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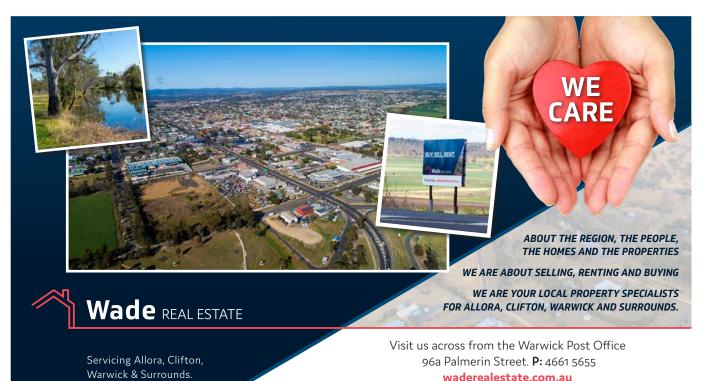
Allora Men's Shed Elects New Committee



A good roll-up at the Allora Men's Shed AGM held recently at the Allora RSL Club.

Front row - Glenn, Brett, Graham, Stuart, Barry, James, Ian. Middle Row - Ivan, PJ, Bob, Rex, Martin, Dave.

Back Row - Darren, Chris, Bruce, Ken, John, Garry, Allan. (story page 2)



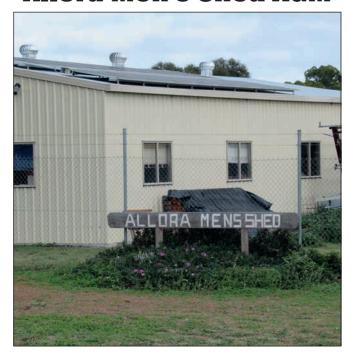
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Allora Men's Shed AGM



The Allora Men's Shed held their Annual General Meeting on Saturday 31st of July 2021. This year the meeting was held at the Allora R.S.L. It was well attended.

After the opening, the outgoing President Bob Burge gave his Annual President's Report, followed by Barry Hanlon who gave a very comprehensive Annual Treasurers report.

lan Tate from the Warwick Credit Union acted as Adjudicator for the Election of Office Bearers and he acknowledged the fine work that the members of the Allora Men's Shed do in the local community.

lan then declared all Committee positions vacant and called for nominations for the AMS Committee for 2021/22. Graham Hickson was elected President, Barry Hanlon Treasurer, James Willis Secretary and Brett Nottage elected Assistant Secretary /Treasurer. Committee members are Rex Rigbye, Garry Taylor and John Crombie. Patron of the Men's Shed remains Ken Gilliam.

After the election of Office Bearers the meeting was closed and the July Monthly Meeting held. Members then enjoyed light refreshment provided by the RSL.



Free Phones Calls

Australians can now use Telstra payphones for free to call any number locally or nationally.

The decision is aimed at helping those in crisis situations and boosting connectivity during the pandemic for people without access to a mobile.

Telstra CEO, Andrew Penn said the change means everyone can now use any one of the network's 15,000 payphones to make a free local or national call to a standard fixed line or a call to an Australian mobile.

"The availability of a payphone is a vital lifeline, especially for those who are vulnerable including the homeless, people who are isolated or someone escaping an unsafe situation," Andrew Penn said.

Mr Penn also noted the rise in domestic violence since the onset of the



Locals can use the free service at Allora's Payphone

COVID-19 pandemic, emphasising the importance of payphones for those trying to escape dangerous situations.

"It's not always easy for people in these situations to use a home phone or their mobile to get help so I hope that making payphone calls free might play a small part in helping them get the assistance they need," he said.

Leyburn Sprints Postponed

The 25th Historic Leyburn Sprints have been postponed by three weeks until 11-12 September, because of Covid-19 restrictions.

Sprints President Tricia Chant said that although the State Government yesterday lifted the Brisbane lockdown, the Premier had asked people from those eleven affected Local Government Areas to refrain from visiting regional areas.

