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## Singing Publican Returns

Rod Williams, Dual Gold Guitar Finalist, Country Music singer-songwriter and ex Allora publican returns to the area he was born "Toowoomba" with his one man show performing at the Nobby Town Hall, Sunday 16th of July 2017 at 1pm. His show will include Traditional Country and Australian Bush Ballads.

Rod returned to music after some 26 years away from the music scene in 2010. Since then has recorded 3 albums including a Bush Ballad album "A Big Wide Country" the title track being a self-penned song about Australia, also includes "A Fencer From The Outback" a Gold Guitar Finalist 2012-2013, a song close to his heart as his late father was a fencing contractor in Western Queensland for most of his life.

During the early eighties Rod wrote and recorded quite a few songs including a song called "The Shoe" a song telling the life story of the legendary Champion jockey Mel Schumacher; another on the infamous Fine Cotton saga, the famous racehorse ring-in; "The Punters Lament" and probably his best known song "The Mighty Maroons" the one time state of origin theme song are among some of his self-penned tunes.

Rod says back in those early days his lead guitar player and musical director was the now super star Keith Urban. Nowadays Rod lives at Morayfield north of Brisbane and performs at Clubs, Festivals and loves taking his show out to the country, meeting fans from the old days and is hoping some of his patrons from his days as the singing publican from Allora may come to his show at Nobby. Australia's gentleman of country music, Rod Williams is rightly known as the ultimate showman.

With a strong, mature & rich country voice, this singer-songwriter is like no other. Comfortable with his own songs that cover the full spectrum of country music, Rod is also well renowned for his incredible performances as a bush balladeer and putting his own touch to some of the greatest country music songs ever written.

Having retired from the stage nearly twenty five years ago, Rod Williams has returned to the Australian country music scene with a new found passion and vigour that is thrilling audiences Australia wide.

Since his return, Rod has released three new albums. His latest, "A Big Wide Country" features four of his own songs, including "A Fencer From The Outback" that won Rod a Golden Guitar finalist nomination at the Tamworth Country Music

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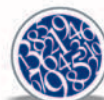
Singer and songwriter Rod Williams.

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Festival in 2012.  
Another self-penned song from that same album, "A Big Wide Country", also took Rod all the way to the Sydney Opera House in May of 2012, for the 'International Artists of the Year Awards' for Musicoz, which was beamed around the world. What a great experience and exposure for Rod's incredible talent. When it comes to stage presentation and wardrobe, Rod Williams has no equal. From his hat to his boots, Rod Williams is all class. That's why they call him 'The Gentleman of Country Music'.  
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**Letters to the Editor...**

Dear Editor,  
I am writing on behalf of headspace to issue a warning for parents, teachers and young people ahead of the Australian release of the new Netflix movie To the Bone. As the National Youth Mental Health Foundation, we have joined other Australian mental health organisations in voicing our concerns

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**Solution in classifieds section**

around the films portrayal of anorexia nervosa. The film focuses on the story of a young woman experience with the eating disorder. While the complete film is yet to be shown in Australia, the trailer depicts some confronting images of her experience with the illness. Many images have appeared on so called "thinspiration" websites, which glamorise eating disorders.  
Research has shown that graphic imagery of people with eating disorders can be a potential trigger for at-risk, young people. The concern is about the portrayal of behaviours associated with an eating disorder – and whether this may be providing a 'how to' guide for adolescents who may be at risk. The creators of the movie – and those prompted by the film to discuss the issues – must be careful about framing the conversation in a way that is safe for young people. We do not support any representation or discussion in the media, on TV, or anywhere else, that has the potential to place young people at risk. Any broadcast or written material dealing with eating disorders should refrain from showing strategies or tactics around living with an eating disorder.  
headspace clinicians state that adolescence is a time of increased risk for the development of an eating disorder. Eating disorders are a serious mental illness with long-term physical and psychological impacts. They can have a significant impact on the family and friends of a person experiencing an eating disorder, as well as on the person themselves.  
We need to be having the right conversation about the problem, and we need to be able to show parents, schools and young people where they can look to make this happen.

Sincerely,  
Jason Trethowan, headspace CEO  
*Letters to the Editor must have name and address for authentication, but upon request there will be consideration to withhold names. Publishing or editing of letters is at the editor's discretion.*

**WEATHER FORECAST**

Day	Forecast	Min/Max
THU	Mostly Sunny. Cool.	5 18
FRI	Showers Late. Partly Cloudy. Cool.	7 20
SAT	High Level Clouds. Cool.	6 17
SUN	High Level Clouds. Cool. Crisp.	5 17
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TUE	Mostly Cloudy. Cold.	6 11

