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"Back Road" to Goomburra - taken by Helen Robinson. This stunning photo can be viewed or purchased from Art at the Precinct - a local art gallery in Warwick. Home | Art @ The precinct (artattheprecinct.com.au)

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Here's where all the action happens at the Sandy Creek Pub on Saturday

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## **Hendon Bushfire**



Smoke could be seen from miles around last Saturday from the bush fire at Hendon.

Sparks from a lawn mower started the fire which was attended by about seven fire trucks from around the district including Allora, Massie, Freestone and Maryvale.

To add to the activity our local fire chief Ross Williams said their big red fire truck got bogged in a wet patch on the property. Luckily the truck could be rescued by the rescuers. The jury is still out on who was driving the truck.



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## **Matthew Denny Welcome Home Event** this Friday 10th September - here's where & how it's happening -

WHEN	WHAT
Friday, 10/09 2.00 onwards	<ul> <li>School students will begin to assemble alo</li> <li>St Pat's students along Warwick Street betw</li> <li>Allora State School in front of their own sch</li> <li>Grammar School will gather in front of Com</li> </ul>
2.15	<ul> <li>Matt will make his way to the Servo (via the Police Escort vehicle that will escort Matt's</li> <li>Town Crier, Bob Townshend to do pre-walk</li> </ul>
2.30 exactly	<ul> <li>Vehicles leave the Servo and make their wa taking approx. 15 minutes.</li> </ul>
2.45 (approx.)	<ul> <li>Matt will alight for a short time at the Allora Event MC, Marco Gliori and Museum Curat</li> <li>Mayor will present Matt with a certificate of</li> </ul>
3.10	Matt will make his way to the Allora Sports and share stories with the community.
3.00 onwards	<ul> <li>Sports Club will open the bar and put on a sausage sizzle and then doing burgers and</li> <li>At approximately 5.30-6.00pm Matt will add</li> </ul>



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- e highway) and meet his driver, Uncle Bob Denny with car
- along Warwick and Herbert Streets to herald Matt's arrival.
- ay at walking pace down Warwick Street then into Herbert

Regional Sports Museum where he will be greeted by tor. Perry Cronin.

- recognition on behalf of the community.
- Club where he will be available for signings and to mingle

BBQ which will be available for purchase. Starting with a bar later into the afternoon/evening. dress the crowd and cut a celebratory cake.



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# **New President For The Allora Show Society**





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#### At the recent Annual General Meeting of the Allora Show Society Shirley Cornhill was elected unopposed as the new President for the next 12 months

Former President Mark Pillar did not seek reelection.

Other executives are lan Tate as Treasurer and Fiona Hanson, Secretary.

The new Management Committee members are Bob Denny, Hugh Huston, Glenn Evans, Tim Gibson and Tim Somes.

At the meeting the new committee thanked all those involved in the Allora Show Society over the last twelve months - their efforts have ensured another successful year. Highlights of the year included a highly successful show in February, the Allora Heritage weekend and the Allora & District Campdraft weekend.

Thanks were also ex-

tended to those volunteers who worked in the new canteen providing many meals for numerous groups including the Frostbite Rally, sheep dog championships, Bikes 4 Burns Rally, the Grainshed Tractor Rally and a number of Caravan club groups.

The new committee thanked the previous committees for their foresight in applying for and obtaining funding through three government grants that have provided new cattle sheds, upgrading to the canteen and the covered Horse Arena. The cattle shed and the canteen have been finished and the Committee is hoping to have the covered Horse Arena finished by the end of October for use by the Allora Dressage Group.

An addition to next year's events will be the Heavy Horse Show to be held in March 2022.



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# **Attack Of The Australian Light Horse On Beersheba**

Local Allora artists Malcolm and Kerry Nicholson have just completed this eye-catching mural at Esk.

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The brothers were Commissioned by The Esk RSL Memorial Club to undertake the works which now adorns a southfacing wall at the Museum.