This meant many competitors and spectators from greater Brisbane would not be able to attend the award-winning event on the original date of 21-22 August.

"We are very mindful of running not only a successful

event, but also a safe one, and we feel that this is the best solution for all involved. We are working as fast as we can to advise our competitors, suppliers, sponsors, supporters and others involved in the Sprints," Mrs Chant said.

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"With less than two weeks to go to the original date we were already almost fully prepared and expect the re-scheduled event will offer all the same great features and attractions."

The Historic Leyburn Sprints is one of Australia's most popular historic and classic motorsport events and attracts up to 15,000 visitors every year to the Southern Darling Downs region.

Broadband boost for Warwick businesses

Over 2,300 Businesses in the Maranoa electorate will benefit from cheaper and faster broadband with NBN Co announcing the establishment of Business Fibre Zones at Warwick, Dalby and Goondiwindi.

Federal Member for Maranoa David Littleproud said the new Zones will help to unlock new opportunities for business growth in regional communities.

"The Zones will allow local businesses to access fibre with speeds of up to 1 Gigabit per second, enabling a range of new business opportunities that previously weren't possible.

"This has the potential to

revitalise and reshape our region, from the services locals are able to access, to industries like agriculture, manufacturing, and tourism which are all major local employers in their own right.

"With no upfront build costs and discounts of up to 47 per cent on NBN Co's current wholesale plans, I am keen to see local businesses take advantage of these zones.

"Improving access to high speed, reliable, and high quality broadband in regional areas is a key part of the Australian Government's communications plan, which is why we are investing directly in Maranoa".





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Darling Downs Health Offering Pfizer Vaccine

Darling Downs Health will provide doses of the COVID-19 Pfizer vaccine at a clinic at the Warwick Showgrounds this month.

The clinic will be set up from Tuesday 24 August to Friday 27 August (8.30am to 3.50pm) and on Saturday 28 August (8.30am to 1pm).

Vaccinations will provided in line with current Australian Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation (ATAGI) recommendations and guidelines. Everyone who is eligible, and wants to have a vaccine, can pre-register their interest.

Registrations can also be done online via www. vaccinebookings.health.qld. gov.au (when registering online, select "any other eligible criteria" to complete your form).

If you have questions about the vaccine, talk to your doctor or health care worker to get the right, upto-date information. "The vaccination is safe and is free. It is the best way to protect yourself, your loved ones, and your community," Annette Scott, Executive Lead for the Darling Downs Health Emergency Operations Centre said.

If you plan to attend the clinic, please bring ID, your Medicare card, and a pen.

NOTE: People who have received one dose of the Astra Zeneca vaccine, which has been provided recently through GPs and Aboriginal Medical Services, should receive a second dose of Astra Zeneca and NOT a Pfizer vaccine. If you are unsure which vaccine you have received, talk to doctor or health care worker.



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Queensland Championship Sheep Dog Trial To Be Held In Allora

Hosted Sheepdog Trial Committee the Championships will be conducted from Thursday 2nd September to Sunday 5th September at the Allora Showgrounds.

These trials will be conducted under the rules of the Queensland Working Sheep Dog Association Inc. (QWSDAI). All dogs are to be nominated with Official Prefix & Registration number. The Queensland Championship (Open Trial) will have a Top 20 Run Off and the Top 6 scores from this run-off go into the Final.

Open Trial to commence

at approximately 7.00am Thursday Morning. Improver Trial (non-genuine) to be run in conjunction with the open trial. Novice Trial to commence at approximately 10.00am Thursday. Encourage Trial to commence on completion of Novice Trial. (Estimated times depending on entries received).

Entries close Thursday 26th August with Judy Allen 77 Holzwarts Road Berat Old 4362

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Picnic Concert Cancelled

The Rotary Club of Warwick Sunrise advises that due to Covid restrictions the Picnic Concert by "The Night Shift" has been

The Concert was planned for Sunday 22nd August in Leslie Park Warwick.

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Bill Ritchie with "Waldo's Meg" at a working sheep dog trial held in Allora in 2009.