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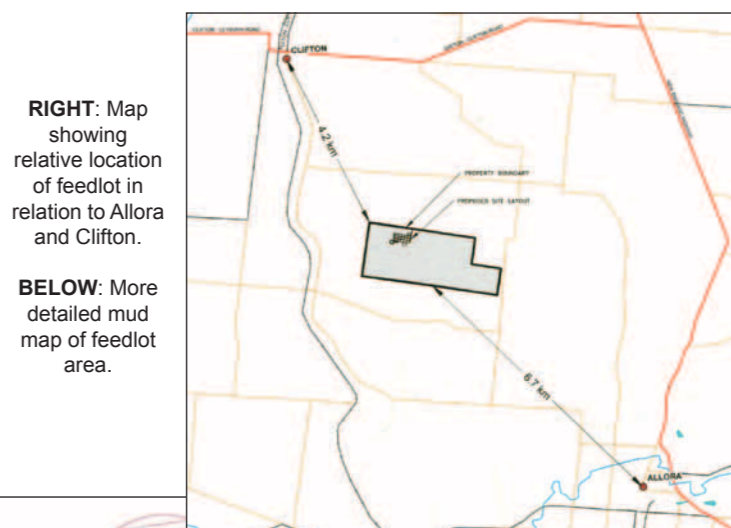
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**Feedlot Application Back on the Table**  
The Feedlot Application Notices for a feedlot on Colliery Park Road have returned to Warfield Road, Allora and Colliery Park Road Allora/ Clifton. (See Map). This could affect you.  
Did you know -  
• The feedlot is planned less than 4.5 kilometres from Clifton and less than 7 kilometres from Allora.  
• Prevailing winds in this area are from the south-east and south-west.  
• These winds would carry odour, dust and air borne contaminants.  
• Number of cattle proposed is 3150 SCU.  
• An SCU is a Standard Cattle Unit of a 600 kg beast. Therefore a 3150 SCU of lower weight cattle could translate to 4725 beasts.  
• An average beast drinks approximately 50 litres of water per day.  
• Water is required for washing, cleaning, diluting waste and irrigating effluent to surrounding areas.  
• It is unknown and a major concern, how this large water consumption would affect ground water levels.  
• In times of low rainfall existing dams would be an insufficient water source.  
• In times of excessive rainfall, flood water run-off would be

**AVAILABILITY OF DEFIBRILLATOR IF NEEDED**

The members of the Scope Club of Allora Inc. had discussed the possibility of providing a defibrillator to be placed in a suitable position with easy access for the community. After speaking with locals, it was discovered that the Campdrafting Committee has already purchased one which is currently on the fire engine.  
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Daphne Whatley, Secretary

contaminated.  
• Proposed access roads are New England Highway to East Street to Shannon Road to Elphinstone Road to Colliery Park Road, passing High School, Bowling Club, Church and numerous houses. A second route is Allora-Clifton Road to Elphinstone Road to Colliery Park Road, passing access to sixteen properties.  
• Roads in some of these connections are narrow and of a poor quality, not up to standard for increased truck traffic.  
• The preferred route between Allora and Clifton and vice-versa is Allora-Clifton Road.  
Will you be affected? Think carefully! If you are going to be affected, write a letter with your objections to:  
CEO, Southern Downs Regional Council, PO Box 26, Warwick. 4370 before July 14th, 2017. Quote MCU/01777.  
Act now to protect your lifestyle.



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**Days For Girls**

On Tuesday, 27th June, Mary MacKillop Meeting Room, Allora, was packed with members, supporters and friends who enjoyed a delicious Devonshire Tea, convivial conversation and listened attentively to the

guest Speaker, Keith Smith.

Keith has travelled extensively to the Philippines over the years and he shared some of his experiences with us. His talk gave us valuable statistics which awakened us to the poverty and needs of that country's population. Unemployment is rampant, living conditions are abysmal, health care is non-existent, education is not readily available while corruption, crime and drug addiction exacerbate the problems. Many births are not registered as it is too expensive to do so, therefore, these non-existent people are unable to attend school, find employment or any activity that requires a birth certificate.

Keith interspersed his talk with photographs of houses, families, cooking facilities, water pumps, people sleeping on the street, disfigurement, drug addicts, the body of a third time ICE offender, (the government gives three warnings to addicts. On the third warning they are shot.), the mother of five children, now on her second drug warning, impoverished schools to mention a few...

The final photographs showed Keith handing out Days for Girls Kits, one hundred of which came from Allora. The girls beaming

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faces were heart warming. At a time when people are unsure of the final step of a donation we were delighted to see that our charity, Days for Girls, delivers the goods.

Thank you to Keith for sharing your experiences, the ladies who supplied the scones, the donors who contributed the jam, cream, butter, lucky door prizes and True Value Hardware for donating a special gift for Keith.

One lady left saying it was very depressing, while her friend said, "I'm going home to sew."

For further information re Days for Girls, contact Rosemary, 4697 3474 or Cathie 4666 2441.

