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## Wattles Juniors Ready for Kick-off



A great tradition continues with this season being the 43rd for the Wattles Juniors (*full story Page 9*)  
(*image Glyn Rees*)

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## Allora Garden Circle News



Next Tuesday 1st March, the Allora and District Garden Circle will visit Carmel's shady garden. Carmel will expect us to

arrive at 2pm. You may go directly to her place or meet at 1 Drayton Street at 1.45pm to travel with others. Reg, whose home nursery we visited in Warwick last December, will be at Carmel's while we're there. He'll have geraniums and salvias for sale. For more information please phone Jane (4666 3868) or Sandra (0409 542 692).

### Letters to the Editor...

Dear Editor,

St. Patrick's World Day of Prayer Committee wish to advise the Allora Community that the annual World Day of Prayer will be held in St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Allora, on Friday, 4th March at 1.30pm.

The World Day of Prayer is an international ecumenical Christian movement initiated by women. On one day a year it is an opportunity to set aside time to pray around a designated theme for the needs identified by the women of a specific country.

This year, 2022, the theme is : "For I know the plans I have for you (Jer. 29:1-14)" and England, Wales and Northern Ireland have combined to prepare the service. Men and women are most welcome. The service will be followed by afternoon tea.

Kaye Mullins,  
St. Patrick's Parish, Allora

Dear Editor,

#### Re: Clarification of Memorial Park repairs

In my recent letter to the Editor, I implied that the matter of funding was put to the SDRC councillors for approval. This is not correct and the repairs were actually approved from the SDRC operational budget.

The Allora community appreciates the support of the SDRC in funding the upgrade of the Memorial Park, which will take place just in time for Anzac Day in April and the Boer War Memorial Light Horse celebration in May.

Yours sincerely  
John Ellwood

## Traffic Disruptions At 8 Mile Intersection From Monday

The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) is progressing upgrade works at the Cunningham and New England highways intersection, locally known as the Eight Mile intersection.

From next Monday 28th February to Saturday 5 March 10 Super T girders will be erected (weather permitting) that will provide the platform of the overpass.

During this period there will be additional traffic management including stop and slow traffic control. To minimise traffic disruptions the super T girders will be erected at night, between 6.00pm and 6.00am.

These night works will be in addition to the daily construction operations which will continue between 6.00am and 6.00pm, Monday to Friday. Delays will be kept below 15 minutes.

Intermittent Saturday works may be carried out between 6.00am and 2.00pm.

When complete, the overpass will be a single lane for traffic travelling from Toowoomba to Warwick on the New England Highway and will include a 66-metre-long bridge.

Once the girders are installed, there will be a permanent height restriction for traffic using the Cunningham Highway as they will travel under the new overpass. Eastbound traffic will be restricted



The drill rig was used to bore down 26 metres to install the bridge foundation piles for the overpass at Eight Mile intersection. The crane in the background was used to lower in reinforcing steel to the abutment piles. (Photo courtesy Department of Transport and Main Roads)

to 6.1 metres, while westbound traffic will be restricted to 7.1 metres.

Motorists should continue to carefully follow all temporary traffic management signs, including digital message signs, at the intersection for the safety of motorists and road workers.

The project is currently scheduled to be completed in August 2022, subject to weather

and construction conditions. TMR aims to prioritise the use of local labour and contractors in major infrastructure projects.

Construction at the Eight Mile intersection upgrade has successfully invested 99% of project funds in Queensland businesses to date, including over 55% in regional Queensland.

The safety of motorists and road workers is the department's

top priority. Motorists are reminded to remain alert as traffic conditions will often change during construction. Traffic management changes will include road shoulder and lane closures, and some minor diversions.

Drivers are asked to be patience during construction and follow all traffic management signs and signals, and the instructions from traffic controllers.

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# QCWA News And Competitions

With no Allora show available CWA would like to invite the Allora and surrounding community to enter the CWA competitions this year. Anyone interested can compete in Cookery, Photography, Knitting and Crochet, Floral Art, Handcraft and Dressmaking. These competitions will use the CWA competition schedules which are available from our Branch rooms on a Monday morning, the **QCWA website - [qcwa.org.au/page-18276](http://qcwa.org.au/page-18276) and also from the Allora Advertiser office** here in town. Competition day will be Saturday 30th April at St Andrews Hall. A big display hopefully that everyone will be welcome to come along and enjoy.