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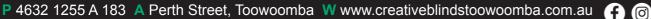
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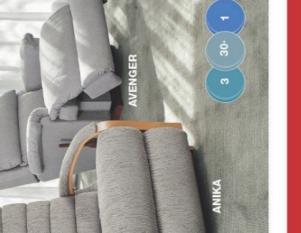
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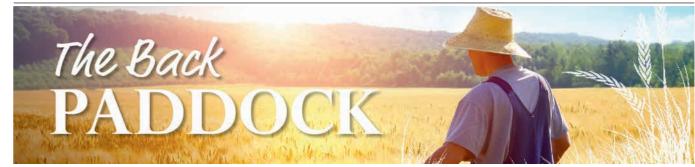


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Free Workshop At Allora For Farmers And Transport Operators



Peak grains representative body GrainGrowers has partnered with the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator (NHVR) to host a free workshop at Pacific Seeds Foundation Farm at Allora to help farmers better understand their role under Chain of Responsibility (COR) laws.

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Assistant Minister for Road Safety and Freight Transport Scott Buchholz said the practical workshops - designed specifically for farmers-would help ensure produce was transported from paddock to plate in the safest possible way.

"Farmers are essential part of the supply chain, so it's important they understand responsibilities to ensure they're operating safely, and in compliance with COR laws," said Assistant Minister Buchholz.

"I'd encourage all primary producers to sign up to the free workshops in August."

GrainGrowers General Manager of Policy & Advocacy Zachary Whale said, "Primary producers have legal obligations under the Chain of Responsibility if they own or operate a heavy vehicle, or if they contract

transport services to another operator."

"Whether you pack, load, consign, move, receive, or unload goods transported on Australia's roads, these laws apply to you. Our workshops have been designed to ensure everyone working on the farm can access practical information."

With the supply chain and logistics industry accounting for 26% of national worker fatalities. reducing the risks related to transport safety is critical.

"To comply with the law, you will need to know

the risks of your transport activities and have business practices in place to control them," said Mr Whale.

The COR workshops have been funded by the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator's Heavy Vehicle Safety Initiative, supported by the Federal Government.

Places are limited and registration essential for catering purposes.

To secure your spot at the COR Workshop phone 1800 620 519 or go to www. graingrowers.com.au

The workshop will be held at Pacific Seeds Foundation Farm, Allora on Friday 20th August from 2pm - 5pm.





Big Joe Mua Sets the Example in Wattles Win



Wattles six foot one, 120 kg forward pack wrecking ball Joe Mua led the way when injected into the game off the bench playing a major role in his side outmuscling mid-season Madsen-Rasmussen Trophy champions Highfields in Saturday's 15 – 10 home side success.

The loval league supporters that frequented Platz Oval on Saturday evenina sure got their admission money's worth witnessina an amazing contest between two of the Toowoomba Rugby League Hutchinson Builders A Grade premierships top of the ladder teams in home side the Wattles Warriors challenging the Highfields Eagles.

The Travis Burns coached Warriors outfit certainly wanted to improve on the result of the two teams last clash back Round 4 when the Eagles dished out a surprising 28 – 0 hiding to those in green and gold.

At full time on Saturday the Warriors eased on to the second rung of the TRL

ladder on a 'for and against' advantage; both Wattles, Highfields and the Warwick Cowboys three points astern of premiership leaders the Goondiwindi Boars.

Both sides had to deal with altered line-ups given Covid requirements, but Highfields adjusted early with former Queensland Rangers half Corey McGrady setting up two classy tries to have the Eagles ahead 8 – 0 by the 24th minute.

Young finisher Declan Ryan touched down wide out before Eagles skipper and centre Campbell Stewart nabbed a vital four-pointer.

Highfields defence certainly lifted for the occasion, with the home side finding it virtually impenetrable until the 32nd minute.

Wattles were desperate for points and it was co-captain and veteran backrower Ryan Duggan who provided them after running on to brother Matt Duggan's pass to score for Wattles to trail 6 – 8 at half time.

Little changed in the match outlook for the final forty minutes with both sides giving no quarter.

