 3rd and 10th December. Prizes will be a \$100 grocery voucher, a Christmas cake and a Christmas pudding.

The last meeting of the year will be in December and members will invite guests.

International officer Alison Payne entertained us with some facts about the English midlands and its attractions and entertainments. Next year the country for study will be Greenland and Alison will attend a weekend workshop so that she can share her knowledge with the community.

Killarney CWA has sent an invitation to a Carols concert and morning tea on December 1 - cost \$5.

BAD JOKE OF THE WEEK

There was a man who entered a local paper's pun contest.

He sent in ten different puns, in the hope that at least one of the puns would win.

Unfortunately, no pun in ten did.

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MY SDRC APP offers the chance to 'get in and swim'!

LOVE TO SWIM? You could win one of three family season passes to a Southern Downs swimming pool of your choice just by downloading the 'free' MY SDRC APP today. Southern Downs Regional Council's Mayor, Cr Peter Blundell said Council had launched its 'MY SDRC APP' promotion to encourage residents to get on board with the APP. "The MY SDRC APP provides residents with the ability to connect with Council while 'on the move'.

"It offers a range of features to users such as 'Fix it' to report an issue to Council, access to the latest Council News, ability to contact Councillors at a touch and access to Council's contact information.

"The APP provides quick access to Council's social media and, importantly, particularly as we are now into the storm season, it has an Alerts page feature, which is a useful tool and can provide information in a disaster event.

"The MY SDRC APP not only provides residents with a 'one stop shop' access to basic Council information, but can also keep people up to date on what is happening in our region.

"I'd certainly encourage all Southern Downs residents to download the MY SDRC APP and, as a special incentive to do so, three family season passes to a Southern Downs public swimming pool of choice are up for grabs when we reach three APP download milestones: 600, 700 and 800," said the Mayor. To enter the MY SDRC Promotion, residents must:

- Download the MY SDRC APP from the App Store (Apple devices) or Google Play (Android devices); and
- Submit a request via the MY SDRC APP, selecting the category type "MY SDRC APP Promo 1-2015", and include your name, phone/mobile number and email address.

Winners will be announced when each of the MY SDRC APP download milestones of 600, 700 and 800, is achieved.

The promotion will run until 18 December 2015 and the promotion Terms and Conditions are available on Council's website www.sdrc.qld.gov.au/payments---services/my-sdrc-app.

"We've already received some great feedback from current users of the APP who appreciate the ease of reporting issues to Council on the spot as well as having quick access to the information the app provides. So, if you haven't yet downloaded the MY SDRC APP, don't delay, download it today for your chance to win a pool season pass," said the Mayor.

Betty – The Adri House’ Is Rolling Into Warwick Urging Residents To Get To Know Asbestos This November!

November is National Asbestos Awareness Month. On Monday, 30 November 2015, Betty - The ADRI House will visit Warwick as a special guest of Southern Downs Regional Council and Bunnings Warehouse as part of her tour throughout Queensland in what is her longest tour to date.

The first of her kind in Australia and the world, ‘Betty’ is a purpose built, mobile model house the size of a caravan designed to demonstrate the multiple locations where asbestos might be found in any brick, weatherboard, fibro or clad Australian home built or renovated before 1987.

‘Betty’, together with the Australia’s most comprehensive online national asbestos information resource, asbestosawareness.com.au website forms Australia’s first line of defence against the current wave of asbestos-related diseases in Australia.

Because there’s no known safe level of exposure to asbestos

fibres, Betty plays a vital role in educating communities about the importance of safely managing asbestos-containing materials that can be found in and around homes.

With 1 in 3 Australian homes containing asbestos in some form or another, and with the popularity of home renovation programs rising inspiring an ongoing boom in renovations, now more than ever before, Betty’s mission is to encourage homeowners, renovators, tradies and handymen to Get to kNOw Asbestos this NOvember by visiting asbestosawareness.com.au to protect themselves and their families from dangerous asbestos fibres.

Southern Downs Regional Council’s Mayor, Cr Peter Blundell welcomed Betty’s visit to the Southern Downs region, saying how important resources like this mobile unit are in educating and raising awareness in the community about significant issues such as Asbestos and the impacts it has on public health.

The initiative of the Asbestos Education Committee (AEC) in partnership with Asbestos Diseases Research Institute (ADRI), Betty is escorted by our dedicated volunteers, Geoff and Karen Wicks who are able to advise residents of the multiple locations

where asbestos might be found, in and around homes.

Peter Dunphy Chair of the Asbestos Education Committee heading the national Asbestos Awareness Month campaign said, “Many Australians believe that only fibro homes contain asbestos but this couldn’t be further from the truth.

“Because Australia was among the highest consumers of asbestos products in the world, asbestos-containing materials are common in homes built or renovated before 1987 with a broad range of products still commonly found in and around any brick, weatherboard, fibro or clad home.

