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Headington Hill Shed Fire



Allora auxiliary firefighters were among four crews called to a shed fire on a property at Headington Hill on Sunday afternoon.

The fire is believed to have been started as the result of a fault in a Polaris

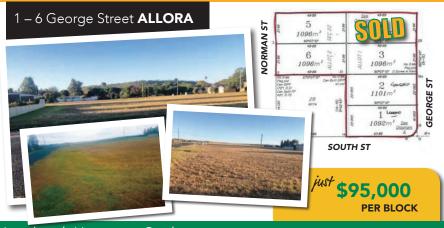
four-wheeler.

As the intensity of the blaze increased, fire crews fought to prevent an explosion in three fuel tanks located adjacent to the burning shed.

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Laura Statue Progress





Southern Downs Regional Council workers are busy laying cement and clearing the area in readiness for the erection of the Laura Geitz statue to be unveiled on Saturday 21st March.





A Big Heart Makes a **Big Impression**

The Southern Downs Regional Council has farewelled and thanked Neil Meiklejohn for his 20 years of service to his community. As a gesture of thanks and momento of his time, Councillor Meiklejohn was presented with a clock.

Neil Meiklejohn has served his community in many ways over the last 20 years as a Councillor. Neil began his career in the Warwick Shire Council and, when councils were amalgamated, he was reelected as a Councillor for the Southern Downs Regional Council.

Councillor Neil Meiklejohn has treated the trust placed in him by residents with the utmost respect; he is always the first person ready to assist during emergencies and disasters. he is never unavailable for a chat, and - most importantly - he is always transparent about his opinions even if it is not what others want to

Many Councillors remarked on the personal anecdotes that they shared with Neil, while others thanked him for being a stalwart and dedicated member of the community. Neil Meikleiohn stands out as a man who has always



Cr. Neil Meiklejohn

put his hand up to help others, to share his deep well of knowledge, and for being unfailingly kind and honest.

The staff of SDRC also wish Neil the very best and thank him for his service. For those who have been lucky enough to work alongside the Councillor on various projects, his exceptional passion for local government has left an indelible mark.

For Councillor Meiklejohn, this is not a retirement, this is the beginning of a new and vibrant chapter. Councillor Meiklejohn said he had seen a lot of changes throughout his time as Councillor and he was looking forward to what Southern Downs Regional Council would accomplish in the next 20 years.



	WEATHER FORECAS	T	
Day	Forecast	Min/I	Vlax
WED	Afternoon Clouds. Mild.	18	27
THU	Mostly Cloudy. Mild.	18	27
FRI	Heavy Rain. Cloudy. Warm. Humid.	19	29
SAT	Thunderstorms. Cloudy. Mild. Humid	. 20	28
SUN	Storms Late. Cloudy. Mild. Humid.	18	26
MON	Showers Late. Mostly Cloudy. Cool.	17	21

Southern Downs Regional Council Elections

Twenty-six candidates are standing for a position of Councillor -

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CABEZAS, Paola CARRICK, Marion CHRISTENSEN, Scott ETTERY, Robert GALE. Andrew GLIORI, Marco GOW, Cameron GRANT, Greg GREENE-GALLOWAY, Jenn HARROLD. Amanda Jov HUNTER. Max JENSEN. Michael Damian JOHNSON, Gregory Glenn KELLY, Rod KEOGH, Julia LAWS, Sue MARSDEN, Barbara MCDONALD, Cynthia MCNALLY, Jo MCNICHOL, Marika REES, Glyn STOCKS, Yve TANCRED. Stephen WANTLING, Russell WINDLE, Sheryl

HAUE YOUR SAY

The local Government elections will be held at the end of March.

What do YOU think the priorities should be for the new Southern Downs Regional Council?

The Allora Advertiser is inviting readers to email their opinion, in two short paragraphs or less.

Please supply your name but not for publication if you prefer. Email - editor@alloraadvertiser.com



Southern Downs Downs Regional Elect-Council REGIONAL COUNCIL ions will be held

on Saturday 28th March. At the time of going to press (12.00 noon Tuesday), the Electoral Commission of Queensland has supplied

a list of Candidates for the Councillor positions as well as the Candidates for the position of Mayor.

