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## Century Old Steam Wagon a Feature of Heritage Festival

A Foden steam wagon, built in 1918, will be one of the main attractions at the Allora Heritage Festival this long weekend.

In 1952 Les Free bought the steam wagon from Jackson Cox in Warwick.

He and his son Bob drove it home to Felton taking two days.

The Foden will be on display at the Allora Heritage Festival this Saturday and Sunday.

Other features this year will be Allis Chalmers tractors, Harley Davidson motorcycles, British trucks, Cooper & Ruston Hornsby engines and bush poets. There'll be a Swap Meet both days, food available all weekend, a Cent Sale and BBQ Friday night. Admission \$10 per adult, children free.

For those who would like to see things from above,



The 1918 Foden Steam Wagon will make an appearance at this year's Allora Heritage Weekend.

there will also be helicopter joy rides available.

To camp on site, contact Greg on 4697 3742 or

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- Have another person apply a firm compression bandage, moving upwards on the limb.
- Mark the bite spot for doctors to identify.
- Make a splint with something long and sturdy.
- Don't elevate the limb above the heart, to help slow the spread of venom.



This snake was spotted last Thursday morning at Allora's Stuart Henry Park, within stumbling distance of children's swings, so keep all eyes open!

## Celebrate, All Australians

(To the tune of "God Rest Ye Merry gentlemen")

Celebrate, all Australians  
On our Australia Day;  
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It's a great land for us to enjoy*

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*It's a great land for us to enjoy, to enjoy  
It's a great land for us to enjoy*

Australia has now grown  
To become a lovely place;  
The Aussie way of life  
Our people do embrace,  
The virtues of our nation  
Are growing much apace

*It's a great land for us to enjoy, to enjoy  
It's a great land for us to enjoy.*

Andrew Guild

### WEATHER FORECAST

Day	Forecast	Min/Max
WED	Mostly Cloudy. Hot. Humid.	18 37
THU	A Few Showers. Partly Cloudy. Hot.	19 35
FRI	Partly Cloudy. Warm.	19 34
SAT	Morning Clouds. Hot.	18 34
SUN	Broken Clouds. Hot.	18 36
MON	Showers Late. Cloudy. Hot. Humid.	18 36

### TODAY'S QUOTE

"He who laughs last thinks slowest"

# Traffic crashes near sunflower field

Local authorities responded to two traffic crashes near a sunflower field at the intersection of the New England Highway and Geitz Road, Allora, on Saturday afternoon.

The first crash occurred at approximately 4.14pm.

A white Holden Rodeo utility travelling north, swerved to avoid a collision with the rear of a car turning in front of him, off the highway into Geitz Road.

The actions of the 30-years-old Warwick driver caused the utility to veer off the right hand side road edge and roll.

Neither the driver nor his five-years-old son, who was seated in the rear of the car, were injured.

Both were able to walk away from the crash after being checked over by attending paramedics.

That driver has been dealt with for the offence of "Driver following another vehicle too closely"; a ticketable amount of \$304 and loss of one point.

The second crash occurred within a matter of minutes of the first.

It involved a southbound vehicle being driven by a



Multiple vehicle crashes have occurred near sunflower fields.

27-years-old Taiwanese national from Gatton, being hit from behind, by a vehicle travelling in the same direction.

Investigations to date have determined that the first vehicle stopped suddenly in the middle of the highway, directly adjacent to the first crash (which was off the roadway).

The Land Cruiser utility travelling behind it, then

crashed into the rear of the stopped vehicle causing significant damage.

The driver of the utility was uninjured.

The five occupants of the first vehicle were conveyed to Warwick Hospital for

examination.

Two were kept in overnight, but both sustained only relatively minor injuries and were expected to be released the following day.

Investigations into that

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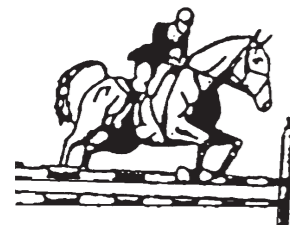
## IN NEXT WEEK'S ALLORA ADVERTISER

Four pages full of information and attractions of the **ALLORA SHOW** - All you need to know about the Allora Show on 8th & 9th February.



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incident are continuing, with the driver of the first car still to be interviewed.