The result could have gone either in the run in to full time, but frustrating errors denied both teams at vital stages.

A successful Wattles penalty goal in front of the

uprights by Matt Duggan in the 60th minute levelled the cliff hanger of a match 8 - 8.

The hinging point of the contest could be considered to be a Highfields decision not to kick a penalty right in front of the posts and lead for the remaining ten minutes.

They chose to run the ball from 15 metres out and a loose pass resulted in Wattles quicksilver centre Matt Christensen intercepting and racing away to score what would be the decider.

Halfback Matt Duggan potted a late field goal before the despondent Eagles were successful with a penalty on full time to have the Platz Oval scoreboard highlighting a home side win.

'Big Man' Mua was Wattles shining light coming off the bench and was awarded the Meringandan Pub Player of the match honours. Mua continually turned Eagles around and reminded the competition Wattles pack is a force to reckon with. His fellow forwards Michael Pearson and Dale Perkins were excellent as was defensive dynamo Ryan Duggan.

The Warriors A and Reserve Grade teams will head to Toowoomba taking on the Newtown Lions at the Jack Martin Centre this Sunday, with the green and gold Under 18 line-up hitting the road to Murgon to match up against South Burnett on Saturday.

Wattles two senior sides are treating their contests with the Lions as vital to win, the second graders in fourth spot on the ladder with the finals commencing in a little over a fortnight.

Wattles 15 (Matt Christensen, Ryan Duggan tries Matt Duggan 3 goals, field goal) defeated Highfields 10 (Declan Ryan, Campbell Stewart tries Cory Haywood goal)

Reserve Grade - Wattles 16 (Darby Peardon, Jordan Henry tries; Lachlan Henry 4 goals) defeated Highfields 14 (Lachlan Kinivan 2, Lachlan Thom tries; Lachlan Kinivan goal).

Under 18 - Highfields 66 (Preston Brown 2, Chad Lebsanft 2, Dulamai Wightman 2, Jayden Thurston 2, Jayden Wood, Blake Cesari, Darcy Carswell, Zac Brown tries; Chad Lebsanft 7, Ryan Gill 2 goals) defeated Wattles 0. Round 17 -

Sunday August 15 Newtown v Wattles - Jack
Martin Centre, Drayton
11.45pm Open Women
(Newtown v Dalby)
1.00pm Reserve Grade
2.30pm A Grade
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Glyn Rees



Australia's biggest local news survey show readers' passion for print

The largest national survey of local news audiences in Australia reveals the passion people have for their local newspaper and has found they want a much bigger say about its future

The survey asked almost 4200 Australian country press newspaper readers in rural, regional and outer suburban areas about the role of local newspapers within their communities

The Australia Research Council project involves researchers from Deakin and RMIT universities with support of Country Press Australia

A number of results reveal...



Readers **overwhelmingly** view a printed copy of their newspaper as an **essential service** for the community



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Readers are **FIVE times** more likely to go directly to a local news website rather than Google or facebook and **10 times** more likely than a council website



The **majority of audiences** prefer a printed newspaper with younger generations also part of this trend



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Mental Health Week with free martial arts for young women

Southern Downs Regional Council will tackle Mental Health Week from a different angle this year, launching a pilot program which offers a fully subsidised self-defence course for young women aged 15-18 years.

While acknowledging there are many and varied approaches to dealing with mental health, Council recognises that checking in with yourself doesn't come in a 'one size fits all' package.

For some people. craft, quiet activities or introspective moments are the best way to take time for mental health. But what about moving, making noise and taking up space as a way to make connection between your life and your needs?

Southern Downs Councillor Sheryl Windle said this year's mental health initiative balanced and connected body and mind and she encouraged the region's young women to take advantage of the free

"Martial Arts for Mental Health is a free program designed to give young women the opportunity to engage in a martial arts course designed to mentally equip them with the strength of mind to tackle the challenges life may throw at them, in a no-stakes environment.

"I encourage the region's resilient young women to exercise their emotional mindfulness with a martial arts workout this Mental Health Week."