**Looking Back...**

**Allora's Past 25 years ago July 1992**

**Road through Park**

Allora residents, Eric and Val Ireland are unhappy with plans by the Allora Shire Council to construct a new road through Dalrymple Creek Park connecting Allora Drive with Herbert Street. The couple has spent 13 years and \$3000 planting trees and maintaining the park. The Chairman of the Allora Shire Council, Cr. Jim Deacon, said that the road is being built to Department of Transport specifications and is sited in the only possible position from a safety point of view. Cr. Deacon said that only 12 trees would have to be removed and that the Council appreciated the dedicated work that Mr. and Mrs. Ireland had put into the park over the years.

**Allora's Past 50 years ago July 1967**

**APEX MEETING**

A Dinner Meeting will be held on Tuesday, 18th July, at the Railway Hotel. Fellowship 6 p.m. All wishing to attend contact Graham Dorman by this Friday, 4th July.

**Allora's Past 75 years ago July 1942**

**Obituary**

The death has occurred in Allora of Mr. David Sinton at the age of 80 years. The late Mr. Sinton, who was a member of one of the early pioneering families of the district, was born at Goomburra in 1862 and was one of the first white children born in the Allora district. Throughout his long life he remained in Allora and at one period was connected with the butchering business, but for a great many years he managed the well known property of "Wyon" for Mr. J. B. O. Evans, the brother

of Queensland poet, George Essex Evans. Despite the fact that during the 1914-18 war Mr. Sinton was over 50 years of age, he saw service in Egypt and left Australia in 1916 with the Remount Unit. Mr. Sinton is survived by his wife, four sons and two daughters, another daughter having predeceased him.

**Allora's Past 100 years ago July 1917**

**Gun Fatality**

At Inverramsay, about 15 miles from Allora, about midday on Saturday, a lad named J. A. Ord, about 12½ years of age, lost his life under tragic circumstances. It appears that the deceased, accompanied by two younger brothers, was on a shooting expedition. The deceased was carrying a shotgun, and when crossing a short gully he fell and the gun went off. The shot entered the boy's head killing him instantly. The deceased was a bright and sturdy lad. Much sympathy is extended to the bereaved parents.

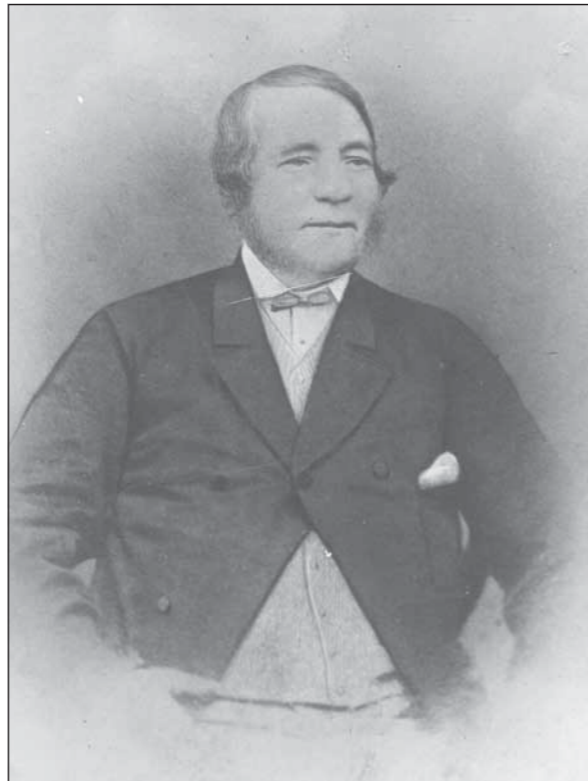
**Allora's Past 150 years ago July 1867**

**POLICE COURT, ALLORA**

Wednesday, July 3.

(Before the Police Magistrate)

Patrick Kelley v. Edward Sparksman – The defendant was charged with threatening to cut the complainant's



Jacob Ward senior.

throat. He was found guilty and ordered to find two sureties in the sum of £20 each, and self in the sum of £40, to keep the peace for 3 months, in default three months in Toowoomba gaol.

Patrick Kelley v. Jacob Ward – Threatening to cut the complainant's throat. Bound to keep the peace for three months, self surety of £40, and two sureties of £20 each, in default of 3 months on gaol. (Jacob Ward was the father-in-law of Edward Sparksman)

Warwick Examiner & Times 18th July 1867.

Colin Newport

**Australian Light Horse Director to Speak at Allora P-10 State School Chaplaincy Dinner**

Tuesday, 25th July, 6.30pm at the Allora P-10 State School Hall.

Barry Rodgers established the Emu Gully Adventure Education Group in 1995 with a view of instilling the Anzac legacy in the younger generations in an outdoor education centre to teach lessons not always found in schools.

"I've been a classroom teacher and always believed there's some things that you can't teach in a classroom, particularly character values", he said.

His involvement in the military has a strong influence on the camp. He is a director of the Australian Light Horse Association and editor of their magazine Spur.

He is currently organising the 'In the steps of the Light Horse' tour to Israel this year to mark the 100th year anniversary of the Anzacs where there will be 100 horses re-enacting the battle of Bathsheeba.