Following the incident, local Police maintained presence in the area, seeing the issue of two further parking offence notices for vehicles whose parking affected the flow of the traffic on both the highway and nearby Geitz' Road.

While Police will attempt to maintain a presence on the highway in that area for the next week or so (while the flowers continue in bloom), it is understood that a large number of the traffic problems are caused by visitors to the area.

Police have asked that locals passing through, be mindful of this, be patient and exercise a little further caution than normal.

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# Allora Landcare Update



After a busy 2018, the Allora Landcare Group is looking forward to another productive year. On the Agenda is the continuation of our Indigenous studies on Allora Mountain and hopefully some involvement with other local Landcare Groups to bring a 'Natural Sequence Farming' Project to the area. Work is in progress to bring Stuart Andrews, son of the legendary Peter Andrews, to the district to inform and demonstrate the principles involved with their ground-breaking work.

In conjunction with Condamine Headwaters Landcare Group, and the Department of Communities, Child Safety and Disability Service, the Allora Landcare Group will again be at the Allora Show on Saturday 9th February. Geckoes Wildlife



Ellie Menelaws from Warner in Brisbane cuddles 'Bumpy' the wombat at the 2018 Allora Show.

will have their amazing Australian Animals on display all day, with three educational shows at 11am, 1pm and 3pm. There will be some native plants and other merchandise to give away, and hopefully we can put the dry times behind us for just one day. Come and visit the Allora Landcare Group in the Pavilion at the Show, and see what we have to offer.

## POLICE REPORTS

**EVADE POLICE LEADS TO SEARCH WARRANT** - Shortly before midnight on Saturday night 12th January 2019, a vehicle failed to stop for local Allora officers during an attempted intercept in Forde Street. As a result of subsequent investigations, an 18-years-old female Herbert Street resident has been arrested and charged with the offences of evade police and dangerous operation of a motor vehicle while adversely affected by an intoxicating substance. The owner of the vehicle involved - the woman's boyfriend - has now been served confiscation notice due to the fact the vehicle was involved in that offence. This means that his vehicle number plates have been taken, will be held by Police for 90 days and the vehicle is unable to be driven at all during that period; otherwise facing large fines and potential forfeiture of the car altogether. It's a reminder that there may be unwanted and costly consequences upon vehicle owners, for the driving behaviour of any person their vehicles are loaned to. During the investigations and as a result of a search warrant executed upon their Herbert Street residence, a number of drug related utensils were located and seized. A 16-years-old male resident has additionally been charged and will face the Warwick Children's Court for the offence of unlawful drug utensil possession.

**BURGLARY** - On Thursday January 17, a burglary was reported at a house in Forde Street, Allora. It is believed that the burglary occurred during the night of Wednesday January 16. Despite the fact that the house was properly locked and secured, offender/s still took the time to break in, stealing jewellery and other personal items.



Helen Smith with 2019 Allora Showgirl Rachael Duncan promoting the \$100 Ted's Golden Duck prize draw.



Allora Showgirl entrant Abby Phelan (2nd from right) being helped by Kim, Pearl, Georgina and Ava to sell tickets in the Dalrymple Duck Race. Ducks are \$2 each and they'll be landing in the Allora Swimming Pool at 3pm on Australia Day 26th January.

## Salvos store for Allora

The Salvation Army is set to open up a store in Allora later this year, in the former NAB Allora Branch building at Herbert Street.

The Salvation Army Australia is a national Christian movement united by faith and about giving hope where it's needed most. The charitable group shares a long-standing history with Allora.

In recent years the group has been involved in local ANZAC Day commemorations, leading the service at the cemetery and town march. Salvation Army Corps Officer Zak Churchill said the organisation held serious discussions about opening a store in town, after the announcement of the NAB Allora Branch closure last year.

“The Salvation Army had thought about opening a store in Allora for a while, but when a site became available, we decided to have a serious go at it,” Mr Churchill said.

“We want to see how we can support the community through the shop.” An opening date for the store has yet to be advised.



The former NAB Allora Branch building is set to house the Salvation Army store.

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# Southern Downs set to celebrate in true blue style with Great Australian Bites

Ready for an Australia Day you'll never forget? Grab your friends, round up the family, and celebrate in style at the biggest bash of the year, Warwick's Great Australian Bites!

Everyone's invited to Southern Downs Regional Council's free street party which will showcase live acts and pop-up food stalls serving true-blue local produce from the Southern Downs and beyond.