“Without knowing where these products might be found in homes, people are playing ‘Renovation Roulette’ and putting their health and the health of families at risk so homeowners, renovators, tradesmen and handymen must Get to kNOw Asbestos this NOvember by taking the 20 Point Asbestos Safety Check at asbestosawareness.com.au to learn how to identify these products and manage asbestos safely,” he said.

People would be surprised at where they might find the hidden danger of asbestos in a home built or renovated before 1987. It could be anywhere! Under floor coverings such as carpets, linoleum and vinyl tiles, behind wall and floor tiles, in cement floors, internal and external walls, ceilings and ceiling space (insulation), eaves, garages, roofs, around hot water pipes, fences, extensions to homes, garages, outdoor toilets, backyard and farm sheds, chook sheds and even dog kennels.

“Does your home contain asbestos? How would you kNOw? By visiting asbestosawareness.com.au people can easily search to identify the sorts of products to look for, the locations of where they might be found and learn how to manage it and dispose of it safely,” he said.

Prior to 1987, many homes were constructed from low-cost fibro (bonded asbestos cement sheeting) to meet the growing demand for housing and it was common practice for builders and labourers to bury broken pieces of asbestos materials on building sites which can now be exposed when digging, gardening or redeveloping properties or land.

Fibro was also commonly used when building garages to house the new family car, to build Dad’s shed and when adding extensions to existing brick or weatherboard homes such as family rooms while ‘weekenders’ were often built from fibro as low-cost holiday homes.

In rural settings many farm buildings were constructed from fibro as a cost-effective means of housing equipment and stock

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and it was also widely used to construct ‘sleep-out’ additions to farmhouses, workers accommodation and community housing throughout much of regional Australia.

“If left undisturbed and well-maintained asbestos-containing products generally don’t pose a health risk. However, if these products are disturbed and fibres are released during a renovation, a knock-down-rebuild or the redevelopment of an old fibro building site, this is when health risks can occur,” Mr Dunphy said.

“While renovators and their families are at risk of exposure to asbestos fibres, tradespeople are particularly vulnerable as they come into contact with products that may contain asbestos every day of their working life and need to be doubly aware of the risks and know safe management practices of working with asbestos.

“When it comes to asbestos, don’t play Renovation Roulette! Don’t cut it! Don’t drill it! Don’t drop it! Don’t sand it! Don’t saw it! Don’t scrape it! Don’t scrub it! Don’t dismantle it! Don’t tip it! Don’t waterblast it! Don’t demolish it! And whatever you do... Don’t dump it!” Mr Dunphy said.

Professor Nico van Zandwijk, Director of the Asbestos Diseases Research Institute said, “By not knowing the types of asbestos-containing products, where they might be located in properties and how to manage and dispose of asbestos safely, people risk

releasing and inhaling fibres that could lead to asbestos-related diseases including mesothelioma” and this can have devastating, life-threatening effects.”

There is no cure for mesothelioma, a cancer that can develop between 20-50 years after inhaling asbestos fibres and the average survival time after diagnosis is 10-12 months. Inhaling asbestos fibres can also cause diseases such as lung cancer, asbestosis and benign pleural disease.

During NOvember Australians are encouraged to host a Blue Lamington Drive morning or afternoon tea at home or at work to help raise awareness of the current dangers of asbestos while raising vital funds for medical research and support services for sufferers of asbestos-related diseases.

Looking Back...

Allora’s Past 25 years ago November 1990

Pony Club Anniversary

The 25th Anniversary celebrations of the Allora Pony Club on Saturday 10th November, exceeded all expectations. Some 50 horses and riders took part in the March Past in family groups. The Dunne family fielded five riders; the Holmes family, four; Huston’s had another four; Batterham’s had five riders; Kirkland family, three, and Terry Ryan, a former member, returned with two sons. The Ryan family donated a trophy in memory of Mr. Mick Ryan for the best performance by a Pony Club member on the day. This was won by Allora Club member, Karen Bell.

Many thanks go to Sharon Glasby for her time in co-judging, and to locals, Jim Leeson, Ken Telford and Allan Gilmore who were some of the instigators of the Allora Pony Club. Their judging of the horse events was all in the spirit of the day.



Allora cricket team taken C.1910 at the Recreation Reserve.

Colin Newport

Allora’s Past 50 years ago November 1965

COAT OF ARMS

The Allora Shire Council is conducting a competition for the design of a Coat of Arms for the Shire for which entries are invited.

Entries must be done in colour and must be at least four inches in height. Entries close with the undersigned on Tuesday 21st December, 1965, at noon.

The winning entry becomes the property of the Allora Shire Council, other entries will be returned.

Lex Ellwood, Shire Clerk.

