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Allora P-10 Farewells Long-Serving Staff Members



77 years of experience and expertise will leave Allora P-10 State School this month with the retirement of two much valued, long-serving staff members, Mrs Barbara Reedman and Mrs Maria Henry (seated in centre, second row). *Photo Leanne Kanowski. Story page 3*

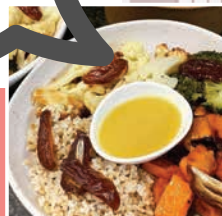
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Fire Captain Ross Williams and members of his Training Squad extinguished the fire in a lounge chair that had been placed too close to a heater. The local Police and the Ambulance Service also attended the scene.

This has prompted Captain Williams to remind locals to **BE AWARE** and **BE FIRE SMART**.

- Check that your smoke alarms are working properly
- Winter means take extra care when using heaters, electric blankets or open fires.
- Chimneys need to be cleaned before use.
- Make sure you completely extinguish hot ashes.
- Never leave cooking or any other open flame including candles or oil burners unattended.
- Clean the lint filter of your clothes dryer each and every time you use it.
- Don't overload power points and switch off



appliances when not in use.

- Always keep lighters and matches away from children.
- Never smoke in bed.
- Remember that smoke from a fire will make you confused and that you cannot see in smoke.
- When asleep you will not smell smoke and it will in fact put you into a deeper sleep.
- Have a written escape plan in case of fire and practice it regularly.
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Two Long-Serving Staff Members Retire!

Mrs Reedman retired from Allora P-10 State School at the end of May after 32½ years of service in the office. Mrs Reedman started her long career with Education Queensland in 1989 and has been an integral part of the administrative team over many years. As an Administrative Officer and Business Manager, Mrs Reedman was highly respected by supervisors and peers for her high quality of work; balancing the books, managing HR issues and maintaining facilities.

The Allora community is very grateful for the dedication and commitment that Mrs Reedman put into ensuring that our facilities and grounds were the best they could be, often going the extra mile to secure some extra regional funding for our school or carefully managing the budget to make funds go a little further. This has been a credit to her and a legacy that Mrs Reedman leaves for many future generations of staff and students to enjoy.

In addition, Mrs Reedman had acquired a wealth of knowledge over the years, especially while serving as the Senior Finance Officer for the Darling Downs South West Region. Allora P-10 State School has been very fortunate to have a Business Services Manager the calibre of Mrs Reedman and it is very hard to imagine the school office without her!



Robyn Westerman Head of Department (Curriculum), Barbara Reedman, Maria Henry, Dr. Shaun Kanowski Principal. Photo Leanne Kanowski

Also retiring is Mrs Maria Henry, who has been a Teacher Aide at Allora P-10 State School for 45 years. Mrs Henry joined the Education Department in 1977 as a Teacher Aide in Preschool (now Prep) working alongside teacher-in-charge, Mrs Joyce Gibson and she has always been held in very high regard by teachers, parents and students. During her amazing and long career, Mrs Henry has supported teachers with their curriculum delivery and students

with their literacy and numeracy learning. Mrs Henry has also provided additional support to students with multiple disabilities and students requiring medical intervention eg blood glucose monitoring.

As testimony to her commitment to her work, Mrs Henry engaged in many professional development opportunities over the years to upskill and complete training to ensure that her educational practices were always

current. Many in the community will agree that Mrs Henry always helped to create a very positive and productive working environment for all the students in her care. Mrs Henry has been a highly respected member of staff with her commitment, interpersonal skills and professionalism second to none.

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National NAIDOC Week celebrations will be held across Australia from this Sunday 3rd to Sunday

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This year's theme is Get Up! Stand Up! Show Up!



Created by Allora's well-known artists, the Nicholson Art Company, this magnificent mural is located on a large shed near Pittsworth on the Gore Highway - easy to see driving in from the west.