The brothers say this has probably been the most drawn out mural they have worked on, taking three months instead of about ten days. They said the delays have been due to Covid restrictions and other unanticipated factors.

However, the work is already creating a lot of interest from locals and visitors.

Malcolm Nicholson said even though a lot of research went into the subject, in the end the artists paint a mural that appeals to the public and will encourage visitors to the Museum.

In addition to the main artwork, a few additional images have been created, such as the base shield with a young soldier and his horse, as well as a hat and bridle to the

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side of the mural.

The Esk RSL Museum will place a garden bed and a plaque mounted on a stone block in front of the mural to identify the artists -Nicholson Art Company.

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Mural at Esk.



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# **A Young Farmer Ready For Action**

**BOYS AND THEIR** TOYS

"Fairview" Allora looking great right now. Craig Sinton is proud to see the next generation taking an interest in farming. Here is Sinton Boy Hudson ready to start the harvest.



# **SDRC donating water tanks**

The Southern Downs Regional Council (SDRC) has been working with a farm equipment manufacturer to develop a drought-buffering program to donate water cartage tanks to primary producers and not-for-profit organisations.

The donation program will run through an

process under the auspices of TransTank International and there is currently an opportunity to submit an application to receive a 1500 litre AquaTrans Tank (pictured) commercially valued at \$2,000.

Receiving a tank is not guaranteed and interested parties should familiarise



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# BACK TO GOOMBURRA DAY 11th September, 2021

On behalf of the Goomburra Town Hall Committee, I would like to welcome everyone to the 2021 Back to Goomburra Day being held at the hall this weekend. We are celebrating 115 years of the Goomburra Hall and the history of the Goomburra Valley.

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It is wonderful to see that people are returning to Goomburra from various parts of Queensland to come rekindle old memories and make new ones. We are aware of many people interstate wishing they could attend the event, who are unable to attend due to travel restrictions. They will be missed. We will be taking many photos on the day to share with those who cannot join us.

We are looking forward to showing off the recent improvements to the hall including the playground, newly sanded hall flooring and improved fencing. Special thanks to the Wolff Family from Thompson and Longhorn who have recently repaired the fence and erected a grand feature corner. Be sure to check it out on arrival.

I would like to thank the locals who have worked tirelessly to make this day a success. Many hands certainly do make light work and we are grateful for the community spirit and generous contribution of people's time.



Congratulations & Well Wishes for the Day FROM SUE, BEETLE AND STAFF Even after 115 years, the local hall is still a very important gathering place for our community. The Goomburra Hall has a very active committee who maintain the hall and support local activities and events such as playgroups, field days, community group gatherings, parties and weddings.

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The hall supper room will be open with a historic display and a sneak peak view of the main hall decorated in all its glory for the Sold Out 'Grand Dinner' held in the evening.

It will be exciting to unearth the old time capsules and bury the new. We are looking forward to sharing the stories in the photo book contributed by locals which is available for purchase on the day. There is also a variety of memorabilia available for purchase

including pens, key rings and aprons. There will be markets and refreshments available for purchase for morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea. There will also be a bar open with drinks and soft drinks.

We look forward to catching up and sharing stories.

Gina Tranberg President Goomburra Hall







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# **Programme of Events**

11:00am	Market stalls open, Vintage
11:30am	Official opening and unearth
12:00pm	Dalrymple Bush Band
12:30pm	Branding Board
1:00pm	Kids Games
2:00pm	Time Capsule enclosed
3:00pm	Close of day events
6:00pm	Grand Dinner (tickets sold ou



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Sending our congratulations & well wishes for a wonderful day!

#### Car Parade, Music by Warwick City Band

#### hing of time capsule





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The flowers are blooming. The birds are chirping. Early morning frost is on its way out. Spring is finally here and the garden could do with some much needed attention.

