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## **II Done - Wattles Junior Rugby League**



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE AWARD WINNERS: Back - Dave Achilles, Peter Cavanagh, Bob Shannon, Phillip and Sue Muller, George Gall. Middle - Sam Gilmore, Piper Brady, Koby De Luca, Hamish Gartery. Front - Jake Burns. Story inside page 8



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## Air Con For School Tuckshop

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It's expected the air conditioner will be installed in the near future.

This will greatly improve the working conditions for volunteers in both the summer and winter months.

Hopefully this will

encourage more volunteers to help in the Tuckshop.

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Thanks To Hard Working Fundraisers - The School's P & C Vice President Judy Emms along with her family were sole volunteers at two busy events held recently.

Judy organised and ran the barbecues at the Festival of Small Halls then at the well supported Back to Goomburra day.



# COVID-19 vaccination clinic at Warwick

Darling Downs Health will again provide doses of the Covid-19 vaccine this week at the Warwick Showgrounds.

The clinic will be operating each day until this Friday 24 September from 7.30am to 6.30pm and on Saturday 25 September from 7.30am to 1pm.

The clinic will provide second dose vaccinations

to people who attended in August as well as those who want their first vaccination.

People aged 12 years and above are eligible to attend.

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## **COVID Cancels Cup Tour**

The Coronavirus pandemic has caused yet another blow with the much anticipated visit of the Melbourne Cup itself to Allora postponed indefinitely.

The push to get the cup was masterminded by Perry Cronin, President of Allora Regional Sports Museum.

Mr Cronin said once again COVID-19 had wreaked havoc on the museum's plans after the opening of the park honouring Wayne Bennett and Laura Geitz was cancelled last year.

"It's a terrible shame. They can't organise it with all these lockdowns and restrictions," he said.

"We were expecting a good turnout. People will 110 per cent be disappointed."

Also part of the Cup Tour was to be the appearance of Sheila Laxon ONZM, a winning New Zealand/ Australian racehorse trainer. She was the first female thoroughbred horse trainer to win the Caulfield Cup and the Melbourne Cup in 2001 with her mare Ethereal.

The current lockdown in Victoria has made it very difficult for the organisers to facilitate moving the cup from one place to another



as they cannot be there personally.

The \$250,000 price tag on the trophy also means that only a select few can be entrusted with transporting the cup, although Mr Cronin did offer.

The cup, currently in Cairns, was also meant to visit a few other places on its trip including Warra and Warwick.

Mr Cronin said despite the unfortunate turn of events he is still appreciative of the effort put in.

"I'd like to give a big thanks to Victoria Racing Club," he said. "They have been

outstanding trying to work this out.

"It must have been a nightmare."

Mr Cronin said he is hopeful the visit will happen next year sometime.

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His first step towards becoming a police officer saw him graduate from the Brisbane Police Academy in June 2013.

His first positing took him

to Maryborough as a general duties officer and relieving with the Wide Bay Burnett Tactical Crime Squad for seven months.

From there he was transferred to the Mackay Northern Beaches Police Station for a year before moving to Allora.

During his time in Allora, Senior Constable Cozens has worked alongside Sergeant Damian Grace, Officer in Charge of the Allora Police Station.



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## Mainly Music Programme Starting Soon

The "mainly music" programme, combining play with music, will be run at the Allora/Clifton St David's Anglican Church from Tuesday 5 October.

Mainly music is an interactive programme for children aged six months old to about five years old.

Dr Ellie Skelton, the wife of Reverend Matt Skelton, will be conducting the programme.

It runs for 30 minutes and is followed by a morning tea.

Dr Skelton said she is

very excited to begin.

"It is a great opportunity for young kids, accompanied by parents and caregivers,

to play with each other," Dr

Skelton said.
"Depending on the

song, instruments are used including drum sticks and shakers.

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"We want kids to get up, participate and move around to all the music."

There will also be a parachute of lycra and feathers among other things to keep kids entertained.

Dr Skelton said mainly music is not a strictly religious programme.

"Because we are a Christian organisation there will be a few songs about God but it is not faith-based," Dr Skelton said.

The first session on Tuesday 5 October starts at 9:30am and is free.

Subsequent sessions, held every Tuesday, will cost \$4 per family, per session.