In our local region

The Goolburri Aboriginal Health Advancement Co Ltd invites those interested to join in a street march on Monday July 4 in Warwick to celebrate NAIDOC Week - The march will assemble at Warwick Town Hall at 9.30am for a 9.45am start, with the march to proceed along Palmerin St to the NAIDOC Week Flag Raising Ceremony at the Warwick Police Station.

Warwick Patrol Group NAIDOC Flag Raising Ceremony - Warwick Police Station Fitzroy Street 10am Monday 4th July. After the ceremony you are invited to attend morning tea with light refreshments at the Uniting Church, Williams Hall, Guy Street. RSVP by Thursday 30th June via email - Bahr.MandyP@police.qld.gov.au

Bath Salt Workshop - Wednesday 6th July 6pm - 8pm. Enjoy a little pampering with Amanda from Paperbark Love as you make your own natural bath salts/scrub. Free but bookings essential (07) 4681 3777.

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Sandra's verandah where weather won't matter. There are several pleasant subjects to discuss, including visitors and trips, our pot-plant display and card sales and our garden plans and projects.

Please note that we'll meet at 10 o'clock. You may go directly to Sandra's place or travel in a group from 1 Drayton Street. For more information call Sandra (0409 542 692) or Jane (4666 3868).

Women's mobile health clinics for July

Darling Downs Health advises that the women's health nurses will be on the road next month, travelling to rural locations to provide free and confidential health clinics.

The women's health nurses offer a range of services, including cervical screening tests, breast awareness, sexual health testing and advice for

issues such as continence, menopause, family planning, contraception and general well-being.

5 July, BreastScreen Toowoomba, 4616 6809

6 July, Warwick Hospital, phone 4660 3900

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at our buildings on open days. Local tradesmen were hired to supply & install all electrical works.

Our historical society encourages more members to join or just assist when you can. Every Thursday from 9am till 11.30am, a passionate few gather to research memorabilia, maintain the grounds & buildings, change up displays etc. then sit down for a cuppa. We are a friendly group & would welcome any time you can give us. Remember we are the guardians of the district's heritage. Phone Wendy on 0488 673 778 for any further information.

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Allora Has Some Very Special Residents

Here are just three as told by Jackie Gallagher

It is always interesting to read "The Volunteer of the Month" which gives some insight into what makes a community indeed a community.

But there are always the quiet ones who fly below the radar.

While they are still with us may I offer some of my list of unsung heroes.

Many years ago, QCWA had as the State project a knitting program for preemie babies. When the year finished I suggested, as the President of the time, that we keep on knitting. It became a real community project - beanies for babies. For preemies yes, but also for children in Cancer wards.

Dot Free was a knitter and until relatively recently bags of colourful striped beanies would make their way to me, to be sent on to the Mater in Brisbane. No fanfare! Just a plastic bag

bulging with Dot's signature striped beanies.

Imagine my delight when I received a photo of a great grandchild in the babies ward, wearing one of Dot's beanies. Dot, now aged 90, is still knitting - squares for rugs for Lifeline.

Then the old Garden Club. We have had some great workshops and integral to that organisation were Ailsa Reppel and Maureen Holmes.

Maureen was not a gardener but she had great ideas and worked tirelessly for the Club, always behind the scenes.

And that also was Ailsa Reppel, always planning for next year's Show display, always supportive, always eschewing the limelight.

Dot, Ailsa & Maureen - you were unsung heroes of this community and late as it is, I say thank you. You don't need accolades. Your contribution over many years helped make this community what it is - the best little town on the Downs.



Ailsa Reppel.



Maureen Holmes.



Dot Free.

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Picturesque Connolly Dam

The Allora Photography Group's latest excursion was out to Connolly Dam, which is now full of water and spilling over making for some stunning photo opportunities.

The weather was very kind with blue skies and fluffy clouds making an interesting backdrop, sunshine playing on rocks and water, and very little wind so the warm clothing we all brought with us stayed in the cars.

After a short morning tea, we wandered the area looking for the perfect landscape photograph for our July topic and making the most of the opportunity for our next topic - Bark, but there were plenty of interesting textures and sights that we are always on the look for as we meandered our way around the dam.

