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Wednesday, 20th July 2022

Laura Unveils Her Statuette



After a two year wait the Laura Geitz Statuette was finally unveiled on Saturday with the help of Tracy Dobie who was Mayor in 2020. A gust of wind arrived just as the unveiling was about to happen, hence the fun photo. The super coach and local Allora hero Wayne Bennett sat by in his comfortable arm chair. (more photos page 2 & 3)

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Great Day For A Celebration



Large crowd turned out on Saturday.

With good weather and a bumper crowd, Saturday's unveiling of the Laura Geitz statuette at the Allora regional Sports Museum could not have gone better.

For the morning, the town wound back the clock to 21st March, 2020 - the date when the official unveiling was to have occurred - and the date on the plaque.

Fortunately, those named on the plaque were all on hand and the Mayor of Southern Downs on the day, Tracy Dobie joined with Laura in lifting the veil.

A number of presentations were made to two declared Allora's sporting immortals - Laura Geitz and Wayne Bennett and they, along with Master

of Ceremonies gave entertaining and inspiring speeches which were well received by the crowd.

Among the presentations were a grab bag of memories for Wayne Bennett from the Principal of St Patrick's School, Keith Blaikie, and a presentation from Allora State School to its former student, Laura Geitz.

Prior to the ceremony finishing, one-time Member for Darling Downs and staunch advocate of all things Allora, Tom McVeigh, presented the original O'Shea Cup, which was introduced for rugby league competition in 1938, to the Allora Regional Sports Museum.

Congratulations to Allora's First Sporting Immortals, Laura Geitz and Wayne Bennett



Tom McVeigh with the original O'Shea Cup.



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Controversial Mount Marshall feedlot approved

At their Ordinary Council Meeting last Wednesday, Southern Downs Regional Council approved a contentious development application by Arolla Pastoral Company Pty Ltd to build a sheep and cattle feedlot at Mount Marshall.

The property, on the corner of McDonnell and Glengallan roads, has been approved for 999 standard cattle units (SCU) and 6,000 standard sheep units (SSU).

The feedlot is of much interest to the community, with the application receiving 74 submissions, 11 in favour and 63 against.

Cr Marco Gliori was the lone voice to vote against the feedlot's approval.

From the original application, slight adjustments were made to benefit nearby properties, including imposing a 20m vegetation buffer strip and lowering the approved SCU from 1,000 to 999 due to planning considerations.

Cr Cynthia McDonald said the facility will be on the smaller end of feedlots.

Many councillors went out of their way to congratulate the applicants for their proposal.

"I applaud the applicants for putting the application forward," she said.

An important issue for those who made submissions against the application was the damage trucks would do to the local roads

that are not designed for much traffic.

The application was approved subject to the condition all heavy vehicle access to the site is to be via Marrinans Road, which will be improved to a gravel standard suitable for the proposed use.

A limit has been placed on truck movements of twice a day, five days a week.

Cr McDonald, who lives next to a feedlot, said during the most recent drought the majority of farmers were thanking the heavens above for feedlotters.

"I have not had any major concerns living next to a 5,000 head feedlot," she said.

Cr McDonald praised the applicants for diversifying their current assets and said they were, down the track, looking into embryo harvesting and breeding.

Speaking against the application, Cr Gliori said the roads would not cope well with the increased truck volume.

He said the 63 submissions against made no objections about regular farming activities but rather objections to this specific proposal.

He mentioned there are already six intensive farming operations within ten kilometres of Allora.

One submitter operates a nearby dairy farm and is concerned manure and effluent from the feedlot would be carried to his property after flooding.



The other intensive farming operations surrounding Allora, include piggeries in pink and an abattoir in green.

Cr Gliori was also concerned about the odour impact from westerly winds towards properties on the eastern side of the feedlot.

Cr Sheryl Windle said it is a very difficult decision to make.

As part of their preparation for making a decision, councillors

journeyed out to Mount Marshall earlier in the week to meet with the applicants and submitters.

Many submitters made the trip to Stanthorpe for the meeting.

The land subject to the application totals 160.9 hectares across two lots.

