



ABOVE: Actor Paul Denny with star Ronny Chieng in "Ronny Chieng: International Student".



RIGHT: Paul Denny alongside Ashleigh Stewart in "Ronny Chieng: International Student".

## Allora's Paul Denny back on the small screen

Followers of local acting legend Paul Denny may be interested to know there will be an opportunity to catch our Allora-born star back on our television sets in an upcoming episode of *Utopia* on ABC1.

*Utopia* is a satirical comedy series which is currently airing on Wednesdays, at 9.00pm on ABC1. Paul's brief appearance will be in episode 7 of this series, which is due to broadcast on Wednesday, 30th August, 9.00pm.

Paul tells us that he will be playing "a rather annoying workplace health & safety officer" in the episode.

Paul's appearance in this comedy series gave him an opportunity to cross another item off his bucket list, acting alongside some of his childhood favourites from TV.

"I had a ball driving Rob Sitch's character round the twist with my character's incessant anecdotes. It has always been a bucket list item for me to work with the Working Dog team, because I grew up watching them on *The D-Generation* and *The Late Show*, etc. I'm a big fan, and they did not disappoint." Paul commented.

You can find more information about *Utopia* on ABC TV's website here - [www.abc.net.au/tv/programs/utopia](http://www.abc.net.au/tv/programs/utopia)

In other news, you may have caught Paul when he appeared in another comedy series recently - *Ronny Chieng: International Student*, where he appeared as "Gerard" in the 2nd episode of the series (broadcast on 14th June this year, also on ABC1).

Paul Denny is also continuing to do voice over work, so keep

an ear out for that, and on a more global note, he will shortly be appearing in a new M&Ms chocolates advert which is due to start airing all over the world.

## SENIOR CITIZENS CONCERT

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## The DisABILITY Action Week Expo needs YOU

A new expo is the centrepiece of this year's DisABILITY Action Week, which will be celebrated in the Southern Downs from September 7 to 15.

The week focusses on the 'ABILITY' in disABILITY and celebrating the valuable contribution that people with a disABILITY make to the community, and the new Expo is the perfect opportunity to showcase local services and community groups and organisations.

The DisABILITY Action Week Expo 2017 will kick-off the week-long celebrations on Thursday, 7 September 2017 at YMCA WIRAC, corner Palmerin and Albert Streets, Warwick, from 4pm – 7pm.

Southern Downs Mayor Tracy Dobie said the expo was inspired by the introduction of National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) and the resulting changes in service delivery.

"It was recognised that people with a disability and their families/carers needed a one-stop-shop opportunity to meet with the services and organisations that can offer support and service to them," she said.

The expo promises to be fun and interactive with some special activities to help stallholders and expo visitors engage with



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each other, and its free to participate and to attend.

"There will be an auction, with local guest auctioneer Tom Potts, guaranteed to bring some spirit to the floor and our wonderful community service groups, Warwick Lions Club and Zonta Club of Warwick will be offering a sausage sizzle and refreshments for gold coin donations," said Cr Dobie.

"We are inviting and encouraging community groups or organisations within the Southern Downs region that welcome diversity and would like to welcome the inclusion of people with a disability into their groups or services, to register as stallholders.

"Council is inviting all members of the community to support the event. We welcome people with disabilities, and their families and carers, to come along to the expo, to grow their networks and meet new people.

"The expo really offers a way of embracing the whole of community and there will be fun activities throughout the day, so come along and find out what's in store.

"And to seal the deal, YMCA WIRAC is very kindly offering a one-day free single or family pool pass to everyone that attends the expo," she said.

Expo stallholder registrations close on 21 August 2017. To register a stall at the expo or for more information about the calendar of events, visit Council's website <http://www.sdrc.qld.gov.au/our-region/events-festivals/disability-action-week-2017> or contact Council's Community Development Officer, Pam Burley, on 1300 MY SDRC (1300 697 372).

The aims of the Expo are:

- To provide an avenue for the Southern Downs community to showcase their services, recreational and cultural activities that will enhance the opportunities for people with a disABILITY
- To celebrate the valuable contribution that people with a disABILITY make to our community
- And provide an opportunity for all members of our community to learn more about the opportunities available through the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS)

### WEATHER FORECAST

Day	Forecast	Min/Max
THU	Sunny. Warm. Dry.	12 26
FRI	Sunny. Cool.	9 20
SAT	Sunny. Cool. Crisp.	6 19
SUN	Mostly Sunny. Cool. Crisp.	5 19
MON	Afternoon Clouds. Cool.	5 21
TUE	Morning Clouds. Mild.	10 23



## Allora CWA August

There were several absences at the meeting but plenty to discuss. We are very happy with the new handrail put in by Ken Peterson and we can no longer show a hole in the outside wall so we can move forward with other repairs.

Alison Payne and Carolyn Anderson have been busy chasing quotes.

There was a lively discussion about choosing a health condition for the annual health campaign CWA will run statewide for 2018. Those suggested are arthritis, osteoporosis, Crohn's disease and haemochromatosis and we will know which is chosen at the State conference.