Volunteers - Val Watson, Lynelle Fenner and Gail Fulton.

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rides, jumping castle and anything goes race.

A barbecue and bar will be operating along with interesting stalls.

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### Men's Breakfast Guest Speaker

The speaker for this week's Allora Presbyterian Men's Breakfast is Lea Siddans, all the way from the far distant land of Warwick. Lea is the husband of the wonderful Heather, father of 3 children and grandfather of 3 beautiful grand kids. Lea spent many years working in the rural merchandise industry before venturing into the building/renovating business. His claim to fame is that he was MC at a not so famous celebrity's wedding. (Prizes for guessing who) Come along to Allora's Presbyterian Church (Jubb St) Saturday the 25th of September at 7.30am to hear some of Lea's life experiences and a good yarn.

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## **Doug and Dick - Mates From Way Back**

The Historic Leyburn Sprints were a resounding success after cancelled the last 2 years.

This year being the 25th Anniversary the Sprints were a family affair with three generations of racing royalty - the Johnson Family.

Dick aged 76 only attended in an official role as a Leyburn Legend but kept an experienced eye on grandson Jett aged 16 years who competed for the Ann Collins Memorial Junior Award which this year was won by Thomas Rath.

Allora resident Doug Partington and his friend of almost 60 years, Dick Johnson taking a parade lap of honour in Doug's 1922 Wikner Ford Special, the oldest known Australian built racing car.

Dick, known as the nice guy in motoring history, was five times Australian Touring Car Champion.

## **Bus Visitors**

A bus load of eighteen tourists enjoyed a visit to both Museums at Allora. After spending time at Toowoomba's Carnival of Flowers they journeyed to Allora where Trevor Neale from the Allora Historical Society boarded their bus and delighted the visitors with a commentary of the town.



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Allora resident Doug Partington & his friend of almost 60 years the iconic 5 times Australian Touring Car Champion Dick Johnson taking a parade lap of honour in Doug's 1922 Wikner Ford Special the oldest known Australian built racing car.







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Rugby League recently held their annual Presentation Day at Platz Oval on the weekend. It has been a great season of football for the Club with all age groups enioving healthy competition within the Warwick & District Junior Rugby League Competition. The U13, U14 and U16 teams made the semifinals with the U13s an U16s going on to preliminary finals. The U13s gave it their all and placed 3rd in the competition. The U16s went on to the Grand Final and lost 22=10 in a great game against Collegians.

Wattles JRL would like to thank all our sponsors including our training shirt sponsors Allora Foodworks Clifton and Bartranz Petroleum - we can't play without you.

At Presentation Day the following players were recognized:

Allora Pharmacy U6: Best and Fairest - James Patterson, Most Improved -Jackson Wilson (Coached Tim Johnson)

Clifton Upholstery U7: Best and Fairest - Reece Gascoyne, Most Improved -Toby Schmidt (Coached by Tim Johnson)

Railway Hotel U8: Best and Fairest - William Berry, Most Improved - Alexander Wolski (Coached by George Berry)

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Ryanie for Tyres U12: Best and Fairest - Orry Gilmore, Most Improved - Henry McMillan, Best Forward - Thomas Worboys, Best Back - Callum Wallis (Coached by Peter

Nutrien Harcourts Cooke U13: Best and Fairest - Josh Millard, Most Improved - Narayana Dunmill, Best Forward -Brian Williams Best Back -Patrick Denny (Coached by Matt Deehan)

Nutrien **Harcourts** Cooke U14: Best and Fairest - Dante Shepherd-Picton, Most Improved Jayman Spina, Best Forward - Corey Gascoyne, Best Back - Charlie Spina (Coached by Matt Deehan)

Hamblin Building U16: Best and Fairest - Jack Wright, Most Improved - Graham Hopper, Best Forward - George Nott. Best Back - Ashley Perry (Coached By Shane Wright)

Ruhle Development Girls U17 League Tag: Best and Fairest - Reagan McMillan, Most Improved -Chelsea Bargh. Best Attack - Clare Parry, Best Defense Alexandria Gilmore (Coached by Peter Keleher) Ian & Kellie Brady Junior

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Wattles JRL Player of the Year: Sam Gilmore.