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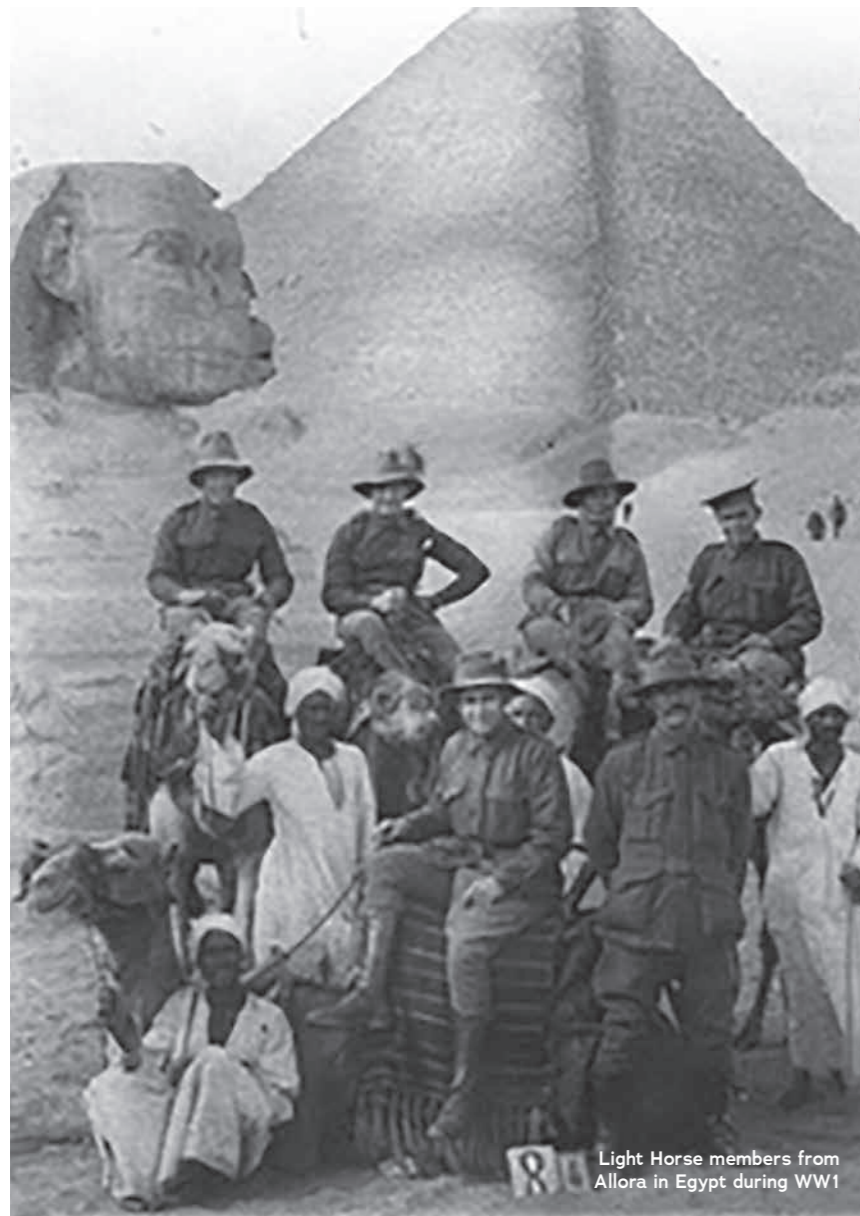
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Looking Back...

Allora's Past 25 years ago July 1997 Sprite Cup Final

Allora-Killarney will play St. Mary's College, Toowoomba, in the Darling Downs & South West Under 14 rugby league Sprite Cup final at the Toowoomba Athletic Oval. In four games this season Allora-Killarney has scored 168 points and only conceded 30, in beating St. Joseph's (Stanthorpe), St. Mary's (Dalby), Stanthorpe High School and St. John's (Roma). The team will be picked from: Backs: Sam Baker, Lindsay Ross, Glen McMillan, Joff Denny, Rob Newport, Scott Murdoch, Mark Stevens; Forwards: Greg Holmes, Troy Weier, Jamie Bohm, Dewey Mullins, Joshua Gunders, Nathan Green. Reserves: Alan Hoffman, Carl Wren, Shannon Braithwaite, James Hoffman. Coach: Steve Gillespie, Manager: Steve Doyle.