(The Allora Shire Council Coat of Arms hangs on the wall of the Old Shire Hall museum)

Allora’s Past 75 years ago November 1940

C. W. A. Younger Set

Those present at the monthly meeting of the C. W. A. Younger Set were: Misses Dorothy Sinton, Margaret Lickiss, Doris Stay, Francie Stewart, Beryl Bond, L. Slatter, Maria Enright and Mrs. W. J. Lilley

(Supervisor). Miss Francie Stewart who has been president for some time past, resigned, and Miss Beryl Bond was appointed president. The financial statement showed that the branch had a credit balance of £6/9/11.

Allora’s Past 100 years ago November 1915

Obituary

Quite a gloom passed over the town and district when the news reached here of the death of Mr. Henry Gwynne of Glengallan. The deceased entered a private hospital in Toowoomba to undergo an operation which was performed on Friday last. On Sunday complications set in, deceased passing away on Monday morning. The late Mr. Gwynne had only reached the age of 32 and was the 3rd son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Gwynne of Goomburra, who are amongst the oldest pioneers in the district. The deceased left a widow and two children.

Allora’s Past 125 years ago November 1890

Allora Cricket Club

A well attended meeting of lovers of the ball and willow was held in the School of Arts on Saturday evening last for the purpose of electing officers of the Allora Cricket Club. The following gentlemen were elected: President, W. B. Slade Esq; Vice-president, Mr. George Clark; Hon Secretary, Mr. H. De B. Anderson; Committee, Messrs W. Burge, C. Bourne, W. Nemeth, H. Jeffreys and Rev. J. B. Morrow. It was resolved that Wednesday and Saturday afternoons be practise afternoons. Several members then handed in their annual subscriptions to the club. A vote of thanks to the Rev. Chairman, also to Mr. W. Burge and Mr. H. De B. Anderson for their past good services to the club, brought the meeting to a close.



IMAGES FROM THE PAST - Allora Cricket Oval in 1964: Back Plains District Cricket (Assoc.) Finals. Pictured is the Leyburn Cricket Club Team - Back row: R. Lee, D. Rauchle, E. McGee, D. Lang, W. Reid and M. Rauchle. Front row: V. Kirby, K. Reid, D. Coonan, G. Graham (Capt.) and K. Kettleholm. Photo courtesy Margot Bradfield.

Hope Lodge to Celebrate a Century

On Saturday community members of Allora can join with Freemasons from around Allora, the Darling Downs and Brisbane to uncover some of the mysteries of the ancient movement while celebrating the commemoration of the centenary of Allora's Gordon Street Hope Masonic Centre.

The auspicious occasion in local history will commence at 2.00 pm with local Lodge members commencing the official meeting, before Grand Lodge from Brisbane will sit from 2.15 pm including a reconsecration & rededication ceremony including the unveiling of a commemorative plaque.

It will certainly be an education for those curious or with an interest to see Grand Lodge lodge members wearing full Masonic regalia, and the Hope Lodge open to the public.

Following the rededication ceremony a function will be hosted at Allora's St. Davids Hall, where a book on the history of Hope Lodge compiled by Ellen Allen will be launched.

A Mobile Display Unit will also be a feature of the significant event, giving those attending a taste of what Freemasonry is and benefits of involvement in an organisation with centuries of history the world over.

Hope Lodge has an intriguing while lengthy history that commenced with a petition for a lodge in the late 1800's.

Following the signing of a petition by eight Master Masons residing in and around Allora, being W. B. Slade, J. J. Banks, S. B. Player, R. Cooke, F. B. Clark, N. G. Gillam & J. B. O. Evans, the petition was duly forwarded to the District Secretary Worshipful Brother Fenwick. It was then presented to the Right Worshipful District Grand Master the Hon. Augustus Gregory, by who the petition was favourably received.

The Lodge was to be styled "The Hope" and to hold its meetings in Allora's Protestant Hall on the first Friday before the full moon in each month.

The Hope of Allora Lodge was duly consecrated on Friday, September 11th, 1891 at 6.30 pm. The ceremony was performed by the Hon. Augustus Gregory and the Deputy District Grand Master Brother Barron Barnett assisted by other officers of the District Grand Lodge of Queensland.

The Allora Masonic Centre to be reconsecrated on Saturday has sat on its foundations in Gordon Street for over a century, a remarkable structure with bare timber walls that are themselves unique given the quality of materials and craftsmanship.

Following the purchase of two blocks of land in Gordon Street at a cost of seventy pounds it was agreed that a Masonic Hall should be built. Plans for the building were drawn up on January 2nd 1915, the new building to cost two hundred and fifty pounds with the builders being J. Sharpe & Son.

The first meeting in the new Masonic Hall took place on September 24th, 1915, while the Dedication of the building was carried out by Most Worshipful Brother W. H. Green at a special meeting convened on November 4th, 1930.

In 1926 it was decided to allow the hire of the Hall to the 'Star of Allora Lodge', the rental being fixed at seven pounds per year for twelve meetings with an extra pound for each additional meeting.

Grand Lodge advised in July 1928 that Hope Lodge had been duly registered as a 'Hall Stone' Lodge.