Even the foam on the water made some fascinating patterns to photograph.

We later went up to the lookout for a different perspective on the dam and the water tower. With the water spilling over the dam, some very picturesque photos were taken.

We were all enjoying ourselves so much, complete with friendly and helpful company and magnificent weather, that it was well past lunch time before we decided to head home, some happy snappers going via the back roads to capture even more attractions of this unique area.

Glenda Guy, Secretary
Allora Photography Group



Connolly Dam photos by - TOP: Trevor Martin. ABOVE: Sally Wadsworth.

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Following community feedback and a survey of residents in the recent expansion of the designated waste collection area, Southern Downs Regional Council considered the findings at the Ordinary Meeting on Monday and resolved to offer households in the new catchment area the opportunity to opt-in or opt-out of the receiving service.

All residents within the expanded waste collection area will receive correspondence from Council in the coming weeks to update them on the decision.

While the service expansion formed part of Council's long-term strategy to reduce the region's environmental footprint and improve service delivery of waste services, divided community feedback prompted the recent review.

The new decision comes off the back of a free three-month trial which gave more than 1,100 landowners in the extended catchment the opportunity to experience the convenience of kerbside waste collection and improve the ability to divert recoverable resources from landfill.

The service will continue at no charge for a further three months while the revised program is implemented and all residents are contacted to confirm their preference, including the 40% of residents who did not respond to the survey.

Southern Downs Mayor Vic Pennisi said "There were strong cases for and against the service and Council deemed it fair to provide those residents with the choice.

"In 2020, the Southern Downs community disposed of more than 27,000 tonnes of waste into landfill and in 2021, not only did Stanthorpe landfill reach capacity, but Council also invested \$3.1M in the construction of a new engineered landfill cell at Warwick.

"We simply can't keep digging expensive holes. By expanding the waste collection area, we are relieving pressure on the newly constructed landfill by increasing recycling volumes." Mayor Pennisi said.

Prior to the trial, there were already 220 voluntary services in the newly expanded designated

waste collection area that were absorbed into the catchment.

Following the initial roll-out in March 2022, Council received 27 additional requests to be included in the expansion, which reflects the community's support of improved material recovery behaviours.

The designated waste collection area in our region includes around Pratten, Bony Mountain, Upper Wheatvale, Deuchar, Berat, Mt Marshall and Goomburra Road. Full details on specific collection areas can be obtained from the Southern Downs Regional Council.

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Member for Southern Downs remarks on Queensland 2022/2023 budget

Overall there are some good announcements and ongoing funding for some good projects. I thank the government for these things. But I am worried about the underspend on roads, the broken promises on taxes, and the gigantic increase in public servant numbers whilst service delivery standards are getting worse.

HEALTH

Announcement: The government has committed, over six years, to an additional 2,200 hospital beds throughout the state. Some of these beds will be part of a promised new Toowoomba Hospital.

Lister MP comment: The promise to build a new Toowoomba Hospital is very welcome as many people in our electorate of Southern Downs travel to Toowoomba for medical treatment. The Toowoomba Hospital has been run-down and inadequate for our region for some time so I thank the state government for this announcement and I will be watching closely for progress.

POLICE

Announcement: The government has confirmed that works are continuing on the refurbishment of Warwick Police Station.

Lister MP comment: This is a continuation of a project which was first announced in 2020.

WATER

Announcement: The premier announced in Stanthorpe last week that it will spend \$300 million on a town water pipeline from Toowoomba to Warwick. This will assist in diversifying the water supply options for Warwick, Allora and Yangan.

Lister MP comment: Few details of the project

are available at this stage, and the funds for the project do not appear in today's budget. It is unclear at this stage how the pipeline would be managed and who will be responsible for paying the ongoing operational costs.

I will leave it to the Southern Downs Regional Council to comment on these matters, however I written to the Premier to thank her for this announcement. I also acknowledge and thank her for funding which her government has provided in previous budgets for the cartage of town water to Stanthorpe during the drought, and for local measures around Warwick and Allora to improve town water security.