Four candidates are standing for the position of Mayor -

DOBIE, Tracy Madonna DOEPEL, Joe KEMP, Peter PENNISI, Vic

Voting Methods For SDRC Election

Method of voting this vear for the Southern Downs Regional Council is via attendance rather than a postal vote - as announced by the Minister for Local Government Stirling Hinch-

"Attendance requires people to physically attend polling booths to cast their vote.

Provision will be made for those people who cannot attend in person.

Polling booths will operate from 8am until 6pm on Saturday 28th March.

Postal vote applications close at 7pm Monday, 16

March 2020. You can apply to receive a postal vote by completing the postal vote application form PDF (0.12 MB) or apply online. Voting must be completed by 6pm on election day. The ECQ must receive your completed ballot no later than 5pm Tuesday, 7 April 2020.

If you are unable to vote in person or apply for a postal vote due to ill health, a disability, or you are a carer, you can register to vote by telephone before 12pm on Saturday, 28 March 2020. Please call 1300 881 665 if you would like to register for



Ph 4666 3355 - 0428 627 107

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Clifton prepares for annual fly-in

Fly-in will be held at the Clifton Airfield on Sunday, March 8, giving pilots and aircraft enthusiasts alike a hub to chat about all things flying.

This fly-in is especially attractive to aviators as it is the first major aviation event each year, whilst usually offering good weather and a very attractive area to fly around.

For the general public it also offers a special window of opportunity for anyone who has an interest in aviation, the chance to speak with pilots and to inspect aircraft up close including some of the latest versions of high performance recreational aircraft

Attending aircraft cover all aspects of aviation. including carefully restored vintage aircraft dating back to the mid 1930's, recreational aircraft of all designs and colours including home and factory built examples.

Previous years have seen over 130 aircraft attending, although aircraft attendance is very dependant on weather, as aviators who attend these fly-ins are very particular in considering weather.

As part of the days activities, there will be an opportunity for females to become involved in aviation as part of the International



Women in Aviation Week.

The Lone Eagle Flying School is offering women who have not flown in a small aircraft previously the opportunity to experience what it is like flying around the local district and enjoying the picturesque scenery.

This is also an opportunity for youth aged 15 to 21 who are looking at aviation as a career, sport or hobby, the chance to talk with pilots or club members with a view to applying for a Lone Eagle Flying School flying training scholarship that the club offers for 2020.

The scholarship funding is valued in excess of \$7.500.

Further information on the scholarship program and open information days can be accessed through the flying school website.

Prospective applicants will be required to personally

attend one of the open day information sessions planned for early May 2020, where scholarship application forms will be available.

This not for profit annual aviation event is open to the public and has no admission fees or charges.

Fund raising for the Clifton Lions will be a BBQ, with cold drinks, tea, coffee and cake stall catered by St. Francis De Sales primary school students.

The airfield is situated 6

km west of Clifton alongside the Clifton-Leyburn Road. Clifton is located halfway between Toowoomba and Warwick

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Flying School The Chief Flying Instructor, Trevor Bange can be contacted on 0429 378 370 or by email at admin@ loneeagleflyingschool. org.au or check us out on Facebook. For more information, visit: www. loneeagleflyingschool.org.

Campdrafting on This Weekend at Allora

All the action starts at 8am Friday and 6am on both Saturday and Sunday at the Allora Showgrounds.

Events on Friday -Maiden A, Encouragement, Restricted Open and Maiden

On Saturday - Maiden B. Junior, Juvenile, Maiden B final, Open, Open Final

On Sunday - Novice A,

Novice B. Novice A final. Novice B final

Good prizemoney of \$7.400.

Plenty happening with canteen operating, bar on Friday and Saturday nights. entertainment, and meals available on both nights prepared by the Allora Show Society.



Join In The Fun of St Patrick's Day



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Branch has once again organised the very popular Annual Concert and Lunch to celebrate St Patrick's Day on Tuesday 17th March. This is the 51st year that the event has been held so you can be assured it's well organised and heaps of fun.

