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Allora P-10 Staff Have Fun Celebrating Book Week



Most of the staff are dressed as crayons to represent the book "The Day The Crayons Quit" by Drew Daywalt. After having a giggle at their teachers the P-10 students enjoyed the day by dressing as their favourite book character. Theme for Book Week this year is "Dreaming With Eyes Open" to promote the joy of reading and opening young minds.

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Our News

What A Triumph For Allora!

We know the Melbourne Cup is visiting Allora on Wednesday 14th September but what we didn't know is the Melbourne Cup will be here for the whole day - not just an hour or so.

This is wonderful news as everyone will get a chance to see and maybe have a photo taken with the Cup.

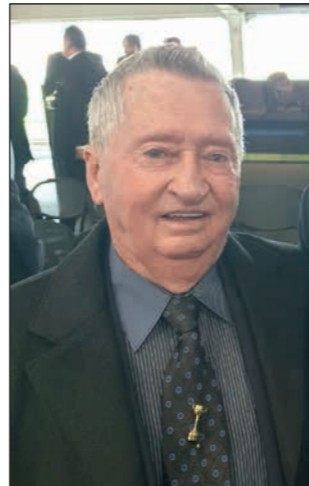
First stop will be the Allora Sports Museum where a video will be shown on the actual making of the pure gold Cup.

There'll be a small cover charge for adults with kids admitted free. The community is most welcome to attend. Times will be published before the tour. It's also in the planning that the Cup will visit both our Schools.

Touring with the Cup will be well-known Champion Jockey John Letts who rode two winners in the Melbourne Cup.

Piping Lane in 1972 beating Magnifique and Gunsynd, then in 1980 rode Beldale Ball to victory.

John's career which spanned more than 30



John Letts.

years resulted in him riding 2,350 winners including 97 cup wins with 30 in the city and 67 in the country. He enjoyed huge success throughout Australia including eight Adelaide Jockey's Premierships, three Adelaide Cups, an Australian Cup, Moonee Valley Cup, Sandowns Cup and the list goes on. He hung up his silks in 1988.

Then in 2010 John Letts was inducted in the Hall of Fame.

No doubt a bigger thrill for him will be his visit to Allora on 14 September.

SDRC appoints New Director of Customer and Organisational Services

On Monday Leon Love became part of the Executive Leadership Team with the Southern Downs Regional Council.

In his role as Director, Leon will be responsible for delivering organisational improvements and focusing on customer excellence across the organisation. He will oversee the departments of Corporate Services, Community Services, Finance and Sustainability and Strategy.

CEO Dave Burges said "We are delighted to have secured Leon with his comprehensive local government knowledge and experience and are confident he will be a valuable addition to Council as one of our senior leaders."

"Leon is well familiar with rural councils and was most recently Chief Executive Officer of Diamantina Shire Council - a position he held since 2013 overseeing 55 staff, an annual operating



Leon Love.

budget of \$32m and capital expenditure of \$7m.

"As Council's Director Customer and Organisational Services, Leon will play a critical role in the development of the Warwick Saleyards, assist in shaping the strategic thinking of the organisation and enhance the provision of quality services," Mr Burges said.

Leon has previously held senior management positions at Toowoomba Regional Council, Maranoa Regional Council, Bungil Shire Council and Carpentaria Shire Council.

Changes to Allora Show Society Committee



The Allora Show Society launched into its 145th year on Sunday when it hosted its Annual Meeting at the Allora Showgrounds.

President Shirley Cornhill commences her 27th year at the helm of the Society that was formed in 1878, and is predicting a year ahead of positive outcomes and progress for the group and the Showgrounds.

Aside from Mrs Cornhill, the well attended meeting supported the appointments of Dorothy Rubie (Patron), Brett Bender (Secretary), Ian Tate (Treasurer) and the Management Committee of Glen Evans, Damian McMahon, Clint Kenny and Glyn Rees (Publicity Officer).

The showgrounds have hosted a highly successful pony club gymkhana across the past weekend and this weekend, from the 1st to

4th September locals and visitors alike can enjoy the highest standard sheep dog trials along with the Big S Bull Sale on Thursday.

On the 9th and 10th of September the Showground's Keith & Marg Rackley dog arenas will host Allora Kennel Club Shows.

