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Light Horsemen Ray Kuhn and John Pollard. John's grandfather Jack was in the 20th Reinforcements of the 11th Australian Light Horse Regiment in WWI. There were 28 indigenous and only 4 non-indigenous servicemen in this regiment. *Photo courtesy Wendy Ardrey.*

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School Captains Charlize Wolff and Chloe O'Halloran with Sergeant Aaron Ritchie. *Photo courtesy Leanne K Photography.*

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Letters to the Editor...

Dear Editor,

The attendance at the de-amalgamation rally over the weekend has proved to me the strength of will for change. That so many people would come out in support of de-amalgamation indicates that the desire of Stanthorpe residents to de-amalgamate has not lessened with the passage of time.

As Councillors, we are tasked with listening to our residents. Likewise, we are charged to act in the best interests of all residents. This strong support for de-amalgamation has galvanised my position and I will advocate to my fellow Councillors and the Queensland Government in support of de-amalgamation, once the Granite Belt Community Association has provided the supporting evidence that de-amalgamation is viable.

I know that in 2007, when the Queensland Government resolved to forcibly amalgamate Stanthorpe and Warwick Shire Councils, residents were deeply opposed to the move. Both the Stanthorpe and Warwick Shire Councils put forward submissions against amalgamation, but they were unsuccessful; as was the submission by the Return Our Shires Action Group in 2012.

The forced amalgamation was traumatic for our communities: everyone lost something and for the most part, the promised economies of scale did not materialise. The size of the local government area was increased; the number of councillors decreased. In addition, the restructures and redundancies that affected Council staff left a long shadow.

While some would argue that financial impact on ratepayers should not be a consideration in the Queensland Government's decision-making on de-amalgamation, it will in fact be the major consideration.

In the short term the de-amalgamating council, Stanthorpe, will be required to bear all costs associated with the change: for both the Stanthorpe and Warwick council areas; and will need to prove that its ratepayers can bear this additional burden.

A sound, well-reasoned and peer-reviewed business case is required and content must be factual.

The proponents of de-amalgamation need to prove to the State Government that the Stanthorpe economy was being held back by the amalgamation of 2008, and then provide evidence of how it would grow and prosper once de-amalgamated from Southern Downs Regional Council.

While ultimately it is the Queensland Government that will be judge and jury, it is clear to me that the strong message of the weekend rally is for de-amalgamation of Stanthorpe from Southern Downs; and I will be calling on my fellow councillors to think long and hard on this issue.

If there is clear evidence of benefit to our residents, then Stanthorpe should be allowed to shape its own destiny. The divisions will not go away, and the ill-will within our communities is throwing a cloud over the entire region.

Cr Tracy Dobie, Southern Downs Mayor

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St. Patricks Trivia Night

It's that time of year again so get ready to test your trivia knowledge, play fun games and win fantastic prizes! The annual 'Rattle of the Brains' Trivia Night will be held on Friday the 25th of May at the Allora Community Hall, Herbert Street.

This will be the 14th year that the St Patricks School, Allora, Parents and Friends Association have held their Trivia Night, and it always proves to be a very popular event which is well supported by the community. Proceeds from the evening allow the P&F to assist the school with purchases such as classroom resources, library books,

sporting and IT equipment.

Entry is \$15 per person which can be paid at the door. Entry includes Pizza, Nibbles and Supper with tea and coffee. There will also be a bar operating on the night!

Prizes on the night include \$300 for the winning team, \$200 for the 2nd placed team and \$100 for the team that finishes 3rd. There is also a prize for the wooden spoon! There will be a multi draw raffle which will be drawn throughout the night, as well as a very entertaining auction. If you'd like to come along to this fantastic event you can nominate a Team of 8 by phoning the St Patrick's, Allora



Last year's winning team 'Wheres Ben?'.