#### Whether it is your trees, plants, lawn or walkways, there is always plenty to do in the yard.

If you want to get the most out of your garden but do not have as much time as you would like, fruit trees are relatively low maintenance and provide not only a good look but produce you can use. Enchanted Garden plant nursery will sort you out with what will work best for you. They can also help you out with roses if you are interested in Clifton's Iris and Rose Show.

If some good quality landscaping is just what your garden needs, Warwick Sand and Gravel have you covered. From granite sand to crusher dust to decorative stone, there is a material for paths, outlining garden beds, surrounding water tanks and much more.

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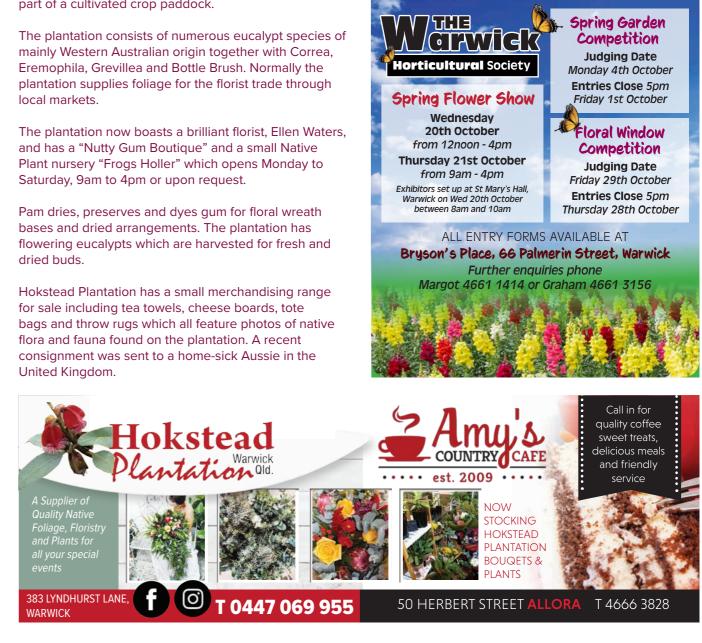
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One of the best things about spring is seeing the bountiful array of birdlife we have in the local area. At Hokstead Plantation just outside of Warwick, 25 species of birdlife inhabit the trees.

King Parrots, Lorikeets, Magpies, Double-Bars and the Magnificent Blue Fairy Wren are often seen and the plantation is visited occasionally by the amazing and magnificent Black Cockatoo. The first Spiny Cheeked Honeyeater was seen recently. The birds help to clean the plantation of harmful pests as well as providing an early morning orchestral delight.

Pam and David Hockings commenced the development of the native tree plantation, Hokstead Plantation, almost twenty-five years ago on five and a half acres. The property was devoid of any trees as it was once part of a cultivated crop paddock.







#### For all you competitive green thumbs out there, The Warwick Horticultural Society is providing an opportunity to put your gardening skills to the test.

Open to all residents of Allora and surrounds, there will be a Spring Flower Show, Spring Garden Competition and Floral Window Competition. With judging for the competitions starting from 4 October, there is no time to lose getting started on your flowers.

Those who have already entered the competition are working with a range of flower varieties to help get them over the line, including freesias, dahlias, daffodils and lilacs. It is not just about trying to win though, as seeing your hard efforte turn in a beatiful flower is a reward in itself.

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#### BERT BROWNDS

Bert was born 5th November 1936 in Chiltern Victoria.

He has lived at Denmark WA, Adelaide SA, Victoria and Allora.



Before retiring he worked as a fitter and turner.

Bert first played golf in Killarney.

What Bert enjoys most about golf is that it's a great sport played with great friends.

Bert finds the Allora Golf Course challenging and great.

### JACK **FULWOOD**

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Jack was born 22nd October 1935 in Mitchell.

He has lived

at Mitchell, Toowoomba and Allora.

Before retiring he worked as a pastoralist. Jack first played golf in Mungindi around 1962.

What Jack enjoys most about playing is the challenge.

Jack likes the Allora Golf Course because it's a short course that's nearby and affordable





Springs. to play.