Home-grown music legend and Aussie blues star Ash Grunwald headlines a huge line-up that promises to keep everyone's toes tapping including Sleeping Dogs, SideTracked, The Fern Brothers and Joel Anthony.

Councillor for Events, Sport, Parks and Recreation Yve Stocks said the family friendly event is a celebration of everything that makes Australia and the

Southern Downs a great place to live.

"You won't want to miss out on Warwick's first ever Australia Day street party. Great Australian Bites is the perfect way for everyone to celebrate what it means to be Australian and offers something for all ages," Cr Stocks said.

"Kids can enjoy the free jumping castles and face painting while the adults show off their dance moves and sample some food and locally brewed beer from the Granite Belt's own Brass Monkey Brewery."

Councillor for Economic Development, Regional Promotion and Tourism Rod Kelly said the event highlights the best the region has to offer.

"Local restaurants will be on hand to offer delicious food using produce from around the Southern Downs,



Home-grown music legend and Aussie blues star Ash Grunwald headlines a huge line-up that promises to keep everyone's toes tapping.

and Granite Belt wineries Symphony Hill, Hidden Creek and Ballandean Estate will provide locally crafted wine," Cr Kelly said.

"Local food and drink combined with local acts providing live entertainment means Great Australian Bites will show off to locals and visitors alike how wonderful our region is."

The Australia Day festivities kick off at 4pm and wrap up at 10pm. Head to the Great Australian Bites event precinct in Palmerin Street on Saturday, 26

January to join in on a night for the ages!

Great Australian Bites is presented by the Queensland Government in partnership with Southern Downs Regional Council and the National Australia Day Council.

For more information, contact SDRC on 1300 697 372 or email events@sdrc.qld.gov.au.

To keep up to date with all the news and events around the region, please like and follow SDRC on Facebook.

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# Best Little Town on the Downs, Allora gets ready to celebrate huge milestone



2019 is set to be a big year for Allora as the Best Little Town on the Downs gets ready to celebrate a huge milestone.

Allora will mark 150 years since the proclamation of its municipality with a huge line-up of special events over one weekend in July 2019.

Hosted by Allora and District Historical Society, friends, residents and family members from near and far are invited to "come home to Allora" to help mark the occasion and share in the rich history of the much loved town.

Located a few hours south-west of Brisbane and just south of Toowoomba, everyone is invited to share in the historic weekend, especially those who have or had connections with Allora and the surrounding district.

The event will mark 150 years of local government and the connection of the Southern Railway Line from Toowoomba to Hendon in 1869. Allora and District Historical Society will also celebrate its 50th year.

The preliminary programme includes the official opening of Allora's restored Old Shire Hall, where award winning Southern Downs

Town Crier, Bob Townshend will share a special call and brief history of the past 150 years.

There will also be lost crafts demonstrations, a Pioneers Dinner, a Bush Poets Breakfast, a Beard Growing Competition and more.

Allora's charming historic buildings and museums will be open to view and there will be toe-tapping entertainment, as well as good old fashioned fare, including food and beverages all weekend.

Allora 150 Years Committee member and born and bred Allora resident, John Cowley said the event was an important milestone for the small town to mark its place in Queensland's history.

"The 150 year celebrations is an opportunity to reflect upon Allora's history and unique character and celebrate its past and present," Mr Cowley said.

"Allora's tight-knit, community spirit is kept alive by the stories of past generations and everyone, from past residents to those with family ties, is invited to visit Allora to mark this special occasion."

Allora's 150 year's celebration will take place from 20-21 July 2019. For more details visit allora150.org or follow @Allora150 on Facebook!



Some of the Allora Swimming Club members competed at the DDRSA country championships at Goondiwindi on the weekend with fantastic results. Congratulations to Molly, Cooper, Bailey, Chloe and Jacob. Cooper and Bailey were also awarded age champions. Next week club resumes on Friday 1st February.

## ALLORA SHOW

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Saturday 9th February

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- Geckoes Wildlife Show in Pavilion - 10am, 1pm & 3pm
- Ponies and Animals 2U - FREE
- Petting Zoo 11am-1pm
- 11.30am State Ute Muster
- 7.30pm Fireworks
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# Future looking bright as Southern Downs' economy continues to grow

The future of the Southern Downs is looking bright with the region continuing to welcome new investment and industry in 2019.

