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## Welcome Home Parade For Matthew



Allora will turn green and gold on Friday 10th September to congratulate our local hero, Matthew Denny on his wonderful effort at the Tokyo Olympics. Police will escort Matthew in an open-top car down Warwick and Herbert Streets where crowds can gather to clap and cheer a Champion. *Photos courtesy Athletics Australia*

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### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I'd like to thank the numerous people who came up to me the past few weeks and asked me to please run for President again.

Due to the lies, misleading information being circled around and continuous knives in my back I have decided not to.

I have dealt with 15 or so Show Societies in our Sub-Chamber and I thank you all for your support. Also thanks to around 20 others in Queensland that I have dealt with and will continue to support in my own venture.

Thank you to all who have helped me through the past 10-12 years, especially the last 6 years that I've been involved in The Allora Show Society.

Mark Pillar  
Former President  
Allora Show Society



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to arrival in Allora of the **MELBOURNE CUP**

# Covid Uncertainty Claims Iconic Auction

The Allora Show Society took a significant step away from tradition at the General Meeting last week when they cancelled the 2021 Allora Annual Auction.

The auction acclaimed across south east Queensland and the Darling Downs boasts decades of history and had been postponed from its usual early June weekend until the coming October long weekend.

While many that are enthralled by the auctioneers call and the yearn for a bargain will feel disappointed, the Show Society committee are making decisions looking to cope with the ongoing and ever changing Covid-19 conditions, and what seems a decline in the popularity of auctions as they have presented over many years.

In recent times the Showgrounds have also seen construction taking place which provides concerns for patron safety for any event until completion.

The Annual Allora Auction in past years boasted massive proportions considering its small host centre, with lots from false teeth to heavy machinery

going under the auctioneer's hammer.

However, the auction has always depended on travel for many to attend. Covid-19 issues have curbed that inclination for many, and the future is an unknown.

Online opportunities for bargain hunters continue to increase, with bids on the likes of ebay, gumtree etc, and the bargain sites associated with social media are also taking their toll on the likes of Showgrounds wide open auctions such as the Allora renowned event.

Interested locals have suggested a change of focus to rejig a similar Allora event into the future as a weekend swap meet that may include a smaller version auction along with various community entertainment.

Our community's future has certainly altered in the past 18 months, but we have the opportunity to adjust and still enjoy significant events and all our Showgrounds can offer.



Popular community auction now cancelled.

The Show Committee are certainly not diminishing usual activities or famed events, but we are looking at revamping were necessary so as to meet community needs and wants and the health and safety requirements that have arisen.

The Show Committee are looking forward to discussing the matter with the community so as to create other events the Allora Region can be proud of.

'The Allora Show Society - Working for the Allora District Community'

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Auctioneer Stuart Bond, who supported the Allora Community Auction for 43 years, was a well-known face amongst the bargain hunters.

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## Matthew is coming home - to a Hero's welcome

Everyone from the broader Southern Downs region and beyond is welcome to join in the street parade on Friday 10th September.

It'll start at 2.30pm making its way down Warwick Street and into Herbert where Matthew will alight briefly at the Allora Regional Sports Museum before making his way to the Allora Sports Club.

All supporters, friends, fans and family can enjoy a barbecue and drink with a chance to meet, grab an autograph and show Matthew how proud we are of him and his achievements. Matthew doesn't hesitate to let the world know that he calls Allora home - what a hero!

(The Allora Advertiser will have more details closer to the event)

## Photography Exhibition

Allora Photography Group president, Joan Wylde, advises that the local club members are having an exhibition of 21 district photographs illustrating 'Seasons of the Southern Downs'.

The exhibition opening will be on Friday 3 September, 6pm at the Warwick Art Gallery; the event's attendance is by invitation, and will be opened by Sue Gordon.

The free exhibition is in the 'Orange Wall Gallery' in WAG

and the exhibition runs from the opening night until 9th October. Gallery times are Tuesday to Saturday 10am - 4pm. Should your viewing of the display activate your shutter finger, one and all are welcome to join the APG by attending a monthly meeting, the second Wednesday of the month, at the Allora State School library 7pm, or ring Joan on 0411 772 339.



Photo by Gale Ward - Sunrays on the Condamine (with O.O. Madsen bridge).

## Festival of Small Halls - Resilience Tour - coming to Allora

Presented by veteran festival producers Woodfordia Inc., the twenty-second edition of the muchloved not-for-profit music tour is taking on a sharp short tour schedule with the finest of Queensland's home-grown talent to Southern Downs community halls.