Last week we held our usual monthly meeting. There was plenty to discuss as 2022 is a very important year for the Branch with our 100 year Birthday taking place in October. Ruth

Fairfax from Cambooya held a public meeting, way back in August 1922, to form the QCWA and then Allora branch was formed 2 months later. It is one of the few branches which has operated continuously since then. Planning has started with the Allora Historical Society for events and activities to celebrate this memorable occasion with the Allora Community. Our new Division President Irene Peachey was a welcome visitor to the meeting and she talked with us about the state wide centenary celebrations and future directions of the CWA. We enjoyed a lunch with visitors from Cunningham and Clifton.

For further information regarding the competitions or anything QCWA please phone Sandi on 0408 066 192 or Barb on 0412 849 983.



Nikki Tripley and Carmel Cowley busy completing some entries for the competition.

## Allora Sports Museum 23rd AGM

A good roll-up with locals as well as the SDRC Mayor and four Councillors

in attendance at the recent Annual General Meeting of Allora Regional Sports Museum Inc.

Obviously the executives are doing a commendable job as their positions remain the same.

Patron Shane Webcke, President Perry Cronin, Secretary Shelley Duggan and Treasurer Rod Kelly.

The Sports Museum is open every Sunday from 12.30 - 4pm and other times by appointment.

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# \$4.6 million for Southern Downs projects under National Bushfire Recovery Funding

Three projects to build a stronger Southern Downs community have been successful under the Australian Government's Black Summer Bushfire Recovery Grants program.

Federal Member for Maranoa David Littleproud has announced a \$4.5 million redevelopment of the Warwick Saleyards, along with a \$44,440 grant towards the Condamine Headwaters Landcare Group's training program for Cultural Burning for Healthy Country, and \$28,500 to support the Grand Parade at Stanthorpe's 2022 Apple & Grape Harvest Festival.

Mr Littleproud said that the Warwick Saleyards upgrade will support the recovery of primary producers in the region.

"All stakeholders within the saleyards supply chain, including buyers, sellers, livestock selling agents, transport operators, employees and most importantly the livestock will benefit from this development." Mr Littleproud said.

Southern Downs Mayor Vic Pennisi welcomed the

funding announcement by Mr Littleproud.

"The Warwick Saleyards has been a major pillar in the identity of the Southern Downs for nearly 60 years and plays an important part in connecting our rural and agricultural community," Mayor Pennisi said.

"It was critically important to us to obtain funding to progress the redevelopment project and ensure a sustainable and competitive market position for our saleyards."

The Condamine Headwaters Landcare Group will use their \$44,440 grant to train local land managers about cultural burning of Country using First Nations fire practitioners to mitigate severe fire risk and enhance ecological health and productivity.

Funding of \$28,500 will also flow to Stanthorpe's Apple & Grape Harvest Festival to bolster the Grand Parade and provide social benefits and support local economic recovery and cash-flow within the Granite Belt.

Mr Littleproud said the

overall program funding was boosted by \$110 million to \$390 million to further

support communities around Australia to recover from the 2019-20 bushfires.

## Report From The Allora Police



*A message for the local residents about vehicle security after a number had their cars broken into last weekend*

**On Sunday evening 13th February 2022**, four residents in Allora had their vehicles broken into between 8pm and 9pm after four offenders drove a motor vehicle, earlier stolen from Warwick, into town. These vehicles were targeted after they had not been secured correctly. These offences were opportunistic, and offenders disturbed by one of the vehicles owners who reported the matter directly to Police. The offenders

involved have been arrested and charged for multiple Unlawful Entry Motor Vehicle (UEMV) offences within the Darling Downs District.

Most car thefts are opportunistic and there are a number of things you can do to reduce the risk of having your car stolen or broken into. In this case, the youthful offenders readily admitted that they simply checked to see which cars were unlocked before moving onto the next. If keys had been left in them, then they would have taken the car... Allora Police wish to remind residents to lock and secure their cars when not being used, remove all valuables and personal items and to store your keys out of plain sight.

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Half-yearly water meter reading has commenced across the region.

Council's water meter readers will be easily identifiable in SDRC-branded uniforms.

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To keep everyone safe Council requests that unrestrained dogs be controlled or restrained behind closed gates.

If gates are locked or an animal prevents Council staff from accessing meters, a calling card will be left in the letter box asking residents to call 1300 697 372 to arrange access.

Water notices for this half-year period will be issued in April 2022. If you're experiencing issues with payment contact Council to arrange a confidential payment agreement.

# Grow Free Trolley Out This Weekend

End of month sees the popular Trolley wheeled out in Allora.