This week saw the 95th birthday of CWA in Queensland. A meeting of country women convened in Brisbane in 1922 voted to set up an organisation to focus on the difficulties facing country women and their families and now it is the strongest voice for women in the state.

Allora was an early branch and will celebrate its 95th with a morning tea meeting in October. This will be open to past and present and future members and friends.

It was appropriate in view of the aims of the organisation that we then discussed setting up activities for mothers and children using the rooms. Several suggestions were received and will be investigated.

Annie Sackley has volunteered to look at historical materials we are holding and we decided to start this next Thursday August 24. Helpers are welcome.

The craft group will also meet that day and will start on gifts for Christmas as well as decorations. Everyone is welcome to stitch, knit or chat from 9 a.m.



## Days For Girls

Another successful Packing Day was held in Allora on Thursday, 10th August. Three hundred kits were assembled by thirty-five very enthusiastic ladies. Although several of our regulars were unable to attend, we were delighted to welcome eighteen new members

who very quickly developed the necessary skills to keep the assembly line moving.

Our seamstresses contributed components in large numbers and we have liners and bags ready for the next pack. We have used approximately three hundred metres of flannelette in the last three months to make liners. Last pack we ran out of bags and were concerned we wouldn't be able to fill our order. Would



The 2017 Seniors Expo banner adorns the Warwick Senior Citizens building in Albert St, Warwick.

you believe, we ran out of shields at three hundred and ten this time? Therein lies a message to our sewers!

We have produced six hundred and fifty kits this year. We have one more packing day on the 7th December. We are challenging ourselves to pack three hundred and fifty so we will have helped one thousand girls in 2017.

To help achieve this, we are conducting a Sew-a-thon/ Learning Day on Thursday, 7th September from 9.00 a.m. at Mary MacKillop House. Our experienced sewers will instruct new members so they can start sewing. There are support jobs for non-sewers too. Please bring your machine, overlocker, scissors and most importantly your lunch! The day will conclude at 1.30 pm. Come and spend an hour or more with us and have a wonderful morning meeting new friends and learning new skills. Morning tea will be supplied.

So what part of the world are our kits going to this time? Answer is Sudan. Our Allora team has offered support to Nepal, Laos, Solomon Islands, Cambodia, Philippines and Sudan. Next stop is India. How international Allora Team has become!

We are sometime asked if we help with Aboriginal Communities. We have explored this option. Some DfG teams are supplying kits but these have special connections as there are certain conditions required. It isn't our brief at this stage.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Packing Day. Donations of cotton material, face washers, Knickers, size 8-14, soap and cash are always welcome. We can source flannelette at a very good price so actual cash is the best way to contribute to this. Contact 4697 3474 or 4666 2441 for further information.

Winner of \$50 board, Kaye Mullins.

## Don't miss the 11th Annual Seniors Leisure & Lifestyle Expo

In its 11th year, the annual Seniors Leisure & Lifestyle Expo is a major feature of the Seniors Month calendar of events in the Southern Downs, attracting stallholders and seniors from across the region and beyond.

This year's Seniors Expo will be held at the Warwick Senior Citizens Hall, 13A Albert Street between 10am-1pm on Thursday, 24 August 2017 and has much in store for patrons, showcasing around 50 information stalls dedicated to seniors' health, wellbeing and lifestyle.

Southern Downs Mayor Tracy Dobie said the expo provides a wonderful opportunity to discover the wide variety of services and activities that are available to seniors in our region.

"The expo provides something for all seniors, from those who are leading independent and active lifestyles through to those becoming frailer, requiring in-home care.

"The diversity of the information stalls this year is terrific. There's a really lovely mix of services and community groups.

"There are a couple of travel agents for those interested in new adventures, a host of community groups like the Men's Sheds, Potters and Toastmasters, and of course entertainment.

"Local Emergency Services personnel will be there to have a chat about community safety and fire safety in the home.

"A range of health and support services including aged care and retirement villages are also on-board, so there's sure to be something to pique the interest of everyone.

"It's also a great opportunity for people who think they might need to enquire about a service or a health check, like a hearing test, to do it in a comfortable and non-confronting way.

"And, if you've been thinking about starting a new hobby or joining a club, or perhaps becoming a

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volunteer, the expo is the place to start those conversations with the host of clubs and services at their information stalls. "So, make sure you have August 24 in your calendar and get on down to the Warwick Seniors Expo and take advantage of all that is on offer to seniors," said Cr Dobie.

Southern Downs Regional Council is proud to partner with the Warwick Senior Citizens & Welfare Association to deliver the 11th Annual Seniors Leisure & Lifestyle Expo to the community. For more information about the Warwick Seniors Expo contact Pam Burley, Southern Downs Regional Council on 1300 MY SDRG (1300 697 372).