Southern Downs Regional Mayor, Tracy Dobie said a number of exciting projects in the Southern Downs were due to commence or be completed, creating employment opportunities, encouraging population growth and stimulating strong economic activity.

Lendlease will begin constructing the University

of Queensland's Warwick Solar Farm early this year, bringing 100 jobs to the region. The region's agriculture and transport industries will also receive a major boost with Watco Transportation Services due to begin its grain haulage service in the Southern Downs.

Several existing local businesses will expand their facilities and operations, including Killarney Memorial Aged Care, John Dee, Grove Juice and Integria Healthcare.

Corson Grain is also scheduled to complete the upgrade of its Defiance

Maize mill in Warwick, while JVV Group will begin constructing a new retirement and lifestyle village in Stanthorpe this year.

Cr Dobie said providing secure, quality infrastructure and attracting new residents will help form the economic base that is vital for existing business to expand and to lure new businesses to the region.

"The region is now ready to build upon Council's improved financial position with additional cash reserves allowing the completion of important Capital Works projects," Cr Dobie said.

"Council has spent the last few years working to ensure we are in the financial position to upgrade or build new infrastructure and improve the liveability of our region.

Cr Dobie said the economic outlook and future of the Southern Downs was looking bright.

"Council is working closely with industry leaders both within and outside the region to invest in the Southern Downs by establishing new businesses, expanding existing ones and creating more job opportunities," she said.

"Council is in talks with a number of businesses

looking to expand into the Southern Downs and is also working to expand the Stanthorpe Industrial Estate to attract new industries to the region.

"One of our biggest priorities is upgrading our ageing infrastructure and to grow the population to service new business and investment in the Southern Downs now and into the future."

Cr Dobie said Council's new planning scheme will be key to achieving population growth and the region's long-term economic development.

"Our new planning scheme will outline policies and provisions for the use and development of land and give a clear plan for guiding and fostering development in our region," Cr Dobie said.

"In the coming year we will be seeking input and ideas from the community along with our business and industry sectors on how we can improve the scheme and plan for the sustained growth of the Southern Downs."

For more information on how the region's economy is set to grow head to the Invest Southern Downs website. To stay up-to-date with all the latest Council news visit [sdrq.qld.gov.au](http://sdrq.qld.gov.au) or like us on Facebook!



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## Looking Back...

### From Humble Beginnings

A recent article in Toowoomba Chronicle regarding the closure of Bailey's shop in Ruthven Street, Toowoomba, has been brought to my attention. The article mentions the fact that Alexander Richard Bailey, the founder of the firm A. R. Bailey & Sons, started his retailing career in Allora. Alexander Bailey was born in Brisbane in 1852 and started work as an assistant in a drapery shop in Laidley.

In the 1890's he was a commercial traveller for the large Brisbane based drapery firm of Finney Isles. In his travels he must have seen a business opportunity in Allora, because in 1903 he opened a drapery shop at what is now 60 Herbert Street (Warwick Veterinary Clinic). The business was conducted in conjunction with his brother-in-law Charles Jones, trading as Bailey & Jones. Alexander Bailey left the partnership in 1908 and opened a drapery store in Laidley. Chas. Jones and his wife continued the Allora business until they sold to H. C. Patrick in 1919.

In 1950 the firm of A. R. Bailey & Sons opened a large department store on the corner of Ruthven and Margaret Streets in Toowoomba. The business operated until 2008 when the building was sold to Lincraft. Bailey's opened a small fashion store close to the original



C. Jones, Drapers, Herbert Street, Allora, between 1911 and 1919.

site. Lex (Alexander) Bailey, present owner of Bailey's and a great-grandson of Alexander Richard Bailey, visited the Allora and District Historical Society museum in 2009 and presented the Society with two store mannequins from their Gatton store.

(The Bailey family have another connection with the Allora district, in that they owned the "Old Talgai" property in the 1970's and 1980's) The photo of C. Jones' draper's shop, in Herbert Street, Allora, was taken sometime between 1910 and 1919. The building to the left of C. Jones housed the C.B.C. Bank until the new building was opened in 1910. The facade was later removed and this building was also occupied by H. C. Patrick, the draper.