Along with bull and cattle sales and a dressage event, a high point of the Spring month is the Eastern Downs Campdraft.

While September has a packed event schedule, October is just as busy according to Mrs Cornhill.

"The Showgrounds can be considered a hub of Allora, the Best Little Town on the Downs, and we are looking to make it a venue we can all continue to be proud of."

"We see Allora as a developing centre for equine activities, sports and events, and with the facilities we can now boast including our all-weather undercover arena, we believe the benefits to our showgrounds and town will be significant."

Glyn Rees
Publicity Officer

POT PLANT SHOW

The Allora & District Garden Circle invites you to participate in celebrating 45 YEARS OF GARDENING

When: Wednesday, 7th September
Where: RSL Hall Allora, 9am - 2pm during the Golden Wattle Cafe opening hours

What's Happening:
- Pot Plants & Memorabilia on display.
- Cards featuring photos from Circle's gardens will be on sale.
- You can vote for your favourite pot plant in the People Choice Award.

The Garden Circle would like to thank Searles, Nancy & Graham Hoey, Graham Morrish, The Golden Wattle Cafe, Wild Sage Collective and the RSL for their support.

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Emmanuel College Choir Performs At Allora

On Sunday St David's Anglican Church Hall at Allora was filled with the beautiful sounds of the Emmanuel College Choir from the Gold Coast.

The appreciative audience thoroughly enjoyed the performance that took place after the Church Service. Allora and Glengallan Homestead were part of the Choir's Darling Downs Tour for 2022.



Volunteer OF THE MONTH

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THE AUGUST VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH IS

Heather Slater

Heather, an unassuming person has a long history of volunteering.

Receiving a Gold Laurel Wreath for 50 years service to Red Cross, Heather was the President for 28 years until the Allora Red Cross closed in 2018. The Wreath is held at the Allora Sports Museum.

Heather volunteered for 14 years with the Friends of the Homestead and was the first secretary. She also volunteered with Meals on Wheels for the duration of the time when Blue Care provided meals from the Allora Blue Care Centre.

Heather and Geoff Slater, a great



team, being volunteers for the Toowoomba Rugby League for 50 years with the plaque of appreciation at the Allora Sports Museum. Then from 1951 volunteered for the Wattles Football Club. They both volunteered at the formation of Allora Swimming Club with Heather still helping out in 2021.

Congratulations Heather for your wonderful efforts. It's greatly appreciated.

Who Remembers the Gossip Bell?



Next week will be big for the Allora and District Garden Circle, with our Potplant Competition and Show activities running from Monday to Wednesday. It'll be great to see past, present and future Garden Circlers.

On Monday, 5th September the R.S.L. Hall will be open for us to set up the show from 9am until 3pm. Let Sandra or Jane know if your pots need transport to the venue. If more convenient you may bring them to 1 Drayton Street this week-end. The

registration fee is \$2 per pot. The categories are Flowering, Non-flowering and Small. There is provision for hanging baskets.

On Tuesday, 6th September our celebration starts at 11.30am. The R.S.L.'s Golden Wattle Cafe is opening especially for the day. At noon the judging of the Potplant Competition will begin, with the winners being announced around 1pm. Our cake will be cut at 1.30pm and the cafe closes at 2pm.

On Wednesday, 7th September our potplants and memorabilia, including the gossip bell, will be on show for visitors to the R.S.L. Hall during the Golden Wattle Cafe's opening hours of 9am to 2pm. We'll take down the show after the cafe closes that day. For more information please phone Sandra (0409 542 692) or Jane (4666 3868).

Volunteer Grants Applications Now Open For 2022-23

The Leader of The Nationals and Member for Maranoa David Littleproud encourages all eligible Maranoa organisations to submit an Expression of Interest for the 2022-23 Volunteer Grants.

The Australian Government's 2022-23 Volunteer Grants provide organisations with grants of between \$1,000 to \$5,000 to help purchase small equipment, transport costs for volunteers with a disability, provide training, cover fuel costs, and perform background screening checks along with services for their volunteers.

Up to \$66,225 is available in Maranoa as part of the 2022-23 Volunteer Grants round with local eligible, not-for-profit community organisations now invited to submit their Expression of Interest.