Allora's Hope Lodge freemasons Graeme Allen, Bill Sinton, Rob Sinton & Allan Darr are looking forward to celebrating the centenary of Allora's Hope Masonic Centre on Saturday afternoon.

In September 1932 Hope Lodge was installed with electricity with accounts averaging less than ten shillings for each two months.

The Diamond Jubilee of Hope Lodge was celebrated on February 10th 1951.

The Hope Lodge No. 72, United Grand Lodge Queensland, celebrated its centenary at a Reconsecration held in the Allora R.S.L. Memorial Hall on Friday evening, September 13th 1991, attended by U.G.L.Q. Grand Master Most Worshipful Brother

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Current Hope Lodge Worshipful Master David Newton is hoping for members of the community to come along on Saturday and become more aware of the real meaning of Freemasonry, its history, traditions and the significant role it plays in supporting the wider community.

Secretary Allan Darr, a Hope Lodge Mason since 1984 is also hoping for local community interest. "Hope Lodge has an aging membership and Saturday's special event will also serve to enlighten people on what Freemasonry stands for, and perhaps some may consider applying to join."

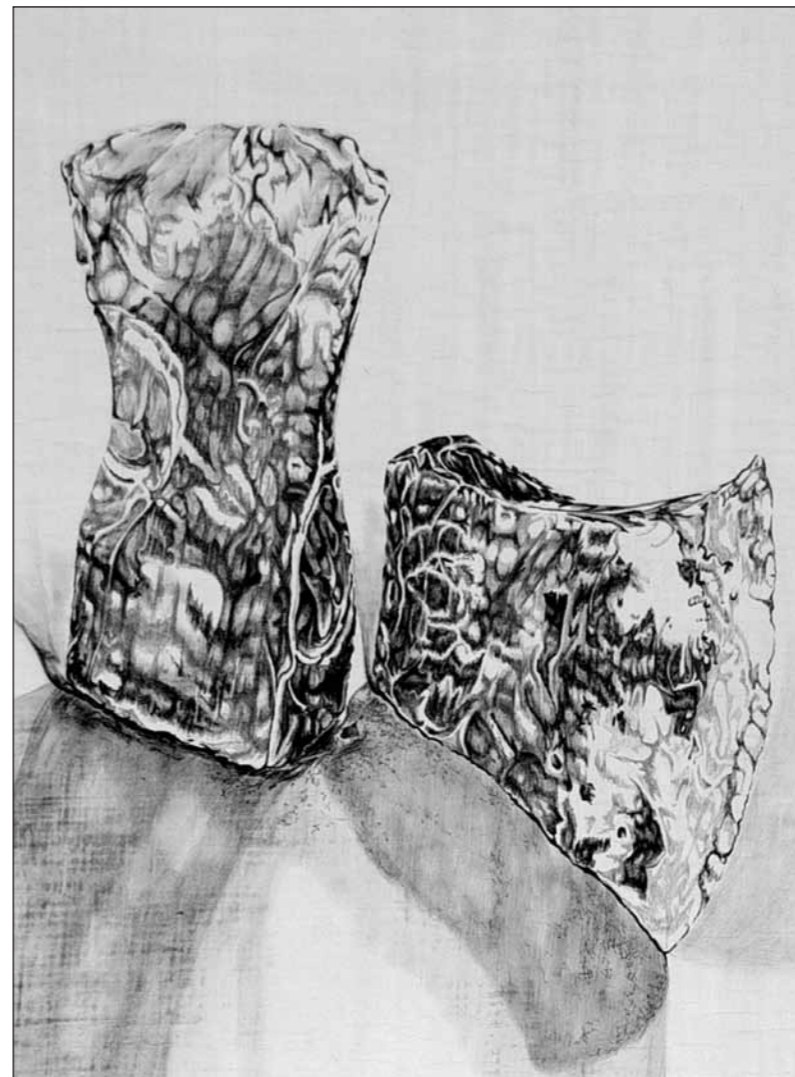
To have Grand Lodge playing such a significant role in the celebrations of a century of the Allora Masonic Centre and rededication is a great honour for Hope Lodge, and indeed an historical occasion.

For further information please contact Allan Darr on 0417 003 877.

Glyn Rees



LEGACY



Too Dull A 2012 - Peta Warner

First major look into Aussie school lunchboxes reveals parents are struggling

Almost half of all Aussie primary school kids bring lunch home uneaten once a week, one of the most widespread surveys into what children eat at school reveals.

While the focus of feeding children at school is often centred at lunchtime, Accredited Practising Dietitian Natasha Murray, said children should be fuelling their bodies and brains with nutritious snacks more regularly.

Ms Murray advises parents to get children involved in the planning of snacks and lunches. "Offer healthy foods and snacks you know will fuel them throughout the day, and let children choose options they like," she said.

"Get kids involved in preparing food and even packing the lunchbox - it's well known that kids who help prepare food are more likely to eat it."