His military-themed camp aims to instil ANZAC values in the next generation. It develops their personal skills with communication, problem solving and working as a team. But importantly it confronts them with the ANZAC character values of mateship, sacrifice, perseverance and courage. For this he was awarded an OAM.

Allora P-10 State School has a long history of sending students to Emu Gully Leadership camps. So come along to hear some of the amazing things that Barry is involved in with the Australian Light Horse.

Let's help keep the legacy alive and support the 100 year anniversary of the ANZACS and support the chaplaincy service at the Allora P-10 State School.

Enquiries: Estelle Oloman 4666 6167 or Judy Acason 4666 3786.

**Local Businesses Provided With Tools to Win Government Business**

Southern Downs Regional Council is hosting a free forum for local businesses to learn how to win government tenders on Thursday 13 July from 5.00pm – 7.00pm at the Warwick Town Hall.

In this free forum, participants will learn how to master all aspects of a tender document, including creating a company profile (known as a capability statement) and developing an understanding of how to access work from local and state government.

The two hour intensive workshop will be led by representatives from Southern Downs Regional Council and the Queensland Department of State Development who will teach you how to:

- Tailor your company profile to your tender
- Provide examples of relevant past work
- Identify your key selling point and make that clear
- Provide evidence that you have the capacity in your business to take on the work and meet the timelines
- Incorporate key contacts into your organisation
- Highlight previous successful work undertaken for the buyer
- Choose suitable referees

Southern Downs Mayor Tracy Dobie said the free forum is an excellent way for local businesses to grow. "Winning a government tender may mean greater growth and profitability for your business and more employment opportunities for the community. When Southern Downs businesses win government tenders, the whole region and its residents benefit and Southern Downs Regional Council is committed to the success of local businesses."

Mayor Dobie added: "I encourage all business owners to attend this forum."

As there are limited places available for the Forum, registration is essential. Visit [www.warwicktickets.com.au](http://www.warwicktickets.com.au) or phone 07 4661 0455.



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**Get Involved in Seniors Month This August**

August is once again Seniors Month on the Southern Downs and this is a great opportunity for organisations and services to get involved by creating events for people of all ages.

Organisations are invited to create their own event during the month of August, and register that event in the Council's calendar of events for the Southern Downs. The calendar will be promoted all across the region to encourage participation.

The theme of this year's Seniors Month is A Queensland for All Ages. It's a great opportunity for organisations that are not specifically involved with seniors to create an event in the calendar. For example, the Council's Young Leaders are planning to host a trivia night "for all ages" encouraging intergenerational involvement.

What could your group or organisation do?

The Warwick Seniors Expo is on Thursday, 24th August at Warwick Senior Citizens, corner of Guy and Albert streets. Bookings are coming in thick and fast and there is a limit to the number of stalls accepted, so if you want to get involved, send your registration in as soon as you can.

Jump on board and get involved in Seniors Month! Closing date for calendar of events is Friday 7 July.

Closing date for the Registration for the Expo is 21 July.

Southern Downs Regional Council's Mayor, Cr Tracy Dobie said she is pleased to once again host Seniors Month in August to recognise the valuable contribution seniors make to the communities of the Southern Downs.

"I encourage your organisation or service to create an event for people of all ages to honour our seniors, and to be part of the month-long celebration," Mayor Dobie said.

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## Mini Golf Facility to Begin Design & Construction in Warwick

Southern Downs Regional Council has resolved at last Wednesday's General Meeting to undertake the design for a mini-golf facility to be constructed in Warwick.

The proposal is for the facility to be built at Warwick Indoor Recreation & Aquatic Centre (WIRAC), which has frontage along Palmerin Street, Warwick. WIRAC has been identified as already having the required infrastructure to support mini-golf including the necessary space, a café, pools, changing rooms and public toilets. Increasing the multi-purpose abilities of WIRAC will save overall costs.

A draft design is to be prepared which will be placed on exhibition for community consultation and feedback for a period of 28 days. A specialist consultant will be required to design the facility due to its specialised nature.

A mini-golf facility will provide recreation opportunities for teenagers and children of local residents, as well as appealing to visitors and tourists to the region.

The cost of design is estimated to be \$3000 - \$5000, and it is the Council's intention to apply for grants should the project proceed to construction. The cost of the facility is dependent upon the final design that will be implemented.

The mini-golf facility is to form part of a wider Sport and Recreation Master Plan which considers other recreational endeavours throughout the region.

It is envisaged that the proposed facility will reflect key attributes and features from the region, including Warwick Rodeo, Morgan Park, Killarney Bonfires, Queen Mary Falls, Cunningham's Gap, Polocrosse, or Jumpers 'N' Jazz to name a few possible themes.

Preliminary discussions have been held with the operators of WIRAC and YMCA Brisbane, who have indicated broad support for a mini-golf facility.

Southern Downs Mayor Tracy Dobie said an added benefit of the mini-golf facility is the potential additional employment opportunities for local residents. "It also provides recreational activities for the young people of the region, and encourages visitors to stay longer in our region."