A free return bus will depart from the Clifton Senior Citizens at 9am sharp. To reserve your seat on the bus phone Colleen on 0407 656 871 or Shirley 0427 509 065.

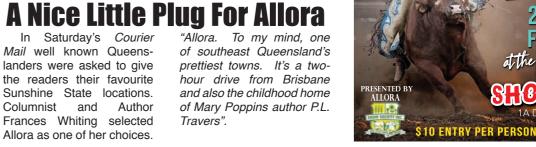
The day will commence with morning tea at 9.30am following by a concert with a variety of local talented artists. The morning will conclude with a delicious two course luncheon served to your table at 12noon.

Be seen in green - you could win a prize for the best Green Outfit. There'll and Lucky Door prize. Admission is \$25.

Please Note bookings by 10th March purposes. Phone Shirley on 4666 3470 or 0427 509 065 or give Annette a ring on 4666 3493.











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Stanthorpe Apple & Grape Harvest Festival This

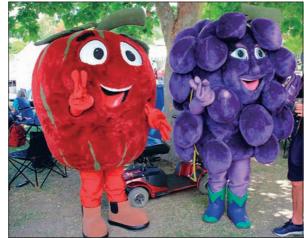
Weekend

Let's help neighbours and show Stanthorpe that we care. They've been doing it tough and this is a great time to show our support.

It's an easy drive for a lot of fun - The Stanthorpe Apple and Grape Harvest Festival with plenty happening this weekend.



Allora's Gretta Barton appeared as part of last weekend's Festival entertainment.



Highlights from Saturday's programme

Decorated Window Displays All Day Stanthorpe Churches Floral Displays

7am Parkrun

8am Historic Railway Day Trip

9am Artworks: Historical Railway Station

9am **Apple Orchard Tours**

9am Street Carnival 10am Stanthorpe Rodeo

10am Visit The Amiens 'Great War' Legacy

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10am Market In The Mountains

10am Food & Wine Fiesta

Kids Zone In The Park 10am 10am 'Laf Out Loud': Local Art Fest

10.30am Stanthorpe RSL Bands Parade

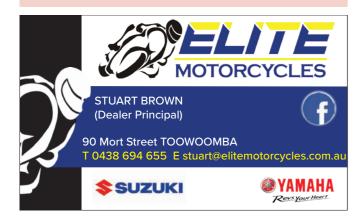
10.30am Roving Entertainment

2pm Channel 7 Grand Parade 4pm The Musical Quiet Hour

Grape Crush Championships 4pm

6.30pm Pre-Fireworks Concert

7.30pm Rossow Bulk Haulage Fireworks



Highlights from Sunday's programme

Street Stalls & Entertainers

Mt Marlay Fun Run 7am

9am Artworks: Historical Railway Station

9am **Apple Orchard Tours**

Visit The Amiens 'Great War' Legacy 10am

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10am 'Laf Out Loud': Local Art Fest Sunday Street Carnival 10am

Food & Wine Fiesta 10am

The Musical Quiet Hour 10am





2020 Clifton Tennis Open

courts lay dormant with weeds growing through the cracks of the court surface, the Clifton community tennis court is thriving as it prepares for the upcoming Clifton Open.

The tournament will take place this weekend with the entry fee set at \$10 per event.

It will feature a number of entry categories including, under 13 years singles and doubles, open mens and ladies singles and over 50s doubles.

The tournament has seen a revival thanks to the Clifton and District Tennis Association (CDTA) for keeping the ball in play.

This year will see the tournament run by a new committee, which was elected at the club's Annual General Meeting.

The committee decided to host the Clifton Open on short notice so the new members can get a feel for how things are run.

The new CDTA president, Wayne Patterson said they are hoping to get a few newcomers in this year's tournament.

"It will probably be a bit of a smaller tournament this time around but at least with a small tournament, the new committee will be able to get their head around it and host a bigger one next time.

"Michael and Belinda put a great club together and hopefully we can expand on what they have



made.