Volunteer of the Year: Club Volunteer of the Year was presented to Peter Cavanagh by Travis Burns.

Footballer of the Year (10-12yrs) - Jake Burns

Patrons Trophy: Dave Achilles ጴ Bob Shannon Wattles JRL Player of the Year - Sam Gilmore

Perpetual **Awards** 

Phillip & Sue Muller Club Man of the Year - Hamish Gartery

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Most Ruhle Dedicated Player - Piper

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Byrne Boxer Encouragement Award -Koby De Luca

Volunteer of the Year -Peter Cavanagh

Jack & Shelly Duggan



with Club Supporter of the Year George Gall.

Supporter of the Year -George Gall

> Junior Life Members George Nott. Reuben Sullivan, Lachlan Peardon, Jed Esson, Ethan Metztoth.

Congratulations to all





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### **Warwick farmers repair bushfire-damaged fencing with Rural Aid's help**

Australia's leading rural charity, Rural Aid, recently deployed a team of volunteers to the Warwick region to help with ongoing natural disaster recovery.

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Twenty-one volunteers have just finished working on three farms in the Upper Freestone and Swanfels

Earlier this month the

Allora Sheepdog Trial

Championship Trial at the

spite of Covid lockdown

which prevented interstate

had 100 entries with the

open final being won by Roy

Potticary with Delrae Eddie.

triallers from attending.

Open/Improver

Entries were good in

Committee hosted

Allora Showgrounds.

sheep

**Sheep Dog Trials At Allora** 

the

Queensland

Upper Freestone farmer Chris Mauch had kilometres of his fencing destroyed by

"It's unbelievable to cut a long story short. I put a brand new fence up there before the fires and it turned to ashes," Mr Mauch said.

Improver final was also

Novice has 103 entries

Enourage had 50 entries

The weather on the day

won by Roy Potticary with

and was won by Geoff

Gibson with Swampoak

and was won by Clinton Hall

was pleasant and not too hot

which was good for dogs,

with Serrano Rooster.

sheep and triallers.

Nolans Magic.

Abby.

He said he was grateful to have a team of Rural Aid volunteers help him fence for a week

"I've been on the land 50 years, all my life, and it's

hard enough to be on the land. It's just great to get a hand to repair all those fences that are in desperate need. I'm indebted to Rural Aid."

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Jim O'Connell a well-known handler from Tara competed on the day.





## **Clifton Benchrest Shooting Club Inc.**

The weather gods smiled benignly on Sunday 19 September and shooters had only a slight breeze to take into consideration on some shots in the rimfire section of the monthly Club shoot.

The Men's Open Rimfire went to Chris Brown with a score of 575.13, second Gary Manteit with 570.15 and third Don Doro with 569.12.

Ashleigh Brown won the Women's Open Rimfire class with a score of 577.23 and also shot the best Rabbit & Crow Card of the Day with 149.8/150.15.

Helen Manteit came in second on 573.13 in the Women's Open and also took out the Hunter Class with 199.7/200.20. Marg Sullivan on 544.8 was third in the Women's Open Rimfire.

The Junior Open Rimfire class was won by Amelia Steffen with a score of



Rimfire shooters in the first detail ready at their benches

482.1. Amelia's brother Cooper is looking forward to being able to compete with his sister on the shooting range when he turns 11.

And last but not least, Jason Edwards took home the Best Card of the Day for the RBA class with a score of 234.5/250.25.

After lunch, Centrefire section was shot. Gary Manteit with .2994 came in first and also shot the smallest group of .154. Second was Jeff Barton

with .4632 and third Helen Manteit with .5606.

Our next competition day will be Sunday 17 October 2021, looking forward to seeing another great roll up then. Don't forget you can visit the Range for rifle practice all other Sundays except the third Sunday of the month which is reserved for competition. Gary's number is 0412 331 399.



Rimfire placegetters, from L to R: Amelia Steffen from Greenmount; Helen Manteit from Carbalah; Marg Sullivan, Allora; Ashleigh Brown, Clifton; Don Doro, Warwick; Chris Brown, Clifton and Gary Manteit,

# **Allora Golf Notes**



The warm weather is enticing golfers back to the course. A strong field of 23 golfers played in the Percy's Fruit Duck Run with Garth recording a cracking 24 points to win from Tony Haig on 21. Tommy Morris, Moose, John E and Jimmy all won a ball in the rundown. NTP/approach went to Kev (15th) and Tony (16th) and Ray won the long putt.