## SCIENCE TRIVIA QUIZ

1. What is the purpose of the dimples on a golf ball?
2. Which is larger: the number of sand grains on Bondi beach or the number of stars in the universe?
3. What is the diameter of the world's biggest known crater?
4. When light enters the Hubble space telescope, what is the first thing it hits? Is it a) a mirror, b) a glass lens, or c) hundreds of small cameras?
5. True or false? Head lice are known to transmit deadly diseases.

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## Communication the key to helping farmers with mental health problems

Knowing just how to speak to farmers to gain their trust and engagement could be a key factor in protecting the mental health of one of Australia's highest risk groups for suicide.

New research from the University of South Australia, PhD candidate Melissa Hill and a team of researchers including Associate Research Professor and Project Director, Department of Rural Health, Dr Martin Jones have assessed the differences between farming and non-farming rural adults to discover what stops them from using mental health services.

The report entitled A comparison of barriers to mental health support-seeking among farming and non-farming adults in rural South Australia was published in the Australian Journal of Rural Health recently and Hull wants policy-makers at all levels to "explore how best to develop proactive health decision-making in this vulnerable population".

The study captured responses from 203 people from three rural regions in South Australia, offering insights into the values and attitudes that make farmers and non-farmers reluctant to access mental health services.

"What we really wanted to pin down with the study was, do farmers have a really different set of values and circumstances that might put up barriers to getting help when they need it," Hull said.

"We used a broad scale that considered a number of different groups of barriers and identified differences between the farmers and non-farmers.

"And the evidence suggests rural Australians prefer to seek non-professional support to manage health concerns, and they have a real desire to be independent and maintain pride, all of which may delay or even stop them from seeking mental healthcare or support."

The study found that traditional rural stereotypes like self-reliance and stoicism (endurance of pain without complaint) were somewhat supported.

"The largest difference we found between farmers and others was around communication with health professionals, where farmers were more likely to agree that communication was a

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barrier," Hull says.

"This implies that there may be a disconnect between how some health professionals communicate with farmers and what farmers find comfortable, and that may add to the challenge of accessing services for mental health concerns.

"Mental health services and professionals in rural Australia might need to adapt their practices to successfully engage this population."

Associate Professor Martin Jones explains how the study will impact on UniSA's Department of Rural Health (DRH).

"The findings will inform the development of UniSA's DRH workforce development programs to provide a stronger focus on the recognition of mental health conditions rural South Australians may be experiencing," Prof Jones says.

"The DRH will reflect as to how we can deliver workforce and community engagement activities to build the social capital of rural communities.

"This is vital to attracting the future workforce to 'go bush' and support rural communities to provide a holistic training experience for the future workforce in rural South Australia not available in Adelaide."

A comparison of barriers to mental health support-seeking among farming and non-farming adults in rural South Australia by Melissa J. Hull, Kate M. Fennell PhD, Kari Vallury, Martin Jones PhD and James Dollman PhD in Australian Journal of Rural Health

## Changes to Waste Disposal Charges

From 1 July, 2017 Council has introduced a new charge at Council waste facilities for the disposal of fridges, freezers and air conditioning units.

Under Federal legislation, refrigerant gases from fridges, freezers and air conditioning units are required to be recovered by a licensed contractor and cannot be released to the atmosphere.

In order to achieve compliance with the legislation, Council will be engaging a professional to degas any equipment of this nature that is disposed of at Council waste facilities.

This will be a new cost which will be passed on to the resident who wishes to dispose of the equipment. The fee will be \$8 per piece of equipment.

After the equipment has been appropriately degassed, the remaining scrap metal will be recycled.

Southern Downs Mayor Tracy Dobie said: "Compliance with the Federal legislation will mean a better outcome for the environment. Disposing of equipment with refrigerant gases correctly leads to better air quality for everyone."

Council is looking forward to working with residents to manage the disposal of items with refrigerant gases and asks all residents to ensure that equipment is disposed at the waste facility in such a way that they can be degassed.

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## Events Calendar

2017

July -

Sun 16 **Wattles vs Dalby**  
Platz Oval, Clifton

Fri 21 **BNW Accountants Allora Visit**  
Allora Advertiser office

Tue 25 **Allora P-10 State School Chaplaincy Dinner**  
Allora P-10 State School Hall, 6.30pm

Fri 28 **BNW Accountants Allora Visit**  
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August -

Fri 4 **BNW Accountants Allora Visit**  
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## Local Drug Action Team applications close next week

Maranoa MP David Littleproud has called on local groups to be involved in the new community-focused Local Drug Action Team (LDAT) to make sure our rural towns are represented in the fight against addiction.

"LDAT Round Two will close on July 14 and I want to make sure we get our fair share of this funding to help tackle addiction. We need to work together, to fight the ice scourge, which causes so much damage to families and our communities," Mr Littleproud said.