WEATHER FORECAST

Day	Forecast	Min/Max
THU	Early Fog Followed by Sun. Mild.	12 25
FRI	Breaks of Sun Late. Mild.	14 26
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SUN	Mostly Sunny. Cool.	9 22
MON	Mostly Sunny. Cool.	9 21
TUE	Mostly Sunny. Cool.	9 22

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The St Patrick's School, P&F and families are very grateful

for the wonderful generosity of our local and regional sponsors, who help to make this night so successful. Doors and bar open at 6:15pm, Round 1 starts at 7pm. Get your team of 8 together and come along for a great night! See you there!

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Cr. Sheryl Windle at the Allora Anzac Day service. Photo courtesy Wendy Ardrey.



ABOVE & BELOW: Anzac Day parade down Warwick Street, Allora. Photo courtesy Leanne K Photography.



BAD JOKE OF THE WEEK

Out in the Wild West a cowboy found an Indian with his ear pressed to the ground. 'What are you listening for?' asked the cowboy.

'A stage coach passed this way five minutes ago,' said the Indian.

'How can you tell?' asked the cowboy.

'It ran over me and broke my neck,' replied the Indian.

RIGHT: St. Patrick's School Students lay wreaths in the presence of official onlookers.

Photo courtesy Leanne K Photography.

New School Holidays Program - Auto Camp

As the automotive industry continues its evolution through new technological advancements, it becomes ever more important to provide the training, programs and projects that assist and prepare those already in the industry, and those about to enter it, for the future.

MTA Institute is launching a new program aimed at showing the younger generation the possibilities and opportunities that a career in automotive can deliver. Called Auto Camp, the three-day course is designed so that high school students aged 14-17 will be exposed to, and

get some hands-on experience in, a range of automotive areas, from the traditional areas such as fundamental automotive principles to new areas such as hybrid and battery technology.

For those young people who might be thinking of automotive as a career option, or perhaps aren't aware of what that career might be, it's the perfect introduction.

"Auto Camp is an initiative to get school students involved in the industry," said Paul Kulpa, General Manager of MTA Institute. "It's about showing them what the industry has to offer and

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putting them on the right path to, maybe, one day working in automotive."

To be held from July 3-5, the first Auto Camp course will take place at the Institute's training facility in Brisbane and will, said Mr Kulpa, cater to all students.

"The course is for students who already work with cars as a hobby and want to know more, but it is also just as relevant to young people who have no real experience but would like to see if automotive is something that is interesting and that they could pursue.

"We know the industry is evolving rapidly and we need to show that it is more than just spinning filters off cars and that there are many opportunities in dealerships and specialist areas. We want to inspire students. We want

to show them what the industry is about now and where it is heading."

The Auto Camp course will be run by two of MTA Institute's senior trainers and will include theory sessions as well as practical demonstrations.

While the course is to be held first at the Sir Jack Brabham Automotive Centre of Excellence, Mr Kulpa said there would be scope, should the course prove popular, to take it on the road.

"If this course is a success, then we will look at taking it to other locations across the state," he said. "Ultimately, we want to give school students access to the many facets of the automotive industry – access they might not get without the opportunity Auto Camp delivers."

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Allora Landcare Group Field Day 'A Peep into the Future'

Allora Landcare Group hosted a Field Day at the Showgrounds last Friday called 'A Peep into the Future'. The intention was to highlight future development and innovation in farming and agronomy. There were nearly 80 attendees from far and wide, a packed programme of speakers who didn't disappoint with their knowledge and enthusiasm for their chosen subjects, intelligent questions from the audience answered expertly, and a wonderful series of demonstrations and displays after lunch.

Subjects tackled included emerging technologies, biosecurity, smarter irrigation, beneficial insect vegetation, pests and weed control, and the role of UAV (unmanned aerial vehicles) in agriculture. Representatives from the USQ National Centre for

Engineering in Agriculture, CSIRO, Southern Downs Regional Council, companies such as Pursehouse Rural, Meg Kummerow from 'FlyThe Farm', and soil scientist, Dr John Standley OAM were the resource personnel.