I note that progress on Emu Swamp Dam and the Granite Belt Irrigation Project has stalled, and I think it is very important to emphasise that pipelines from someone else's water supply are not as good as a new dam which makes new water available. I continue to urge the state government to energetically work with the proponent and the federal government to ensure that this very important job-creating and water security-providing project proceeds. I met with the water minister last week to discuss the project and I communicated to him how devoted I am to seeing it built.

ROADS

Announcement: The state government has funded this financial year's share of ongoing works to improve parts of the New England and Gore Highways.

Lister MP Comment: I think that announcements about roadworks are only as good as the job that eventually gets done. Last year we saw \$20 million wasted on poorly designed

and executed roadworks between Severnlea and Ballandean on the New England Highway. The outcome was worse than the road was to start with and it is only now that the situation is being improved.

I also note that the Palaszczuk Government is approximately \$6 billion behind in their routine maintenance and roadworks on the Queensland road network. This is a shortfall against planned roadworks which means that we are years behind in many places and the cost of fixing the roads will be much more in the long run. I continue to call on the Palaszczuk Government to properly fund roadworks and improvements in our electorate of Southern Downs, and not just focus on Brisbane and Labor seats.

TAXES

Announcement: The state government is increasing and bringing in new taxes on business, mineral exports and online gaming.

Lister MP comment: The Treasurer promised before the last election 18 months ago that there would be no new or increased taxes. That promise lays in tatters. I think the state government is wasteful in the way it spends our money and it gets poor value-for-money whenever it builds things or delivers services. Instead of taxing more, they should get their own house in order. When ordinary people in Southern Downs spend their money, they do it carefully and get the best value they can from their purchases and expenditure. The Palaszczuk Government however never gets better at what it does – it just takes more and more money from efficient Queenslanders to fund its incompetence. For example



James Lister MP.

This is the government that spent a quarter of a million dollars to rename a hospital. It spent \$111 million to un-privatise two prisons. It spent \$45 million to build a bike track linking two Labor electorates in Brisbane. It spent \$100,000 on a weightloss program for dogs. And it spent more than \$200 million on the unused quarantine facility at Toowoomba.

PUBLIC SERVICE INCREASE

Lister MP comment: The state government will have to put on another 8,000 public servants to meet their commitments. So since coming to power, the Palaszczuk Government will have added 50,000 (fifty thousand!!!) extra public servants to the state's payroll. Nobody begrudges an increase in public servants if it improves services. But since putting tens of thousands of extra public servants on, hospital and ambulance services have gone backwards, school results have worsened (see NAPLAN results), our roads are way behind on maintenance, and crime has increased. What has the Palaszczuk Government got these extra 50,000 people doing?

James Lister MP
Member for Southern Downs

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Varroa Mite detected in NSW

A statewide emergency order has been issued to control the movement of bees across NSW and stop the spread of varroa mite.

NSW Minister for Agriculture Dugald Saunders says the order has now taken effect.

"After the first detection of varroa mite at the Port of Newcastle on Friday, DPI is investigating potentially contaminated hives outside the initial 50 kilometre biosecurity zone," Mr Saunders said.

"That includes a property near Trangie in central west NSW, where containment and control activities will be carried.

"If varroa mite settles in the state, it will have severe consequences, so we're taking every precaution and

action needed to contain the parasite and protect the local honey industry and pollination."

The statewide order is a fourth tier general emergency zone that has been added to the existing zones, in which no bees are allowed to be moved across NSW.

"Australia is the only major honey producing country free from varroa mite, the most serious pest to honey bees worldwide," Mr Saunders said.

"We're working with apiary industry bodies and stakeholders to ensure beekeepers are well informed and can continue to help us with this critical response".

The mites are tiny reddish-brown parasites and

are easily identifiable to the naked eye.

The Queensland Department of Agriculture and Fisheries has details on the Varroa Mite.

There are two species of varroa mite, the Varroa destructor and the Varroa jacobsoni. These mites are tiny, the size of a pinhead, and they are a parasite of honey bees.

