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Allora QCWA International Day: Germany



John Gordon, John Sparksman, Flora Sparksman, Kate Gordon.

Allora CWA changed the format of their International Day this year and ran a Coffee and Cake morning tea. This was very well patronised by

Allora residents as well as the usual CWA members. A lot of taste testing at the usual CWA meeting decided us on a menu including Black

Forest Cake, Griestorte, Linzer Torte, a nut torte all cut into small portions so that everyone could taste different things. There were also ginger biscuits, macaroons and gluten free and lactose free treats to be enjoyed.

It was a great collaborative effort with members combing the internet for recipes and searching their cupboards for teddy bears to complement the German photographs.

A fruit tray from Percy's had a second prize of a rabbit-appropriate as the Easter Bunny is originally a German story.

A light opera singer from



Singer Jan Ross performed traditional German opera.

Tenterfield, Jan Ross delighted everyone and had the whole group singing.



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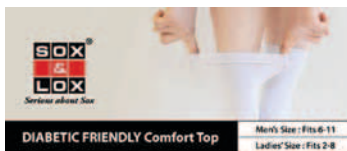
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Letters to the Editor...

Dear Editor,

As costs mount at an alarming rate balancing the books is a challenge for us all.

And so it is with the courageous business owners who serve tiny country areas like Allora with distinction. They sacrifice so much to allow shopping local to be a fact.

In so doing, businesses such as the local butcher faces no real opposition, for only they offer special choice cuts.

It is great to see youth take on a challenge and the Allora Butcher is a fine example of Aussies for Aussies. Take a bow!

Melba Morris, Allora

Dear Editor,

Action needed now to protect seniors

As our population ages there is greater risk for older Australians to fall victim to elder abuse, with financial abuse the most common form. Often difficult to identify, this type of abuse occurs when a trusted person misuses or wrongly exerts financial control, leading to harm and distress for the victim.

It is estimated that Australians lose more than \$3 billion to fraud and scams each year, and Commonwealth Bank data suggests that three out of every four people affected by scams are over the age of 50, with those in regional areas more likely to be victims. Sadly, it appears this is only the tip of the iceberg with scams and fraud making up only one part of financial abuse. The true costs are unknown as many seniors either don't recognise abuse or feel too embarrassed to report it.

Beyond the financial loss, abuse can affect a person's mental health, ability to care for themselves, or their access to food, accommodation, and medical care.

Greater action is needed now to protect older Australians from financial abuse, scams and fraud, which is why we have launched our Safe and Savvy program. The program aims to educate older Australians and their families about the risks, and empower them with the right tools and support to take action and protect their finances.

The new Safe and Savvy guide, developed in consultation with experts, is available online from today (15 June) and in almost 1000 Commonwealth Bank branches from mid-July. The Guide provides practical advice and tips for customers and their families, as well as a comprehensive list of resources and support services available. We are also training 9000 of our branch staff so that they can better identify and assist customers who may be victim to abuse.

Banks and the community need to shine a light on the silent abuse occurring in households across the country, and our guide is a valuable resource to help start the conversation.

Dr. Brendan French,
Commonwealth Bank Customer Advocate

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Shaping Southern Downs

Council is currently working in conjunction with consultants, to look ahead, as to the vision for the future of the Southern Downs.

'Shaping Southern Downs' is an important project, and we are seeking input from residents, businesses, community groups, industry organisations and local government agencies to share their vision for the region's future. Shaping Southern Downs aims to grow the region's population to 50,000 residents by attracting and retaining youth, and working-age people, and promoting the region's unique mix of urban and rural lifestyles. Population growth will bring a wide range of benefits, including an increased range of businesses and services and employment opportunities which will strengthen Southern Downs as a great place to live, work and invest.

Four key themes underpin Shaping Southern Downs:

- 1. Growth:** Accelerating population growth in the region to create a diverse and resilient community that consolidates urban centres and protects rural character and lifestyle.
- 2. Connect:** Maintain and enhance transport networks that connect the region with surrounding places to ensure efficient

movement of commodities, services and skills.

- 3. Sustain:** Southern Downs' rural landscapes and natural assets are protected and nurtured to sustain the region's resilient communities and unique country lifestyle offering.
- 4. Prosper:** Strengthen existing industries and encourage business growth to increase employment opportunities and create a viable and high-value economy.

