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## Allora's Local Hero Arrives



Matthew Denny - Olympic Champion, all-round nice guy and perfect role model, comes home to a hero's welcome. *More photos page 10 & 11*

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## Olympic Bronze Medallist Harriet Hudson visits Allora



Harriet Hudson speaks to Allora P-10 State School students.

Harriet, a member of the Australian Womens Quadruple Scull rowing team recently attended assembly at Allora P-10 State School.

Students had an opportunity to see her medal up close and hear about her recent experience in Tokyo. This was particularly relevant to the students as

Harriet attended Wheatvale State School in her primary years where she had big dreams of going to the Olympics. Harriet's down to earth story of pursuing these ambitions, hard work (even in a rowing machine at home during lockdown), and her time in Tokyo was very inspiring and the kids were delighted!

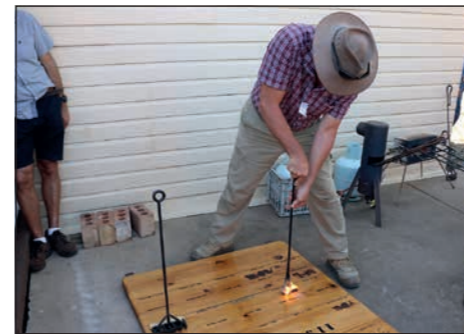


Harriet Hudson with School Leaders.

**Wattles Junior Rugby League Presentation Day**

Photos and details of the winners will appear in the **Allora Advertiser** next week

## Back to Goomburra Day



Chris Nussey placing the Nussey family brand on the Branding Board.



See more photos on page 8



Don Wright & daughter Sharon Masters. At this event Don was the oldest original inhabitant of Goomburra who still lives in the Valley and runs his dairy farm. Don is 83.



John and Robyn Nussey with daughter-in-law Flora.

RIGHT: James Lister, Member for Southern Downs, Graham Bool, President 1988 Bicentennial Celebrations and Gina Tranberg, President Goomburra Hall Committee unearthing of time capsule.



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# It's Official! Australia's Best Regional Stay - The Grain Shed Retreat

Situated in the beautiful Goomburra Valley the Grain Shed Retreat was awarded first place in the inaugural Airbnb host awards.

The Awards came as a complete surprise to the hosts Bel du Bois and Neil Erskine as the first they knew was a phone call to say they were finalists in the Airbnb awards - than a follow up call to say they had won the Best Regional Stay in Australia.

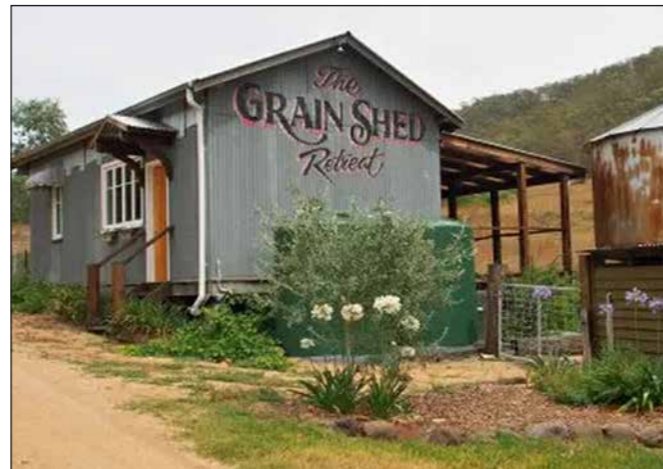
Winning Hosts were selected based on extensive Airbnb data, guest scores and reviews, with oversight from a panel of judges that included renowned interior

stylist and makeover king Steve Cordony from Orange and expert Super host Merrydith Callegari, who sits on Airbnb's global Host Advisory Board.

Bel and Neil set up the Retreat about 2 years ago after Bel located her Darling Downs Wellness Therapies to the property.

Many people travel to the Goomburra Valley so it was decided to offer them a unique stay.

Whilst the Shed is over 100 years old the accommodation certainly isn't with guests enjoying luxury and comfort in a picturesque setting.



# Allora Photography Group – Warwick Art Gallery Exhibition “Seasons of the Southern Downs”



President Joan Wylde, APG member Gale Ward and Sue Gordon, immediate Past President of Photographic Society of Qld.

Allora Photography Group (APG) recently presented it's photographic exhibition, "Seasons of the Southern Downs", to 75 guests and members at the Warwick Art Gallery.

The Director of the Warwick Art Gallery Karina Devine said the purpose of the exhibition was to endeavour to showcase the diversity and range of seasonal changes within the Southern Downs region over the previous 12 months.

APG members had been encouraged to incorporate

their individual expression and artistic interpretation of this subject to display their love and enjoyment of photography.