We were grateful and indeed honoured that these organisations sent what we could only describe as their A-teams to represent them. We also welcomed students from Grade 8 at Allora State School after lunch and we all became kids again for a while, wondering at a nifty

little drone that lifted off the ground, did some fancy manoeuvres and then shot up to an altitude of 400 feet where it hung around filming us for a while before touching down lightly ten minutes later on the Showgrounds; the future

indeed.

Allora Landcare would like to thank our major sponsors, Bunnings Warwick and Condamine Catchment Management Association, and also Allora IGA for their generosity.



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Allora Rural Watch

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Allora Police Station is open Monday & Thursday - 8am - 12noon. Members of the public are requested to phone the station before attending as police may have been called out on urgent business.

RURAL AREA POLICE REPORT (01/02/18 - 31/03/18)

1/2/18: A 47 yr-old Allora man was charged with low range drink driving after being intercepted for a random breath test in Forde Street. The man was driving his three children back from a birthday party in Warwick where he had consumed 7 cans of beer. The man appeared in Warwick Magistrates Court on the February 28 and received a \$400 fine and was disqualified from driving for 1 month.

10/2/18: A 18 yr-old Clifton man attended the Railway Hotel and

used slight of hand to steal a patron's wallet which was left on the bar, while purchasing a bottle of spirits. The male then attended Clifton Club Hotel and used the victim's debit card to purchase a bottle of Jägermeister and two bottles of beer for \$64 and then attended the Foodworks store and spent another \$59 on the victim's card. The following day Clifton Police conducted a routine street check on a male and identified him as resembling the suspect in the CCTV. Allora and Clifton Police then executed a search warrant at the male's Clifton address which uncovered the bottle of Jägermeister purchased with the stolen card and a bottle of spirits


he was seen purchasing on the CCTV from the Railway Hotel. The male was charged with 1 count of stealing and 3 counts of fraud and placed on bail conditions including a curfew, not to attend Allora, not to attend licenced premises and not to consume alcohol. The male next appears in the Warwick Magistrates Court on April 18.

9/2/18: A 47 yr-old male who was wanted for a breach of a domestic violence order, a stealing matter and unlicensed driving was located at an Allora address and arrested. He was charged at Warwick Watchhouse. The man was bailed by the Court not to attend Warwick and was served a variation to his domestic violence order not to attend the Allora address. The male's next appearance is on June 28 for sentencing.

17/2/18: Police were called to an Allora address at 3am to a disturbance. As a result, a 24 yr-old man was arrested and taken to Warwick Watchhouse where he was charged with breaching a domestic violence order,

possession of drug utensils and obstructing Police. The male was bailed not to attend the address and also served with an application to vary his domestic violence order. The male appeared in Pittsworth Magistrates Court on March 16 and was placed on 12 months' probation.

22/2/18: Traffic Police intercepted a vehicle for speeding on the New England Highway and issued a \$420 speeding ticket to a 46 yr-old Warwick man. The male then failed a roadside drug test and was subsequently taken to Warwick Station for further testing. Allora Police then attended to provide assistance to the passengers as two didn't have current licenses and one who did was over the drink driving limit. The passengers declined assistance from Police for getting into Allora. Police then intercepted the vehicle being driven into Allora. A 37 yr-old Warwick woman was subsequently charged with driving while Court disqualified and the vehicle's registration plates were seized for 7 days. The woman then failed a



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roadside drug test and was transported to Warwick Station for further testing with her male partner. Both were charged with drug-driving. Both the male and female have failed to appear in Court.

23/2/18: Allora Police intercepted a vehicle on the New England Highway as it was unregistered and uninsured. A 36 yr-old Heathwood man was driving the vehicle. Further checks revealed the man was also unlicensed through SPER suspension. The male was issued a notice to appear in Warwick Magistrates Court on March 28 for driving unregistered, uninsured and unlicensed and had the registration plates seized for 90 days. The male has failed to appear in Court and a warrant has been issued for his arrest.