ALLORA: There will be a session **TODAY, Thursday 21st June**, in Allora, at the Senior Citizens Centre, starting at 5.30pm.

KILLARNEY: There will be a session this Friday, 22nd June, in Killarney, at the Senior Citizens Centre, starting at 5.30pm.

These sessions will be a great opportunity, for you, and others, to have some input, and to provide your own vision for the future of the region.

If you are unable to attend this session we encourage you to take part in the community consultation process, by completing the Shaping Southern Downs survey online. The survey and more information can be found at: www.sdrc.qld.gov.au/living-here/have-your-say/shaping-southern-downs

WEATHER FORECAST

Day	Forecast	Min/Max
THU	Mostly Sunny. Cool. Crisp.	6 20
FRI	Early Fog Followed by Sun. Cool.	8 19
SAT	Mostly Sunny. Cool.	7 20
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William Jubb Book Launch

A book regarding the 33 years (1845 -1878) that William Jubb spent on the Darling Downs will be



launched from the site where William and brother George Jubb constructed their blacksmith and wheelwright business near the then Dalrymple Creek crossing. The launch will be at 2 Jubb Street, Allora on Friday July 6th at 11.30. The book was written by Brian Hansford from Samford Valley and is the third in a series relating to the significant roles performed by 'small cogs' in our early history. Jubb had worked on the Goomburra Run before his arrival at Allora and although he did not have a liquor licence it was noted that one of his orders arriving from Sydney was for a 'hogshead of



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liquor' which contained 245 litres of liquor.

Jubb was a volatile Irishman who was at the Woopack Inn, Cunninghams Gap for several

years. Unfortunately he had a great capacity to get into trouble when visiting other inns and it was not unusual for litigation to follow such visits.

Allora Rural Watch

In cases of EMERGENCY - DIAL 000
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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 (01/04/18 - 31/05/18)

1/4/18: An 18 year old Rangeville man sustained life-threatening injuries when his car left the road & hit a tree at Warwick Allora Rd, Deuchar. The man was entrapped in the vehicle for an hour & was freed by QRFS then air lifted to the PA Hospital. The man received extensive injuries including a shattered kneecap, fractured sternum, a fractured rib, a haematoma on his spleen, a haematoma on his left lung, fracture of left femur, dislocated tibia and fibula, a sprained right ankle. He spent several weeks in hospital & underwent 4 surgeries & 2 blood transfusions. No drugs or alcohol were present in the driver and after extensive investigations Police attributed the crash to inexperience.

7/4/18: A 27 year old Warwick man was charged with contravening a

domestic violence order after an incident at a Deuchar property. Police applied to vary the order to prohibit the man from returning to the address and placed him on bail conditions not to attend the address. The application to vary the domestic violence order was later struck out in Court at the request of the aggrieved. The man's next appearance for the breach in the Warwick Magistrates Court is on 27th June and he remains on bail conditions until that time.

8/4/18: A 32 year old Stanthorpe Man was intercepted for speeding at 124km/hr on Warwick Allora Road. A check of his licence revealed that he was SPER suspended at the time. The man was issued a \$420 fine for the speeding & a notice to appear in the Warwick Magistrates Court for unlicensed driving. The man was disqualified from driving for 1 month and received a \$350 fine.

12/4/18: Motorists got an early morning shock on the New

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England Hwy commute to Toowoomba when a herd of black Angus wieners wondered onto the highway prior to dawn. Several vehicles struck several head of cattle with two vehicles extensively damaged and towed from the scene. The cattle owners attended and removed several carcasses from the road.

17/4/18: A 41 year old Darlington Heights woman was issued a \$1177 fine, 8 demerit points and a suspension of license after being caught speeding at 149km/hr on the New England Highway.

18/4/18: A 50 year old Leyburn woman was intercepted in Herbert St for a random breath test & license check. Investigations revealed the driver was unlicensed

& the vehicle was unregistered, uninsured & was bearing cancelled plates. The woman was issued a notice to appear in the Warwick Magistrates Court on 27th June.

18/4/18: A farming property on South Richmond Rd was entered and a motorcycle, quad bike and Honda Generator were stolen. Police executed search warrants at several properties but have not yet been fruitful in locating the property or charging an offender.

23/4/18: A 28 year old interstate tourist was issued \$906 in fines after being caught driving unregistered and uninsured on the New England Hwy.