Tips on packing a healthy lunchbox:

1. Get kids involved in the planning of food for recess and lunchtime.
2. Keep it simple.
3. Offer up to four healthy snack options then let the kids choose.
4. Make fruit quick and easy to eat i.e. cut up apples and oranges for a quick snack on the go.
5. Make sure wrapped food can be opened easily by kids.

Distance Provides Mixed Blessings For Artist

Warwick Art Gallery's latest exhibition showcases the lyrical figurative artworks of Peta Warner, from Eulo near Cunnamulla in Western Queensland.

The inspiration for The Keeper: Memories of a Rural Life developed from the discovery of old implements stored in boxes for many years by her father. These objects were the catalyst for Warner's exploration of the history and sentiment embedded in items and materials from her family's life on the land.

The eloquent technique of graphite on traditional gesso and assemblage characterize rural experience as a labour of love, and translates familiar worn and weathered surfaces into a register of a way of life that is largely past. Warner's intimate attention to detail traces the texture and tensions of her family's working life in migratory beekeeping and sheep farming, and provides a visual record of Australia's social history.

These days Warner lives on a sheep and cattle property and has pursued her lifelong interest in art through distance education.

"My work attempts to communicate how isolation and distance can bring mixed blessings," says Warner, "I have chosen broken and rusted tools as my visual vocabulary because they are symbolic of digging up the past. The works, I hope, offer insight about family relationships and how hopes, dreams and sometimes despair are etched into details of daily routine."

Gallery Director Karina Devine is certain that visitors to the exhibition will relate to the objects and images in the exhibition.

"Peta's exhibition contains lots of surprises and challenges for the viewer," says Ms Devine, "Some of the works are appealing because of their drama and scale. Others, that incorporate sheep skin, bees wax and recycled timber from her father's bee boxes, are wonderfully innovative."

The Keeper: Memories of a rural life was curated by Dr Sally Butler and Kerry Gillett from the University of Queensland. It will open in Thursday 29 October and continues until Sunday 6 December. The Gallery is open Tuesday to Friday 10.00 am to 4.00 pm and on weekends 10.00 am to 1.00 pm.

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Southern Downs Leaders share their insights

More than 70 senior managers and emerging leaders from a range of organisations and businesses across the region turned out to the first Southern Downs Leadership Forums held in Stanthorpe and Warwick last week.

The Southern Downs Leadership Forum is a Council initiative that provides an opportunity for present and emerging leaders to be inspired and gain knowledge from other leaders within the community.

Forum attendees gained insights from local leaders, Simon Shepherd, Principal Scots PGC College; Tracy Dobie, Interim General Manager Destination Southern Downs; Kerri-Ann Lamb, Manager Fresh Cuts Wickham Farms, and David Keenan, Chief Executive Officer Southern Downs Regional Council, about their experiences in leadership and management roles.

Southern Downs Regional Council's Chief Executive Officer, Mr David Keenan said he was pleased with the response to the first forum.

"As a Council initiative, we wanted the focus to be on sharing experiences and management practices that relate to creating exceptional workplaces, innovation, ethical decision making and financial sustainability, as well as promoting the competitive advantages of the Southern Downs region, and I think our speakers certainly hit the mark," said Mr Keenan.

Forum attendee and Queensland Police Services' Senior Sergeant, Craig Berry, said "It was certainly worthwhile. The presentations, while contrasting, all linked well together and I'm taking some great learnings away from each presenter."

Andrew Williams from Elders in Warwick added "It was a very positive session with very good and experienced speakers talking on leadership and management with some great 'Gold Nuggets' to take away. The calibre of the local knowledge and experience is very

LEFT: Pam Burley, Hailey Cosh, Izelle Barnard and Sheila Stebbings



Some of the attendees at the Southern Downs Leadership Forum in Warwick on 12 November 2015.

strong."

Mr Keenan said "Council hopes to run another Leadership Forum in late January or February next year, and I would certainly encourage managers and supervisors, and emerging and aspiring leaders in the Southern Downs to come along.

"The forum offers a terrific platform to build relationships between leaders in the community, the opportunity for professional development and the establishment of mentoring pathways," said Mr Keenan.

Entry to the Forum was by gold coin donation, and \$85 was raised, with proceeds going to Beyond Blue.

For further details about the forum, including the speakers' PowerPoint presentations, visit Council's website www.sdrc.qld.gov.au.

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Killarney residents' stories brought to life at Warwick Library

Southern Downs Regional Council's Warwick Library will welcome local author Deborah Wheeler to the Library on November 25 to promote 'I remember in 2015', a compilation of stories from Killarney residents.

'I remember in 2015' is a collection of stories from twelve Killarney residents who have chosen to live their lives, with all the joys and sorrows, in this beautiful part of the Southern Downs.

Researcher, writer and publisher Deborah Wheeler, was commissioned by Killarney Memorial Aged Care to compile the twelve brief histories, having produced a similar compilation in 2012.