If you have any surplus fruit, vegetables, plants, jams etc. you're welcome to leave them on the trolley to share with the community. Then feel free to take anything you like or need.

Look for the Grow Free Trolley this Saturday or Sunday - out between 9am and 4pm both days at 15 Drayton Street, Allora.



# Good Turnout For Landcare Ceremony



Craig Magnussen QWaLC Director for Murray Darling Region presented the award to President Luise Manning (Pictured with husband David)

Gleggallan Homestead was the venue for the Queensland State Landcare Ceremony last weekend.

Members from Allora, Clifton and Pittsworth Landcare groups attended and were impressed with the work carried out by the winners, The Community Group category Springfield Lakes Nature Care Inc.

Incorporated in February 2017 the Springfield Lakes Nature Care (SLNC) took action after concerned residents wanted to make the

catchment, consisting of 3 lakes & 3 major creeks, into a cleaner & greener suburb. Then a month later SLNC became a member of QWaLC because members saw the benefits of Landcare membership. SLNC's aim was to hold activities that were proactive in removing litter from waterways, reducing erosion & sediment runoff. Thus achieving cleaner & healthier water to provide habitat for aquatic life & birds/animals and improve suburbs liveability for residents.

# Apple & Grape Harvest Festival



**FIRST WEEKEND (25 - 27 FEBRUARY)**

The festivities get underway with the streets of Stanthorpe lighting up in the opening Street Party and buskers taking to the sidewalks on Saturday 26th February to compete for the Australian Busking Championship.

**THE BIG WEEKEND (4 - 6 MARCH)**

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Queensland Country Bank Food and Wine Fiesta runs the course of the whole weekend, giving you the

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# Start Your Engines for Allora Heritage Weekend

Allora Heritage Weekend President Graeme McMillan and his committee were all smiles after the organisations recent meeting where it was decided the postponed 2022 Heritage Weekend would go ahead on May 14th & 15th.

Mr McMillan advised that the postponement was brought about by ongoing and heightening COVID-19 concerns that also resulted in the cancellation of the 2022 Allora Annual Show, "our committee's decision was based on concerns over the Covid-19 situation and the risk to volunteers, patrons and the wider community."

"We have a COVID-19 plan, as was the case last year that worked very effectively, and given the lightening of health restrictions across the State we are confident we can host a safe event."

"It's a pity to have had to break with the long-standing



The Allora Heritage Weekend can be considered the stuff of boyhood and Olympic champion dreams. Local lads Matthew Denny and Matthew Cowley explore a vintage Ford truck at a past Heritage event.

tradition of hosting the event on the Australia Day Weekend, but any weekend this year will be a good one for an event considered synonymous with Allora."

The 2021 Allora Heritage

Weekend was considered by organisers and regular attendees to be the biggest in the event's 28 year history.

Vintage vehicle and machinery enthusiasts from around the nation will again have the opportunity to take to the many roads leading to Allora and its picturesque showgrounds.

As always, the Weekend will provide significant memories for some, and a wondrous education for others, but you can be certain it will hold the attention of the thousands who are expected through the Showgrounds gate with a display that is rated among the best of its type in the nation.

Born in 1995, the Weekend unfolded as an opportunity for local enthusiasts to roll their vehicles, machinery & motors out of their sheds and have a bit of fun.

It has grown in amazing proportions with Allora bursting at the seams with

visitors, exhibit numbers in the thousands and international fame.

While historical machinery will roll into Allora from around Australia, the contribution from local vehicle and machinery restorers gives accurate recollections of Allora's historical past.

As was initially promoted, the feature exhibits for the coming Heritage Weekend are Tractors – McCormick International and Bulldogs; Trucks – International; Cars – English and Military Vehicles; Stationary Engines: Witte and Motorcycles – Indian and AJS.

Heritage Weekend President Graeme McMillan suggests we all "watch this page" for updates over the coming few months and mark your diaries with the dates of Queensland's favourite and biggest Heritage event.

Glyn Rees

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# Wattles Juniors off to a Flying Start



Wattles Junior Rugby League Club President Jason Fogarty was thrilled with the club's rollup to the muster/registration at the Allora State School last Thursday for Under 6 – Under 11 players.

It all happens again this Thursday (24-02-2022) for Under 12, Under 17 and girls league tag players, with a sausage sizzle again available.

As advised last week in the media, all players need to register for the 2022 season at [www.playnrl.com.au](http://www.playnrl.com.au)

New players need to bring a copy of their original birth certificate.