Varroa mite numbers build up over time, eventually killing honey bee nests and hives if chemical mite killers or other management strategies are not applied. Bee colony death affects honey production and pollination of food crops.

A description of the curved, pinhead-sized mite -

• Adult females are reddish-brown, flattened,

oval-shaped, with body 1–1.7mm long and 1.5–1.99mm wide.

- Adult males are yellowish, spherical, with body 0.75–0.98mm long and 0.70–0.88mm wide.
- May be seen on thorax or nestled into abdominal folds of adult bees.
- Obligate parasites of honey bees and do not survive for long away from host.



Adult female Varroa mite.
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Clifton Benchrest Shooters Competition results



We have missed out holding the previous two Benchrest competitions; April's coincided with Easter Sunday and May's was washed out... surprise, surprise!

However, the break of two months only made our last event more keenly anticipated (and contested). Helen Manteit walked away with the Ladies' Open Rimfire, Centrefire and Smallest Group awards with scores of 556.7, .3556 and .227 respectively.

The other placings in Ladies' Rimfire were Ashleigh Brown 2nd with 533.8 and Margaret Sullivan 3rd with 493.3.

Gary Manteit also had a rewarding day with a win in the Men's Open Rimfire, scoring 582.18, and wins in the three Best Cards of the Day: Hunter Class (198.10/200.20), RBA (235.4/250.25) and Rabbit & Crow (149.4/150.15).

Gary also took out second place in Centrefire with a score of .3608 and 3rd was Luke Steffen, scoring .6436.



Shooters in the first Rimfire detail concentrating hard.

Jason Edwards with a score of 567.14 and Luke Steffen scoring 560.13 came 2nd and 3rd respectively in Men's Open Rimfire.

And last, but by no means least, the Junior Rimfire placings were Amelia Steffen 1st with 541.11, Mia Edwards 2nd with 508.4 and Chevy Cooley 3rd with a score of 506.3. It is encouraging to see the enthusiasm of the Junior members; it augers well for the future of our Club.

The next competition day is scheduled for Sunday 17 July 2022. All Club enquiries can be directed to President Helen on 0418 791 991 or Secretary Margaret on 0437 661 700.



Junior Rimfire winners - Mia Edwards, Chevy Cooley, Amelia Steffen.



Ladies Rimfire - Marg Sullivan, Helen Manteit, Ash Brown.



Men's Rimfire - Luke Steffen, Jason Edwards, Gary Manteit.

Former Residents Visit



Darryl Frizzell, Vince Nolan, John Marshall and Judy Lyell at Vince and Lorraine Nolan's home at Ellinthorp.

Darryl Frizzell, a former resident of the Talgai West district, was given a guided tour of the district by long-time resident Vince Nolan. Darryl attended the Talgai West State School with Vince. His family sold their

farm and moved to the Dalby District in 1958.

John Marshall was brought up at Table Top and attended St. Patrick's School. He was, until his retirement, an agronomist in the Dalby district for

the past 45 years. John, a cousin of Vince, plays bowls with Darryl in Dalby and accompanied him to Allora. The visitors were joined by Judy Lyell, a cousin of Darryl, and whose family once owned Vince and Lorraine Nolan's farm at

Ellinthorp.

The group visited Darryl's father Bert Frizzell's farm now owned by Brad Esson and family and drove past his grandfather's farm now owned by Ted and Kerry Shooter.

Looking Back...

Talgai Skull

Heather Goodall has presented the Allora and District Historical Society with a replica of the 'Talgai Skull' as per the wishes of the late Derek



William Naish finder of the skull in 1886.

Weier. Derek was given the replica by Professor N. W. C. Macintosh from the Anatomy Department of the University of Sydney when he visited the Weier farm at Talgai West in 1966.

The original skull was found in 1886 by fencing contractor William Naish on the Talgai property to the west of the railway line after a large flood in Dalrymple Creek had scoured a gully on the creek flat. The skull was given to George Clark, owner of Talgai with his brother Charles. It sat on the mantle piece of the homestead until 1914 when it came to the attention of Professor Edgeworth David, Professor of Geology at the University of Sydney. At the time it was believed to be the skull of an Aboriginal boy about 14 years old and dated back 20,000 years.