Another major event graces the Seniors calendar again this year, with the Granite Belt Seniors Expo to be held at the Stanthorpe Civic Centre, Cnr Lock & Marsh Streets, between 10am-2pm on Wednesday, August 23. This expo will offer a Broadway themed musical extravaganza with information booths, raffles, a fashion parade, entertainment and more. A free morning tea and light lunch will be provided. The Granite Belt Seniors Expo is hosted by Community Development Services Stanthorpe and proudly supported by the Southern Downs Regional Council. For more information about the Granite Belt Seniors Expo contact Diane Mitchell on 4681 3777 or email cdw@communityds.org.au to book your seat. Check out the full Southern Downs Seniors Month Calendar of Events on Council's website www.sdrdc.qld.gov.au or pick up a copy at Council's Community Contact Centres and Libraries.

## Looking Back...

Allora's Past 25 years ago August 1992

### Noxious Smoke

A pall of noxious smoke has shrouded the town of Allora during the past week. The Shire Clerk, Mr. Gerard Kennett, said that he believed that someone had set fire to some paper at the rubbish dump and that the fire had spread to plastic and tyres. He conceded that the smoke smelt awful but doubted that it was toxic. Volunteer fire brigade members and Council staff had reduced the fire to a "controlled" level but it continued to smoulder.



Sergeant R. G. Sinton 2nd Australian Light Horse Regiment.

Allora's Past 75 years ago August 1942

### Casualty Lists

The latest casualty lists for soldiers who enlisted in Queensland include the name of Acting Corporal L. H. Dufton as being wounded in action but remaining on duty. (English born Corporal Les Dufton enlisted from Allora and served with the 13th Field Company, Royal Australian Engineers, in the Middle East and survived the war. Listed as missing were Gunner R. T. Slatter, 2/10th Field Regiment, Artillery, and Privates W. Masters and J. Wright, 2/26th Infantry Battalion, who were taken prisoner of war on the fall of Singapore on the 15th February 1942. Gunner Dick Slatter worked in D Force on the Burma Thailand railway and survived to return to Australia in October 1945. Private Bill Masters worked with H Force and returned to Australia in September 1945. Private Jack Wright survived working with F Force (a force of 7000 British and Australian soldiers who lost half the number due to starvation and disease) on the Burma Thailand railway but died of encephalitis on his return to Singapore.

Allora's Past 100 years ago August 1917

### Distinction Awarded

Official information is given in military district orders of the 10th inst. that Warrant Officer Roland G. Sinton has won distinction. The King of Serbia has conferred on him the decoration of the Cross of Karageorge, 2nd class, with swords. Warrant Officer Sinton is an Allora boy and enlisted here when the first contingent was organised. He served through the

Gallipoli campaign and won the decoration mentioned during the operations in Palestine. His parents are residents of Allora. His father also served with the colours in Egypt with the remount section but was invalided home about twelve months ago.

Allora's Past 125 years ago August 1892

### Police Court

An interesting assault case was heard in the Allora Police Court last week, the complainant and defendant being respectively F. P. Brawley and John Theodore Roseler. The assault is alleged to have been committed at Back Plains on August 4th. According to the evidence the complainant had been enslaved by the charms of one Miss Doolan, and on the evening in question he was at her father's house paying court to the fair enslaver. The defendant, accompanied by others, also visited the house on the same evening and found fault with the free and easy attitude of Mr. Brawley who he succeeded in removing from the side of the young lady and promptly seated himself by her side and proceeded to improve the situation. This led to a wrangle and after the pair had gone outside, came to blows. After receiving a backhander to the head, the complainant considered discretion the better part of valour and took refuge under the house, and on the following day laid charges. Great amusement was created in the court by the evidence. The Bench fined the defendant 3/6 costs of court and 10/- expenses of two witnesses.

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## BAD JOKE OF THE WEEK

A man in a Porsche 911 stops at a stoplight and a guy on a scooter pulls up next to him. The guy on the scooter leans over and takes an admiring look at the inside of the Porsche and tells the driver that he has a really hot car. Well, the light turned green so the driver of the Porsche decides to show off and peels out and leaves the guy on the scooter in the dust. Then, all of a sudden, he sees the scooter zip on past him. So, being a little cocky, the Porsche driver floors it again and blows past the guy on the scooter. A few seconds later, he again sees the scooter zip on past him. So now he's a little irate as well as a little miffed that that scooter keeps passing him so he floors it until he is going over 100 mph. He thinks to himself that there would be no way that scooter could catch him now, but then looks in the rearview mirror and sees that scooter starting to catch up. He then decides to find out what that scooter really is and slams on his brakes. Then the scooter crashes into the Porsche. After the dust settled, the Porsche driver sees the scooter driver lying in the road and goes over to him and asks how he could go as fast as the Porsche on a little wimpy scooter... The dying man replied, "I can't really, but my suspenders were caught on your side mirror...."

## New Highway Taskforce hits the road

A new joint local government taskforce spearheaded by Southern Downs Regional Council, will lobby for the upgrade of the New England and Cunningham highways. Representatives from Scenic Rim Regional Council (SRRC) and Tenterfield Shire Council (TSC) joined Southern Downs Regional Council (SDRC) at its Chambers in Warwick last Wednesday to begin discussions about the importance of much-needed upgrades to the New England and Cunningham highways, which run through the three local government areas.