Food and drink will be available for purchase on site and a multidraw raffle will also be drawn over the weekend. The three day long event will kick off at 4pm on Friday and 8am on both Saturday and Sunday.

For information contact CDTA president, Wayne on 0427 873

Looking Back...

Allora's Past 25 years ago March 1970

Swimming Carnival

Gwynne House was successful over Deacon in the fiercely contested Allora State School Years 5-10 Swimming Carnival. School captains Melanie Smith and Justin Cowley presented the winning trophy to Gwynne House captains Shannon Lyons and Scott Sparksman.

Carnival age champions were: Under 10. Drew Wilson and Melissa Willett: Under 11. Russell Tighe and Kristv Gwynne; Under 12, Mark Stevens, Greg Holmes and Allison Masters; Under 13, Ricky Gwynne and Amanda Carmichael; Under 14, Wayne Lyons and Melanie Chester; Open, Scott Sparksman and Tammika Crawford.

Allora's Past 75 years ago March 1945

Governor's Visit

Cr. H. S. Warfield presided over a public meeting held in the Allora Shire Hall for the purpose of considering arrangements for entertaining the Governor during his visit in April. Those present were Mesdames A. Marshall, A. Leggatt, W. Budd, E. F. Lilley, M. Weber, C. A. Stay, Edgar Gwynne, S.

the Governor's attendance at the Red Cross Ball be put forward for inclusion in his Allora itinerary. Cr. Warfield suggested that in his capacity as Chairman of the Shire he would be arranging a civic reception.

Allora's Past 100 years ago March 1920

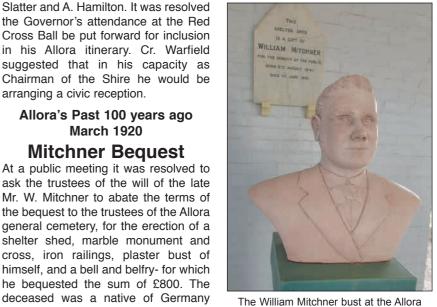
Mitchner Bequest

At a public meeting it was resolved to ask the trustees of the will of the late Mr. W. Mitchner to abate the terms of the bequest to the trustees of the Allora general cemetery, for the erection of a shelter shed, marble monument and cross, iron railings, plaster bust of himself, and a bell and belfry- for which he beguested the sum of £800. The deceased was a native of Germany who died during the war leaving an estate valued at over £40,000.

Allora's Past 150 years ago March 1870

Corporate Flour Mill

At the last meeting of the Allora Municipal Council, the Mayor (Ald. F. Kates) moved with the view of promoting the advancement of the town, that it was desirable that the Council should erect a public flour mill in a central part of the town, under the



name of the Allora Corporation Flour Mill. Alderman Anderson supported the proposition but Alderman Shannon expressed an opinion that it would be better to expend their funds in improving the streets and roads than invest it in an undertaking that would be better left in the hands of private speculators. The motion was subsequently put to the meeting and carried by a majority of 5

Colin Newport

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Events Calendar

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	<u>2020</u>					
March -						
Tue 10	Allora CWA Friendship & Craft Group					
	Allora CWA, 9.30am					
Fri 13	Allora Clifton Anglican Guild Street Stall					
	Allora					
Tue 17	St. Patrick's Day Concert and Lunch					
	Victoria Hill Hall, from 9.30am					
Sat 21	Fundraising Dinner for Local Drought & Fire Relief Services					
	Allora					
Tue 24	Allora CWA Friendship & Craft Group					
	Allora CWA, 9.30am					
Fri 27	Allora & District Annual Campdraft					
- Sun 29	Allora Showgrounds					
Tue 31	Allora CWA Friendship & Craft Group					
	Allora CWA, 9.30am					
May -						
Wed 6	Peace Walk & Candlelight Vigil					
	Warwick					
Sat 23	ASH Futurity & Campdraft					
& Sun 24	Allora Showgrounds					
Thu 28	Australia's Biggest Morning Tea					
	Railway Hotel Allora					
June -						
Sat 13	June Afternoon "Baubles, Bangles & Beads"					
	St. Davids, Allora.					
Sun 14	Allora Community Auction & Markets					
	Allora Showgrounds					
September	-					
Fri 11	Allora/Clifton Anglican Street Stall					
	Allora, 8.30am - 12.00 midday					
October -						
Fri 16	St Patrick's Fete					

St Patrick's School Grounds

BAD JOKE OF THE WEEK

"Two of our chooks have stopped laying," said the farmer to his wife.