Southern Downs Regional Council's Warwick Librarian, Ms Marianne Potter said Deborah has a passion for the preservation of regional, cultural and Australian history.

"We would love to invite locals to come along and join Deborah at the Warwick Library on November 25 as she speaks about the book, sharing the Killarney residents' stories, and her experiences of writing and publishing," said, Ms Potter.

Join Deborah Wheeler at Council's Warwick Library, 49 Albion Street, on Wednesday, 25 November 2015 at 10:30am. A light morning tea will also be provided.

To reserve your place for this free event, call the Warwick Library on 4661 0342 by 23 November 2015.

?? CSIRO Double Helix Quiz ??

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2. True or false? Echidnas can sense electrical signals.
3. What's the link between limestone and marble?
4. How many atoms are there in a molecule of ozone?
5. What is a biennial plant?

Answers in Classifieds pages

Originally published in Science by Email. For more CSIRO Double Helix science visit www.csiro.au/helix or call 02 6276 6643.

Events Calendar

2015

November -

- Sat 21 Rededication of Hope Lodge Allora**
Hope Lodge Masonic Centre, Gordon St, Allora, 1.30pm
- Fri 27 Goomburra Town Hall Christmas Party**
Goomburra Town Hall, 5.00pm
- 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 Allora Creekside Carols & Markets**
Dalrymple Park, Allora
- Sat 12 Warwick Uber Markets**
Leslie Park, Warwick, 10.00am to 2.30pm
- Sat 12 Wattles Rodeo**
Allora Showgrounds
- Sun 13 Allora Churches Together Christmas Carols**
7.00pm
- Tues 15 Allora & District Rural Neighbourhood Watch Meet**
Allora Court House, Raff Street, Allora, 6.30pm.
- Thu 31 Allora Show Society New Years Eve - Fireworks**
Allora Show Grounds

2016

January -

- Sat 9 Doctor Who Club of Australia - Allora Local Group**
Allora QCWA rooms, Warwick St, Allora, 10.00am.

- Sat 30 Allora Men's Shed Meeting**
Allora Men's Shed (old Fire Station), 9.30am

February -

- Fri 5 & Sat 6 138th Allora Show**
Allora Show Grounds
- 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 19 Doctor Who Club of Australia - Allora Local Group**
Allora QCWA rooms, Warwick St, Allora, 10.00am.
- Sat 26 Allora Men's Shed Meeting**
Allora Men's Shed (old Fire Station), 9.30am

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
- Fri-Sun 29-1May Allora Autumn Festival**
Allora Community Circle

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

June -

- Sun 12 Allora Community Auction**
Allora Show Grounds

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BOWLS

ALLORA SPORTS CLUB BOWLS RESULTS – ROUND TEN

Gosh, only four more bowls nights to the finish of the 2015 season. Looks like The Three Amigos will retain top place. They had another resounding win on Tuesday night beating The Railway Hotel 38-4. But they do have many, many years of experience and play every trick in the book. Other winners were – Swimming Pool 16 v Men's Shed 15; The Rat Pack 12 v Zoolands 11; Lawn Grubs 23 v Honda Hawks 14; Team Engel 18 v Doesn't Matter 6; The Old Boys 17 v Rooknicks 10; Intruders 11 v Bindartins 10. Some very close games. I was an intruder in the Intruders and can say that both teams on Rink 7 had difficulty with the slope of the green. Top player was Doug with his left hand curve shots. Heavy discussion took place over the head of the bowls on Rink 6, the tape was called for several times. The Lawn Grubs were on the winning rink this week and the Zoolanders won the runners-up prize. Peter M won Darren Powell's \$5.00 first toucher prize. Evans Drilling Chocolates were won by Peter C, John C, Doug, Mal, Gene and Chad.

A first! John W won a chance to win the Jackpot prize. He had no luck and next week the prize will be \$40.00. Thank you to Swimming Pool, Bolzen Sands and True Value Hardware for your donation. Other raffle prize winners were Craig, John E, David, Paddo (G), Nick and Paddo (L). Prizes are donated by Paul Parker, Painter, The Railway Hotel, I.G.A. and the Sports Club and each week a team donates a prize.

Thank you to all members who volunteer to keep the green in top condition and to all those who help out on bowls nights.

Definition: A bowl is dead bowl if – (a) it is not a toucher and comes to rest in the ditch; (b) it is not a toucher and rebounds onto the rink after contact with the face of the bank or with the jack or a toucher in the ditch; (c) after completing its original course or after being moved as a result of play, it comes to rest less than 14 metres as measured in a straight line from the mat line; (d) it passes completely outside the boundaries of the rink of play after being moved as a result of play; (e) in its original course, it passes outside the side boundary of the rink on a bias which would prevent it from re-entering the rink of play or (f) in its original course, it comes to rest outside a side boundary of the rink even though it may have come to rest in contact with the outside edge of a line jack. - Don't understand – See any member of the Intruders or Bindartins, we had dead balls lined up on the southern boundary every end!