25/4/18: Police were called to domestic violence incident at a Talgai property in which a 47 year-

old man shot his daughter's dog. Police applied for a domestic violence order and seized all the man's weapons and his weapons licence in accordance with new domestic violence legislation. The man will not be permitted to possess a weapon for the 5 year duration of the order.

29/4/18: A 30 year old Allora woman was issued a public nuisance infringement notice and charged with trespass after jumping her fence to accost a neighbour during a neighbourhood dispute. She attended Warwick Magistrates Court on 6th June and received a \$300 fine.

30/4/18: A 23 year-old Allora man was involved in a single vehicle crash in Wilson Lane. A breath test revealed the man was drunk and he later returned a reading of 0.130%. The man appeared in the Warwick Magistrates Court on 6th June charged with drink driving and failing to have proper control of his motor vehicle. The man received a \$900 fine and was disqualified from driving for 6 mont hs.

28/4/18: Unknown persons entered an unoccupied Yankee Gully Road address and stole a fertilizer spreader valued at \$600. Investigations are continuing.

10/5/18: An Allora man located a

rifle, magazine and ammunition buried in a bag after doing some excavating on his Goomburra property. The weapon was surrendered to police.

15/5/18: A 39 year-old Allora woman was issued \$906 in fines after being detected driving an unregistered and uninsured vehicle in Warwick Street.

15/5/18: A 54 year-old Warwick man was charged with unlicensed driving after being intercepted in Warwick Street. His next appearance in the Warwick Magistrates Court is 11th July.

21/5/18: A 23 year-old Warwick man was subsequently charged with unlawful use of a motor vehicle and arson after a stolen car was located burnt out on Yankee Gully Rd. The same man was charged with a break and enter that occurred at a Deuchar address on the 25th May in which about \$50,000 of cash and property was stolen. Only some of the property has been recovered. The man also was wanted for an extensive crime spree in the Darling Downs district & is remanded in custody.

24/5/18: A 29 year-old Deuchar man was arrested and charged with multiple offences after committing a property crime spree in the district. The man was on parole for similar offences



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committed last year. Suffice to say he is safely back in custody.

26/5/18: A 66 year-old Wilsonton man was issued a traffic infringement notice after tipping his B-double truck over onto its side after pulling off the New England Highway Mount Marshall. No one was seriously injured in the incident.

27/5/18: An 18 year-old man was admitted to Warwick Hospital after rolling his ute on the New England Highway Mount Marshall taking out a resident's fence and gate. The man was trapped in the vehicle before being freed by QRFS officers. Police seized the man's dash cam and mobile phone to investigate the crash and are waiting for lab results to determine if drugs and/or alcohol contributed to the crash. The man was

discharged from the hospital without serious injury and is co-operating with police in the investigation.

This will be my last Allora crime report before handing over the reins to Sergeant Damien GRACE who will take over the position of Officer in Charge of Allora. I am transferring to Warwick Station so I can reside with my fiancée, who many of you will know as your favourite vet, on our property south of Warwick. I would like to thank the Allora community for their support over the last 2 and a half years. Working and living in Allora has been a challenging and rewarding experience and I will miss our community.

Regards,
A/Sergeant Matt Shield

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Looking Back...

Allora's Past 25 years ago June 1993

Historic Plaque

A bronze plaque was presented to Talgai Homestead as a tribute to Sir Arthur Morgan, a former Member of the Queensland Legislative Assembly, Premier, and Governor of Queensland. Arthur Morgan was born on Rosenthal Station on the 19th September 1856, the son of station manager James Morgan and his wife Catherine. He started his working life in the office of the Warwick Argus newspaper before being elected to the Queensland Parliament in 1887. He had a distinguished Parliamentary career and was Governor and President of the Legislative Council at the time of his death in 1916.

Allora's Past 50 years ago June 1968

Farewell

A Public Farewell and Presentation to Mr. and Mrs. Ray Dale will be held at the Allora State School on Tuesday, 9th July, 1968, commencing 2.45 p.m. Donations towards costs of presentation may be left at the Shire Office of Allora Advertiser. Lex Ellwood, Secretary, Allora State School P & C Assn.

Allora's Past 75 years ago June 1943

Cold Snap

Further evidence of the severity of last week's cold snap continues to come to hand from all parts of the district in additional reports of burst water pipes and taps, the presence of ice in sheltered places until after mid-day, and the death of birds through the cold. Allora reports state that last week's weather was the coldest for many years, frosts being very severe. Household water taps were frozen until nearly noon, and many water pipes burst. In shaded places ice was present in the early hours of the afternoon.