President of The Allora Photography Group, Joan Wylde said she hoped the present and future attendees to the gallery will take away a favourable impression of what the small but enthusiastic group of photographers is all about.

The display is open until 9 October, Tuesday to Saturday from 10am until 4pm.



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# Back to Goomburra Day



ABOVE: VIPs.



RIGHT: Sisters Beryl Irwin 99 (Brisbane), Joyce Black 94 (Allora) and friend Dot Free 90 (Allora)



Laura Wozencroft (Maryvale), Blanche & Don Gilmore (Warwick), Robyn & Neil Phelan (Toowoomba).



Elizabeth Crombie, Denise Taylor, Barbara Corby, Ruth Doyle and Jan Hemphill.



Dalrymple Bush Band.



Brian & Christine Kuhn (nee Rickert), Ian Withnall, Jim Anderson and sister Judy Lester (nee Anderson), Peter Griffith.



Unearthing the 2nd time capsule - Gina Tranberg, Lyle Johnson, President 2006 - 100 Year Celebration and SDRC Mayor Vic Pennisi.

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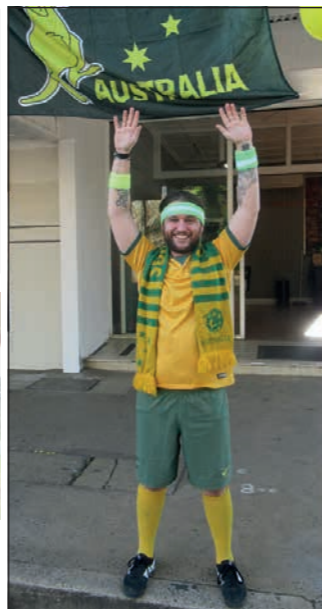
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# Allora Turns Green & Gold on Friday



Thanks to the organisers of the successful "Welcome Home Parade". Emily Henry and Sue Higgins seen here helping to decorate Herbert Street.



Nathan "the barber" gets into the spirit of the occasion.



Scope members Jill Bockman, Margaret Darr & Daph Whatley were busy on their stall last Friday raising funds for Youngcare.

## Allora Golf Report



Percy's Fruit Duck Run winner was Kev with a cracking 22 points. His reward will be playing off scratch next week. Runner up was Nick Lake with 20 points. Rundown Doreen and Tommy Brown. NTP Doreen, approach Jason Kennedy and long putt went to the "A List Celebrity" Ray. Thanks Percy.

Club trophy on Sunday was won by Jason

Nightingale with 37 points from Moose on 34. NTP/ approach/long putt went to Jason (4,7 and 14), Moose (13,16 and 6), Kev (2) and Phil (5). Jason and Gene shared the Eagles Nest on the seventh. Matchplay results Rod d Hethe and Kenny d Andy.

Next Sunday will be the Simmo's Landscaping Monthly Medal.

Congratulations to the Wattles Reserve Grade side who are through to the GF next Sunday. There are a number of golfers in this side and they are all terrific young blokes. Go Warriors. See you on the links.

## Allora Bowls Notes

**WEEK 2** - Don't ask what is the meaning of the team names, the answer won't make sense! A new team name announced at Tuesday night bowls is "Do it Again". That is Plug's brainwave. He is playing with Patto and Leanne this season.

Beanies, parkers, mittens and hoodies were the uniform of choice. Although a couple of players still wore their thongs. My goodness it was cold on the green. Maybe we broke the 'rules' but the teams on rink 4. decided to call it quits after the twelfth end and not wait for the bell. The skips despite hoodies, parkers and mittens were freezing!

Results of play: Rink 1. Pig Lures 15 v Stonecutters 6; Rink 2. Do it Again 14 v The Two Poc Crew 8; Rink 3. Peaky Blinders 26 v Beers, Bowls & Bitches 7; Rink 4. Railway Hotel 16 v

What a Show 10; Rink 5 Fire Ants 13 v Doesn't Matter 7; Rink 6 Generation Gap 14 v Burnt Clutch Bandits 7; Rink 7 Phoenix Rising 13 v The Three Stoogers 6

Ryan, Gary and Trevor (Phoenix Rising) and the boys from Burnt Clutch Bandits were winners and losers to take home a six pack.

Paul Parker Painting sponsored toucher competition winners - Kyle, Ashleigh, John C, Kelly, Leanne and Moley.

Thank you to the raffle prize donors, Railway Hotel, Allora Butchery, Percy's Fruit, Sports Club and True Value Hardware sponsor of the jackpot draw.

All volunteers are appreciated and Games Director Greg thanks all who assist in any way from putting out the mats, catering, recording, serving and maintaining the greens.

## Looking Back...

Allora's Past 25 years ago September 1996.