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Allora Swimming Club News

The Allora swim team have been very busy with local carnivals. Last week the team competed at Toowoomba and on the weekend the Macnamara meet was attended at Warwick. Well done to all swimmers. Next Tuesday the Rackley memorial swim will be contested. The 50m freestyle handicap event is a great fun night that sees all our members have an equal chance of taking out the win. The night will be concluded with presentation and hot dogs. A reminder to members that our Rotary carnival is 2 weeks away on the 6 December, nominations need to be handed back to Jane or emailed to alloraswimmingclub@gmail.com by the 29/11



Allora vs Sovereign

The Allora XI had their first home game of the 2015/2016 season, taking on Sovereign Hotel. Sovereign won the toss and decided to bat making a total of 116 from 28 overs.

Allora's Gavin Scheiwe and Mitchell McLennan put on a great opening performance with a partnership of 91 runs before Gavin was dismissed for 38, with Mitchell McLennan not out on 59 runs and Jamie Saunders not out on 15 runs. Allora scoring a total of 127 runs from 24 overs, winning the game by 9 wickets.

Matthew Kiernan bowled well again this week taking 4 for 14 off 7 overs and Scott Sparksman taking 2 for 38 off his 9 overs. Luke Cullen and Greg Hoffman both took 1 wicket each.

Allora batting: Gavin Schiewe (38), Mitchell McLennan (59 not out), Jamie Saunders (15 not out). Rest of the team did not bat. Sundries (14) – Total 127.

Allora Bowling: Luke Cullen 8-0-1-33, Greg Hoffman 5-0-1-31, Scott Sparksman 9-0-2-38 and Matthew Kiernan 7-1-4-14. This Saturday 21st November sees Allora XI take on Wheatvale at Allora. The game will start at 12.30pm. Please let Aaron know if your available to play on 0428 627 107.

The results from this week's cricket raffle were: Meat Tray – Joy Bates, Meat Tray – Greenie, Railway Dinner – Cam, BBQ Chook - Perry, Bottle of Wine – Kim Burns and Scratchies – Shirley Mason. Thank you to everyone for your support. The cricket raffle is on every Saturday from 5.30pm at the Railway Hotel.

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ALLORA GOLF OPEN

The Denny's Engineering Allora Open Championship was held last Sunday with a record field of 77 golfers competing. The golfers travelled from Oakey, Cecil Plains, Inglewood, Goombungee and a large contingent from both Clifton and Toowoomba City. The Open Day was a huge success with the golf course in fantastic shape despite heavy rain on Saturday morning. It was terrific to see so many ladies play in our Open.

The Allora Open Champion for 2015 is Jason Hopkins from Toowoomba. Jason is the Manager of Golf World in Toowoomba, great supporters of the Allora Club. Jason shot a seven over par 75 to win from Haydn Gomez from Clifton on a count-back. The A Grade net winner was Col Hoey with 63 net from D Farrell who shot a net 64.

B Grade gross winner was J Dalgliesh and T Deakin was the runner-up. B Grade net was won by our club captain, Aaron Simpson with Tommy Haines the runner-up.

C Grade gross was won by Danny Carroll and runner-up Ash Munday, both from Toowoomba City. C Grade net winner was the popular local player Tommy Brown and the runner up was

Allora club stalwart, life member and former patron, Jimmy Anderson.

The Ladies Open Champion for 2015 is Donna Halges who shot an 88, from Cara Frires who shot 91. Both these ladies are from the City Club and it was an absolute pleasure to have them play in our open carnival. The Ladies net winner was L Harber who shot a net 76 from D Kessman on a count-back. The raffle was won by Aaron Simpson; 2nd prize Haydn Gomez and 3rd prize Chad Wilson.

Thanks to our generous sponsors Denny's Engineering, Anthony Bowe, Kev Harrison and Toowoomba City Golf Club.



Winners from the Open Day. Left to right. Front - Tommy Haines, Danny Carroll, Donna Halges, Tommy Brown, Cara Frires and Haydn Gomez. Back - Aaron Simpson, Ash Munday.

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CSIRO DOUBLE HELIX QUIZ ANSWERS

1. The weakest force is gravity.
2. True. Echidnas can sense electricity.
3. When limestone is heated and compressed underground, it can turn into marble.
4. Ozone is made of three oxygen atoms.
5. Biennial plants are those that take two growing seasons to flower.