The Allora-Killarney Under 14 rugby league team which won the Bronco's Cup in 1997. In the photo are also Bronco's players Ashley Harrison (left) and Mick De Vere.

Allora's Past 75 years ago July 1947 Hockey Honours

Mrs. Norman Hoey has been selected as a member of the Queensland ladies hockey team which will leave next month on a trip to Perth, and in her honour the members of the Allora ladies hockey team held a dance and card party in the Shire Hall. On behalf of the Allora Football Club Mr. J. Hilton asked Mrs. Hoey to accept a cheque for £2/2 and also presented her with a

Allora's Past 100 years ago July 1922

Cattle Sale

At the recent cattle sale a fair number of stock was yarded, and varying prices were paid. Poddies were sold at 4/6 each, full grown steers up to 30/-, while good springers brought up to £6 each. The whole yarding was disposed of.

Main Road

very beautiful housecoat in primrose coloured wool with the initials of the Allora Hockey Club embroidered on the pocket.

Mrs. Hoey responded briefly and thanked everyone for their gifts.

Work on the main Allora-Warwick road is proceeding apace. The gang of workmen has now reached a total of 20 men. The stone crusher which came to hand early in the month has been erected and metal crushing is in full swing. Messrs. Kemp (chairman) and Fraser, members of the Main Roads Board, were in Allora during the week on a tour of inspection, and it is understood that the work carried out has met with approval.

Colin Newport

Annual Poultry Show At Allora This Sunday

The Southern Downs Poultry Club has become renowned for attracting a good variety of birds for show and sale.

This year about 350 birds have been nominated with a few more expected.

Following the judging the popular Treaty Sale will be conducted - meaning poultry and birds that are for sale can be bought through

negotiation with the owner.

There'll be a large range of birds including breeds of chooks, ducks, parrots and budgies.

Locals are welcome to pop along - this Sunday from 9am until mid-afternoon at the Allora Showground. A canteen will be operating. The Club would like to thank all their wonderful sponsors for their support.



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Refurbishment Of Apex Park Allora Completed

As part of the Works for Queensland Programme regional parks have seen improvements carried out by the Southern Downs Regional Council.

At Allora's Apex Park there's been a replacement of the deteriorated barbecue rotunda in conjunction with upgrades to the dump point locations and septic system

for community safety.

The Queensland Government had provided a funding bucket of \$2,870,000 for critical ageing infrastructure across the Southern Downs.

While a handful of

projects received extension approval through to 30 June 2022 due to the impacts of flood and other unforeseen circumstances, all projects for the program's period 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2021 are now complete.

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Latest Grains Research Headed To Pittsworth

The Grains Research and Development Corporation (GRDC) is reaching out to growers on the Darling Downs to come along and hear the latest in grains research and innovation.

GRDC Senior Regional Manager, Gillian Meppem, said GRDC's Research Updates are the perfect opportunity for growers and advisers to network with industry and learn about the ways in which the grains industry is evolving.

The aim is to deliver the latest in news, research and technology through presentations to ensure that growers and advisers can apply the research to their

farm businesses.

The agenda has been selected with input from local growers and agronomists to ensure topics meet grower interest. Presentations will include -

Information on managing chickpea and cereal quality in on-farm storage.

An update on crown rot management, with growers urged to be cautious of the disease this year due to high occurrences last year and ongoing wet conditions.

The GRDC Research Updates is a full day event to be held at the **Pittsworth Function Centre on Wednesday 27 July from 9am to 3pm.** Morning tea

and lunch will be provided, with plenty of opportunity for networking throughout the day.