Fees for the new season are \$135 for the first child and \$125 each additional child in the family. Fees will be taken along with uniform orders on the day.

According to Mr Fogarty "it appears to be gelling well as we kick-off into Wattles Juniors 43rd season, with player numbers, calibre of team officials and community support."

It's not all new for the President who took over from Peter Cavanagh for the new season approaching, Mr Cavanagh stepping up to preside over the Warwick & District Junior Rugby League.

Mr Fogarty is a former Wattles junior himself, has a son playing and has served as President of Wattles senior club.

"We are looking forward to another promising year in promoting the great game and educating young players in the finer skills, building friendships and enhancing leisure time enjoyment," said Mr Fogarty

While training has been underway at the Allora State School Francis Kates Field, the junior Warriors are looking forward to kitting up and hitting the playing field in a pre-season trial on Saturday March 5th against the Pittsworth Danes at Club Pittsworth.

The second of three pre-season rounds to have the teams honed and ready for the

coming season involve a trip to Stanthorpe where Wattles match up against Brisbane club Redlands at the annual REDLANDS4STANTHORPE Carnival.

The green and gold sacred turf of Platz Oval plays host to the Warriors final pre-season trial day with Toowoomba's Newtown Lions making the journey to Clifton.

The 2022 Warwick & District Junior Rugby League season gets underway on Saturday April 23rd with the young Warriors drawing a Bye in the initial Round, before heading to Warwick the following weekend to take on the Collegians Dragons.

Amongst concerns late last year that the District competition may go under the most significant changes for the Warwick and District League since it's 1966 formation, reconsideration at

governing levels will see junior rugby league for 2022 in the region as business as usual.

The curtains on the new Rugby League season opened in grand fashion at Allora's Kates Oval hosting education programs for coaches and young players arranged by Wattles' Mark Mason and Jason Fogarty.

While it may have been a challenging start to year for the young Warriors of the future, the benefits are significant for Wattles and others that enjoyed the opportunity along with coaching staff from across the district.

Experienced coaches and senior players from the Brisbane region associated with the Brisbane Broncos: Mark Gliddon (Easts Tigers Under 21), Jon Buchanan (Easts Tigers Instrust Super Cup), Kerry Theurkauf (Ipswich/ex Broncos) and Paul

Lowe (Ipswich/Broncos) were joined by Wattles top grade coach Travis Burns and Wattles Under 19 mentor Cameron Hamblin to impart their expertise in a League think tank.

Clinic sessions were conducted with local coaches on Saturday, and junior rugby league players on Sunday.

In another Wattles Juniors initiative, the club is providing a free service to the Under 12 to Under 17 age groups including girls league tag players to participate in extra fitness training conducted by personal trainer Jacob Ranger.

The training sessions commence on Tuesday March 1st at Allora's K.O. Masters Cricket Oval from 4.30pm to 5.30pm.

The sessions will alternate a week about between K.O. Masters Oval and Platz Oval.

Glyn Rees

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# Aussie Growers' Chance To Have Their Say



Brett Hosking.

Peak grains representative body GrainGrowers is inviting growers across the country to have their say on the issues impacting their farm in the 2022 Annual Policy Survey, the results of which will be shared directly with key political candidates and parties to ensure they are focussing on the right grower priorities, and direct GrainGrowers' advocacy efforts over the year ahead.

The survey covers a range of topics including

biosecurity and pests to RD&E and climate change.

"The 2022 Annual Policy Survey asks growers for their honest thoughts and our job is then to turn this into grower-focussed policy and advocacy efforts," says Brett Hosking, GrainGrowers Chair and VIC grower.

"Growers are at the heart of all the work GrainGrowers does and the annual survey helps ensure that what is happening on the farm is reflected in our policy efforts."

Conducted through a mix of multiple choice and long-form answer questions, the survey asks growers to share more about the issues that are deemed important to their commercial enterprises and what policies are needed to support this.

The 2022 Annual Policy Survey is being conducted by third-party market research firm Kynetec on behalf of GrainGrowers and follows ESOMAR codes of practice for confidential research. Information provided by respondents in the study will be combined with others and no individual responses will be identified.

The 2021 Annual Policy Survey revealed the top three challenges facing Aussie growers were costs of farm inputs, labour/skills shortages, and machinery/capital expenses (including cost of repairs). Most growers expected the industry to improve over the next 12 months due to; good season, strong commodity prices and improved technology and research.