Professor Edgeworth David came to Allora where he found William Naish still living at the age of 76. Although badly affected by rheumatism he offered to show the professor the site where he found the skull. He led him to a site on a farm owned at the time by Septimus Sutor and later owned by Jack and Thelma Cowley at Talgai West.



A replica of the Talgai Skull.

In 1949 Professor Macintosh took up research into the skull and on a visit to the area in 1966 met Charlie Fraser of Pratten who in 1914 helped carry William Naish from the car to the site where he said that the skull was found. Charlie Fraser led Professor Macintosh to a different site about 1/2 a mile away on the farm of Len Weier, Derek's father. A bulldozer was engaged to dig a trench at the site and uncovered similar strata as to that described by William Naish at the site where he found the skull, leading the professor to believe that the second site was the correct one.

Colin Newport

Warriors Retain Ryan Memorial Shield

The Stillwater Pastoral Company Wattles Warriors A Grade outfit turned the mid-season corner of the Hutchinson Builders Toowoomba Rugby League premiership with a convincing 56 – 20 win over the Brothers Leprechauns at Toowoomba's Glenholme Park on Sunday.

A first minute try by Brothers half-back Sam Betros sparked the Warriors to set a cracking first half pace leading 34 – 6 at the break.

The impressive Betros was a force to be reckoned with lifting the home side's spirits in the second stanza, but it was too little too late.

The success also saw Wattles collect the Danny Ryan Memorial Trophy, contested annually by the two clubs since 2005.

Whites RLF Club) and Wattles, across the 1960's and 1970's.

Danny played for All Whites from Under 16 grade, through Under 18 to eventually play A Grade in from 1961 – 1964. In 1965 he joined the Eastern Suburbs 'Tiger's' in the Brisbane Rugby League competition, and at season's end returned to the Darling Downs to Captain/Coach the Wattles first grade side.

In 1972 he returned to All Whites as Captain/Coach, a role he continued in 1973 & 1974, finishing his career having played 113 games in All Whites colours. In the 1972 Toowoomba Rugby League Grand Final, Dan broke his ankle early in the

game but played on until full time.

Dan Ryan was known as being a true gentleman off the field, but as tough as nails on the paddock.

Brothers had a firm grasp on the prestigious award for the initial eight years of its existence, Wattles' skipper of the time Aaron Scheid first accepting the shield as a winning skipper in 2013.

Since then, Wattles have dominated the following nine encounters with eight winning results.

While the Travis Burns captain/coached Warriors ran in a ten try to four advantage over the Leprechauns on Sunday, and the final figures gave Wattles an improved equation at the head of the premiership ladder, it wasn't enough to usher them into their first Madsen-Rasmussen Trophy final since 2019.

The past weekend's Round 11 results has the Highfields Eagles, Gatton Hawks & Dalby Diehards along with Wattles all camped on fifteen competition points at the top end of the table, with Gatton and Highfields set to contest the Madsen-Rasmussen mid-season silverware this coming weekend given their better for and against figures.

Wattles fleet of foot centre Austin Jennings ran in a touchdown hat trick against Brothers to advance his standing as the current top try scorer in the Hutchinson Builders A Grade premiership with a total of eighteen.

Green and gold front-

rowers Michael Pearson and Jordan Crocker were in superb form leading the Warriors pack forward and creating the space for playmakers Burns and halfback Matt Duggan to create opportunities for their fringe fast men.

Fullback Jackson Green scored a double and was again impressive on the back of his above average outing against Oakey the previous week, while Matt Duggan was at his creative best.

A negative from the contest was a knee injury to Nick Van Der Poel, with the Wattles team hierarchy hoping the coming fortnight break will have the star centre back to his best.

Wattles 56 (Austin Jennings 3, Jackson Green 2, Kai Williamson-Duggan, Nick Van Der Poel, Ryan Duggan, Jordan Crocker, Aaron Hooper tries; Matt Duggan 8 goals) defeated **Brothers 20**.