Allora's Past 100 years ago June 1918

House Fire

A mild sensation was caused in Allora on Monday afternoon last through a fire breaking out in a house in Warwick Street owned and tenanted by Mr. John Gilmore senior, an old resident of the town. How the fire started is a mystery but it was first discovered by Mr. W. W. Anderson who was at the back of his house and noticed smoke coming through the roof. He investigated and found the place afire. He immediately gave instructions for a phone ring-around the town for assistance, and

obtained the help of Mrs. S. E. Williams (a neighbour). Mr. Gilmore was at the time chopping wood in the yard at the back of the house and was surprised when he entered the house to find it full of smoke. A large crowd was quickly on the scene, and Mr. Harry Wright climbed on the roof and removed a couple of sheets of iron, pouring water on the flames. The conflagration was extinguished and it was found that the fire originated in a bedroom. The back of a duchess was burnt out and several boards from the floor to the ceiling were scorched. The contents of a table were burnt and the curtains were singed. The prompt action of Mr. Anderson undoubtedly saved the house.

Allora's Past 150 years ago June 1868

Presbyterian Church

A verbal report of a very satisfactory kind was given by the Rev. Thomas Kingsford of Allora to the Presbytery Meeting in Warwick on the state of religion and its progress in Allora and Spring Creek. The report was gratefully received. The financial report was not so satisfactory.

Colin Newport

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Successful Invasive Pests Control Scheme Continued in 2018/19

Council this week resolved to continue the Invasive Pests Control Scheme for the 2018/19 year amid acknowledgement of the Scheme's success.

A review of the first year of the Invasive Pests Control Scheme has taken place which revealed the following results:

- A return rate of 91% of Control

Works Forms by the region's landholders, indicating a high level of understanding of the Scheme's purpose;

- Unprecedented levels of weed control occurring throughout the region;

- Increased participation at coordinated baiting days;

- Involvement in the Scheme from

State Government agencies and service providers;

- Keen interest from other local governments across Queensland.

Public consultation regarding the Scheme took place recently as part of the draft Budget consultation sessions and in conjunction with the Councillor's shopping centre visits. Feedback from the public was incorporated into the review, including:

- Issuing Control Works Forms separately to Rates Notices

- Adding the ability to enter information online

- Removing from the Scheme the requirement for landholders to submit a Completed Works Form at the end of the FY

Council will issue the 2018/19 Invasive Pests Control Scheme information pack soon. All landholders who receive the information pack will be required to submit a Control Works Form for 2018/19. Council would like to acknowledge all landholders who have complied with the

requirements of the Scheme to date and notes that while a degree of leniency was provided during the first year of the Scheme, this will not be repeated in 2018/19.

Southern Downs Councillor for Rural, Environmental, Sustainability and Waste Management, Cameron Gow said, "So much proactive work has been completed by landholders in controlling invasive pests under the Scheme in 2017/18 that we as a Council owe it to the community to ensure that investment is protected.

"The few landholders who don't fulfil their invasive pest control requirements put the good work of others in jeopardy. The aim of the Scheme is to have all landholders engaged in active control measures so the impacts of invasive pests are reduced across the Region."

If landholders have any questions about the Scheme, please contact Council on 1300 MYSDRC (1300 697 372).

Country Kitchens by Allora QCWA at the Men's Shed



Sharon Hannah and Alison Payne of Allora QCWA presenting 'Country Kitchens' to Allora Men's Shed members.

Sharon Hannah and Alison Payne, representing the Allora Branch of Qld CWA, made a comprehensive presentation of a healthy luncheon to most appreciative Allora Men's Shed members.

The aim of the QCWA 'Country Kitchens' program is to support people living in regional, rural and remote Queensland to improve their health by adopting healthier eating practices.

This ideal ties in so well with the week's emphasis of Men's Health.

The ladies presented practical ideas for the nutritional improvement of menfolk, which were especially pertinent for a number of our living-alone members.

Stuart Campbell

Mayor's 2018/2019 Budget Statement

It is with great pride I present the 2018/2019 Southern Downs Regional Council Budget. This is my third budget of this Council term. I believe this budget strikes the right balance in

regards to financial sustainability, replacing and upgrading essential infrastructure and investing in our communities. The 2018/19 Budget reflects the dedication and commitment this Council has shown for the past two years to move the region towards financial sustainability and prosperity.