As an added incentive, this year responding growers will also go in the running to win one of two \$1000 Mastercard Gift Cards as a gesture of thanks for taking the time to share their views.

GrainGrowers' 2022 Annual Policy Survey is currently open and will close on 9 March 2022.

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## Drones battling Fall armyworm

Local agricultural business Drone Commander is using drones to combat the destructive insect fall armyworm (FAW).

Prevalent in crops with whorls such as sorghum and maize, FAW has been a menace to local crops this season.

In January, a Department of Agriculture and Fisheries spokesperson said most crops planted in the eastern Darling Downs in December 2021 and January 2022 have had an infestation.

Drone Commander, based in Cambooya, has been using drones to combat FAW with good success.

Drone Commander principal Roger Woods said



FAW had been appearing in local crops since early last year and farmers from here to the Sunshine Coast have been requesting his help to eliminate the pest from their crops.

Mr Woods said he has been using fermented bacteria, which is very high tech, and a beneficial virus which especially attacks FAW.

"It's a precision strike," Mr Woods said.

"Very effective. The real benefit is it's treating the pest in all of its life cycle stages in one application."

Young larvae feed on the leaf surface older larvae can feed on roots and reproductive structures and female moths can lay up to 1,000 eggs.

The Queensland Government state eradication of FAW has been determined to be unfeasible and it is now classified as an endemic pest.

It was first detected on the Australian mainland in February 2020 and is now widespread.



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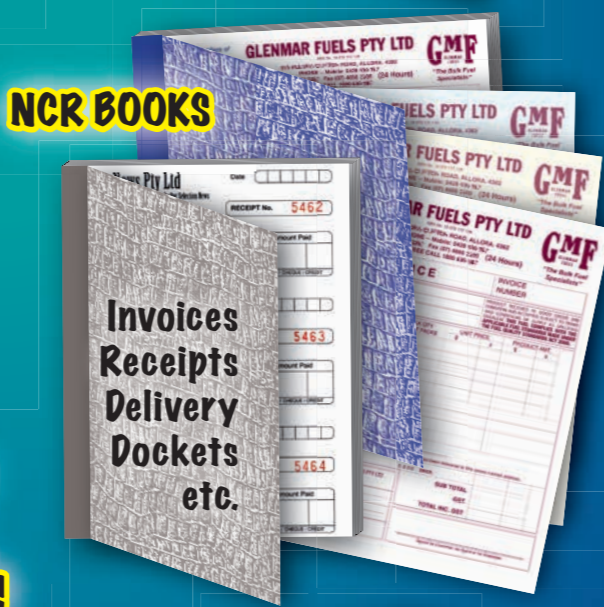


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# Allora's Queensland Champion Reign Continues

The Allora Swim Team successfully competed in Brisbane on the 12/13th February at the QLD Swimming Sprint Championships. Qualifying standards are set by Swimming Qld and swimmers compete at meets across the region during the summer with many swimmers aiming to achieve these qualifying standards. Allora had a total of 32 swimmers reach qualifying, one third of our entire club, and were most pleased with the efforts of the 26 swimmers who were able to attend this state-based event.

For many younger swimmers this is their first State experience and the Chandler Complex is a much larger stage to perform upon. Our congratulations are extended to our ten-year-olds competing for the first time: Sophie Day, Michaela Kynaston, Ruby Paterson, Paige Priebbenow, Sam Stenzel and Charlotte Stevens.

Many of our more experienced swimmers also competed and we congratulate the following swimmers on their great performances: Savannah Butler, Emma Day, Will Day, Nicholas Denny, Claire Eckersley, Katelyn Fischer, Imogen Fox, Chloe Harm, Bridie Hutchison, Ellyse Kruger, Nicholas MCGahon, Ellyn Moore, Lily Osborne, Will Peters, Sofia Schramm, Alyssa White and Jett White. It is an honour to represent your region and your club at this level.



Bailey Harm and Coach Andrew Fidge celebrate a successful outing at the QLD Sprint Championships.