"How do you know that?" she asked.

"Well," said the farmer "I just ran over 'em with the tractor."



SCIENCE TRIVIA QUIZ

- 1. If you were using your zygomaticus major muscle, which of the following would you probably be doing? Is it a) typing, b) smiling, c) digesting or d) standing on tip-toe?
- 2. Which Australian bird is the largest member of the kingfisher family?
- 3. People with gelotophobia are afraid of what? Is it a) brainfreeze, b) clowns, c) being laughed at or d) wheat?
- 4. What is Jupiter's largest moon? Is it a) Ganymede, b) Phobos, c) Triton or d) Charon?
- 5. Can rats laugh?

Answers in Classifieds pages

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TODAY'S QUOTE

"We can never see ourselves as other see us; even the mirror shows us in reverse" - P. K. Shaw



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Forty-two excited players took to the green this week to do battle, clear skies, music pumping and drinks in hand, just makes for another great night of bowling.

A few big scores, a draw and some surprise defeats made the night interesting. Rink 1. Pig Lures 14 d Fire Ants 9: Rink 2. Doesn't Matter 15 d Tramps Like Us; Rink 3. The Other Team 10 d Are you Good Enough 8; Rink 4. A Bowla Virus 16 draw Gina's Babies 16; Rink 5. Generation Gap

Allora Night Bowls – Week 6 22 d Bowled & Beautiful 9: Rink 6. The Three Stooges 19 d Railway Hotel 11;

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Rink 7. Three of Us 13 d Landcruisers + One 6. I noticed the proper measure (not the old thong measure) being used on one particular rink, one team lost by a mere millimetre.

Plenty of little beetles on the rinks causing havoc but only one big Beetle who thought it proper to stand on neighbours rink to watch where his bowl ended up, it put Patto off his game.

Lucky Toucher winners of chocolates this week

were: Paul, Bruce (who kindly gave scribe his, thank you) Jacqui, Alana F, Blue & Doug.

More excited winners of the Raffles, A big thank you to Harry for being our Button Presser, he makes many happy winners. Robyn x 2; Lenny, John E, Slug, Alanna O. John Rockley had a cut for Jackpot but alas no luck, \$60 next week.

Pig Lures had two wins for the night, winner of their game and winner of Winners & Losers and Losers - Are You Game Enough (and I was a bit excited)

Next weeks Team Trophy - Generation Gap.

Again a big thank you to our sponsors, Mark in the bar, Wendy & Sheree for supper, Moley & offsider for maintaining & marking the green & Harry the number spinner.

Another BIG thank you to Tony Morris for donating the End of Year Winners/ Runners Up trophy.

Look forward to seeing you all back on the green next week. Happy Bowling.

Relief Scribe again

Allora Golf Club Notes



The Percy Fruit Duck Run was played on Friday with the golf course in almost perfect condition. There were 15 players, including a foundation member in Don Crawford who has finally found time to get back into golf. Welcome back Crawf.

Winner was Rod Simpson on 21 points from Tommy Brown on 20. Rod also won the long putt on the 1st which he birdied and the approach on the 6th.

The pin shot on the 7th was unclaimed.