Sunday we played for a club trophy with the Simmo's

Landscape Monthly Medal deferred to next Sunday. Winner was Rod with a fantastic 40 points from Sparky on 36. NTP/ approach/long putt won by Tommy Brown (4, 12 and 6) Macca (13) Rod (7 and 16) Russel (8) Matty (17) Kev (9) and Doreen (15). Only one matchplay round with Kev d Matty.

Fantastic effort by the Wattles boys in the Grand Final against Gatton. Good to see our club champion renewing acquaintances with a few of his Gatton mates during the game. See you on the links.

## **Allora Bowls Notes**

WEEK 3 - There are no secrets in the bowling fraternity. Someone informed Patto that it was Kelly's birthday. We all sang "Happy Birthday" with gusto and three cheers. Russell's secret was let out of the bag by his mate Lyn Patto.

Bar takings were probably up this week. It was not as cold on the green. Great to see the teams arrive early and the games get started on time.

There were some close games. The women of Generation Gap pipped the Fire Ants on the last end by one point.

Results:- Rink 1. Peaky Blinders 14 v Phoenix Rising 10; 2. Railway 13 v Stone Cutters 12: 3.Doesn't Matter 14 v The Two Poc Team 12: 4. Do It Again 13 v B.B.B. 9; 5. Pig Lures 24 v Burnt Clutch Bandits 4; 6. The Three Stoogers 12 v What at Show 6; 7. Generation Gap 11 v Fire Ants 10



The Tony Morris Tiling Winners and Losers competition was won by teams Beers Bowls and Bitches and The Three Stoogers.

Winners of the Paul Parker sponsored toucher Havden. Dave. Lvn Patto and Danny & Max.

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of thongs due to the cold weather. A new measure was introduced - a mobile phone! Just as well we play social bowls and are not under the Laws of The Sport of Bowls rule book.

#### Looking Back...

Allora's Past 25 years ago September 1996.

#### **Show Secretary** Retires

After 25 years of service to the Allora Show Society, Nancy Hoey this year retired from her position as secretary. At the Society annual general meeting last week members of the Society presented Mrs Hoey with a clock and spoke of her long and valued service to the Society.

At the A.G.M. the new committee elected for 1996 is president, Shirley Cornhill; secretary, Lynn Beherend; and treasurer, Jeff Collins.

> Allora's Past 75 years ago September 1946

#### **Show Secretary** Retires

The 21st August 1917 was the date of the appointment of Mr H. G. Deacon as secretary of the Allora Show Society. a position from which he has recently retired after 29 years of service. During that long period Mr Deacon states that that although there were many minor



Polo at Dwyer's paddock at Spring Creek in the 1950's. Tom Huston, Ken and Lawrence Telford are in the centre. Photo courtesy the late Tom Telford.

changes in the shows staged by the Society, the main features of the Show did not change, and when the last show was last held in 1940 the same excellent ring events and fine displays of farm produce were to be seen.

> Allora's Past 100 years ago September 1921

#### Polo Win to Allora

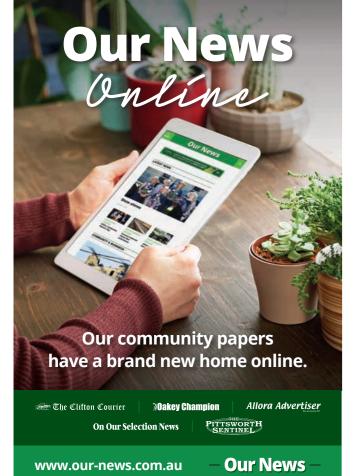
The final of the polo tournament at Clifford Park racecourse played before a large gathering of spectators including the Governor. Sir Matthew Nathan, resulted in a victory to the Allora team over the Toowoomba team 9 goals to 4. The Allora team members were T. Telford, T. Huston, G. H. Clarke and J. T. Collins.