24/2/18: A 38 yr-old Harristown man was intercepted on the New England Highway for driving while his licence was disqualified by Court order. The male's number plates were seized for 90 days and he was issued a Notice to appear in Warwick Magistrates Court. The male's next appearance is April 19.

26/2/18: Police were called to an Allora address to a disturbance. As a result of investigations, a 36 yr-old male was charged with contravening a domestic violence order. The male's next appearance for this charge is set for May 4. Police were called to the address again on March 26 and the male was again charged with contravening his domestic violence order and given a Court date of April 18.

5/3/18: A 43 yr-old Kentville man was charged with low range drink driving after being intercepted in Forde Street driving his young son from Kentville to Warwick. The man registered 0.097% nearly two hours after leaving his residence meaning his blood alcohol level would have been much higher when he started his journey. The man knew he had to drive his son to Warwick prior to commencing drinking and police were appalled at his reckless attitude towards the safety of not only his young son, but other road users. His next appearance is in Gatton Magistrates Court on April 23.

14/3/18: A 47 yr-old Goomburra woman has thankfully made a miraculous recovery following a

brutal assault in her own home at the hands of an ex-partner. To add further tragedy to this event, the suspect was then found deceased at his Gatton residence. While physical injuries may heal in time, the psychological injuries caused in these circumstances can take much longer to heal. Police urge anyone struggling with relationship or mental health issues to seek help from police, your doctor, a counsellor or friend.

23/3/18: A Bennett Street couple had their rental property unlawfully entered and had a large couch, stereo and television stolen. They were in the process of moving out and had stayed the night at a parent's house before returning to discover the items missing. The landlord had entered the house on that night but denies removing any property from the house. The investigation is continuing. A week later, in an act of contempt for the Allora community, white goods from the same house were dumped in Raff Street. Again, the landlord denies involvement. This matter was referred to Council who removed the white goods and will investigate further.

25/3/18: Police were called to a Hendon address in response to reports a 67yr-old male was behaving recklessly with a loaded firearm and had discharged the firearm. Police detained the man and took him to Warwick Hospital for psychological assessment before detaining him for the purpose of a domestic violence application. The man was then arrested and charged with dangerous conduct with a weapon. Police seized all weapons owned by the man. While police do have to take punitive action in these instances, much of our work is in taking measures to help people ensure that things don't escalate to the same level again. Again, police urge anyone struggling with relationship or mental health issues to seek help from police, your doctor, a counsellor or friend.

29/3/18: A large shed of stacked hay spontaneously combusted at a Shannon Road Address causing the loss of about \$50,000 worth of feed and the loss of a shed.

30/3/18: A 19yr-old Casino man was charged with careless driving after he crossed the median strip of the New England Hwy and collided with an on-coming vehicle



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causing it to roll. The man was also hospitalised with a fractured arm. Police suspect the man fell asleep. A reminder that fatigue is one of the 'Fatal Five' cause of traffic crashes. Thankfully the occupants of the other vehicle were not injured.

25 Traffic Infringement Notices were issued to drivers in Allora during February and March, most for exceeding the speed limit with the highest speed recorded being

138km/hr on Warwick Allora Road. Officer in Charge of Allora Police Station, Sergeant Desmond Canning has retired from the Queensland Police Service after 24 years of dedicated service. He has been the Officer in Charge of Allora since 2006. Des continues to reside in Allora with his family. On behalf of Queensland Police Service, I would like to thank Des for his service and wish him all the best in his future endeavours.

Looking Back...

Allora's Past 25 years ago May 1993 Ground Water Meeting

The second of a series of public meetings to discuss the deteriorating supply of ground water in the Upper Condamine catchment was held in Allora. The 60 landholders who attended were given a detailed assessment of current and projected trends in ground water levels throughout the Dalrymple Creek valley by Department of Primary Industry water resources officers. The landholders were advised that while the Dalrymple system was currently in a better condition than most of the Upper Condamine, the situation could rapidly change if recharging rains were not received within the next two or three months.