To register for this event, or to learn more about

the program, visit ICAN's website: www.icanrural.com.au/updates.html, or contact Erica McKay on 02 9482 4930 or via email on: erica@icanrural.com.au



GRDC is preparing to present the latest in grains research at the northern Grains Research Updates. All growers are welcome to attend. Photo ICAN Rural

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Jennings Scores Record Nine Tries

Outstanding centre Austin Jennings' nine try performance at a chilly Platz Oval last Saturday evening contributed 36 points to the Stillwater Pastoral Company Wattles Warriors top graders 114 - 0 drubbing of the hapless Newtown Lions.

Jennings' man of the match performance had Toowoomba Rugby League pundits sifting through touchdown records and memories, and while not confirmed, may have topped the possible previous best of former Stanthorpe Gremlin's forward Rob Reeves' eight try effort in a 48 - 8 win over Gatton at Gatton back in 1991.

It was Jennings who nudged the scoreboard in to motion after eight minutes of play, backed up by a Matt Duggan conversion from near the touch line for a 6 - 0 lead for the home time that grew to 58 - 0 forty minutes later at half time.

Jennings contributed five touchdowns to his side's eleven earned in the first stanza.

Centre Matt Christensen also snapped up a double with team mates winger Warren Draper, back rower Conor Swinton, five-eight Travis Burns & hooker Kai Williamson-Duggan also grounding four pointers.

Wattles' halves Matt Duggan and captain-coach Travis Burns were among

the team's best but never returned to the field for the second half, with Ryan Stevens & Kai Williamson-Duggan assuming halves responsibilities more than capably.

The home side ran in another ten unanswered second half tries to reach their winning total, Jennings adding another four while hooker Zac Stevens and winger Jacob Meddleton claimed try doubles.

Back rower Les Hartvigsen and fullback Jackson Green also crossed to add to the top-heavy total.

The winning result slots Wattles into second place on the Hutchinson Builders TRL Premiership ladder.

Wattles 114 (Austin Jennings 9, Matt Christensen 2, Jacob Meddleton 2, Zach Stevens 2, Jackson Green, Warren Draper, Travis Burns, Kai Williamson-Duggan, Conor Swinton, Les Hartvigsen tries; Matt Duggan 7, Kai Williamson-Duggan 5, Jackson Green 2, Jacob Meddleton goals) defeated **Newtown 0**.

Reserve Grade - The Newtown Lions reserve graders also suffered at the hands of polished opponents, the Tony Morris Tiling Warriors winning in a canter 76 - 6, with wingers Declan Sullivan and Alex Morris crossing for four and three touchdowns respectively.



Wattles reserve grade back-rower Gus Some running the ball against Newtown on Saturday. (Courtesy: JD Sporting Photography)

Halfback Tom Morris was in inspiring form rewarded with a try double and ten goals off his reliable boot.

The win has reinforced Wattles outright second place on the Clive Berghofer Land Sales premiership ladder.

Wattles 76 (Declan Sullivan 4, Alex Morris 3, Tom Morris 2, Jason Wilson, Jack Duggan, Gus Some, Tim Duggan, Tim Hentschel tries; Tom Morris 10 goals) defeated **Newtown 6**.

Under 19 - Two Ipswich Brothers tries had the Black Toyota, Warwick Warriors trailing 10 - 0 at the break but it set up a very competitive second stanza.

While the second on the premiership ladder Brothers asserted themselves in the opening minute of the new

half with a try to snatch a 16 - 0 lead, Wattles lifted scoring three consecutive touchdowns by five-eight Lachlan Peardon and a double to centre Jacob Meddleton in a ten-minute period.

While Wattles impressed trailing 14 - 16 with twenty minutes remaining in the game, Brothers found their feet to run in three tries on the way to victory.

Ipswich Brothers 32 defeated **Wattles 14** (Jacob Meddleton 2, Lachlan Peardon tries; Jacon Meddleton goal).

Wattles head to Pittsworth this coming Saturday to take on the Danes at Club Pittsworth in all grades.

Glyn Rees

Clifton Benchrest Shooters Club Report



The Laurie Bowe Rifle Range turned on beautiful winter weather for the Club's monthly competition shoot on Sunday 17 July.

Featuring prominently was Gary Manteit who won the following categories: Men's Open Rimfire with 583.15; Best Cards of the Day in Hunter Class with 200.3, RBA with 236.9 and Rabbit & Crow with 147.3. Gary finished his day with a score of .4372 to give him third in the Centrefire competition which is open to both men and women.