The Highway Taskforce was established following a resolution by Southern Downs Regional Council at its General Meeting on 26 October 2016. Invitations were extended to several neighbouring local governments to be involved, with SRRC and TSC answering the call. Southern Downs Mayor Tracy Dobie said she was pleased to welcome representatives to the inaugural taskforce meeting, including Scenic Rim Mayor Greg Christensen and Director



**HITTING THE ROAD:** Members of the new Highway Taskforce held their inaugural meeting in Warwick on August 9, 2017. L-R: Deputy Mayor Jo McNally (SDRC), Cr Gary Verri (TSC), Mayor Tracy Dobie (SDRC), Mayor Greg Christensen (SRRC), Chief Operating Officer, Andre Kompler (TSC), Director Engineering Services, Peter See (SDRC), and Director Infrastructure Services, Patrick Murphy (SRRC).



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Infrastructure Services, Patrick Murphy, and Tenterfield Shire Cr Gary Verri and Chief Operating Officer, Andre Kompler. "Wednesday's meeting enabled the Taskforce to set the scene and explore opportunities for advocacy to State and Federal Governments as a combined group of councils. "We have some shared issues and aspirations relating to these two highways. These include road safety design concerns and known blackspots, the increasing volume of heavy vehicles and road freight activity and the impact on the safety of residents, pedestrians and passenger vehicles, and how upgrades could enhance opportunities for growth and development of our regions. "This was the first step forward for the taskforce in developing our advocacy plan, but there is much work yet to be done. Southern Downs Regional Council looks forward to working closely with both Scenic Rim and Tenterfield to further our joint interests in these highway improvements for the benefit of our respective communities into the long term," said Cr Dobie. The next meeting of the Highway Taskforce is scheduled to be held in November 2017.

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## New three-year business plan unveiled for region

The Board of Southern Queensland Country Tourism recently approved a new three-year business plan for the region. SQCT Chair Dr Jane Summers said while the region had bucked the trend in terms of short breaks over the past three years, it was vital to continue to drive growth as domestic and international competition increases.

“Over the past three years SQC total visitors have increased by 3% per annum compared to Brisbane (down 0.5%), the Gold (down 0.1%) and Sunshine (down 0.1%) Coasts, which both lost market share in a tough economy,” Dr Summers said.

“Across the next three years we need to continue building awareness in the core short break market while also increasing the SQC product that is international ready and commissionable. “We will also need to retain our share of the long-haul drive market in partnership with other inland destinations.”

The SQCT Board includes representatives from each of the region’s six partner Councils – Toowoomba Regional Council (Cr Geoff McDonald); Southern Downs Regional Council (Cr Rod Kelly); South Burnett Regional Council (Cr Danita Potter); Balonne Shire Council (Cr Robyn Fuhrmeister); Goondiwindi Regional Council (Mayor Graeme Scheu); Western Downs Regional Council (Cr Donna Ashurst).

Dr Summers said it was important partner Councils had their say in the planning of the region’s tourism focus to 2021.

“We need to ensure the available budget is spent in pursuit of activities that will provide the best return on investment for the entire region, while ensuring we highlight the wonderful attractions and operators in each Council area,” she said.

“I’d like to thank our Council representatives on the Board who have robustly championed their individual areas, while acting within the best interests of the SQC region as a whole.”

Key plans of the three-year plan to boost regional tourism include:

- Continuing to grow SQC short break market share by 0.5% by 2020 which would deliver an additional \$18 million in revenue;
- Collaborating with SEQ and Outback regions and the gateway airports to target New Zealand, Europe and Asia with the goal

of 10% growth above current expenditure in each market by 2020 worth an additional \$6.1 million;

- Partnering with Drive Inland Queensland to grow the long-haul drive market in SQC with marketing and product development to grow the spend and stay by 0.7% which would mean an extra \$17 million;
- Raising SQC’s interstate profile by generating publicity worth more than \$2 million per annum showcasing the region, in partnership with Tourism and Events Queensland and Councils;
- Boosting operator engagement on digital platforms; investing in greater online marketing capacity building for operators; growing the SQCT platforms to deliver greater reach and conversion.

Product and Industry Development will also be an area of major focus over the next three years including:

- International and domestic ready bookable and contracted product
- International-ready businesses
- Event development
- Quality Service
- Culinary Tourism programs
- Trail development project (walking and mountain biking)
- Story-telling and Experience Development
- Industry education and networking (Southern Queensland Country Conference & DestinationQ partnerships).

Dr Summers said prior to the meeting, the Board and SQCT Management had also invited new Local Tourism Organisation Darling Downs Tourism to discuss how its planned activities may support the industry’s growth.

“Darling Downs Tourism is one of a number of Local Tourism Organisations we will continue to meet with in the spirit of collaboration to bring about the best outcomes for Southern Queensland Country,” Dr Summers said.