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Before retiring he worked 2 years as a drover, including a trip from Roma to Wodonga at the age of

17 with 1500 Hereford steers. He also worked for 22 years as a livestock buyer and owned the Maleny Newsagency for 18 years. Ray has also been a grazier.

Ray first played golf in 1960 at Wallangarra and has since held memberships at Murgon, Charleville, Roma, Beerwah and Inglewood. He has played off a single figure handicap for 30 years.

What Ray enjoys most about playing is the courses you play and the people you meet. Ray won a silver medal playing in the 1996 Honda Masters at Alice

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#### Looking Back...

Allora's Past 25 years ago September 1996

**Tidy Towns Winner** Warwick Shire Mayor Cr.

Bruce Green presented Allora representative Cr. Sue Cowley with the gold plaque won by Allora in Category D (towns with a population of between 801 and 1500 people) in the State wide Tidy Towns Competition. Cr. Green said that Allora was just pipped by Gladstone for the overall State award.

At the function held on the banks of Dalrymple Creek Peter Briggs, president of the Allora Action Association congratulated the Stuart Henry River Trust, the Bridge to Bridge committee, Allora Landcare,

the Golf Club, and the Allora Action Association for the work that they had put into achieving the award.

#### Allora's Past 75 years ago September 1946

#### Debutante Ball

A crowd of 800 people attended the St. Patrick's Debutante Ball in the Central Hall at Allora. Six debutantes were presented to the Rt. Rev. Monsignor McKenna. They were Theresa O'Shannessy, Ellen Ryan, Kathleen Donovan, Mary Phelan, Beverley Davis and June Carroll. The debs were preceded into the hall by heralds Bill Butler and Michael Ryan. They were followed by two little boys, Bevan and Owen Crothers leading two little girls, Carmel Collins and Monica

# ALLORA OLD AWARD WINNER TIDY TOWNS Memorial Park committee, the The unveiling of the 1996 Tidy Towns winner's sign. In the photo are Cr. Bruce Green, Peter Briggs

and Cr. Sue Cowley

Reedy, Noeline Masters and Veronica Cavanagh and the Matrons of Honour were Mesdames Mat McDonnell, J. T. Marshall and M. Mason.

#### Allora's Past 100 years ago September 1921

#### Accident at Allora

Maurice Lynam, age 21, a farmer residing at Allora, met with a painful accident yesterday afternoon. He was endeavouring to catch a young horse when the animal tried to jump out of the yard. In doing so it struck the top rail, which struck Lynam's head, causing a fracture of the skull. The ambulance journeyed out to the scene of the accident, and conveyed the unfortunate young man to the Kanimbla Private

Mason. The flower girls were Lenore Hospital. His condition is regarded as serious.

#### Allora's Past 150 years ago September 1871

### **Death of Allora** Minister

The Rev. C. J. Clayton, age 34, passed away in parsonage at Allora from pneumonia. The Rev. Clayton, former assistant to the Rev. Benjamin Glennie at Warwick, was appointed as the first minister of the Allora Parish in 1868. He was widely respected by all who knew him and his funeral cortege from St. Mark's Church was the largest ever seen in Warwick.

Colin Newport



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# **Leyburn Sprints This Weekend**

Australia oldest racing car - The Wikner Ford will be a highlight of the Leyburn Sprints.

About to turn 100 the car was built in 1922 by Geoff & Roy Wikner at Laura in the Blue Mountains.

Since 1958 The Wikner Ford has been owned. prepared and raced by wellknown Allora identity Doug Partington.

At the Leyburn Sprints this weekend Doug will demonstrate but not race this iconic Australian Special.

Doug won't have The Wikner ready for racing as the car only arrived back from the United States of America 2 years ago where it wowed the motoring enthusiasts. At the Milwaukee Mile racetrack The Wikner was comfortably lapping at 70 miles per hour and while in America the



Doug Partington with his Wikner Ford Special

Wikner was inducted into the Model T Speedster and Racer "Hall of Fame".