Mr Littleproud's call came after he held four well-attended ice forums in the Western Downs, South Burnett and Southern Downs. The forums connected community with government departments to establish what was – and wasn't – working in different regions and he's set to hold more forums in Western Queensland soon.

"That's why the establishment of a LDAT is so important so we can ensure our communities are represented and receive tailored support, preventative measures and treatment outcomes," he said.

"I held these forums because they provided a unique opportunity, bringing together a diverse range of community members – from health care, education and law enforcement to recovering addicts, parents and families supporting loved ones trying to kick the habit – to discuss local action plans."

Our region's Primary Health Network – the Federal Government's healthcare local funding facilitator – attended all four of Mr Littleproud's ice forums earlier this month.

"A number of passionate community groups and members were able to speak with the PHN and highlighted the need to address the lack of specific programs, most importantly outpatient and detox services," he said.

"This open and honest discussion, with these regions firmly in the spotlight, needed to happen because not only will the PHN now look at better targeted approaches but also the community has taken away valuable information about their ability to form a LDAT."

The Coalition Federal Government will invest \$298 million, over four years, to combat illicit drug and alcohol use in Australia and the LDAT initiative is one important grassroots component of this government's investment.

June 22, 2017

"The LDAT is a community driven program, supporting local organisations to work together to develop and deliver local solutions – to tackle drug and alcohol abuse – and I encourage organisations to apply," he said.

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## Tips to keep electricity costs down this winter

With winter on our doorstep, Energy and Water Ombudsman Jane Pires is reminding Queenslanders to watch their energy consumption during the colder months.

"Many people contact the Energy and Water Ombudsman Queensland (EWOQ) for assistance with high energy bills, especially after a cold winter," Ms Pires said.

"It's important to stay comfortable during a cold winter, but it's equally important to keep costs down for you and your family." Ms Pires said the increased use of heaters and hot water during these months can significantly increase energy bills, which could bring an unwelcome surprise at the end of the billing cycle.

"The last thing you want is a nasty shock at the end of the season when you open your electricity or gas bill," she said.

"Ensure you check your appliances for damage, as faulty, old and inefficient appliances can cause a significant increase in the total amount of energy used in your home or business.

"A licensed electrical contractor can check your appliances for faults if you believe there is a problem.

"Other ways to help reduce your energy bills include replacing worn fridge seals, using energy-efficient light bulbs, turning off appliances at the wall, insulating walls and ceilings, using a clothes line rather than dryer, and only using washing machines and dishwashers at full capacity.

"Also, remember to set your air conditioner to an energy-efficient 18-20°C in winter, and seal gaps and close doors, windows and curtains to heat rooms quicker and keep them at a comfortable temperature for longer."

Ms Pires said people often underestimate how much energy they use at home.

"People forget that household appliances use significant amounts of electricity in standby mode - when the appliance is not in use, but still turned on at the wall. So if you're not using it, turn it off at the wall where practical.

"Remember energy and water efficiency can save you money on your bills and help the environment."

Ms Pires said people who were experiencing payment difficulties should contact their energy provider immediately.

"No one wants to see a customer disconnected, so people should talk to their provider and discuss ways to take care of the bill including a payment plan. If you cannot agree on a solution with your energy provider, contact EWOQ for assistance on 1800 662 837 or visit [www.energywatercomplaints.com.au](http://www.energywatercomplaints.com.au)," she said.

## BAD JOKE OF THE WEEK

Brian: What kind of dog is that?

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Terry: That's because he's a plain-clothes police dog.

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## Invasive Pests Control Scheme has Commenced

Council has approved the implementation of the Invasive Pests Control Scheme which commenced 1 July for the 2017/2018 financial year.

Invasive pests pose very real financial impacts on landowners. In those instances where landowners fail to control invasive pests on their own lands, they are imposing costs on others adjacent and nearby to them as uncontrolled invasive pests spread. Why should a landowner that meets requirements continue to face ongoing invasive pest control costs because their neighbour does not meet theirs? Council is committed to reducing the impacts invasive pests pose on all lands in the Southern Downs and is introducing the IPCS as a means of doing so.

The Invasive Pests Control Scheme requires owners of all relevant land to demonstrate adequate control of invasive pests on their land.

To this end, Council has introduced an Invasive Pests Control Scheme levy that will be applied to all relevant land. The Levy is variable as it is calculated according to the unimproved value of the land, which is set by the State Government. The minimum fee is \$500.

Examples:

- 7.5 hectare property valued at \$175,000 would pay \$525.
- 20 hectare property valued at \$150,000 would pay \$500.
- 100 hectare property valued at \$250,000 would pay \$1,250.
- 500 hectare property valued at \$1.3M would pay \$6,500.
- 900 hectare property valued at \$200,000 would pay \$600.

Landowners that demonstrate to Council that they have met their invasive pest control responsibilities will receive a 100% concession of the levy. Landowners that do not meet their invasive pest control responsibilities will be charged the levy via the issue of a supplementary rates notice.