“As the Regional Tourism Organisation, we hope these ongoing discussions with LTOs ensure activities on behalf of their members and partners are complementary and we avoid unnecessary duplication of effort to ensure all of our collective resources are maximised.”



## SCIENCE TRIVIA QUIZ

1. At what age do humans begin yawning?
2. True or false? Nerve damage can stop your fingers from wrinkling when they are submerged in water.
3. Jupiter’s gravity is so strong, it causes tides in the rocks of its moon Io. How tall are these tides? Are they a) 10 metres tall, b) 100 metres tall, or c) 1 kilometre tall?
4. Are any birds venomous?
5. What does it mean if an animal or plant is ectothermic?

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## Keeping Pests At Bay The Hi-Tech Way

With pest animals estimated to cost the Australian economy up to \$1 billion a year, CSIRO scientists have developed a humane new technology that could help save Australian farmers’ crops and livelihoods.

After successfully scaring away elephants from farms and crops in Africa, scientists are trialling the Vertebrate Pest Detect-and-Deter (VPDaD) technology in Australia against pests such as ducks, cockatoos, rabbits, wild dogs and more, starting in Queensland’s Lockyer Valley.

“Ultimately we want to scale-up the technology and roll it out across Australia,” CSIRO scientist Dr Ash Tews said.

“The idea here is that we can adapt as necessary.”

The technology works by detecting and identifying animals as they come close to farms or crops, and emitting a tailored series of sounds and lights to humanely scare them away before they cause damage.

In Australia, vertebrate pest animals can cause many thousands of dollars’ damage in a single dining experience, causing real problems for farmers’ orchards, vegetable and cereal crops, and potentially for livestock during critical periods of development or birthing events.

In addition to the feasibility study underway in the Lockyer Valley, CSIRO is looking to partner with local agribusinesses to continue testing and trialling the technology in Australia, aiming to help primary industries facing problems with an array of animals including ducks, cockatoos, rabbits, feral pigs, wallabies, foxes and dingoes.

The previous trial was conducted in Gabon, Africa, where elephants can present a significant problem for villagers and agricultural communities, capable of destroying a community’s entire season’s worth of crops overnight.

In collaboration with agribusiness company Olam International, the VPDaD technology was successfully used to prevent elephants from destroying fruit crops.

“One of the interesting issues with existing deterrent technologies is that, not only do animals become de-sensitised to them, but smarter ones can even learn to use the deterrents as an indication of a food source, which is the opposite of their purpose,” Dr Tews said.

“Our autonomous technology allows the system to recognise animal behaviours in response to deterrents and modify the deterrent strategy until the desired effect is achieved.

“This allows the system to be more effective over long periods of time such as the key threat times during crop growing.”

The VPDaD technology consists of two systems: a motion sensor device, and a collection of cameras that can pick up images and heat signatures of an animal, with lights and sounds which function as the deterrent for pests.

CSIRO technology specifically developed for the camera program allows the computer to recognise and classify animals based on the images captured.

In addition to looking at how animals respond to perceived threats, the scientists are also looking at longer-term aspects, such as analysing deterrent effectiveness and animal movements over seasons.

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**Fri 25 BNW Accountants Allora Visit**  
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**Fri 25 Senior Citizens Bingo**  
Allora Senior Citizens Hall, 10.00am

### September -

**Sat 2 Allora Men’s Shed Golf & Bowls Day**  
Allora Sports Club.

**Fri 8 Senior Citizens Bingo**  
Allora Senior Citizens Hall, 10.00am

**Fri 15 St. Davids Street Stall**

**Sat 16 Glengallan 150th Anniversary Dinner**  
Glengallan Homestead

**Sat 16 Allora Cup Race Day**  
Warwick Turf Club

**Fri 22 Senior Citizens Bingo**  
Allora Senior Citizens Hall, 10.00am

### October -

**Sat 7 Allora High Tea**  
Allora Community Hall

**Fri 13 Anglican Parish Allora-Clifton Fete**  
St. David’s Church Grounds, Allora

**Fri 20 St. Patrick’s Fete**  
St. Patrick’s School Grounds, Allora

**Sat 28 The Shoestring Theatre Cabaret & Dining Experience**  
Allora RSL Hall

### November -

**Sat 11 Wattles Rodeo**  
Allora Showgrounds

### December -

**Sun 10 Combined Churches Carols**  
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## On your marks, get set, and go to Council's next Sport & Rec forum

Members of sport and recreation groups across the region are invited to Southern Downs Regional Council's second Sport and Recreation Forum on September 7 at the Warwick Town Hall.

The forum will focus on 'Running and funding your Sport and Recreation Event within the Southern Downs' and aims to encourage sport and recreation groups to work together and collaboratively with Council to achieve a shared vision of Sport and Rec on the Southern Downs.

Southern Downs Portfolio Councillor for Events, Sport and Recreation, Yve Stocks said Council was excited to be hosting a second forum after the success of the first forum in May.