### Champion Marksman

Queensland Rifle Association officials believed that Allora marksman Percy Gartner had set a record when he competed in his 50th successive Queensland Rifle Championship at the Belmont Range in Brisbane. Percy won the coveted Queen's Prize in 1963 when it was last shot at the testing Enoggera Range and was fourth the following year at Belmont. He has represented his State eight times and competed for Australia against New Zealand in 1968.



The National Fitness Club Christmas party c.1964. Back: Jim Gilmore, Stuart Gilmore, Ken Muir, Errol May, Ron May, Geoff Slatter, Graham Mason, Bob Jackson, Bruce Burge. Front: Keith May, Kev. Doyle, Keith Masters, David Lehmann, Noel Guy. Photo courtesy Keith May.

takers for National Fitness were Alex. Abernethy 6/14 and Andy Carney 2/20.

Allora's Past 100 years ago September 1921

### Obituary

Mr Thomas Slatter, one of Allora's oldest residents, passed away at the age of 77 years. The deceased was born at Watlington, Oxfordshire, on the 27th October 1844. He came to Australia with his wife Emma and daughter in 1874 on the sailing ship "Ramsay". Mr Slatter worked as a farm labourer for most of his life including 25 years on Talgai West. His wife and a large family survived him.

Allora's Past 150 years ago September 1871

### Angora Goats at Talgai

Another small herd of Angora goats passed through Ipswich having been imported by Mr Clark of Talgai to form an addition to the larger number of the same kind of animals which he is at present rearing for the sake of their valuable fleeces. They were conveyed up the line to Allora on their way to the run which we understand has been specially set apart for them as to ensure the keeping of the breed pure.

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# The Back Paddock

## Fireweed blazing through local paddocks

An increasing amount of the invasive plant Madagascan Fireweed (*Senecio madagascariensis*) has been spotted in the area surrounding Allora and Clifton, causing concern for primary producers as it competes with pasture and is toxic to livestock.

Fireweed is a restricted invasive plant under the Queensland Government's Biosecurity Act 2014.

This means landholders have a General Biosecurity Obligation (GBO) to manage the biosecurity risks associated with invasive plants and animals that are under

their control and that they know about or should reasonably be expected to know about.

Fireweed generally begins to become visible in the landscape around August. It has been burnt into the mind of many farmers for a few years now.



It is usually a weed of beef and dairy pasture and even light infestations can produce one million seeds per hectare.

In 2016, the Cambooya Landcare Group held a field walk to educate the public about the weed after the Queensland Herbarium confirmed specimens taken from East Greenmount and Felton were in fact Madagascan Fireweed.

Toowoomba Regional Council's Environment and Community

Committee portfolio lead Cr Tim McMahon said there are 27 native species of *Senecio* in Queensland, with two varieties commonly found across most parts of the Toowoomba Region.

Nine species have similar flowers with conspicuous yellow rays.

"Only the introduced Madagascan Fireweed (*senecio madagascariensis*), is a category 3 restricted invasive plant under the Biosecurity Act 2014," Cr McMahon said.

"*Senecio madagascariensis* has been identified in a few isolated areas along the eastern boundaries of the escarpment."

"All species of fireweed can be toxic to livestock (native and introduced), and affected landholders are encouraged to manage those infestations"

To assist with the identification of this invasive plant, Cr McMahon said TRC has developed fact



sheets, which are available to the community, in addition to material from the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries

"Information about this plant is also included in a Pest Management Newsletter which goes out to relevant landholders and stakeholders," he said.

Wild turnip can also be mistaken for Madagascan Fireweed, as it grows as a yellow flowering field.

All *senecio* plants have a similar ability to set seed and produce pyrrolizidine alkaloids which are toxic to livestock, particularly cattle and horses, causing chronic liver damage.

The damage to the liver is cumulative over the life of the animal, it is irreversible and no treatment is available.

Fireweed is preferentially avoided by livestock, therefore poisoning is more likely to occur if there is a shortage of other feed on offer.

### HOW TO SPOT IT

- Flowers have conspicuous yellow rays (petal-like structures) more than 2mm long.
- Involucral bracts (green part surrounding the flower head) are all more or less the same length and slightly overlapping.
- There are 18 to 22 involucral bracts per flower head.
- Leaves nearly always whole or undivided except for small teeth on the margin (lower leaves sometimes have a few large lobes).

• Achenes (seeds) are 1.5–2mm long (excluding pappus) and 0.3–0.5mm in diameter.

### CONTROL

The Department of Agriculture and Fisheries suggests "the best control for fireweed incorporates integrated management strategies, including herbicides and mechanical methods in addition to vigorous permanent pastures that can compete strongly with fireweed seedlings."