Over the last year, Council has undertaken an unprecedented level of community engagement with residents and local community groups to ensure Council is on track with a vision for the future. Community consultation has commenced on our new plan, Shaping Southern Downs, one which is aimed at preparing the region for the future, while protecting the uniqueness of the past.

Significant development is happening within the region in the agricultural, aged care, retail and food processing sectors. This activity, coupled with future growth, will support a wider range of businesses, industries and services to provide a variety of employment options and support infrastructure improvements. The Southern Downs is a great place to live, work and play. It is recognised for its friendly and relaxed lifestyle and we want to keep it that way.

In 2018, Council again undertook engagement with different communities to discuss the draft Budget, with a number of public

submissions being received throughout the consultation period. I would like to thank everyone in the community who took part in those sessions or made a submission as part of the Budget process. Council values your input and it is pleasing to note that much of the feedback and the content of the submissions have been included in the 2018/19 Budget.

The Budget delivers an improved outcome than was originally forecast in the Long Term Financial Forecast, with a 2.75 % rise across the general rate and the utility charges for water, wastewater and waste collection. Projected rates increases in the Long Term Financial Forecast have been lowered to 3%, indicating Council's intention to continue to restrict expenditure. Fees and charges have remained unchanged from the 2017/18 year where possible.

Council provides a wide range of services to residents and businesses throughout the region, including roads, water, waste water, waste management, parks and libraries along with community housing, aerodromes and saleyards. In recent years, Council has invested in critical infrastructure such as roads, water treatment and waste water treatment facilities and this will continue in 2018/19.

The largest capital project in this year's Budget will be the Upgrade of the Trunk Raw Water Main from Storm King Dam to Mt Marlay in Stanthorpe. The \$6.6M project is being jointly funded from the Queensland State Government and Council, and

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represents the most significant investment in water infrastructure in Stanthorpe for more than a decade.

There are other important capital works projects including:

- \$7M of betterment work on the region's unsealed roads
- \$2M replacement of Palmer Bridge on Freestone Road
- \$2.7M widening and rehabilitation of Amiens, Forest Plains, Inverramsay and Sundown Roads
- Improving the drainage from Easey Street
- Ongoing resealing of bitumen roads and re-sheeting of gravel roads across the region

Council's 2018/2019 Budget will invest in the community with:

- Better cycle-ways and walking and running paths
- Maintenance of the region's swimming pools
- Road sealing in Hendon
- Rehabilitating streetscapes in Warwick and Stanthorpe
- Encouraging economic development through an extension of the Stanthorpe Industrial Estate
- Design for the next stage of the Stanthorpe Streetscape Project
- Urban design initiatives for Wallangarra
- Better signage throughout the region
- Enhancements to public toilets
- Replacement of sections of the wild dog spur fence

These are just a few of the many positive projects Council has planned.

The 2018/2019 Budget forecasts a moderate operating surplus of \$146,000 as well as a further reduction of Council's debt by \$1.5M. Council is in a good position financially and will continue to provide a comprehensive Community Grants Program. The 7.5%

discount for early payment of general rates will remain, as well as the subsidy on the General Rates for pensioners. Council will continue to deliver outcomes which ensure the Southern Downs grows, connects with its communities, prospers and sustains local communities.

Yours sincerely Mayor, Cr Tracy Dobie

Expenditure Highlights

- \$7M for Queensland Reconstruction Authority Betterment Program
- \$6.56M for the Storm King Dam water trunk main (QRA) in construction
- \$2M for the Palmer Bridge replacement, Freestone
- \$1.25M for the rehabilitation of Goomburra, Freestone and Sundown Roads
- \$1M for the resealing of roads across the region
- \$1M for the resheeting of gravel roads across the region
- \$998,000 for the widening of Amiens Road
- \$960,000 for SCADA & Telemetry renewals and upgrades
- \$800,000 for widening Inverramsay Road, Goomburra
- \$750,000 for the extension of the Stanthorpe Industrial Estate
- \$650,000 for sewer relining across the region
- \$623,000 for the Stanthorpe Waste Facility waste cell profiling
- \$590,000 in improvements to the Warwick Aerodrome
- \$250,000 for Oxenham / Rangers / Junabee intersection upgrade
- \$250,000 for Warwick Saleyards safety improvements
- \$173,000 in works to the region's cemeteries
- \$150,000 for the Condamine River Walk