Mr Littleproud said he is pleased volunteer organisations who are helping people through difficult situations in the Maranoa region have the opportunity



David Littleproud MP, for a helping hand themselves by applying for a Volunteer Grant.

"We have incredible volunteer organisations in our region who dedicate time and effort into helping other locals," Mr Littleproud said.

"Volunteers are the lifeblood of our community, building our region stronger and more resilient, especially during tough times."

Expressions of Interest will be accepted until Friday 23 September 2022.

For the EOI application form and the guidelines, visit David Littleproud's official website at davidlittleproud.com.au

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Floral Window Competition	Judging Date Friday 28th October Entries Close 5pm Thursday 27th October

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Reading the St Patrick's Allora Way

In order to keep our students at the centre of the school's vision, which is to be an inclusive community committed to high levels of learning for all, staff have been engaged in a body of research known as the Science of Reading. The school's Learning Enrichment teacher Mrs Kathryn Lucas is a passionate convert. Her observations during small group reading intervention, coupled with the Science of Reading theory, have highlighted some possible areas for targeted

improvement. "We need to teach a systematic sound-based reading program based on decoding and phonological awareness which limits the overuse of context clues and sight words as students' go to reading strategies".

The staff of St Patrick's School are currently developing a whole school scope and sequence that incorporates the 'how' we teach reading from Prep to Year 6. At its core will be explicit teaching involving the manipulation of words, decoding of texts, flexibility

with sounds and limiting the overuse of predictions or picture clues. Building vocabulary through the use of rich texts during shared and modelled reading times will remain a focus.

A Parent Engagement Session will take place on Thursday 20 October at 3:30pm at St Patrick's School, Allora. This session will be facilitated by our Early Years teachers. Our staff will provide explicit instruction around reading and how parents may support their students at home. Everyone is most welcome even if your

children are not enrolled at St Patrick's School.

New enrolments are always welcome. Please feel free to contact St Patrick's School on 4666 3551 or by email allora@twb.catholic.edu.au to arrange a school tour or alternatively, for more information access the school's website www.allora.catholic.edu.au and complete the online application for 2023. Come and experience the St Patrick's Way, where everyone is welcome.

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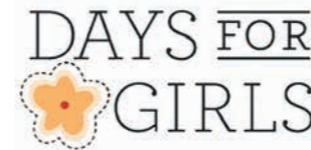
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Another Busy Month For Days For Girls



Days for Girls Allora and district's gathering on 29 July saw the ladies undertaking a variety of tasks to get the components required for a possible trip to Griffith Uni for a packing day as part of the uni's volunteer program. This is timed to occur in October on the 'International Day of the Girl-child' which is very fitting for the Days for Girls team. We also assembled another 120 packs for the refugee consignment. The group also supplied some more kits to the local 'Share the Dignity' group as part of an ongoing program to assist any women and girls in need, no matter where.

On 20 July two of the

Allora and district DfG group gave a presentation to the Rose City chapter of Probus. Approximately 30 Probus members attended. Heather Goonan assisted by Lenore Wissemann from DfG gave a brief history of DfG internationally and in Australia, history of Allora and district group and explained what is done each month. It was an attentive audience and there were completed kits to show the audience.

Allora and district DfG group would like to thank those people who have personally and/or anonymously donated monetary funds to the group. It has been a problematic year with many functions being cancelled so all support is most welcome.

For more information about Days for Girls contact the Executive team -

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Residents should key lock doors, windows and other exit points, even when you are at home.

When parking in a garage, ensure both the garage and vehicle are locked and the garage door remotes are secured.

Remove keys from the ignition and lock your vehicle if your vehicle is parked or unattended, even if it's only for a minute.

House-breaking is one of the most common crimes and can occur at any time of the day or night.

Visit the QPS webpage to watch a video on how you can apply the layered approach to your own home security and to read tips on vehicle security.

Crime prevention and community safety is everyone's responsibility.

If you have information for police, contact Policelink by providing information using the online suspicious activity form 24hrs per day at www.police.qld.gov.au/reporting.

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New fungus to fight fast spreading weed

Landholders now have a new biocontrol tool to help fight one of Australia's most challenging agricultural weeds, flaxleaf fleabane.