"This time the forum will include panel members from the Warwick Drags, Leyburn Sprints, Killarney Bonfire and Stanthorpe Sports Association, who have all been successful in running and funding various sporting and recreation events within the region.

"Participants will have the opportunity to hear first-hand how these organisations have succeeded in the past and continue to run active, financial organisations.

"Sport and recreation organisations and spaces play a major role in building, supporting and sustaining vibrant and healthy communities in our region.

"Information gathered at these forums will help form Council's Action Plan which will sit under the Sport & Recreation Strategy and which, ultimately, aims to meet the needs of the communities in the Southern Downs now and into the future.

"Consequently, Council is encouraging all event, sport and recreation groups to come along and play an active part in this forum," she said.

**Date:** Thursday, 7 September 2017

**Time:** 5.30pm to 8:00pm (sandwiches provided)

**Venue:** Warwick Town Hall, Palmerin Street, Warwick

**Panel:** Warwick Drags, Leyburn Sprints, Killarney Bonfire and Stanthorpe Sports Association

**Facilitator:** Mayor Tracy Dobie

To RSVP or for further information about this event, contact Council's Sport and Recreation Officer, Ms Sue Organ, on 1300 MY SDRC (1300 697 372) or email sue.organ@sdr.c.qld.gov.au.

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## TRL Wrap: Mid Week Play Off for Sixth Spot

**Gatton Hawks V Souths Tigers** - Souths Tigers made it through to the TRL 2017 Criterion Hotel Dalby finals series with a convincing win over

Gatton Hawks on Wednesday night. It was the Dwayne Duncan show for the Tigers. He was everywhere and scored three tries and kicked five conversions. Duncan was brilliant! He had the ball on a string and Gatton had no answer on containing him. Tyrell McCollough and Jacob Whittaker also played well. Each player was a wonderful support for Duncan and their combination is crucial moving forward to the finals.

The damage was done early with Souths skipping away to a 16-0 lead after as many minutes with the Duncan, McCullough and Whittaker all scoring tries. Duncan and Whittaker scored their second tries to take a half time lead of 24-4. A five try to one romp!

In the second half, Hawks did fight back but Souths were equal to their task. Both teams scoring three tries each. Dom Haak, Callum Woolacott and Tye Gray all tried hard for the Hawks. It was their ball control that let Gatton down but Souths, at times, played with the Hawks defence.

The Try of the match came in the 53rd minute when Gatton had got back into the game and Callum Woolacott kicked a long grubber deep into Tigers territory. Hawks chase was good, but young eighteen-year-old winger William Duncan beat a congressed Hawks line to race away eighty metres to score an inspirational four pointer and break the back of the Gatton side.

Hawks coaches Mick Armstrong and Nicki John Harch congratulated Souths on their effort and agreed their ball control went a long way to losing the match.

It is the first time since 2012 that Gatton have missed the TRL finals.

**A GRADE:** Souths 42 (Dwayne Duncan 3, Jacob Whittaker 2, Tyrell McCullough 2, William Duncan tries Dwayne Duncan 5 goals) defeated Gatton 20 (Tye Gray 2, Dennis Burgoyne, Dom Haak tries Callum Woolacott 2 goals)

(Reserve Grade) Warwick Cowboys V Souths Tigers  
 In the Reserve grade play off for sixth, Warwick stayed ahead of Souths all night to take out the match Anthony McIntosh scored a hatrick for Warwick whilst Souths Djarwyn Burns and Tristan Passman scored doubles.

The Cowboys have somehow stayed in contention this past month and deserve to be in the finals, They play Valleys in the first weekend of the finals series.

**RESERVE GRADE:** Warwick 36 (Anthony McIntosh 3, Lance McGrady, Garth Miller, Alex Stewart. Brandon Vaughan tries. Brandon Vaughan 4 goals defeated Souths 24 (Djarwyn Burns 2, Tristan Passman 2, Jeremy Jerome tries Chris Oliver 2 goals)

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## TRL Wrap: Week One Finals

**Highfields Eagles V Wattles Warriors** - This amazing season continues with another epic contest in the 2017 finals. Fourth placed Highfields took on Fifth Placed Wattles and it was no place for the faint hearted with both teams very physical

in the opening stages. In fact, it wasn't until the 31st minute before either side registered a point. It was Highfields Conor Nolan who finished off a set move to score for the Eagles. Wattles reacted very well with a Tyrone Jowett four pointer to return the game to a tied-up ball game. 6-6.

Then an amazing play by the Eagles, they received a penalty with ten seconds till the half time hooter. Jarrod Lee stood up to attempt the penalty goal and hopefully take a sender lead into the break. But Lee attempt went wide with his side following through. Wattles caught the ball in the in-goal area. Western Mustangs star Blake Appo went in the make the tackle when he ripped the ball out on a "one on one" tackle and scored a gift try. Highfields went into the break 12-6 up.

Wattles started the second half better than their opponents after long periods with the ball in hand. The Warriors scored two tries and all of a sudden, they had the lead 18-12 with 25 minutes remaining.