Reserve Grade - Wattles' Tony Morris Tiling Reserve Grade team won their way through to this Sunday's mid-season President's Cup final against the Highfields Eagles at Toowoomba's John McDonald Sports Complex on the back of a hefty 50 – 6 dispatch of Brothers last Sunday.

Co-player/coach Garth Lonergan praised his side for "another good win in tough warm conditions against a very physical Brothers line-up."

"We have a few wounded as a result" said Lonergan, "but it's certainly a big

achievement to be sitting in the top two on the ladder after the first round."

Interchange forward Jason Nightingale was a shining light in Wattles pack and finished with a try double, while ever consistent fullback Dale McAntee was also among his side's best.

Wattles Reserve Grade side last appeared in a President's Cup reserve grade final in 2019 under captain/coach Brenden Wilson, when they finished behind the Valleys Roosters 26 – 12 in a hotly contested encounter at Clive Berghofer Stadium.

Wattles 50 (Jason Nightingale 2, Dale McAntee, Jordan Henry, Tim Hentschel, Tom Morris, Lachlan Henry, Jacob Meddleton, Garth Lonergan tries; Tom Morris 6, Lachlan Henry goals) defeated **Brothers 6**.

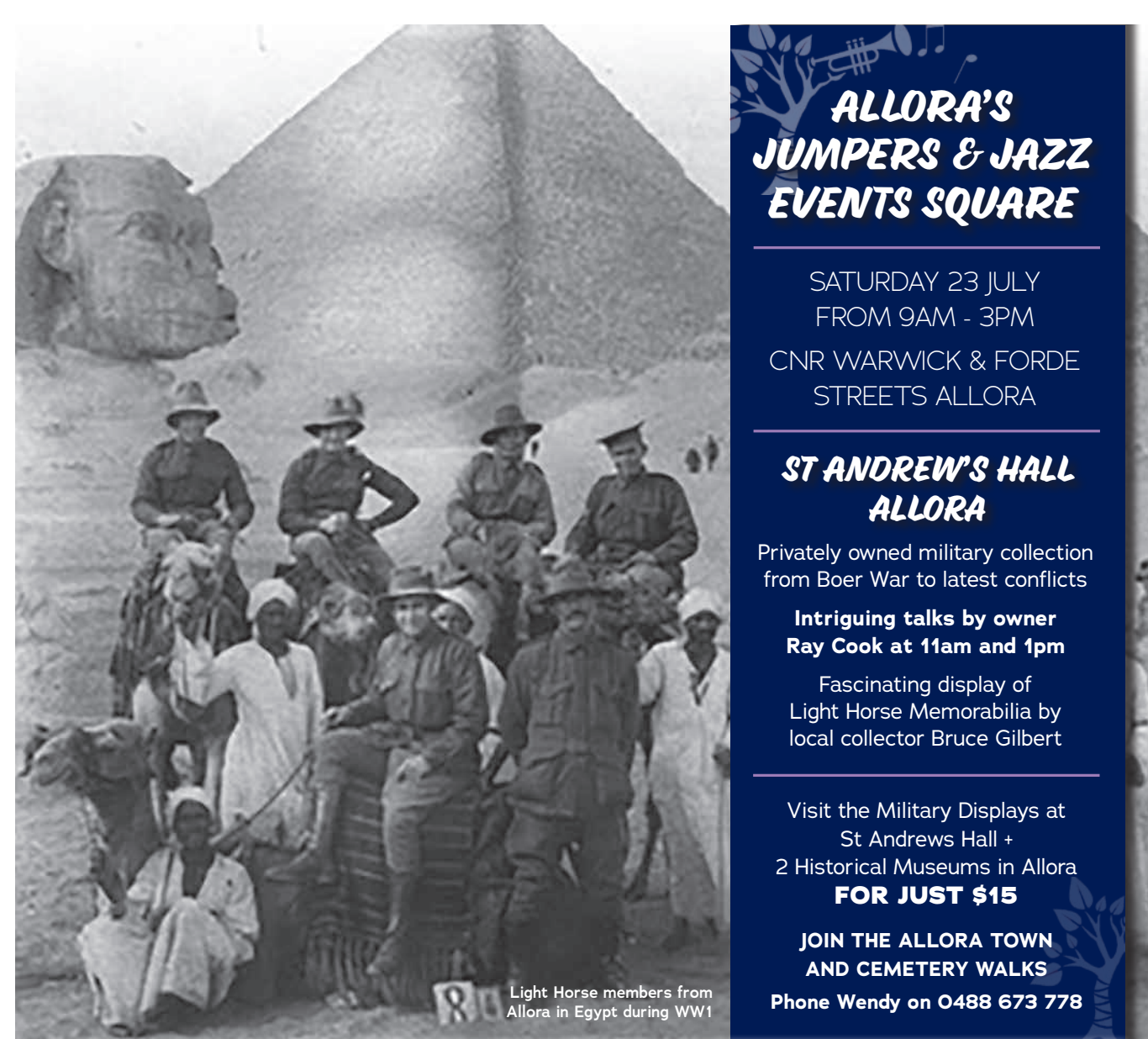
Under 19 - An undermanned Wattles' Black Toyota, Warwick Under 19 team proved no match for Brothers.