The Resilience Tour seeks to leverage the power of music to bring people together for the purposes of recovery from natural disaster.

Famous for their larger-than-life folk festivals over the last three decades, Woodfordia has established the Festival of Small Halls as a high-quality tour on the Australian scene. The two songwriters landing on the September tour are only going to strengthen that reputation.

Brisbane-based Paddy McHugh's music and song-



writing is raw, honest and authentic. His latest album 'City Bound Trains', depicts tales of a life in Australia and touches on many topics of interest - indigenous culture, same-sex marriage, equality and more.

Sue Ray is simply thrilled to be taking new music on the road - mystical sounds with an old country vibe, a small taste of what is to come later in the year with her up-coming album

'Demons Will Win'.

Festival of Small Halls Resilience Tour will be at the Allora Community Hall on Thursday 9th September.

Other venues during

September - Leyburn 8th, Freestone 10th, Karara 11th.

Tickets are on sale at [www.festivalofsmallhalls.com](http://www.festivalofsmallhalls.com)

## Volunteering Is Easy And Fun At The Op Shop

The Allora Scope Inc Community Op Shop is grateful for the wonderful volunteers who turn up to sort, display, serve and enjoy the company of other like-minded folk.

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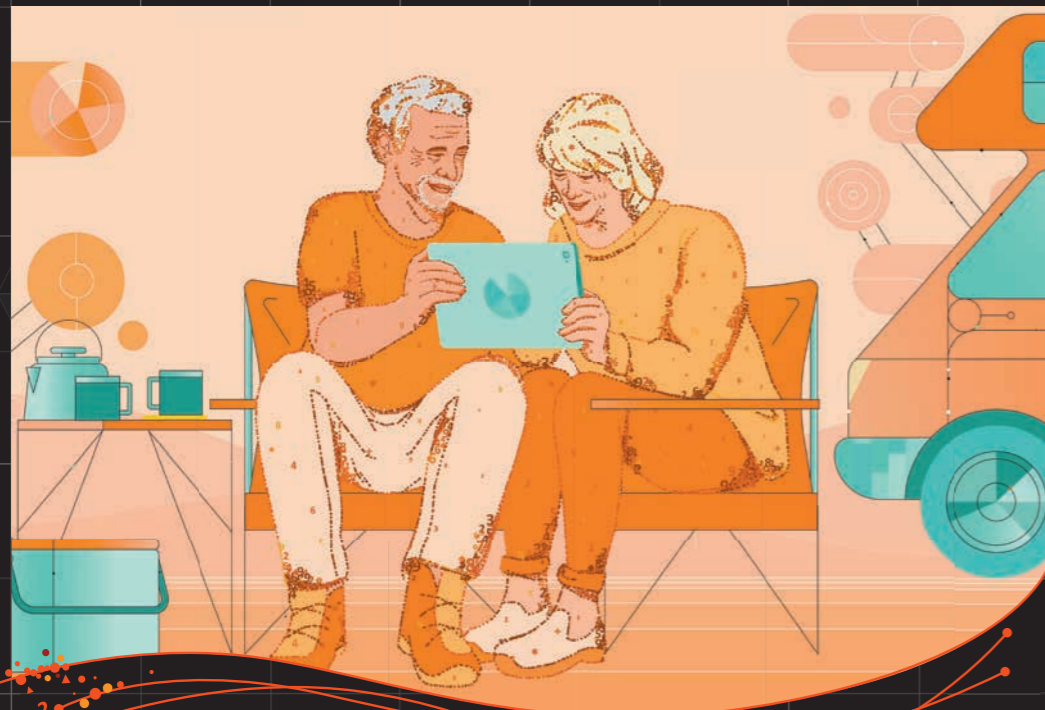
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# The Sold Sign Has Gone Up

Formerly the Dalrymple Café, 71 Herbert Street Allora has been sold by Eugene Hollis-Neath of Nutrien Harcourts Cooke. The new owners will use the property as a private residence.

## Allora Golf Notes

Percy's Fruit Duck Run saw 22 players hit off in superb conditions for golf. Rob Hoey brought along his own personal cheer squad which helped him shoot his best ever 9 hole score of 4 over par to record 22 points and win in a countback from Doreen. Kev, John and Macca won balls in the rundown. NTP went to Rod, approach John E and long putt John E. Continuing the impressive form of the Hoey twins, Lenny shot a 4 over par 72 to net 62 and win

the Simmo's Landscaping Monthly monthly medal by 3 shots from Mark on net 65. Jason was third with 65 net, beaten in a countback. Conditions were terrific which saw 9 players score in the net 60's. First round matchplay winners were Jason, Baz Junior, Kev and Tommy Brown. Friday is the Duck Run and Sunday the Allora Butchery Four Ball Stableford. See you on the links.