Certainly worth a visit to the Leyburn Sprints to talk to Doug about his prized possession.



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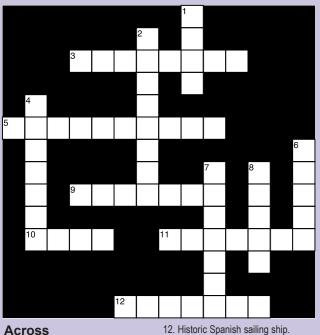


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- ships.
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## Jeremy's View

#### **Mission to Seafarers Service**

On Sunday Dad had to attend an annual church service for the Mission to Seafarers in Brisbane. It was to commemorate all the sailors who died at sea in the military navy and also in the civilian shipping business. Dad went to it and laid a wreath because he is Shadow Assistant Minister for Veterans and I got to go with him.

When we got to the cathedral I got to meet lots of senior navy officers and sailors and even some young Navy Cadets. I'm really interested in the military and I want to join up with the Australian Navy Cadets when I'm thirteen vears old.

At the service, all the shipping companies which stop at Brisbane Port had representatives and they all had their company flags on display in the cathedral. The Governor-General sent this Aide-de-Camp and he is a commander in the navy too. We prayed for all the sailors who've died at sea and did the National Anthem and the Last Post just the same as you do at an army or Air Force service.

Dad wore his medals from when he was in the Air Force. I wore my great-grandfather's medals which he earned when he was flying planes in World War Two in the New Zealand Air Force.

I really enjoy going to church and it was really good to go to a service which was so much about military stuff. Lest We Forget.

Jeremy Lister, age 10

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There were two signs outside the Pearly Gates. A long line of men were queued at the first sign which said, "Hen-pecked Husbands Report here."

At the other sign which read "Liberated Men Report here," there was only one small timid man.

St Peter said to him "why are you standing here?'

He said "because my wife told me to."

**Allora Golf Notes** 



Firstly congratulations to our octogenarians, Sparky, Bert, Ray and Jack who featured in the Advertiser last week. See page 13 in this issue to complement the great photo.

Percy's Fruit Duck Run winner on a very handy 23 points was Ty from Hethe on 21. Balls in the rundown went to Jack and Nick. NTP was a cleanskin, approach won by Tommy Brown with a beauty and Kev won the long putt.

Tim and Nick have decided to start up a night golf competition and they

did OK with 17 and 16 points respectively. Thanks Percy. Sunday was the Railway

Hotel Monthly Mug with a small field due to the inclement conditions. Only 6 players finished their round with the others to get a credit for their green fee. Winner was the "stranger" Russell with 38 points, Runner-Up Kenny on 37 and third place Sparky on 34. NTP Russell

Next Friday will be the Percy's Fruit Duck Run and Sunday a Club Trophy. Inglewood Open Day is also on this Sunday. Don't forget the welcome home for Matty Denny this Friday. See you on the links.

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(4) and Moose (8). Approach Moose (5) and Russell (14). Long putt Kenny (3). Thanks Robyn and the team from the Railway Hotel.



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# **Allora Bowls Notes**



Tuesday Last saw one of the best opening nights in Allora bowls history with plenty of new bowlers enjoying the balmy conditions and pleasant company. Reigning champions Gina's Babies, are taking a break to deal with their new found fame but they will not not find it easy when they finally return to the fray.

New teams are the highly fancied Stone Cutters, the young Burn't Clutch Bandits, Beers Bowls and Bitches (should be Beers Bowls

and Babes) and the Two Poc Crew (ask Cherie what this means). Generation Gap have fantastic new "girl power" shirts which will no doubt help them win games.

Patto has recruited well in the off season and is determined to return to the winners circle. A tip Patto don't head up to visit Garry and go prawning during the bowls season again.