The next period of play was similar to the first half with each other throwing themselves at each other but no score. The whole game was end to end action with only a limited number of opportunities for both sides.

Then fifty-five seconds from full time. Highfields front rower Nathan Smith barged over beside the posts. It was a herculean effort by the Eagles as they hardly had the ball in the second half.

As a result, the scores were level at full time and this amazing season again, produced an extraordinary game.

Both teams continued their battle in extra time then a penalty 25 metres out from Highfields line gave Matt Duggan the opportunity to take the game for the Warriors. He did just that and allowed his side to live for another week winning 20-18.

Another one of the games of the season. Unfortunately, there had to be a winner. Highfields went into the game without Captain and playmaker Nick Bainbridge. Jarrod Lee went into halfback with Blake Appo going to the back. Lee played very well and always had the opposition guessing.

Wattles forward rotation did go a long way to clinching victory. Hutchies Player of the match Dale Perkins was superb as was Liam Ross and Tyrone Jowett.

The quest for that elusive maiden title for the Eagles continues and they lost reserve grade and under 18s as well in a night to forget for the fledging club.

On the other hand, Wattles have been plagued with injuries these past couple of season and it was refreshing to see Jamie Abbas play a huge role in their victory after returning from injury.

A glimpse of what is to come for the rest of the Criterion Hotel Dalby final series.

**A GRADE:** Wattles 20 (James Johnson, Ryan Duggan, Tyrone Jowett tries Matt Duggan 4 goals) defeated Highfields 18 (Conor Nolan, Blake Appo, Nathan Smith tries Jarrod Lee 3 goals)

**(Reserve Grade) Brothers V Highfields** - Brothers kept their reserve grade title hopes alive with a convincing win over

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Highfields in week one elimination final. The first half was free-flowing and quite physical with Eagles going to a 12-10 lead at the break.

The leprechauns had the better of the second half and did not allow Highfields to register any more points in the game. The Brethren scored three unanswered tries in the second stanza to take out the game 30-12

**RESERVE GRADE:** Brothers 30 (Sam Betros, Lynton Gaulton, Alex McErlean, Kham Millward, Jacob Sommerfeld tries. Mathew Cottee 3 Sam Betros 2 goals defeated Highfields 12 (Tyson Mitchell, Brent Tucker tries Charlie Adams 2 goals)

**(Under 18) Souths V Highfields** - Madsen Rasmussen finalists Souths advanced to the second week of the finals with a convincing win over Highfields in the Under 18 elimination final. The Tigers got off a great start leading 24-4 after twenty minutes and they went on with it to win 45-26.

Souths Captain Matthew Arndt lead by example and scored an amazing five tries for a personal Tally of 28 points. He and Luke Maiden played very well for the Tigers.

The young Eagles toiled well but played catch up for most of the match. Kyle Betros scored a double for Highfields.

**UNDER 18:** Souths 45 (Matthew Arndt 5, Josh James, Luke Maiden, Mitchell Murphy, Isaac Waters tries. Matthew Arndt 4 goals Jai Cooke Field Goal defeated Highfields 26 (Kyle Betros 2, Josh Croft, Jack Doig, Richard Murray tries Richard Murray 3 goals)

**SECOND DIVISION:** Dalby 48 (Luke Tarrant 4, Allan Dodd, Dylan Bower, Alan Davis, Chris Woodbridge tries. Luke Tarrant 4, Allan Dodd, Richard Woodbridge goals) defeated Brothers (Brendan Hanrahan, Wayne Holley, Jason Phillips, Adam Sutton tries Adam Sutton 3 goals)

**Pittsworth Danes V Souths Tigers** - Pittsworth Danes booked an appointment with Wattles with a convincing win over Souths in the last of the elimination semi final in week one of the Toowoomba Rugby League Criterion Hotel Dalby final series.


Pittsworth bolted out of the blocks and lead 36-6 at half time. The Danes scored seven tries in the first to basically put the game out of reach for the Tigers. It was an excellent display by the defending Premiers who looked fresh and committed to their task, Whilst Souths looked tired and unorganised to basically let their hopes fade.

Daniel York had the ball on a string for the Danes and winger Alex Sinclair had a field day following York round. By half time, Sinclair had scored 20 points himself.

Pittsworth completely outplayed the Tigers but Tome Landers effort in the 27th minute was inspirational for Souths. An individual effort to get his team on the board. His effort won the "Play of the Day".

The second half was in complete contrast to the first with Souths scoring three unanswered converted tries. But it was

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### Allora Golf Notes

No results for last Friday's Percy's Fruit DuckRun, these will be put in next week's notes.

Last Sunday we played a single stableford event for club trophies. The winner playing some blistering golf in the great conditions with a score of 44 pts was John Sparksman. I would've loved to have been there to see the presentation well done John. Runner up with an equally impressive round of golf coming in with 43 pts was 'Rolling' Ray O'Leary. Great to see and our lone rundown winner was our favorite Irishman 'Scully', well done mate. Pins for the 4th, Kel Strange, 13th Jim Anderson, 7th Aaron Simpson and 16th John Ellwood. Approach on the 6th went to Wayne McKewan, 15th Tom Bartholomai. Congratulations to the winners and all players, thank you to our sponsors for the continued support and to our workers thank you.