Colin Newport

The two store mannequins donated to the Allora museum by Lex Bailey in 2009.

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Ros and Cassie will be set up during Heritage Weekend in the 'old bar' to make sure the entrants in the 150 Year Celebration Beard Growing Competition are clean shaven or have their existing beards trimmed and recorded.

The Allora & District Historical Society who are organising the event will be raising money to help fund their plan to show case the history of Allora and district from the early days to the present day at the celebrations on 20th & 21st July. Members and friends will be selling raffle tickets in the old bar alongside the hairdressers over the Heritage Weekend. United Fuels have generously donated a fuel voucher to the value of \$200.00 and Bunnings have donated a \$100.00 voucher.

The Beard Growing Competition is just one of the attractions at the celebrations to be held on the weekend of the 20th and 21st July.

The Salvation Army will supply memorabilia for a window display. The earliest records held by Allora & District Historical Society,

indicate that the Salvation Army was active in Allora in 1888. They held a picnic in the show ground, advertising the event as a "Ham, Jam, and Joy at 1 O'clock". The Salvation Army Band is also going to be part of the busker entertainment during the weekend.

Gleneden Family Farm Bullock Team will cross Shepherd's Crossing and travel up Jubb Street. This event will be a re-enactment of the early beginnings of Allora when supplies were brought from Brisbane, through Toowoomba, across the downs and onto the squatters who had claimed vast acreages of land to the west of Allora. One of the earliest inhabitants was William Jubb who set up as a blacksmith on the rise leading out of Dalrymple Creek. The remnants of "Jubb's Inn" were shown on the early maps of the township of Allora. William Jubb most probably sold 'sly' grog in his premises.

The fashions from those early days to the present day will be showcased in a parade. If any of our readers have a costume worn by family members, we welcome you to wear the outfit or have it modelled.

The 150 Year Celebration Committee would also like to invite local residents to showcase their family history. We will make space for photos and memorabilia to be displayed in a central location. It matters not how long you have lived in the district – let us share your story.

We have had a number of stories presented after our appeal asking, "Why I live in Allora". We would love more

people to tell us why you live in the district and some background of your journey to Allora. Share your story with Kerry Haig and she will record it for us to type up.

Who do you think should be honoured on our Greatest Sportsperson of Allora Award? Send your nomination through to Perry Cronin at the Allora Sport's Museum.

Great news. The time capsule buried 50 years ago at the centenary celebrations will be unearthed prior to the



Kaye Mullins selling tickets.

150 Year Celebration. The history of the last 50 years will be added to the capsule and it will be reburied and suitably engraved.

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## Events Calendar

2019	
<b>January -</b>	
Sat 26 & Sun 27	Allora Heritage Weekend Allora Show Grounds
<b>February -</b>	
Sun 3	Allora Show Dressage Competition Allora Show Grounds
Fri 8 & Sat 9	141st Annual Allora Show Allora Show Grounds
<b>March -</b>	
Fri 29 - Sun 31	Allora Annual Campdraft Allora Show Grounds
<b>July -</b>	
Sat 20 & Sun 21	Allora Celebrates 150 Years Allora
<b>October -</b>	
Fri 18	St Patrick's Parish Allora Fete St. Patrick School grounds

# Soldier's Photo Found

In a clean-up of the hall before their annual Christmas party, members of the Goomburra Hall Committee came across the photo of a soldier in a paper bag. The soldier was Corporal Sydney George Masters, a member of the 2nd Australian Light Horse Regiment, who was killed in action on the 14th July 1918 in Palestine. Syd Masters was the eldest of the twelve children of George and Rhoda Masters of Goomburra. It is believed that a framed photograph of Corporal Masters was presented to the hall by his family, and hung on the wall until the frame disintegrated, when the photo was taken down and stored in the paper bag.

Spokesman for the Hall Committee, Michael Norton, said that the photograph had been re-framed at no cost to the Committee by Jayde and Col Clacy of Rose City Artz "N" Framing. Nephews of Syd Masters, Bill, John and Rob Sinton, were present in the hall on Saturday when the photograph was re-hung on the wall next to the Goomburra Roll of Honour.

The Sinton family are in

possession of letter written by their father Lieutenant Roland Sinton, an Assistant Adjutant in the 2nd A.L.H., who took part in the counter attack on the post where Corporal Masters' section was overwhelmed by the attacking Germans. In the letter Lieutenant Sinton tells his future wife, Ada Masters, of the circumstances of her brother's death. The family members are pleased to see the photo back on the wall.