The meeting resolved to form a Groundwater Advisory Committee made

up from the irrigator and non-irrigator community to meet with the Department to determine immediate and future management needs. Delegates elected were: Upper Goomburra: Irrigator, John Bradfield, Non-irrigator, Ern Ballinger; Goomburra-Allora: Peter Cavanagh, Bob Burge; Allora-Talgai, John Foley, Malcolm Henry; Talgai-Condamine Junction: Bernie Hayward, Len Morris.

Allora's Past 75 years ago May 1943 Two Left Feet

Allora's Lieutenant Bob Deacon, 2/25th Infantry Battalion, tells the story about the new recruit who worried the Company Sergeant-Major to death because he was always getting his feet mixed up and couldn't keep in step. Day after day correction methods failed. The C.S.M. became exasperated and finally confided to the Lieutenant "He just won't get it right, and all he says when I tell him about

it, is that he'll get to wherever we are going just as soon as the rest of us".

Allora's Past 100 years ago May 1918 Sensation at Spring Creek

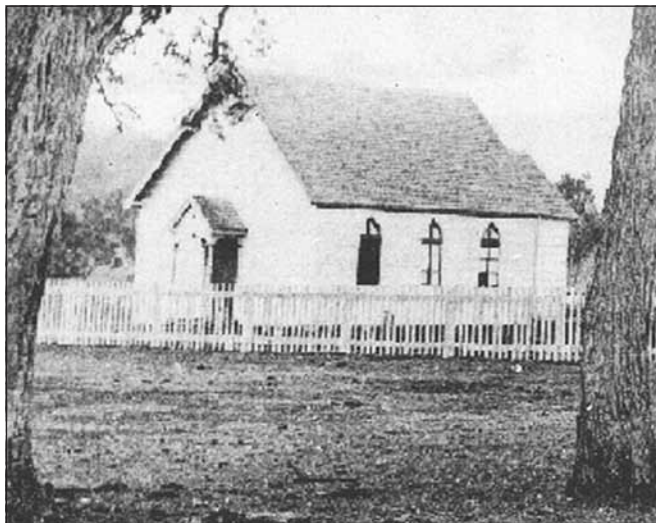
Edwin Morrison was brought before the court at Allora charged with the attempted murder of John Clarke at Spring Creek. Morrison is the brother-in-law of Mrs. Clarke and was

visiting from Sydney following the death of his wife twelve months previously. Morrison is alleged to have knocked Clarke down and kicked him without provocation, before attacking him with a cut throat razor inflicting two deep gashes to the side of the face extending to the throat. Clarke also had a deep gash across his left wrist. Clarke managed to escape through a barbed wire fence and Morrison, in attempting to follow him, became caught in the fence where Clarke managed to secure him and hold him down. He called for his wife to bring the gun which she did but didn't know how to load it. She then hit Morrison with such force that she managed to break the gun. Mrs. Clarke's loud screams brought neighbour Mr. Frank O'Neill to the scene and he secured Morrison's hands behind his back. A man named Hucker was despatched to the Allora police station and Sergeant Spink and Constable Zahn arrived on the scene and arrested Morrison.

Allora's Past 150 years ago May 1868 Church of England

The president of the Church of England Diocesan Synod in Brisbane reported that at Allora a church had been built and that he had been able to place there a lay reader who conducts Divine Service twice every Sunday and visits, during the week, the family settlements in the neighbourhood and the labourers employed on the line of the railway.

Colin Newport



The first St. David's Church built in 1868.