Sponsors this year are Tony Morris Tiling, Paul Parker Painters, True Value Hardware, Allora Butchery, Railway Hotel, Percy's Fruit and Allora Sports Club. First round winners were Generation Gap, Fire Ants, Two Poc Crew, Phoenix Rising, Pig Lures, Three Stooges and Are You Game Enough. Thanks to all the sponsors and volunteers.

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# **Travis Burns Stars in Career Swansong**

After what evolved into an extra time thriller the Railway Hotel Wattles Warriors first grade side bowed out of the 2021 premiership race on Saturday after finishing behind the Highfields Eagles 32 - 25 in the Toowoomba Rugby League Hutchison Builders Minor Semi-Final.

A packed Platz Oval witnessed one of the games of the season between two of the competition's top sides.

The match was not without some administrative concerns that have led the Wattles Club to make a complaint to the TRL relating to the extra time-frames.

While ten minutes each way was played with the scores locked at the 80 minute mark, Wattles hierarchy maintain the season standard and rule for the finals series states that extra time is to be five minutes each way.

As of Tuesday morning, the matter was still under consideration with the Warriors complaint possibly advancing further in the Queensland Rugby League dispute chain.

The match had it all and more, a semi-final by any standard,

and when full time sounded the scoreboard was locked at 24 all.

The score remained locked for the initial ten minutes of extra time, but soon after the resumption Matt Duggan found the sweet spot with his boot to post a 91st minute field goal to have Wattles in front for the first time since the 6th minute 25-24.

Soon after Highfields sealed victory though when fullback Jarrod Lee scrambled over to score and book his side into next weekend's preliminary final against Valleys.

Wattles injury total was devastating and without doubt affected their performance. After losing strike forward, man mountain Joe Mua in the warm up before kick-off they were also without Clydesdale's representative backrower Ty Gardner with a knee after just 11 minutes minute unable to return.

The Warriors tremendous resilience kept them in the game, playmakers Travis Burns and Matt Duggan digging deep with Duggan scoring an inspired solo try under the post to get Wattles back in striking distance at 12-18 behind.

Wattles snared points again a little over ten minutes from full time when Burns kicked wide for his centre Steve Elliott to bounce on the dropped ball and score to get the Warriors within two points of the lead.

Pat Templeman's kick off found touch setting play in motion for Eagles hooker Nick Bainbridge to score from dummy half to make the score and allow his side a 24-16 advantage.

But dynamic duo Burns and Duggan were again in the thick of the action setting up two Matt Christensen tries in the 75th and 79th minutes, and while Matt Duggan had the chance clinch the game from a sideline conversation attempt, it was not to be.

Despite obviously favouring his damaged ankle, a courageous and determined Burns was outstanding in his playing finale.

Highfields 32 (Jacob Leach, Campbell Stewart, Pat Templeman, Nick Bainbridge, Jarrod Lee tries, Pat Templeman 6 goals) defeated Wattles 25 (Matt Christensen 2, Brendon McBryde, Matt Duggan, Steve Elliott tries Matt Duggan 2 goals and a field goal)

**Reserve Grade** - Wattles March to Preliminary Final

Wattles reserve grade team kept their Clive Berghofer Land Sales Reserve Grade premiership finals aspirations alive with a convincing 32-12 win over the Highfields Eagles, the Warriors defence was superb throughout.

Wattles 32 (Mitchell Bourke 2, Brendan Wilson, Joe Morris, Garth Lonergan, Jordan Henry tries Thomas Morris 4 goals) defeated Highfields 12 (Jack Hutton, Lachlan Kinivan tries Cory Haywood 2 goals)

Preliminary Final – Sunday, 12th September, 2021 - Clive Berghofer Stadium, Toowoomba Toowoomba Rugby League Under 18 - Highfields v Valleys, 10 15am

Toowoomba Sports Club Open Women - Gatton v Newtown, 11.45am

Clive Berghofer Land Sales Reserve Grade - Valleys v Wattles, 1.00pm

Hutchinson Builders - A Grade -Valleys v Highfields, 2.30pm

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