Events Calendar

2018

- June -**
- Fri 22 The Mulberry Project Luncheon**
St. David's Hall, 11.30am - 2.00pm. Louise 0415 974 313
- July -**
- Fri 20 BNW Accountants visit to Allora**
Allora Advertiser Office, 53 Herbert St
- Fri 27 BNW Accountants visit to Allora**
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- August -**
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Winter's here – act now before it's too late: RACQ

An alarming number of Queenslanders risk their homes and lives by not performing simple safety checks each winter, new RACQ research has revealed.

Ahead of this week's predicted cold snap, RACQ spokesperson Kirsty Clinton urged Queenslanders to take a few minutes to check heating appliances and smoke alarms. "An alarming 85 percent of people surveyed didn't regularly inspect their electric or oil heaters, putting their homes at risk of fire," Ms Clinton said.

"What's even more concerning is most people reported only checking their heaters if they noticed a problem with them. "Often heaters haven't been used since last winter but are now swiftly being pulled out of storage as the days and nights get cooler."

Ms Clinton said there were some clear danger signs

people needed to look out for. "You can never be sure an appliance hasn't suffered any damage while in storage unless you check it out," she said.

"An excessive build-up of dust, loose or damaged cords and rust are obvious signs an appliance should be checked out before being plugged in.

"If you're not sure about an appliance's safety, have a professional check it out."

Ms Clinton said research found 70 percent of people surveyed had smoke alarms installed, but 12 percent had failed to test them in more than a year.

"It's the beginning of winter so why not use it as a prompt to check the status of your smoke alarms," she said.

"We don't ever want to hear of home fire fatalities from something so simple as not having and maintaining a smoke alarm."

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Solar farm MOU heralds additional opportunities



Southern Downs Mayor Tracy Dobie with UQ Acting Vice-Chancellor Professor Aidan Byrne.

Access to clean energy for local government and scholarships for local students are among the opportunities being pursued as part of the Warwick Solar Farm project.

A memorandum of understanding was signed last Friday by UQ Acting Vice-Chancellor Professor Aidan Byrne and Southern Downs Regional Council Mayor Tracy Dobie.

Professor Byrne said the MOU aimed to develop links and create opportunities for the Southern Downs region around the solar farm project.

"In signing the agreement, both UQ and SDRC have entered into a collaborative arrangement to extend the benefits of this project," he said.

Cr Dobie said among the initiatives outlined in the agreement was exploring the opportunity to supply SDRC with clean energy from the project at a competitive price. "It would be a tremendous outcome for our ratepayers if we were able to access some of this solar-generated electricity to power our facilities and to help reduce Council's operating costs," Cr Dobie said.

The University and Council will also work together to create an annual scholarship program to encourage high

achieving local students from the region to undertake studies in an energy or engineering related field at UQ.

UQ announced 7 June it would own and operate the solar farm for its operational life, making it the first major university in the world to offset 100 per cent of its electricity usage through its own renewable energy asset.

The University will take over the project from specialist renewable energy developer Terrain Solar when construc-

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tion begins. The 64 megawatt (MW) solar farm will provide research, teaching and engagement opportunities in addition to its environmental and financial benefits.

The MOU highlights opportunities for visitor information facilities and guided tours of the project, as well as the

installation of electric car charging infrastructure that would be free for the public to use.

UQ will also seek agreements with local graziers interested in agisting sheep on the site, following a successful trial at the University's solar research project at Gatton.

Wattles Juniors report



Wattles Junior Warriors played MIT Jets JRL on Saturday at Platz oval. Clifton. Our U16s had a bye. Clifton Upholstery and Allora Pharmacy U7s played two teams. Tries were scored by Jade, Dustyn, Jake, Hayden, Michael, William, Tarix, Noah, Nathan, George, Jackson, Thomas and William.

Wattles Dalrymple Landscaping and Haulage U9s played two teams. It was a super turn out at Platz oval.

This week we would like to thank the U8s for playing up and supporting our U9s. Try scorers this week were Orry, Marty, William, Thomas, Ukyezar, Riley, Angus, Sienna, Billy, Zac and Josef. Warwick Pizza Hut players of the match go to Joseph and Sienna.