Events Calendar

2018

May -	
Thu 3	Allora Chaplaincy Dinner Allora State School, 6.30pm
Fri 4	Goomburra Hall Trivia Night No. 7 Goomburra Hall, 6.30pm.
Fri 11	Victoria Hill Hall Cent Sale Victoria Hill Hall, 7.30pm
Sat 19	Allora Rotary Biggest Morning Tea At Shann's, 9.30am - 11.30am
Fri 25	St. Patricks P&F Rattle of the Brains Trivia Night Allora Community Hall, 6.15pm
June -	
Sat 2	An Afternoon with Norma O'Hara Murphy Warwick Senior Citizens Hall, 11.00am
Sat 16	St. David's June Afternoon (A Country Garden) St. David's Hall, 1.00pm
September -	
Sat 1	Allora State School Spring Fair Allora State School Grounds
Fri 21	St. David's Street Stall
October -	
Fri 12	Anglican Parish Allora Clifton Fete At All Saints Clifton

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If people wish to contact The Allora Advertiser and discuss their particular needs, please feel free to do so. Ph 4666 3128.

Tennis Allora Tennis Club News

Our friendly group of Ladies will host a 'Friendship Afternoon' on Tuesday 8th May at 3pm and invite all current members and any prospective new players to come join in. These ladies regularly play on Tuesdays at 3pm and would be happy to see some new faces. Allora Tennis Club also hosts a Family Social Night on the first Friday of each month and always encourages everyone to come for a hit of tennis, come for a BBQ dinner or Both!

During school terms Junior Squad is run on Monday afternoons 3:30-4:30pm for school aged children wishing to improve their skills and game play.

Allora is fortunate to have four courts all in good condition and our club is full of friendly members that will welcome you with a smile!

Checkout our Facebook page or Contact Shirley Mason 0439 702 051 or Mandy Mutch 0428 365 676 for further details.



BOWLS

TOP: No play-off this season. Team Zoolands were runners-up beating rivals The Old Boys on press of the button.

RIGHT: Winners Trophy presented by John Ellwood to team Bowling Stones, David Sparksman, Glen Henschel & Tim Hentschel



Wattles Juniors Report



Wattles Junior Warriors had their first home game on Saturday at Platz oval, Clifton against Tenterfield JRL. U9s and U11s both had bye games.

Clifton Upholstery and Allora Pharmacy U7s played one game against Tenterfield. Tries were scored by Malea, Tarix, Jake, Hayden and Billy. Under 8s sponsored by Steele Rudd Servo, all the boys put in a great effort. Eddison joined our team this week and worked hard at dummy half. Douglas, Jack and James made good metres with hard running. Try scorers were Hugh, Archer, Jonte, Bailey and Lucas. Zavier and Kaleb got 2 tries each. Thank you to the boys who helped Tenterfield field a side.

Black Toyota U10s - A great game by the U10s this week. Playing a much bigger

physical side, they were able to hold their own and score 6 tries and convert them all. Try scorers this week were Paddy 3, Ziggy 2 and Sam a new member of the team, scoring his first try in the green and gold. Sam played a great all-round game and collected the team effort award, sponsored by Darwalla Milling.

Ryanie for Tyres U12s had tries scored by Billy J, Eli and Sam. Billy P kicked a goal. Wattles 14 Tenterfield 0 Hopper Haulage U14s Leaguetag, it was a hard match that was enjoyable to play. Our team is beginning to work together and are learning to read the game. While we were outclassed by Tenterfield our team worked hard in defence with Danni, Kate, Reagan and Kristy chasing hard.

Clifton Real Estate U14s, had tries scored by Darcy and Jamie who scored 2. Ashley G kicked a goal. It was a

Enjoy a game soon!
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close game with Wattles coming up with the win, 14 to 12.

Ruhle Developments U17s Leaguetag. Fantastic run from Sophie in first half to try and take tag at Tenterfield try line. Millie a fantastic defensive effort throughout the game and Lacey had a few good runs. Try to Somer and conversion to Lauren. Congratulations ladies on a great game, things are starting to come together. Captain this week was Sophie.

Hamblin Building U16s. A really good team effort with the boys keeping up a high level of intensity for the majority of the match. Darby was very good in the halves taking on the line with each

and every run and defending solidly. Our forwards never stopped working hard, making valuable ground and tackling effectively. Our new players Will, Cody, Kyle and Harry all went well. Players player today was Hunter for a superb all round effort. Tries to Jacob, Kyle and Declan and Hunter scored three, Travis kicked 5 goals. Wattles 34 Tenterfield 6

A big thank you to all of our volunteers who helped out. We are always appreciative of help from people, as the saying goes, many hands make light work. This Saturday we host Stanthorpe at Platz oval, Clifton with the first game kicking off at 9am.