As a result of feedback received during public consultation on the IPCS, the five hectare threshold of eligible land has been changed in favour of including all land, regardless of size, in certain rating categories. All rateable land within SDRC in the following differential general rating categories is subject to the Invasive Pests Control Scheme:

The Invasive Pests Control Scheme places responsibility for identifying and controlling invasive pests upon landholders, in line with the general biosecurity obligation imposed by the Biosecurity Act 2014. Council will assist landholders meet their invasive pest control responsibilities through provision of advice and assistance with best practice control methods and other initiatives.

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How Will the Invasive Pests Control Scheme Work?

Landowners will receive a Control Works Form with their rates notice in July, and must be completed and returned to Council by 18 August.

Landholders that do not have invasive pests on their land need only tick the box "I do not have invasive pests on my property" and then sign and submit the Control Works Form. An inspection may be conducted by Council Pest Management Officers to verify this declaration.

Landholders that do have invasive pests on their land need to complete the Control Works Form as per the instructions on the reverse side of the form then sign and submit it to Council. An inspection may be conducted by Council Pest Management Officers to verify that the proposed works are sufficient.

Upon completion of the documented invasive pests control work, landholders must submit a completed and signed Completed Works Form to Council. Inspections by Council Pest Management Officers will be conducted to verify works are completed satisfactorily.

Council has officers experienced in the control of local invasive pests on hand to provide advice to landowners on the most effective and economical control methods. Invasive pest control does not have to be expensive. Landowners with extensive infestations will not be expected to remove them in one year; rather they will be expected to work towards comprehensive treatment over several years in such a way so as to reduce impacts on surrounding landowners.

Council has officers out controlling invasive pests on its own lands every day of the week, as weather allows. The Southern Downs Region is a large one and it is true that not all Council land is treated every year. If you have particular examples of untreated Council lands, residents are invited to bring them to Council's attention so control work can be scheduled.

Council does what it can within its means to control invasive pests on its lands so as to prevent or reduce impacts to other landowners. This is precisely what is expected of all landowners under the IPCS.

For more information on the Scheme, please see the Invasive Pests Control Scheme Brochure:

[www.sdrc.qld.gov.au/ArticleDocuments/771/SDRC\\_InvasivePests\\_DL\\_Brochure\\_PROOF\\_4.pdf.aspx](http://www.sdrc.qld.gov.au/ArticleDocuments/771/SDRC_InvasivePests_DL_Brochure_PROOF_4.pdf.aspx)



## TRL Wrap: Round 13

A couple of upsets this weekend showed the TRL season is wide open. Gatton Hawks defeated Dalby convincingly at Gatton on Saturday whilst Wattles also announced their intentions with an excellent and hard-fought win over defending

premiers Pittsworth. Meanwhile, Brothers showed some fight scaring Valleys

**Goondiwindi V Highfields Eagles** - Forgotten winger Aaron Hooper reminded the competition he was still around scoring four tries in a resounding win at Goondiwindi. Highfields completely dominated the game. They turned up a lacklustre first round performance against the Boars.

Highfields went into the match without playmaker Jarred Lee but Captain Nick Bainbridge returned after missing last week and he played well to lead his side to a deserved win.

Boars, Carl Clement and Stewart Lowe continue to be the shining lights in a rebuilding year. Will Carter also dug deep for Goondiwindi.

A GRADE: Highfields 44 (Aaron Hooper 4, Conor Nolan 2, Josh Everett, Sean Hamel tries Brayden Mitchell 6 goals) defeated Goondiwindi 10 (Craig Sharpley, Adam Tribe tries Adam Tribe goal)

RESERVE GRADE: Highfields 46 defeated Goondiwindi 6

UNDER 18: Highfields 12 defeated Goondiwindi 10

**Wattles Warriors V Pittsworth Danes** - Wattles joined the Hawks to step up and be noticed on the weekend with a hard-fought win over reigning premiers Pittsworth. The Warriors surprised the Danes when they raced to a 18-0 lead after 14

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4. A Hubble is a reflector telescope, which means it uses curved mirrors to focus and magnify the image.
5. False. Head lice do not spread deadly diseases, but their closely related relative, the body lice, do.

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minutes with Pittsworth starved of the ball. But the Danes fought back well and lead 22-18 early in the second half. It was a seesawing match but Pittsworth's mistakes at crucial times let them down. Whereas Wattles play mistake free football for the most especially late in the game when it counted. It Wattles best win of the season given their injury list. This game was no different with lock Jamie Abbas carried from the field with a suspected broken ankle midway through the second half.

Matt Duggan show his class and positioned his team beautifully. His defence was also good with him continuingly turning Pittsworth around.

Wattles Front rower -Micheal Pearson won the hutchies player of the round whilst Ty Gardner won the Toowoomba Sports club play of the day award.

Danes where disappointing and did not finished the game as they have this season. They lost Nick Snitzerling midway in the second half and they seemed to miss him when Warriors piled on the points.

A game that Wattles will look back at this season as their turning point.