Gary's wife, Helen, came out on top in the Centrefire round with a score of .3954. Much good-natured ribbing goes on between these two competitors along with all the jockeying for position that takes place. Helen also won the Women's Open



Back row from left - Jason Edwards, Cooper Steffen (partly obscured), Amelia Steffen (partly obscured), Rebekah Steffen, Luke Steffen. Front row from left - Mia Edwards, Helen Manteit, Gary Manteit.

Rimfire match with 571.16 ahead of Rebekah Steffen with 506.2 and Margaret Sullivan third with 502.9.

Luke Steffen was rewarded at last with the smallest group in the Centrefire competition, scoring a creditable .248. Luke also filled second place in Centrefire with .3992 and third place in Men's Open

Rimfire with a score of 563.21.

The Steffen family juniors also featured in the placings. Youngest competitor and most recent member, Cooper Steffen, shooting in his first competition, came third in the Junior Rimfire with 553.11 while sister Amelia took out the honours with 570.14 ahead of Mia

Edwards with 559.5.

Not to be outdone, Mia's father, Jason Edwards scored 570.17 to place second in the Men's Open Rimfire.

The next competition day is 21 August 2022. Enquiries can be made to President Helen on 0418 791 991 or Secretary Margaret Sullivan on 0437 661 700.



Matthew Denny - Photo Athletic Australia

Denny Into The Finals

The World Athletics Championships are currently being held in Oregon, United States.

Allora's favourite son Matthew Denny is competing in the Discus Throw. The heats have been held with Matthew, who threw 66.98 in his 2nd attempt which placed him 4th. He is now progressing to the Finals

where the top 12 performers will compete.

Matthew's personal best is 67.07 and his current World Ranking has him placed at number 6.

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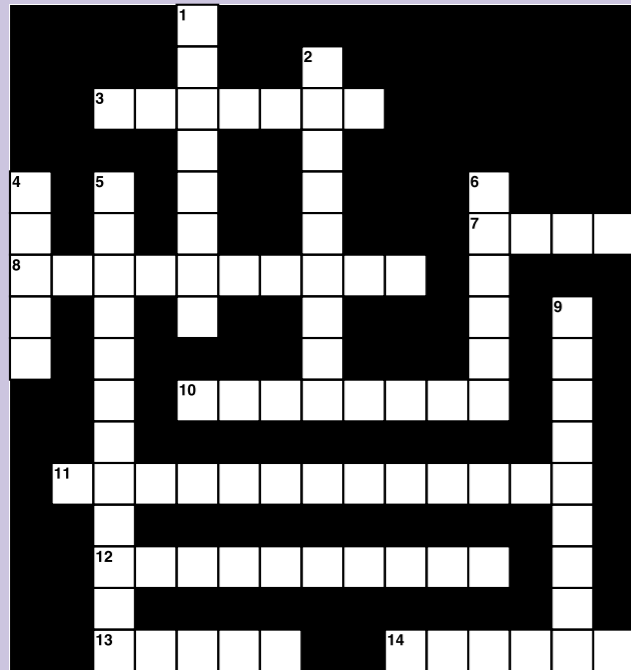
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 - 7. Australian rockers who recorded "Back in Black". (2/2)
 - 8. Fab Four from Liverpool. (3,7)
 - 10. American rock band fronted by Jim Morrison. (3,5)
 - 11. Keith Richards' rock group. (7,6)
 - 12. Their first hit was 1965's "Go Now!". (5,5)
 - 13. Former group led by Eric Clapton.
 - 14. English group with hit "Substitute"
- Down**
- 1. U.S. hard rock band who wrote "Jump". (3,5)
 - 2. 1970s' Dark Side of The Moon band. (4,5)
 - 4. Band with long beards. (2,3)
 - 5. "Go Your Own Way" rock group. (9,3)
 - 6. 1970s U.S. rock band.
 - 9. U.S. rock band fronted by Steven Tyler.