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### Warwick Saleyards redevelopment submitted for major funding

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development, with a minimum co-contribution of \$3m.

The Warwick Saleyards Redevelopment is a key regional infrastructure project which meets all three of the BSBR program's recovery and resilience

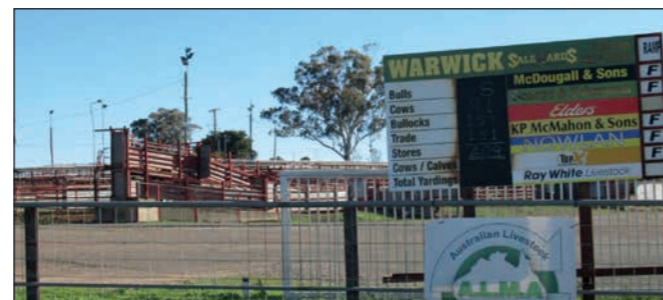
needs, specifically in relation to the built environment and economic recovery criteria.

The saleyards project was a perfect fit for this submission as the project is well progressed with a site plan already completed and the design and costings expected to be available by mid-August 2021.

The redevelopment design will address the facility's viability and sustainability, animal welfare, environmental issues, industry standards, biosecurity,

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# Wattles Roll Lions in 18 Try Canter



Twenty-year-old centre Matthew Christensen ran in a hat trick of tries on Sunday as his Wattles Warriors outfit overwhelmed a shell-shocked Newtown Lions line up 94 – 10 on the Lions home turf at Toowoomba’s Jack Martin Oval.

In Christensen’s first full season of top-grade league, he has crossed for an impressive 26 touchdowns to be second to Goondiwindi flyer David Armstrong who has an amazing 35 tries after 17 Rounds of the Toowoomba Rugby League Hutchinson Builders A Grade premiership.

The winning result slotted the Warriors in to clear second place in a congested top five behind leaders the

Goondiwindi Boars.

With reigning premiers Valleys having rolled Madsen-Rasmussen Trophy winners Highfields on Sunday and the Boars snatching a win from Warwick after the full-time hooter; Warwick, Highfields & Valleys are all locked on 22 competition points heading in to this weekend’s final fixture Round, all just two points shy of the Warriors.

Given the calibre of the top five clubs and the standard of league they are producing supporters are in for a superb final’s series from August 28th until Grand Final day on September 18th.

Player coach Travis Burns sat out for the game, but couldn’t be happier with his team’s work on the field.

Wattles fullback Jackson Green was first to bother the scoreboard attendant against the Lions on his way to a personal tally of three,

all part of 18 four pointers the Warriors would claim over the 80 minutes.

**Wattles 94** (Jackson Green 3, Matt Christensen 3, Braydon Wilson 2, Brenden Wilson 2, Ty Gardner 2, Kai Williamson-Duggan, Matt Duggan, Mitch Duff, Ryan Stevens, Joe Mua, Cooper Tate Roche tries, Matt Duggan 9, Ryan Duggan, Cooper Tate Roche goals) defeated **Newtown 10** (Conor Boney, Malik Weatherall tries Tony Manteufel goal).

**In reserve grade** Wattles again enjoyed a convincing victory rolling over Newtown 46 to 6.

While in clear fourth place on the ladder, the Warriors are only a point ahead of the Warwick Cowboys which signals a torrid clash between the two on Saturday afternoon.

**Wattles 46** (Alex Morris 2, James Wolski, Nich Morris, Garth Lonergan,

Dale McAntee, Josh Henry tries; Tom Morris 5 goals) defeated **Newtown 6** (Brock Mitchell try; Koby Cubby goal).

**Under 18 - South Burnett 56** (Lennex Bligh 2, Lachlan Zelinski 2, Lachlan Bligh, Matthew Springate, Lloyd Langton, Jacqwon Murray, Toby Schmidt tries; Lloyd Langton 8 goals) defeated **Wattles 12** (Reuben Sullivan, Gus Hutchinson tries; Jacob Meddleton 2 goals).

This Saturday’s final clash of the season clash will rate among the games of the year as the Warwick Cowboys take on the Wattles Warriors at Father Ranger Over. Don’t miss it for quids !

**SATURDAY 21st August - Warwick v Wattles - Father Ranger Oval, Warwick**  
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