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'Real Favulous' Snares Railway Hotel Allora Cup

Allora locals turned out in force on Sunday at Allora's Allman Park, soaking up the sunshine at another hugely successful 'Railway Hotel Allora Cup' won more than convincingly by more than six lengths by five year old bay gelding, 'Real Favulous' Clifton based owners Adrian & Julia Simmons and their son Shane Simmons were thrilled with the performance of 'Real Favulous' having a cracker of a year to date after enjoying success in this year's Weetwood Handicap. They received their Railway Hotel Allora Cup from major sponsor Robyn Miles with Warwick Turf Club Chairman Phil Grant. Other key races close to the hearts of the Allora community were the 'Justin Briggs Commemorative Class 3 Plate' and the 'Colleen Burgess Memorial Benchmark 65 Handicap' sponsored respectively by Robyn Miles of Allora's Railway Hotel and Allora district racing identity Barry Burgess. Four year old gelding 'Starwood' was to quick across the 1100 metres winning the 'Justin Briggs Commemorative Class 3 Plate' and jockey Jason Orman rode six year old grey mare 'Jo's Luck' to victory in the 1500 metre 'Colleen Burgess Memorial Benchmark 65 Handicap'. Race 1, the Rose City Carvery Maiden, Warwick horse 'Close Enough' was first to the finish post, before the Toowoomba trained 'Wild Romance' proved a class above the rest in the Ross McIntosh Maiden. 'Heavenly Glass' won the Ray Bunch Machinery RQ Cannonball Series race and the Tom Dougall trained 'Deputy Peck' was a comfortable winner in the Barry &



Jackie Watts, sponsor Barry Burgess, award donor Dennis Allen and Camelle Latchem soaking up the Race Day atmosphere at Allman Park on Sunday.

Ann Glass sponsored AEW Horse Walkers Maiden. While 2015 has seen to 'Railway Hotel Allora Cup' meets, the race will now be hosted annually in November, and a TAB meeting. It was tremendous to see such large Allora turnout at what the Warwick Turf Club considered a very successful day, special thanks must also go to Allora region sponsors, major sponsor Robyn Miles & Allora's Railway Hotel, Barry & Ann Glass of AEW Horse Walkers, Barry Burgess, Glyn Rees & Denis Allen who provided trophies for strappers of the best presented horses in each race. Special thanks also to Warwick Turf Club, Rose City Carvery & Ray Bunch Machinery for their kind sponsorship support for Allora's own big race.

Glyn Rees

Railway Hotel Allora Cup winning owners of 'Real Favulous' Adrian & Julia Simmons and Shane Simmons collect the winners accolades from major sponsor Robyn Miles and Warwick Turf Club President Phil Grant on Sunday at Allman Park, Warwick.



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After three successful years including two First grade premierships, Wattles Rugby League Club's President Aaron Scheid has stepped down as the club President and retired as a player having made his A Grade debut back in 2004.

As club Chairman and A Grade back-rower Scheid led a Wattles revival over the past three years that saw the 'Warriors' successful with back to back Toowoomba Rugby League Premierships in

2014 & 2015. Wattles won twenty of the scheduled TRL fixture/finals matches from 22 games on their march to the Grand Final, also collecting the TRL A Grade Minor Premiership and the prestigious mid-season Madsen-Rasmussen Trophy. Classy five-eight Brodie Ciesiolka was named player of the match in Wattles overwhelming 52 - 26 Grand Final win, and received the John McDonald Medal.

The Warriors reserve grade side can also claim a successful 2015 season, their concerted efforts resulting in an appearance in the semi-finals series.

"The 2015 A Grade Grand Final win over Dalby was the icing on the cake" according to Scheid, the cake being Wattles celebrations across 2015 commemorating 50 years as a rugby league club.

Talented halfback Matt Duggan collected his third consecutive Wattles 'Clifton Courier' Player of the Year award at the 2015 season presentation evening, with 19 year old forward Harry Fulwood the Wattles 'Rudds Pub' Colt of the Year.

The Warriors are preparing to another rewarding season in 2016, competitive in all grades, and looking forward to another

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group of graduates from the Wattles Junior Rugby League Club stepping up into the senior ranks.

Former Wattles player and current committee member Neil Phelan has stepped forward to head the Wattles club as President in a 2016 season that is the club's fiftieth year in the Toowoomba Rugby League competition. At the recent Annual General Meeting club Life Member Shelley Duggan was appointed Secretary/Registrar, Assistant Secretary is Alana Frizzell and Joanne Frizzell the Treasurer. Recently announced Life Member Barry Glass was reappointed the Senior Vice-President while well known Wattles player Justin Wade is a new but very welcome face on the committee as Junior Vice President.

While the Warriors A Grade coaching appointment will be announced in the very near future, Terry Bermingham is once again at the helm of the Reserve Grade squad and Michael Ryan retains the reins of the Under 18 team.

Neil Phelan extends an invite to all 2015 season players to return for the challenges of the new year, and any prospective players to consider a season with the Wattles Warriors in the fast approaching 2016 season.

For further information feel free to contact Neil on 4666 6198, Shelley Duggan 0427 671 736 or Joanne Frizzell on 0407 121 633.

Wattles Junior Rugby League Club are also looking to the 2016 Warwick & District Junior Rugby League with plenty of enthusiasm, and for further information regarding opportunities with the junior club please contact Paul Duggan on 0409 404 087.

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