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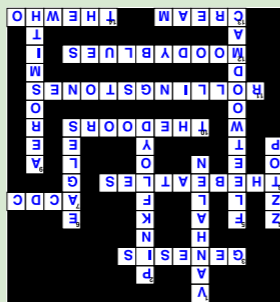
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Jeremy's View

Footy, Jazz & Opera

Last weekend we had a really busy weekend. Mum, William and I got up very early to drive to Warwick for a football game against the Hornets while Dad looked after baby Amelia. William played in under 8s and under 9s and I played in under 11s. The games were running a bit late because there was an accident on the bridge in Warwick just near the football fields. And there was an injury in the under 9s game so everything was delayed a bit. After football we drove home to Stanthorpe and got changed. Then Mum and I drove back to Warwick for Mum to go to a string quartet rehearsal at Mr Spiller's house for Jumpers and Jazz. After the rehearsal Mum and I got KFC and then drove to Brisbane to see the opera La Traviata at the Lyric theatre in QPAC. It was the first time I have been to the opera and I really enjoyed it. We drove home again that night and didn't get home until very late. I had a sleep in and relaxing day on Sunday. But Mum had a busy day teaching violin and chairing a meeting for the Border District Eistedfodd committee. And Dad is always busy in the weekends. We have another busy weekend coming up with football, a trip to Goondiwindi, Mum performing at Jumpers and Jazz, and teaching.

Jeremy Lister, age 11



Helen Harm
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Freddie walks into a bar, and there's a donkey serving drinks. The donkey asks, "What are you staring at? Haven't you ever seen a donkey behind the bar before?"

Freddie says, "It's not that. I just didn't think the parrot would sell the place."

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The winning B Grade team, Beaudesert, consisted of Haydn O'Leary, Fern McIldowie, Mark Huebner and Shane Martin.

Champion B Grade Pony was awarded to Mark Huebner's "Circus."

After a tremendous Match going into extra time the winning A Grade team was Downs Webster Cavanagh with Justin Rouse, Richard Marchant and the O'Leary brother Anthony and Dan.

Champion A Grade pony was awarded to James Hoey's "Polly"

Polo Next weekend will be for the Silver Shop trophy sponsored by the Grimes Family. This is also shaping

up to be a great weekend with a lot of interest already being shown, as with last weekend there will be

catering both days and free entry with everyone welcome.

Gary Hoey

Allora Golf Notes



Championship with Brooke Gilmore defeating Noel Wallace. Congratulations to Brooke who is the first female champion of the Allora Golf Club.

A special welcome back to the club to our Latvian friends Martin and Elina who played on Sunday after an absence of almost 8 years.

Next Sunday will be the Allora Butchery Two Person Ambrose.

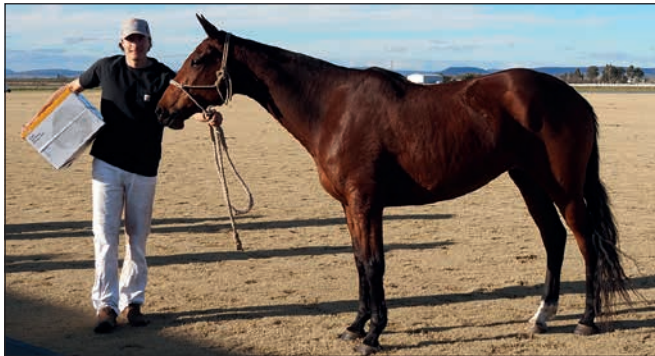
We are looking for nominations for the 2022 Matchplay so we can get the draw organised. Get your names in ASAP.

Winner of the Duck Run was Moose with 20 points from Kev on 19 in a countback from Hethe who won a ball in the rundown. Pin shot and approach was won by Lenny and Jimmy won the long putt.

Sunday we played for the Ty Gardner Monthly Medal with Kev winning the medal with a net 70 from Trav with 72 in a countback from Hethe in third place. Thanks to Ty for the sponsorship.

We finally saw the play-off for the "C" Grade

Finally, the 25th anniversary of the Allora Golf Club will be celebrated on Sunday October 2nd. Put this date in your calendar. See you on the links.



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