Hargreaves & Duggan Inspire Wattles Success



Recently announced Toowoomba 'Clydesdales' representative Jake Hargreaves and Wattles Queensland Rangers halfback Matt Duggan inspired the Wattles Warriors top grade side to a 16 - 12 win over fellow top five club the Highfields Eagles at Highfields' Kuhl's Road Recreation Grounds on Sunday.

Hargreaves was added to the Toowoomba squad early last week after injury forced Warwick Cowboys back Joe Fuimaono from the side that will contest the QRL Central Division 47th Battalion Trophy Carnival in Toowoomba this weekend.

Coach Travis Burns showered praise on the former Intrust Super Cup threequarter for his masterly two try performance that layed a solid foundation for the National Farmers Warehouse Warriors.

Champion halfback Matt Duggan was at his best again for Wattles, and named Toowoomba Rugby League Player of the Round for the second week in succession. Duggan will also don the prized Toowoomba Clydesdales colours this weekend and given his outstanding form of late must be well in contention to secure a jersey in the Central Division Crows side selected after this

weekends carnival.

"Fullback Jackson Green was also outstanding (against Highfields)" noted Burns, "and outside backs Andrew Richardson & Nick Van Der Poel continue to improve, both classy young players who appear to have a promising futures."

"Our forwards were also in great form" said Burns, "they lifted for the occasion doing their job superbly across that paddock."

Wattles co-skipper, Toowoomba representative front-rower Dale Perkins, was in the thick of the forward clash and rated the 80 minutes "a good game of footy with plenty of credit to both sides".

"Both teams were near out on our feet late in the game, but we finished with the chocolates" smiled Perkins.

Wattles posted first points in just the fourth minute of the game when Hargreaves ran off fullback Jackson Green punching a hole in the home side defence and winning the 25 metre race to the tryline.

A successful Matt Duggan conversion put the Warriors ahead 6 - 0 until Highfields winger Campbell Stewart flashed over to score reducing Wattles lead to 6 - 4.

Both sides battled out the first 40 minutes in a give no quarter performance, but the Warriors snatched a points buffer when Green & Hargreaves combin-

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ed yet again for Hargreaves to touch down for his second try on the end of a 30 metre gallop.

After trailing 4 - 12 at half time the Eagles snared a vital try eight minutes into the second stanza by quicksilver winger and a former Wattles speedster Aaron Hooper.

While Travis Burns was more than happy with his side's first half, Wattles second forty minutes saw some unwelcome errors surface.

The Warriors claimed the premiersip points when winger Braydon Wilson flashed 40 metres down the sideline for the match winning try with two minutes remaining in the game.

That man Hargreaves had combined with Wilson on the short side to set the try scoring play in motion, before Wilson showed plenty of skill racing along the edge of the sideline before touching down.

Highfields never called it a day

though, Campbell Stewart crossing for his second try on the fulltime hooter.

It's the second successive week Wattles have toppled a Toowoomba Rugby League top five side.

The Warriors currently sit on the rung below top of the table Valleys after Sunday's win, with Dalby, Warwick & Highfields trailing them after Round 6.

Coach Burns is "really happy where is side is currently form wise" and the fact they continue to improve.

"We were in control throughout against Highfields" said Burns who was also impressive directing his players across the ground, "but our completion rate dropped off in the second half."

Highfields Eagles A Grade coach Gus McKellar commended both teams on a tough game with some outstanding defence.

McKellar was impressed with his side's performance despite the loss, and from his line-up singled out former Texas product Sean Hamel, winger Campbell Stewart & former Wattles junior Sam Bielefeld as players among those to shine.