For more information, visit [daf.qld.gov.au/\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0009/67167/fireweed.pdf](http://daf.qld.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0009/67167/fireweed.pdf)



Fire Weed on the Allora/Clifton Road.

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## WORD SCRAMBLE

Unscramble the words below into the corresponding boxes provided to reveal the mystery word circled in red.

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#### WORD SCRAMBLE

- Ant-Man,
- Apocalypse,
- Spider-Man,
- Venom,
- Daredevil,
- Hulk,
- Falcon,
- Thor,
- Iron Man,
- Mystique,
- Galactus,
- Quicksilver.

ANSWER: Marvel Comics



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The lads had arranged to go fishing on Sunday morning. All turned up on time except Wally. He finally arrived 10 minutes late. "What kept you?" they asked. "It was a toss-up if I went to church or joined you blokes fishing." "Well, that shouldn't have taken you long." "I had to toss up 23 times!"

## Jeremy's View



### Lunch at Jamworks and Kayaking at Foxbar Falls

On Saturday I had my piano lesson with Mrs Chapman and then we went to lunch at Jamworks. Piano was on Saturday because Mum had a violin rehearsal on Sunday with the Occasional Players and Alan Smith from the QSO and they are playing a concert at the art gallery on Sunday 19 September. Lunch at Jamworks was excellent - William had chicken curry and I had salt and pepper calamari. On Sunday afternoon William and I got to see Dad because he came home for an afternoon before he had to go back to parliament. He took us to Foxbar Falls which is west of Stanthorpe on the Harslett's property where Rotary and the local fruit and vegetable growers were having a celebration. Nonna and Dan Dan also came along too. The best bit was that dad put our kayaks on his ute and when we got there we went out on this huge lake that the Harsletts have. It is a dam for water for their vegetable crops and William and me went out right into the middle on our kayaks. There was this rocky island off the shore and we went onto it to explore it. When we got off it was really hard to get back onto our kayaks and William fell in and got wet but we can swim well and had life jackets on too. This meant that William had to go home in his undies because he was so wet. On the way home Dad and William saw a humongous red-bellied black snake crossing the road in front of the ute but I was in Nonna and Dan Dan's car so I didn't see it. Mum reckons we're about to see a whole lot more snakes soon. Mum and Nonna hate snakes. We also had a bbq lunch that the Rotary people put on. As usual Dad was busy talking to people there about things to do with his work but Nonna and Dan Dan were watching us so it was okay. But dad forgot to get a photo of us even though mum told him to get one for my column. So mum got this photo from when we had lunch at Jamworks.

Jeremy Lister, age 10

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# Wattles Reserve Graders Aim Up for 2021 Premiership

Captain/Coaches of the Wattles "South West Engineering Services" Reserve Grade side Nick Morris and Garth Lonergan couldn't praise their line-up enough after Sunday's 21 - 6 Preliminary Final success over the Valley's Roosters to charge into the 2021 TRL Clive Berghofer Reserve Grade Grand Final.

Their task is easier said than done lining up against minor premiers the Gatton Hawks who have overcome the inconvenience of COVID-19 to qualify first for the reserve grade season decider. The Hawks finished the season at the head of the ladder with Wattles chiming in at fourth place.

Along with experience and a wealth of youth and ability,



Smiles all round after Wattles Reserve Graders defeated Valleys on Sunday to book a Grand Final berth.

Warriors inbuilt strength is their rock-solid defense, Coach Lonergan commending his team for the way they have held out points especially in the second round of the competition.

The result has been a polished year for creative play maker Tom Morris who was named TRL Reserve Grade Best & Fairest Player of the Year at Friday evening's gala Toowoomba Rugby League Presentation Night.

Morris was also the winner of the prestigious 'Frank Purcell Trophy' as Overall Best & Fairest

Player of the 2021 season.

Lonergan & co/coach Morris have their focus on a win and nothing less against Gatton on Sunday, and are hoping Wattles amazing community support will fill much of venue Clive Berghofer Stadium as their green and gold team look to add Wattles third reserve grade silverware to the club trophy cabinet.

**Wattles 21** (Joe Morris 2, Dale McAntee tries; Tom Morris 4 goals; Dale McAntee field goal) defeated **Valleys 6** (Josh Hancock try; Josh Hancock goal).

### TOOWOOMBA RUGBY

**LEAGUE Grand Final Times - Sunday, 19th September, 2021. Clive Berghofer Stadium, Toowoomba - Gates Open at 8.30am - Toowoomba Rugby League Under 18 - Dalby v Highfields 10.00am. Toowoomba Sports Club Open Women - Warwick v Gatton 11.45am. Clive Berghofer Land Sales Reserve Grade - Gatton v Wattles 1.15pm. Hutchinson Builders - A Grade - Goondiwindi v Highfields 3.00pm.**

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