The Railway Mug Monthly contested on Sunday with a disappointing field of only 12 golfers in perfect weather and the golf course in impeccable condition. The new handicap system is sorting out the men from the boys with our club captain Aaron Simpson winning on 34 points from Key Harrison

Pin shots went to Wayne Rhea on the 13th, Kev on the 8th and Aaron on the 17th. The 4th was a clean skin. Approach shot on the



The Golf Course is in outstanding condition thanks to our hardworking volunteers

2nd was won by Kev, 11th by Aaron and 9th by Moose. The 18th was a clean skin. Championships

commence on Saturday at 12 noon. Memberships will need to be paid prior to hit-

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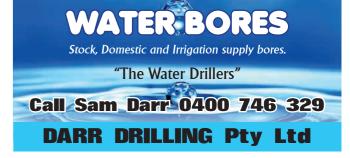
LOST DOG - BACK & TAN KELPIE BITCH, green Phone 0488 663 162 collar.

FOUND - A SET OF KEYS has been handed into the Allora Post Office. Keyring is from the Dubbo Zoo.

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St Patrick's Parish School (Prep - Yr. 6), enquiries 4666 3551.

• PUBLIC NOTICES •

SCOPE COMMUNITY OP SHOP at 46 Warwick Street Allora is open every Tuesday and Friday from 9am - 4pm. (NOT open on Wednesdays). All donations are welcome and appreciated.

• PUBLIC NOTICES •

ST. PATRICK'S DAY CONCERT & LUNCH - Victoria Hill Hall, 9.30am Tuesday, 17th March. Admission \$25. RSVP 10th March to 0427 509 065. FREE Bus departing Clifton Senior Citizens 9am.

MISSION STREET STALL - The Allora/Clifton Anglican Guild will be holding a Mission Street Stall on Friday, 13th March, from 8.30am. Donations of saleable items gratefully received. 2 raffles - Fruit Tray & Meat Voucher. Cakes, slices, tomato relish etc. will be available.

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moons in the list orbit different Ganymede. Also, all the other 4. a) Jupiter's largest moon is being laughed at. 3. c) Gelotophobia is the fear of

largest member of the kingfisher 7. The laughing kookaburra is the when you smile. the corners of your mouth up unecle is in your cheeks and pulls 1. b) The zygomaticus major

THIS WEEK'S SUDOKU SOLUTION

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The Barrett Shield

Local rugby league heroes the Wattles Warriors take to the turf of Clifton's Platz Oval this Saturday to contest the annual local derby, the Barrett Family Shield, against the Warwick Cowboys.

Since the inaugural clash in 1993 the Warriors have tasted Shield success on 11 occasions, the Cowboys 15 with a solitary draw in 2000.

Wattles player/coach Travis Burns is keen to improve the Warriors record and is quietly confident he has the line-up for success.

The prized silverware was won last year when Wattles snared victory 34 – 10 at Father Ranger Oval in an explosive start to the 2019 season. Former NRL/British Super League 215 game veteran Burns and his 'Railway Hotel, Allora' top grade outfit are determined the shield remains in the Platz Oval trophy cabinet.

With the return of fullback & 2018 TRL player of the year Jackson Green, Burns feels he has a line up to retain the Barrett Family Shield and make a significant impression in the TRL's 101st premiership".



Wattles A Grade side celebrate their 34 – 10 success after snaring the 2019 Barrett Family Shield at Father Ranger Oval.

Considered one of the more talented young backs in the TRL last year, 24 years old Warriors rookie Daniel Jennings is keen to step into Barrett Family Shield history "the match is obviously a great tradition, you can feel it in the build-up, I'm really looking forward to it."

The concept for the Shield that has become an icon in rugby league circles, was born at a Wattles Club committee meeting in 1992, the result of a suggestion that a trophy be introduced for the annual Wattles verses Warwick trial.

Wattles committee member Mary Hamblin (nee Barrett) offered a trophy in the Barrett family's name.

The Barrett name is synonymous with rugby league throughout the region, boasting strong league links in the Southern Downs area, their roots with the Warwick and Wattles Clubs.

The Toowoomba Rugby

League can boast no more fiercely contested encounter to crank up the 2020 season on the Southern Downs.

Barrett Family Shield and Pre Season Trials - Platz Oval, Clifton Saturday 7th March 2020 - Wattles Warriors v Warwick Cowboys. Under 18 - 3.30 pm Reserve Grade - 5.00 pm A Grade - 6.30 pm

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