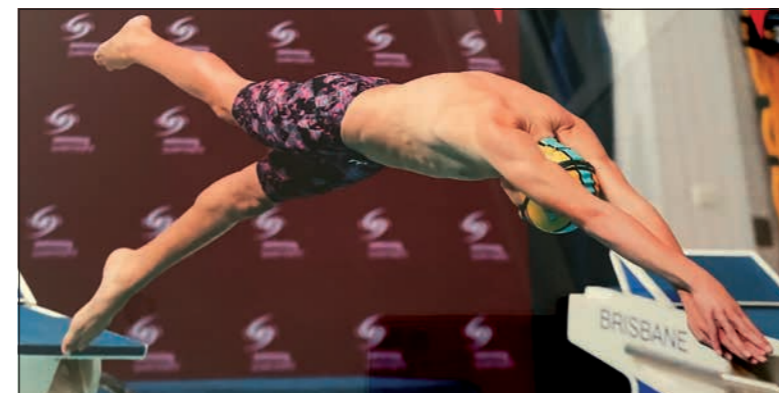
Allora had two athletes competing in the Multi Class division at the Qld Sprints. Harrison Dangerfield secured the reserve finalist position for the 50m Backstroke. Aiden Brown secured the same position for the 50m Breaststroke. Both Aiden and Harry had a great first-time experience, and we know they will both be hungry to chase a finals berth at State level in the years ahead. This was an exceptional achievement for these up-and-coming swimmers who have enjoyed a season of success with the Allora Swimming Club.

Our Club Congratulations are extended to Allora's reigning State Champion Bailey Harm, who had a most successful outing. Bailey took the Gold medal swim in the 13 years 50m Breaststroke to be named

QLD Sprint Champion for the third consecutive year. Bailey qualified for all four final swims, also securing the State Silver in the 50m Freestyle and 50m Backstroke, swimming those finals only minutes apart. Bailey also placed 5th in the final of the 50m Butterfly. Bailey swam new personal best times all under National Qualifying standards, adding to his tally of 6 events that he will now swim at the National Age Championships in Adelaide in April.

The Allora Swimming Club will turn out in numbers at the local and regional school meets before competing at the Darling Downs Regional Swimming Championships in Toowoomba over the first weekend in March. We are most excited to be fielding a solid team for this event who will be involved in the March Past and Relays as well as vying for a fantastic finale to our efforts at meets across the Darling Downs this season.

Donna-Maree Willett



Bailey Harm making a great start to the 13 years 50m Freestyle at the QLD Sprint Championships.



Swim Club members Harrison Dangerfield and Aiden Brown had a very successful meet at the QLD Sprint Championships.

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Their teacher was Sister Mary Romuald a Nun in the Sisters of St Joseph Religious Order, founded by Saint Mary McKillop.

John Fogarty and Jack McKendry lived with their parents in the township of Allora, Kathleen Collins boarded at the Convent.

Len Marshall lived with his parents in their farm at Tabletop and rode his bike 3 miles each way to school every day and Tom McVeigh rode his pony "Tiny" 4 miles to School from the family property at "Belvue" Talgai.

As the years rolled by, Sister Kathleen Collins

represented the Sisters of Charity in Rome.

Jack McKendry was the Pioneer in establishing licensed Clubs in Queensland.

John Fogarty represented Australian several times in Rugby Union and toured with the Wallabies to New Zealand in 1949.

Tom McVeigh was involved in Public Services and finally we record the life of care and example of the Champion of the Class.

Reverend Brother Len Marshall was affectionately known by his class mates as "Bill".

His life was a journey of faith, generosity and care for all no matter whom.

After his Profession as a Christian Brother in Perth in 1947 he spent decades establishing and supervising Schools all over Western Australia bringing education

and the value of life to indigenous and the poor and wealthy as a Supervisor in remote areas from Kalgoorlie to Broome and in between. Bill not only taught but he was a superb communicator with students, parents and society. He made friends by his quiet manner and one who listened rather than just talked - had two ears and one tongue.

On his return to Queensland in 1967 he travelled far and wide encouraging students to do their best no matter what. He was Principal and Supervisor at Colleges such as Nudgee, Gregory Terrace, St Columbians, Indooroopilly and adviser to Colleges at Box Hill, Dutton Park and Mt Archer.

He was elevated by his fellow Christian Brothers to the Leadership roll as Provincial for Eastern

Australia where he was the leader for 23 years, responsible for all the Schools and Personnel in the Schools. His soft eloquence and humility were his strengths as well as his guiding star. His leadership reflected his love of his faith from his heart.

He spent what were anticipated by him and his family (one sister survives him and lives in Clifton) whilst caring for elderly brother at Canossa Nursing Home at Oxley, for 10 years till his death - a servant for others and to others till the last.

*A tribute from his St Josephs Convent Classmates 1938 - 1942 - Kathleen, John and Jack per Tom McVeigh - 15/2/22*



**WEEK 5** - Once our music man Ryan turns the music up its game on and the great tunes he puts together really gets everyone in the mood for a good night of bowls. Thanks Ryan, you do such a great job.