Coach Cameron Hamblin gave credit to the bare twelve players that took on their opponents, "it was an impressive effort when you consider the staff shortage."

Brothers boasted a full complement but had to earn their six try to two advantage.

Brothers 36 defeated **Wattles 8** (Jacob Meddleton, Lachlan Peardon tries)

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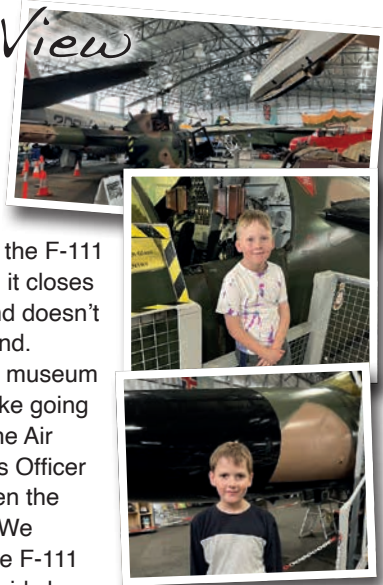
Jeremy's View

F-111 Museum

On Tuesday 28 June we got up really early and went on a long drive to Evans Head. We had to get up super early to get to the F-111 museum at Evans Head as it closes at 12 noon on Tuesdays and doesn't open again until the weekend. We have been to the F-111 museum once before but we really like going there. When Mum was in the Air Force she was the Logistics Officer (LOGO) at 6 Squadron when the F-111 retired from service. We watched the video about the F-111 at the museum and Mum said she remembers it being filmed. Mum and Dad also watched the last flight of the F-111 together before it retired at the end of 2010.

We have a busy school holidays this time. For the first week we are all having a family holiday at Evans Head and during the second week Mum, William, Amelia and I are going to the Cuskelly music winter school in Tenterfield.

Jeremy Lister, age 11



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Dan Ryan Memorial Shield

Allora Golf Notes



Wattles skipper Travis Burns is presented with Dan Ryan Memorial Shield by Matt Ryan after the A Grade game Against Brothers on Sunday.

A solid field of 13 players contested the Peter's Produce Duck Run on Friday. Winner on 19 points was Shann from Duke on 18. Pin shot went to Moose and long putt to Hethe. Thanks Peter.

Sunday we played for the May Railway Hotel Monthly Mug. Winner on 39 points was John E from Kenny on 34 points. Lenny was third on 33 points in a countback from Andy. Thanks Robyn from the Railway.

Next Sunday will be the June Ty Gardner Concreting Monthly Medal.

Great to see golfers returning to the golf course which is in immaculate condition. Social golfers are most welcome to play on any day. See you on the links.

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