**RIGHT:** The original photo of Private Syd Masters which was believed to have been presented to the hall by his family.

**BELOW:** Michael Norton, a representative of the Goomburra Hall Committee, and Bill, Rob and John Sinton at the re-hanging of the photo of Corporal Syd Masters on Saturday.



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## Allora Golf Notes

**Friday Duck Run** – Sponsored by Percy's Fruit. Winner: Nick Lake (21) Runner Up: Ray O'Leary Run

Down: Lindsay May (210. Approach: Lindsay May (11)

**Sunday – Monthly Medal** – Sponsored by Allora Pharmacy. The City Golf Club also provided tickets to the winner and runner-up to attend the PGA tournament in February. Congratulations to Mick Dwan for winning the "Medal of Medalists" for 2018. Winner: Mick Dwan (65) Runner Up: Lindsay May (66). Run Down: Jason Nightingale (67) Jonathon Millard (77). Pins/Approaches: Rod Simpson (8) Garth Simpson (17) Will Duff (5) Barry Brown (11) Will Duff (5) Lindsay May (14) Garth Simpson won the putting with a terrific 21 putts.

**Upcoming Events:** Sunday – 4BBB Stableford – Sponsored by the Allora Butchery

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Beloved Wife of Arthur (dec'd). Loved Mother and Mother-in-law of Wayne and Diane, Ken and Shirley, Greg and Debbie. Loving Grandmother and Great Grandmother of their respective families.

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# Allora's Association with Early Australian Cricket

Anyone listening to the cricket during the past couple of weeks will have heard the program on the history of cricket and its development in Australia. Not mentioned is an association with Allora and the southern Darling Downs with the start of first-grade cricket in Australia and that a member of one of England's great cricketing families lived and worked in the district during the 1850's.

In 1851 William Gilbert Rees together with his younger cousin George Gilbert, set off for a new life of adventure in Australia. They were from a keen cricketing family which included WG Grace, another cousin, who is famous for being the first first-grade player to record 1000 runs and 100 wickets in one season. WG Grace's name is over the front gate at Lords Cricket Ground.

After their arrival in Sydney, George Gilbert and WG Rees challenged any other two in NSW to a game of single-wicket cricket for £500 a side.

Single-wicket cricket, (rules first defined in 1831), is anything

from one against one up to five against five. In the Rees and Gilbert challenge it was two against two. The bowler with one fieldsman and the batsman were the only people on the field. The game is won by the side with the highest score after two innings.

The practice of playing for stakes and gambling on games was common then and was not limited to double-wicket fixtures. In fact, the heaviest sums were laid on single-wicket matches.

Backers of two local Sydney talent were found and the game was duly played. Gilbert was in for three days and finally knocked down his wicket. The Australians were badly beaten. The second match arranged in 1855 for a similar stake with Gilbert and a Captain Ward had a similar result. Rees was probably still in Queensland at this time. The financial rewards for each player was equivalent to about 5 years wages.

After a brief flirtation with the goldfields, WG Rees chose the life of a pastoralist and by early 1853 had accepted a post as manager

at Stonehenge, a sheep and cattle Run owned by George and John Gammie and recently transferred from Henry Stuart Russell. Rees soon became overseer at Talgai (and presumably Stonehenge) for George Gammie. In January 1854 Rev Benjamin Glennie noted in his diary that Rees was sick with sandy blight at Talgai.

George Gilbert remained in Sydney and established himself as one of the Colony's best cricketers and in 1856 led the NSW team to victory against Victoria in their first inter-colonial cricket match. For a return match the following year, Gilbert enlisted the service of his cousin Rees, who top scored with 28 in the first innings, whilst Gilbert himself top-scored with 31 in the second innings, resulting in a second victory for New South Wales. This was Rees only first-class match in Australia.



William Gilbert Rees was also an accomplished artist and drew this self-portrait in July 1853 while resident at Talgai on the Darling Downs.

How long Rees remained at Talgai after it was purchased by Hood and Douglass in 1854 is not known. Rees returned to England in 1858, married his cousin Francis Gilbert and emigrated to New Zealand where he continued his pastoral pursuits and his interest in cricket.

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