Council is now calling for interested participants to complete an Expression of Interest online at www.sdrc. qld.gov.au before 31 August 2021.

A Council spokesperson said the self-defence sessions will be private, safe and comfortable, with classes limited to five.

Participants will need to be able to commit to one session per week for eight weeks and be willing to give feedback on the instructors, course layout, program value and overall viability of

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Martial Arts for Mental promotes following:

- Alleviating stress
- · Increasing self-esteem
- · Boosting focus

future programs.

- · Calling for introspection
- · Encouraging connection with body
- · Understanding personal safety

GOOMBURRA HISTORY

The Goomburra Hall will celebrate 115 years on 11th September this year. To rekindle memories Colin Newport has delved into the history of Goomburra and will present a fortnightly column in The Allora Advertiser in the lead-up to the Celebrations

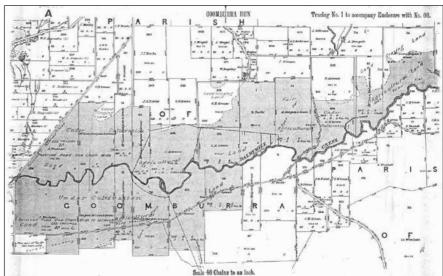
In 1895, with increasing agitation from Allora and district residents and with input from Mr Francis Kates M.L.A. for Cunningham, negotiations for the Government purchase of the Goomburra property began with the owner Edward Wienholt. The negotiations continued after the property was purchased by Mr. F. W. Donkin in 1897. The sale was finalised in August 1901 with the Government purchase of the 13.253 acre property for £3/2/3 per acre for a total of £41.249/19/3.

Lands Department Staff Bedford with five assistants set about surveying the property into 47 farms ranging from 70 to 890 acres depending on the quality of the country. The portion numbers of these farms were appended with the letter "V" to indicate that they had been resurveyed. A set value of from £1/5/0 to £9 per acre was placed on the farms depending on whether they were grazing country or improved farming land.

On Tuesday 29th April 1902 46 farms were thrown open for selection at the Allora Land Court. There were 185 registered applicants, many of whom put their names down for multiple blocks, paying a total of £21,045 in deposits. The allocation of the farms was decided by ballot with the set price to be paid over 20 years. Existing leaseholders had the priority over the farms that they occupied at the time.

There were 19 applicants for Portion 131V. The name of John McDowell was drawn out for this block of 80 acres 2 roods. By the next afternoon all the farms had been allocated to applicants from all over the eastern states of Australia and the deposits were returned to the unsuccessful applicants.

The Goomburra Homestead block of 448 acres was auctioned separately on the 9th May. The successful bidder was Mr C. S. Roberts with £3,725, well above the reserve price of £2,850. With the influx of new settlers a new era had begun in the Goomburra Valley.



A map of Goomburra at the time of sale in 1902



An aerial photo of the Goomburra Valley in 1963. Goomburra Homestead is in the bottom right hand corner. Photo from the Nussey family

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- 8. Dutch Post-Impressionist painter of The Starry Night - "Vincent ____ " (34)
- 12. 17th century Dutch artist, painter of The Night Watch.neck and tail.

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1. A board on which paints are mixed.

Jeremy's View

Learning the cello

Last year mum wanted me to learn the cello. I first didn't want to learn it since I was already playing the piano but I eventually agreed. So we got one lesson from a Russian teacher in Brisbane and bought one of her cellos that she was selling because she was moving back to Russia and couldn't bring all of her instruments on the flight. After that I started doing lessons with mum's friend

Maple at school every Monday at ten o'clock am. I also had one lesson with a cellist called David Sue Yek in Maryborough who is a friend of my mum's from when she went to school in Townsville and mum bought a cello for William from Mr Sue Yek. But I eventually stopped doing lessons with maple because mum didn't want me to miss maths at school and then I started doing lessons with Mr Spiller after school who I'm still doing lessons with now.