A GRADE: Wattles 40 ( Brayden Wilson 3, Ty Gardner 2, Ryan Duggan, Liam Ross tries Matt Duggan 6 goals) defeated V Pittsworth 26 (Thomas O'Sullivan 2, Jeff Weber, Braydon Gibbs, Jacob Little tries Alex Sinclair 3 Goals)  
RESERVE GRADE : Pittsworth 34 defeated Wattles 300  
UNDER 18: Pittsworth 62 defeated Wattles 6

**Brothers V Valleys Roosters** - Brothers put a scare in the Roosters camp when they nearly pull off the upset of the season. They mixed it with Valleys and were 30-30 with only a couple of minutes to go until Travis Turnbull scored late to clinched the game for the Roosters. Turnbull was the difference for the Roosters scoring four tries.

Brothers Brandon Kerr scored a hat trick with Micheal and Marcus Cochrane scoring tries to assist the Brethren play a game finally showing their lost form.

It was an interesting result especially given Valleys had been in such superb form. But Brothers had shown glimpses of what they can do this season but have failed to put 80 minutes together consistently. It showed all is not lost in season 2017 for Brothers.

Valleys cannot be disgraced as Brothers played very well and the Roosters showed plenty of character to get across the line in the end.

A GRADE Valleys 36 (Travis Turnbull 4, Dylan Chown, Hnaloan

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Budden, Ryan Stevens tries Travis Turnbull 4 goals) defeated Brothers 30 (Brandon Kerr 3, Marcus Cochrane, Michael Cochrane, Thomas Ramsey tries, Sam Betros 2, William Squires goals)

RESERVE GRADE: Valleys 40 defeated Brothers 200

UNDER 18: Valleys 68 defeated Brothers 10

UNDER 18: South Burnett 82 defeated Oakey 0

**Warwick V Souths Tigers** - Southern Suburbs continued their late run to the finals with an impressive win against Warwick at Warwick. Tigers raced to a 18-0 half time lead and that laid the foundation for a shut out of Warwick except for a late consolation try to Dion Galloway.

Dwayne Duncan continued where he left of last week with another player of the match performance.

A GRADE: Souths 23 (Dylan Collins, Sam Cocker, Tom Landers, Tyrell McCullagh tries Dwayne Duncan 3 goals) defeated Warwick 4 (Dion Galloway try)

RESERVE GRADE: Warwick 26 defeated Souths 14

UNDER 18: Warwick 34 defeated Souths 22

**Gatton Hawks V Dalby Diehards** - Competition leaders Dalby succumb to a determined Gatton Hawks at Cahill Sporting Complex on Saturday night. It was the upset of the season. The Hawks reminded the competition they are well and truly a force to be reckoned with. Their gun players all performed, Woolcott, Haak and Burgoyne led from the front.

It was captain Dennis Burgoyne's first game after a lengthy lay off from a foot injury. His first touches laid the platform and you could see his presence lifted the Hawks.

Player of the match Dom Haak returned to five eighth and his combination with Callum Woolcott was instrumental in the win. They combined very well to let outside backs Cam Nicholls and Josh Belz capitalise especially in the first half. Gatton raced to a 22-0 first half lead.

Dalby came out of the sheds firing and scored the first two meat pies to get to 22-12. Both sides took the field without gun players, Eli Wickham, Mitch and Dylan Taylor as well as in form centre Zac Morris whilst the Hawks were without guns Billy Jackwitz and Mark Swan but they coped the better and finished the game better than the Diehards.


Danny Wassell and Xavier Manley played well for Dalby but Gatton were good right across the park and their possession rate was excellent.

The Hawks played like a team that had nothing to lose and they really put it to the Diehards. Their mistake rate was very good as was their kick and chase which contributed a long way to their field position throughout the match.

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One of the games of the season, certainly the upset of the year. A GRADE: Gatton 30 (Josh Belz 2, Robbie Fletcher, Shannon Hicks, Jack Pender tries Callum Woolacott 4, Shannon Hicks goal) defeated Dalby 12 (Alex Ambia, Daniel Wassell tries Jed Bryers, Xavier Manley goals)  
RESERVE GRADE: Gatton 34 defeated Dalby 8  
UNDER 18: Dalby 44 defeated Gatton 18  
SECOND DIVISION: Gatton 36 defeated Dalby 20  
LADDER - A Grade: Dalby 20, Valleys 20, Highfields 18, Pittsworth 16, Gatton 14, Wattles 12 Warwick 12, Souths 10, Brothers 4, Oakey 2, Goondiwindi 2  
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Ladder - Under 18: Dalby 22, Warwick 21, Valleys 20, Souths 20, South Burnett 19, Highfields 16, Goondiwindi 12, Gatton 12, Pittsworth 7, Brothers 5, Wattles 2. Oakey 0  
Ladder - Second Division: Gatton 12, Pittsworth 8, Warwick 8, Dalby 4, Brothers 4, Valleys 0

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