This week there were a few upsets, one in particular that had the tissues out for Gina's Babies and a great win for Beers, Bowls & Bitches who came back to win over Doesn't Matter by 1, a big score of 8 on one end. Well done girls.

Results were: Rink 1: Fire Ants 16 d. Pig Lures 7; Rink 2: Beers, Bowls & Bitches 20 d. Doesn't Matter 19; Rink 3: Do It Again 10 d. Phoenix Rising 5; Rink 4: Stone Cutters 13 d Gina's

# Allora Bowls Notes

Babies 6; Rink 5: Generation Gap 32 d. The 2 Poc Crew 9; Rink 6: The Three Stooges 15 d. Railway Hotel 10; Rink 7: Peaky Blinders 17 d. What a Show 8.

Touchers this week were Sid, Moley, Kate, Robyn, Dave Smith & Nat. Enjoy those chocolates. Thanks Paul Parker for sponsoring and Ashleigh for keeping note of winners.

Raffle winners were Bryce x 2, Bev, Robyn, Tony & Cheree. Glen Mc had a cut of the cards for the Jackpot of \$40 but no luck.

Winners for the night were Fire Ants and Losers What a Show.

Don't forget Membership of \$20 is due.

Thanks to all our helpers for the night, Cheree, Fiona, Lilly, Moley, Patto and our sub players who come in at short notice, very much

appreciated and of course to our raffle sponsors, Allora Butchery, Railway Hotel, Percy's Fruit, Allora Sports

Club, Tony Morris Tiling & TCL Cleaning. See you all back next week for another great night of social bowls.

## Allora Pony Club Events

Allora Pony Club first rally for this year was held recently at the Allora Showgrounds. It was great to see old members back and welcome new riders. We are looking forward to another successful year for our riders, across a variety of disciplines. Our annual campdraft and gymkhana will be held later in the year.

Our next rally day will be Sunday the 6th March at the Allora Showgrounds. The Pony Club will operate in the eastern paddock as the Allora Dressage day is also being held. Rally will start at 9am. Anyone interested can come along and find out

more about the Pony Club.

We also offer the option of Come and Try, where you can bring your horse and participate for the day, without being a full member. The cost of the Come and Try is \$7.00 per rider - please bring correct money. Forms will need to be completed before riding.

The Annual Meeting will also be held on Sunday the 6th March, at the Allora Showgrounds, starting at 12.30pm, followed by a general meeting.

If you'd like more information phone Christine on 0401 480 751.

### Looking Back...

**Allora's Past 25 years ago February 1997**

#### Glengallan Homestead

The historic Glengallan Homestead this week became the property of the Warwick Shire when the Warwick Shire Council purchased the homestead, along with five hectares of land, for \$60,000. Warwick Shire Mayor, Cr. Bruce Green, said that the Council would lease the building to the Glengallan Homestead Trust which hopes to buy it back in ten years.

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A. Leggatt, J. Muller jnr., and M. Weber. Members stood in silence for a minute as a mark of respect to the relatives of Mr. L. Cowley and Mr. W. Cooper.

**Allora's Past 100 years ago February 1922**

#### Allora Show

The 36th annual Central Downs Show took place during the week. The pavilion was well filled, with fruit and vegetables exceptionally exhibited. The outstanding feature was an exhibit arranged by Messrs Geitz Bros. of the wheat grown by the Agriculture Department on their farm. The exhibit was splendidly arranged and included thirty varieties of wheat shown in the sheaf, sample glasses, and bags. Photographs showing harvesting operations were

included and the whole reflected the greatest credit on Mr. H. Geitz who was responsible for the exhibition.

**Allora's Past 125 years ago February 1897**

#### Pilton Dairying Co.

This company held its ordinary general meeting at the company's office at Upper Pilton on Wednesday. The three directors Messrs W. McKinstry, G. Anderson and E. Finlay were present along with the secretary Mr. R. W. Frost. A large number of shareholders put in an appearance including Messrs F. Collard, R. Hamill, C. Siebenhausen, A. Warren, J. White, J. A. Shepperd, F. W. Collard, J. E. Finlay and T. Johns.

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## Jeremy's View

### The SXS Firework and Fury concert

On Sunday the 20th of February mum and I went to Brisbane for the first SXS (Southern Cross Soloists) concert of the 2022 season. It took about 3 hours to get to Brisbane and we had a great chat about Timor Leste (East Timor) on the way and Mum told me all about her Army deployment there.