Black Toyota Under 10's. A great game against MIT Jets today with the team showing good defence and attack. Tries were scored by Paddy 4, Harry, Jack Jedd and Malakai 1 each. Conversions by Harry and Jack. Team effort award



U10 Black Toyota team in their new jerseys with Steve Gibson, Jason Denny (Manager Black Toyota), Coach - Shane Wright & Jon Millard

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1. What is the term used in biology to describe fish that stay in a group for social reasons?
2. If you wanted a one litre container with the smallest surface area possible, what shape should your container be?
3. What kind of wave is the Parkes Pulsar Timing Array trying to detect?
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5. An ozone molecule is made of three atoms of which element?

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this week went to Jedd and Malakai. Thanks to Black Toyota for our new jerseys today.

Clifton Auto Ag Repairs U11's, George played forward again. Corey, Charlie, Seth, Tae, Morgan, Billy, Jason, Atticus all combined well. For a second week, all round game was an excellent effort from everyone. Tries to Corey and George with 2 each and Jason and Billy both scored tries. Lewis, Billy, Atticus, Charlie, Seth and George all kicked goals.

Ryanie for Tyres U12s. It was a tough game but MIT Jets were the better team. The only try was scored by Brock and goal kicked by Hamish. Thanks again to U11's who play up for us. Final score MIT Jets 16 Wattles 6

Hopper Haulage U14s Girls Leaguetag. MIT Jets were the better team today but our girls never gave up. Reagan scored our only try.

Clifton Real Estate U14s. It was a high scoring game with tries to George, Jamie, Ashley, Ethan, Daniel, Liam, Reuben and Eli. Goals were kicked by Lachlan, Liam and Reuben.

Ruhle Developments U17s Girls Leaguetag. Tries were scored by Sara and Sophie with Sophie kicking a goal.

This was our last home game for the year so a massive thank you to Kellie Brady and all of her helpers who ran a very successful canteen and thanks to our game announcer Boxer Byrne who is always there to announce and score the games every Saturday. Thanks to everyone who helped set up, helped out during the day and pack up at the end of the day especially George Gall who is always there to give a hand. A big thank you from the Wattles Committee. This weekend Wattles Warriors will travel to Tenterfield to play Tenterfield Tigers JRL.

Enjoy a game soon! Play competition

Sundays or play a social game anytime with friends.

Wattles Lose in Dying Minutes



A stirring second half surge appeared to have landed the 'National Farmer's

Warehouse' Wattles Warriors Madsen-Rasmussen Trophy success on Sunday at Herb Steinhart Oval, but they were denied after opponents the Valleys Roosters staged a mighty fightback in the final eleven minutes to snatch a 24 - 22 victory.

In a day when windy cold weather did spectators no favours, the encounter between the two top teams in the 2018 Toowoomba Rugby League Hutchinson's Builders premiership provided 'clash of the titans' viewing for those who attended in the conditions. Indeed the game had it all, one of the great finals across the 38 years of Madsen Rasmussen Trophy history.

Completion rates affected Wattles first half performance as both teams battled at what can be described as a fierce contest to gain a half time advantage.

Winger Zac Miles timed his take of a cross field kick deep in Wattles territory perfectly to post first points for home side Valleys with a vital try after just three minutes of play.

It only took another five minutes for Wattles to level the scoreboard at 4 - 4 when classy winger Andrew Richardson sailed down the sideline to touch down in the north-east corner. The windy conditions did no favours for goal kickers and Matt Duggan's conversion attempt missed failing to add to the Warriors total.

On the back of three penalties Valleys were attacking 17 metres out when winger Matt Hawkins eased in to the grandstand corner but to Wattles relief the try was denied, the final pass ruled forward.

A high pass that found its way in to touch saw a likely try go begging for Warriors winger Braydon Wilson, and while the green & gold defence was punishing their opponents, the Roosters winger Miles again found room on the edge to score in the 26th minute.

The touchdown saw Valleys take an 8 - 4 lead in an

exceptionally quick game that certainly wasn't for the faint of heart.

Both teams missed try scoring opportunities in the hustle and bustle of the on field action coming in to half time, Valleys holding their 8 - 4 advantage. Wattles 'take no prisoners' back-rower Jason Wilson provided an injury scare four minutes after the second half restart, but the gutsy forward stayed on the paddock continuing to contribute his amazing defence.