The Eagles mentor nominated "Jackson Green, Jake Hargreaves & Travis Burns" as Wattles players that commanded plenty of attention throughout the match.

Training will see Wattles focussing on problem areas in their game as they regroup for their encounter with the Pittsworth Danes in a fortnight at Pittsworth.

Wattles 16 (Jake Hargreaves 2, Braydon Wilson tries; Matt Duggan 2 goals) defeated Highfields 12 (Campbell Stewart 2, Aaron Hooper tries; goals).



Wattle's Toowoomba representative centre Jake Hargreaves try bound on Sunday in his side's victory over the Highfields Eagles.

Reserve Grade - Defence wins rugby league games as was proven without doubt on Sunday when Wattles 'Railway Hotel' Reserve Grade side finished 20 - 16 winners over the Highfields Eagles in a gutsy performance. The Eagles came in to the match undefeated, as was the case with the Dalby Diehards last week, but the Warrior reggies rained on their opponent's day in both outings. Co-coach Garth Lonergan was more than happy to have his side "beating two top of the table unbeaten teams in as many weeks." "It was a great achievement, our defence was the secret to our success." "Our attacking game achieved the points we needed to win, but we can definitely do better." Five-eight Josh Henry & back-rower Alex Morris scored Wattles two first half tries, and Highfields answered the call to have the scoreboard locked at 12 all at half time.

Elusive back Dale McAntee put his side ahead with a try in the opening minutes of the second stanza, but a touchdown by Eagles forward James Vailaji midway through the half leveled the ledger and set up a hotly contested final fifteen minutes of play. The Warriors were called on to lift in the final ten minutes, the score locked at 16 all. Lift they did defending courageously off their own line in the face of an opposition onslaught. When fullback Blake Lollback scored with a minute remaining on the match clock, the premiership points were theirs as well as a seat at second place on the competition ladder. Front rower Jesse Miles was named Wattles Player of the Match and Player's Player at game's end after an outstanding effort. Team mates front-rower Mitchell Duff and five-eight Josh Henry were also among Warriors to shine. Wattles 20 (Josh Henry, Alex Morris, Dale McAntee, Blake Lollback tries; Tom Morris 2 goals) defeated Highfields 16

(Cory Haywood, Riley Mitchell, James Vailahi tries; Silde Canda 2 goals). **Under 18** - Wattles 'Wilson & Rigby Smash Repairs/Willett Electrical' Under 18 team were no match for Highfields premiership leading colts, the home side touching down for five unanswered first half tries to take a commanding 24 - 0 lead in to the dressing room at half time. Wattles first half effort was better than the scoreboard indicated, but their opponents took full advantage of their numerous basic errors. The second stanza opened more positively for the young Warriors with flanker Cahal Davis showing tremendous speed to intercept a pass and race 90 metres to score under the posts. The Davis try came two minutes after the restart, but it was to be Wattles single bright moment of the half. Highfields responded running in eight tries across the 25 remaining minutes on their way to a convincing victory, their winger Henry Adler contributing a commendable four touchdowns of his own.

Coach Shaun Henry praised the efforts of young Under 16 graduates Declan Sullivan and Travis McDougall who stepped up to add to Wattles numbers. A number of injuries also added to Wattles woes, which hopefully will recover over the next fortnight prior to Round 7 fixtures against Pittsworth. Highfields 70 (Henry Adler 4, Cory Haywood 2, Cooper Taylor 2, Samuel Elara, Alexander Cash, Jack Hutton, Kyle Betros, Dylan Sheppard tries; Samuel Elara 2, Corey Haywood 2, Sebastian Connor 2, Alexander Brighton, Daniel Betros, Dylan Sheppard goals) defeated Wattles 6 (Cahal Davis try; Tyler Gillam goal). Toowoomba Rugby League fixtures are on hold this weekend due to the QRL Central Division 47th Battalion Trophy Carnival being hosted in Toowoomba. Wattles will take the field again on Sunday May 13th against the Pittsworth Danes at Pittsworth in all grades. Glyn Rees

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