Once we got to QPAC we found a carpark and went in. We arrived with plenty of time so the first thing we did when we got in was go to the café by QPAC, I ordered a tea and some chips while mum ordered a coffee. After that we met one of Mum's friends who was performing in the concert.

The program included works by Hasse, Popper, O'Boyle, Berlioz, Paganini/Primrose and Prokofiev. And my favourite piece was the Prokofiev piano concerto performed by Konstantin Shamray. Mum's favourite was the Berlioz - Harold in Italy performed by the viola soloist James Wannan. Mum tells everyone she plays the violin because most people don't know what a viola is, but she actually mostly plays viola (and violin). The viola is a big violin that is five notes lower than violin and reads alto clef. The concert included the launch of the SXS Diggerdoo Commissioning Project featuring Chris Williams, who I heard at the last SXS concert in 2021. I'm looking forward to the next SXS concert on 19th of June.

Jeremy Lister, age 10



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Family and friends are warmly invited to attend Trevor's funeral, to be held at St Patrick's Cathedral, cnr James and Neil Streets, Toowoomba, Requiem Mass commencing at 11.00am, Friday, 25th February 2022, followed by interment at the Garden of Remembrance.

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## Death Notice -

### SMITH, Roy

Late of Allora, Qld, passed away peacefully on 20th February 2022, aged 86 years.

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Relatives and friends are invited to attend Roy's funeral at St Patrick's Catholic Church, Warwick Street, Allora, commencing at 10.30am Saturday 5 March 2022, followed by interment at the Allora Cemetery.

"At Peace"

## Death Notice -

### Lynn Mary Shields (nee Saunders)

of Allora Qld. formerly of Casino. Passed away on Thursday, 10th February 2022, aged 68.

Beloved wife of Trevor. Loving Mother and Mother-in-law of Peta & Darren, Shannon & Ty. Beloved Nana to Bree, Tyler, Jazmin, Erin, Katelyn and Hunter. Sister and Sister-in-law to Robyn and Ted.

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# Former Warrior Star Returns

An announcement that's brightened Wattles coach Travis Burns' past week or two is news of the return to Platz Oval of representative three-quarter and home grown junior Nick Van Der Poel.

Burns has no doubt the 22 year old second rower/centre who was judged Wattles 'Colt of the Year' for 2019 will bolster the Warriors line up.

Van Der Poel enjoyed a sizzling season in 2019, a member of Wattles Madsen-Rasmussen trophy winning side before playing a significant role in Wattles charge to the Toowoomba Rugby League Centenary preliminary final.

Mid-season after outstanding performances for the Toowoomba Clydesdales he gained Regional Queensland (Queensland Country) Under 20 representative honours.

The 2020 season saw the exciting young back sign-up for the Old Bar Beach Pirates at Taree in NSW Group 3 competition, the club that can boast the likes of former NRL stars and

Internationals Danny Buderus and Boyd Cordner. Alas the move ended in disappointment given the season was cancelled due to COVID-19.

The league playing journeyman made his Wattles A Grade debut back in 2017 as a raw 17 year old, before heading to Townsville running on for Brothers and hooking up with the Townsville Blackhawks Under 20's.

It was a big year in 2017 for the former Wattles Under 7, playing in both Townsville Brothers Under 19 and A Grade premiership successes.

Van Der Poel has been honing his talents as a back-rower though last season playing reserve grade for Burleigh Bears on the Gold Coast.

The move into the forward pack pleases him and adds another string his bow, plus a utility bonus for coach Burns and the A Grade side.

With the challenges of the 2022 Toowoomba Rugby League season looming on the horizon, the Warriors line-up is undergoing key

changes welcoming new players and welcoming back some star talent.

Another addition to the threequarter line that will include Nick Van Der Poel is accomplished 22 year old representative centre Austin Jennings.

Jennings combination with Van Der Poel outside playmakers under the direction of former Queensland Rangers half and four time Toowoomba Rugby League Player of the Year Matt Duggan serves notice to all opponents.

Jennings hails from the Lockyer Valley, a former Gatton Hawk who collected numerous club awards before heading to the coast and the Sunshine Coast Falcons.



Wattles returning utility player Nick Van Der Poel receiving his QRL Regional Queensland Under 20 jersey from former State of Origin enforcer John Buttigieg in 2019.

Wattles coach Travis Burns feels Jennings has a lot to offer his line-up and will develop into a key strike player with his skills and pace.

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