The Warriors machine dropped into gear early in the second forty minutes, and after lashing the opposition line deep in Valleys territory Toowoomba representative back-rower Ty Gardner fooled the defence with a dummy and ran into a gaping corridor. Centre Jake Hargreaves experienced a near miss seconds before in the 47th minute but the Gardner effort saw Wattles take a 10 - 8 lead. The Warriors attacking wick was well ablaze it seemed when fullback Jackson Green touched down on the end of a dummy-half dart near Valleys line, to allow his side a 16 - 8 lead.

Wattles were now rolling forward and finding room across the ground, with prolific try-scoring winger Braydon Wilson adding a try in the 59th minute after admirable lead up play by Jake Hargreaves and Andrew Richardson.

With those in green & gold leading the way at 20 - 8 on the scoreboard, halfback Matt Duggan kicked a penalty goal from the right of the uprights twenty metres out.

With the score at 22 - 8 with eleven minutes on the clock some Wattles supporters could be excused for already making travel arrangements for victory celebrations.

Indeed a fourteen point break appeared to have the Warriors out of reach, their attacking game all over the Roosters and the need for the home team to score three times in the limited remaining minutes on the game clock.

While a steaming charge by front-rower Dale Perkins 12 minutes before full time appeared to end in try time

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again for Wattles, the big co-skipper was denied on the line.

Valleys gained possession and set about one of the great fightbacks in Madsen-Rasmussen trophy history.

They retaliated with three tries in the 29th, 33rd and 39th minutes to snatch victory on the cusp of full time 24 - 22, the famous trophy seemingly well in Wattles hands just ten minutes earlier.

As the saying goes 'it ain't over until a particular lady sings', and for Valleys supporters she was in fine voice even if she waited until the final minute.

The Roosters took full advantage for a few late in the game Wattles errors or wrong options to reclaim the Madsen-Rasmussen Trophy they won last year.

Winner of the 'Bill & Steve Pollard Family Medal' as player of the match was Valleys hard working hooker Nathan Bowering.

It's back to the drawing board for Wattles coach Travis Burns and his A Graders.

Burns has remained positive following Sunday's result, "there is plenty of season to go yet, much to be achieved and some big goals."

"Sunday's game was all quality, the weather conditions though added to the challenges across the eighty minutes" said the mentor.

"Both teams had their moments, Valleys were probably the better side in the first half, and for much of the second half we were better."

"We paid dearly for allowing a quality team ball."

"There are lessons to be learnt from the game, but I am very proud of the Wattles boys,

they really dug in."

Valleys 24 (Zac Miles 2, Jason Sharpe 2, Kalemb Hart tries; Cory McGrady 2 goals) defeated Wattles 22 (Andrew Richardson, Ty Gardner, Braydon Wilson, Jake Hargreaves tries; Matt Duggan 3 goals)

The Toowoomba Rugby

League premiership turns for the home run to the finals this weekend and Wattles will venture west to take on the Goondiwindi Boars on Sunday at Goondiwindi's Gilbert Oval. Matches kick off at: 11.30am - Uunder 18; 1.00pm - Reserve Grade and 2.30pm - A Grade.

Glyn Rees

Budding students from Warwick receive brand new tennis racquets thanks to ANZ

60 of Warwick's tiniest tennis fans from Glennie Heights State School have just received their very own brand new tennis racquets last week. ANZ's ongoing support of the initiative has already seen 80,000 racquets delivered since January 2015, with a further 30,000 to be delivered in 2018, bringing the total to 110,000 racquets.

ANZ Tennis Hot Shots and Tennis Australia's School Partnership Program aim to encourage more children to pick up a racquet and learn tennis as part of their health and physical education curriculum.

Twenty-two time Grand Slam champion Todd Woodbridge is proud of the initiative's success to date.

"The ANZ racquet initiative is a fantastic way to introduce and inspire more kids to play tennis," Woodbridge said.

"ANZ has helped us introduce



Glennie Heights State School in Warwick were chosen this year to receive racquets as part of the Tennis Australia and ANZ school racquet initiative.

tennis to kids in schools by delivering 110,000 racquets across the country which is an amazing achievement.

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hands of Australian children. "This ongoing initiative shows our continued joint commitment with ANZ to increasing tennis participation and ensuring kids are active at school," Tiley said. "Schools play a huge role in the development of children, and at Tennis Australia we want to continue to support schools in providing an

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