Learning the cello is harder that the piano because on the piano you just have to play a note to get a good sound. But cello is really hard because you have to put your left finger down really hard in exactly the right spot on the string but at the same time use the bow with your right hand and it's really hard to make it sound good. Mum said it took ten years for her to sound ok on the violin. Mum has been learning violin for 34 years and she really loves classical music.

Jeremy Lister, age 10

TODAY'S QUOTE -

"The most useful virtue is patience." -John Dewey

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PARLEVLIET, Christina Gemma

Late of Allora, passed away suddenly on 7th August 2021, aged 77

Beloved Wife of Adam "Aat". Loved Mother of Debbie, Liz, David, Stephen, Jenny, Tina and their partners. Dearly loved Nanna to her 16 grandchildren and five great grandchildren

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend a Requiem Mass for Chris, to be held at St Patrick's Catholic Church, 63 Warwick Street, Allora, service commencing at 10.30am, Tuesday, 17th August 2021.

If you plan to attend, to comply with the State Health directive, please register via QR code or handwritten means at the service.

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St. David's Anglican Church, Allora, 11.00am Friday, 13th August

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Sunday, 29th August 2021 4.00pm at Allora Showgrounds.

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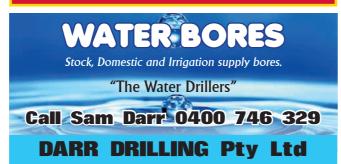
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Numbers are increasing on the Allora Golf Course with both members and social players enjoying the immaculate conditions.

Friday's Percy's Fruit Duck Run saw a field of 16 players hit off with Lenny shooting an impressive 23 points on his return from the NT. Runner up was the ever consistent Tommy Brown with 22. Pins/approaches/ putt went to Macca, Garth and Jimmy. (Great putt Jimmy - probably your best ever). Dave and Kev won a ball in the rundown. Welcome back Fastie and Max. Thanks again to Percy for his tremendous sponsorship of Allora golf.

Another 20 strong field on Sunday played for the

Allora Golf Report

Golfworld sponsored single stableford. Thanks Jason from Golfworld Toowoomba for your support of the country golf clubs. Men's winner with a cracking 41 points was our very popular member Nick Lake who does a lot of work around the course, including keeping the golf carts in tip top order. Nick acknowledged his chipping coach Rod in his victory speech. Runner up with 40 points was Mark Ellwood who has recently returned to Allora from Melbourne. Ladies winner was Shann on 29 points from Doreen on 25 points. Aaron shot 39 points which would be enough to win most days and visitor Shaun shot 36 to win balls in the rundown. Pins/approaches/ putt went to Jason (4 and 7), Rod (13), Ty (16), Doreen (8), Mark (17) Simmo (3) Moose (2 and 11), Kev (2) Nick (9) and Shaun (18).

First round match play results saw Rob Hoey defeated a very unlucky John E (4 and 3) and Mark defeated our rep footy player who unbelievably missed out on Wattles great win over Highfields on Saturday night, Ty by 2 and 1. Please arrange your first round

match play matches as soon as possible.

Next Friday is the Percy's Fruit Duck Run and Sunday the Simmo's Landscaping Monthly Medal. On Saturday St Pats will be running a charity Golf/Bowls day commencing 12.00 noon. See you on the links.

Matthew Statue?

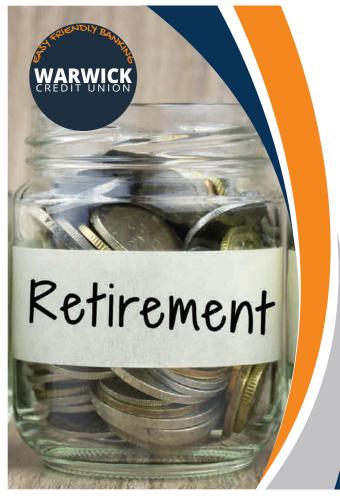
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After his great achievements we reckon it's only fitting that Matthew Denny be honoured with a statue, placed outside the Allora Regional Sports Museum.

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Do we apply for a grant, do we find a sponsor or do we have a working bee in the sandpit? Any ideas would be welcome.





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