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

#### Accident

Mr Deacon, the primary school teacher at Allora, met with a very serious accident on Saturday by the horse which he was riding falling with him, thereby breaking one of his arms a little above the wrist.

Colin Newport



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#### **School Holidays**

School holidays have started and even though I really enjoy school it's also good to be able to stay home and do stuff.

Solution this page below

Dad had parliament last week and he brought me back a book as a present for me. It was a book all about the cold war which was between the West and the East after World War Two and went until the Berlin Wall was taken down in 1989. Being home has let me talk all about the cold war with my grandfather Dan Dan because he visited lots of cold war places in Eastern Europe when he was young.

On Sunday I went with my Nonna and dad to see a concert in the Stanthorpe Gallery which had mum playing the Viola in it. It also had a famous violin player called Alan Smith and he was amazing. Mum really enjoys playing music and because she's not in the Air Force any more she loves to have a job to do which is organising the group she belongs to and

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playing concerts for people.

On next Saturday Mum is taking William and me to Hervey Bay to see my grandpa who lives there. Hervey Bay is great because there's beaches and shops and a really good second hand book shop which I really love. Dad has to stay back because he's busy but he's going to take William and me camping soon so he can be with us for a while before everything gets busy when the new baby is born in December.

Jeremy Lister, age 10

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asking for some ham

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To receive the financial report, directors' report and auditor's report for the year ended 30 June 2021.

2. Appointment of Directors

 (a) That Mr Paul McMahon be re-appointed as a director of the Credit Union.
 (b) That Mr Bob Hogarth be re-appointed as a director of the Credit Union. (c) That Mr Paul Nove be appointed as a director of the Credit Union

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## **Grand Final Glory Eludes the Warriors Reserves**

Despite their best efforts the Wattles 'South East Engineering Services Pty Ltd' lineup fell short on Sunday of snaring a third TRL reserve grade premiership for the Platz Oval based club, finishing 32 - 18 behind eventual premiers the Gatton Hawks at Toowoomba's Clive Berghofer Stadium.

On the end of his eighth year in green and gold, co-player coach Garth Lonergan showered praise on his charges who have been in shining form over the couple of months coming in to the finals, and rising from fourth rung on the ladder to make 'the big dance'.

In other matches on the Toowoomba Rugby League's blueribbon day the Goondiwindi Boars outlasted the Highfields Eagles 26 20 in the Hutchinson's Builders A Grade clash, with Allora connected former Wattles bookend Will O'Gradey an imposing figure for the youthful Eagle

The Gatton Hawk's won the initial TRL Toowoomba Sports Club Open Women's premiership on the back of a player of the match performance by Courtney Nolan overwhelming the impressive



Warwick Cowboys 30 - 10.

The Dalby Diehards drew first blood on the grand final program with a 22 - 14 win over Highfields thanks to a strong second stanza in the Under 18 Grand Final.

The Wattles Warriors reserve graders have been knocking at the door of a grand final in recent seasons and Lonergan, a key cog in the Wattles line-up over that time, is upbeat about the future of the team despite some possible looming retirements.

"It was a mission to make the Grand Final" said Lonergan, "but we dropped too much ball and slid off our game plan somewhat and you can't do that against a side like

Gatton."

"In terms of the game, unfortunately it was our worst for the year, we just couldn't get a roll on, but we were competitive and everyone put their best foot forward".

Lonergan rated Joe Morris, Mitch Bourke and front-rower Harry Shooter as the big performers in one very tough outing

Gatton 32 (Dean Bichel, Paul lopu, Taylor Hawthorne, Dominic Haak, Bailey Williams, Brandon Clarke tries; Jagon Swan 4 goals) defeated Wattles 18 (Jordan Henry, Mitch Bourke, Josh Henry tries; Tom Morris 3 goals).

> Wattles Reserve Grade

team: Josh Henry, Mitch Bourke, Brenden Wilson, Dale McAntee, Lachlan Henry, Joe Morris, Tom Morris, Ben Duff, Jack Duggan, Jordan Henry, Garth Lonergan (c), Tim Duggan, Nick Morris. Interchange: Matt Ilijas, Will Wallace, Darby Peardon, Alex Jason Wilson, Morris, Bermingham, Harry Shooter, Elie Adamson, Tim Exelby, James Wolski.

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