While Johnny Sparksman was tearing the course apart a few of our members traveled to attend the Pittsworth Open in a field of nearly 70 players in near perfect conditions Allora member Andrew (Tom) Brown won the C Grade gross with a score of 87. I know it could have been even more impressive if your putter was working but congratulations and well done Tom.

This Friday the Percy's Fruit Duck run will be teeing from 2pm all welcome to attend then Sunday is the Allora Pharmacy Monthly Medal teeing from 11.30am so dont forget your sandbuckets and great golfing to you all.

## Mark your diaries for the region's largest art exhibition

The region's largest annual art exhibition is on again at Downlands College from 1 to 3 September.

Featuring over 1,000 pieces priced from \$10 to \$45,000 from over 200 artists, the Downlands Art Exhibition has something for everyone, from the home decorator to the serious collector. Some of the most recognised names in Australian art will be represented: Fred Williams, Pro Hart, Charles Blackman, Robert Dickerson, David Bromley, Geoffrey Proud, David Boyd, Norman Lindsay, Hugh Sawrey, Tim Storrier, Graham Peebles, Kate Smith and Donald Friend.

Curator Evan Hollis has chosen works from emerging and local artists in a vast variety of mediums – paint, clay, metal, pencil and even human hair.

The exhibition feature artist is world renowned painter and sculptor Charlie Boyle. His Darling Downs inspired landscapes, cloudscapes and abstract paintings will be a major focus at this years' 31st annual show.

A show feature is the 225 Project, a collection of donated small works. Only when the buyer collects their piece do they discover the name of the painter, be it a professional artist, a celebrity or an art student.

This year Hit 100.7 radio personality Hamish Carter and capped Wallaby Garrick Morgan will try their hands at painting to help raise money for the College's P & F association.

A highlight on the 2017 cultural calendar, the exhibition gala opening on Friday 1 September from 7pm is a fabulous night of food, fun and art, and offers the College's legendary hospitality. Tickets are \$50 each and available online until 25 August at [www.downlandsart.com](http://www.downlandsart.com).

The exhibition is open Saturday 2 and Sunday 3 September

from 10am till 4pm, entry is \$7.50, \$5 for concessions and free for school aged students, with tickets available at the door and a café open daily.

And with Father's Day falling on the Sunday, a BBQ and custom motorbike display by Yuri Mechanical will cater for dads.

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All positions declared vacant.

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The Secretary, PO Box 99, Allora, Q. 4362  
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not enough with Danes running out winners 44-24.

Danes Captain Daniel York won the Player of the match with excellent games from Brayden Gibbs and Alex Sinclair. For Souths, Jacob Whittaker and Curtly Hammond tried hard.

Pittsworth progress to play Wattles next Saturday night at 7pm.

A GRADE: Pittsworth 44 (Alex Sinclair 3, Kabu Kofe 2, Braydon Gibbs, Liam Jocumsen, Jeff Weber, Daniel York tries Matt

Duggan 4 goals) defeated Souths 26 (Tom Landers, Jack Henningsen, Curtly Hammond, Josh Ryan tries Dwayne Duncan 4 goals)

**(Reserve Grade) Valleys V Warwick** - Valleys secured a appointment with Brothers next Saturday night with a clinical win over Warwick in the Reserve Grade elimination final. Valleys led 14-6 at half time after a real contest in the first half. The Roosters score five tries in the second half to overwhelm their opposition.

Valleys progressive to week two of the finals and play Brothers on Saturday night.

RESERVE GRADE: Valleys 38 (Anisi Finau 2, Robert Trott 2, Emmanuel Cerei, Dylan Haaijer, Nicholas Ryals, Luke Smith tries. Dylan Adamson 3 goals) defeated Warwick 6 (Anthony

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**(Under 18) Warwick V South Burnett** - Last years finalists Warwick did their quest no harm with a good win over South Burnett. The Cowboys led 16-10 at half time and went on with it in the second half scoring five unanswered tries to completely shut out Souths Burnett 39-10

UNDER 18: Warwick 39 (Dustin Close 2, Cruise Martin-Brown 2, Ben Gross, Aden Howard, Thomas Lloyd, Mitch Watson tries. Kai Etherington 2, Cody Byrne goals Aden Howard field goal defeated South Burnett 10 (Ralph Gyemore, Errol Simpson tries Ralph Gyemore goal)

SECOND DIVISION: Warwick 38 (Zac O'Connor 2, Ken Parsons 2, Kevin Poole 2, David Hallman, Mitch Washbourne tries. Ken Parsons 3 goals) defeated Valleys 20 (Mitch Matheson 2, Steve Bartman tries Alec Curtis 2, Brok Whale 2 goals)

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