Researchers from Australia's national science agency, CSIRO, are piloting the release of a fungus from Columbia to help landholders tackle the weed.

Flaxleaf fleabane (*Conyza bonariensis*) is a fast-spreading weed from South America that damages cropping and grazing areas across Australia and impacts the livelihoods of many primary producers.

CSIRO weed ecologist, Dr Ben Gooden, said flaxleaf fleabane was one of the most difficult-to-control weeds in grain cropping systems. It is estimated to affect nearly three million hectares of land in Australia and cause grain crop revenue losses of more than \$43 million each year.

"As flaxleaf fleabane has developed resistance to some herbicides, we hope that the biocontrol agent will be effective in reducing its populations across the country," he said.

"We identified a rust fungus called *Puccinia cnicoleracei* in Colombia which infects flaxleaf fleabane

and restricts it from growing by destroying the plant's tissues.

The fungus was imported into CSIRO's high-security quarantine facility in Canberra where scientists studied it extensively to determine if it would be safe to introduce to Australia as a biocontrol agent.

"Our research found the fungus can only infect flaxleaf fleabane, while all non-target plant species tested were resistant to it. Based on this research, the fungus is deemed to be safe and has been approved by the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry for introduction to Australia," Dr Gooden said.

Flaxleaf fleabane grows up to one metre and is a prolific seed producer. Each plant can produce over 100,000 seeds and these can disperse long distances with the help of wind, water, animals and vehicles.

Landholders wishing to participate in the biocontrol release program should register their interest with the CSIRO. As release sites are strategically selected across the weed's range, CSIRO will provide the rust fungus and clear instructions



CSIRO weed ecologist, Dr. Ben Gooden, said flaxleaf fleabane was one of the most difficult-to-control weeds in grain cropping systems.

Photo courtesy GDRC

to land managers wishing to introduce the rust fungus to areas with high flaxleaf fleabane infestations.

Landholders will be asked to monitor the fungus and how it establishes and

will report back to CSIRO on the impact it has on flaxleaf fleabane.

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National Medals For Allora Swimmers



Allora Swimming Club members Maeve Moore and Bailey Harm have recently returned home after their successful efforts at the School Sport Australia National Swimming Championships. These Championships bring together the very best swimmers from 10 to 19 years from across the country. Both swimmers were selected into the QLD Team after their outstanding medal performances at the Qld Schools Championships in March.

After a two year hiatus in School Sport Australia events due to Covid, swimmers from across the country were excited to participate this year in Brisbane.

Maeve Moore was selected to swim the 10 years girls 50m Freestyle, the 10 years Medley relay and the 10 years Freestyle relay. Maeve swam a solid freestyle leg in the 4 x 50m Freestyle Relay to help her team to the National Silver Medal on the final day of competition. Maeve was 11th in her individual event, placing her as the first



Bailey Harm.

reserve for the final. This was an outstanding result for Maeve's first experience competing at National level.

Bailey Harm has previously attended this event in Hobart and Melbourne and was more than pleased to see the event return to our home state in 2022. Bailey swam a new Personal Best time in the 14 years 50m Freestyle to win the National Silver medal in 25.18 seconds. Bailey swam a strong leg of the freestyle relay to help the QLD Team bring home the Gold and be named National Champions. Bailey



Maeve Moore.

completed his medal swag with a Bronze in the 14 years Medley Relay where he anchored the team, swimming them into the top three finish.

Both swimmers have had to train through the winter to prepare for this event. This is a tremendous effort for country swimmers who do not have easy access to winter water, having to travel to train for their sport.

Our sincere Congratulations are extended to both Maeve and Bailey on your outstanding performances at this National event, from all at Allora Swimming Club. It's a brilliant result to bring National Medals home to Allora!

The Allora Swim Team will return for the new season in October.

Top Weekend For Golf At Allora



Starting last Friday, the Allora Duck Run was held with fifteen contestants taking part. Hethe was the winner on 24 points with Michael K. runner up on 23 points. It was a good day with some great scores entered.

Sunday saw the Allora Butchery 4BBB Stableford competition with 15 entrants. It was a sunny day with a few cracking scores. The winners were Mark

Elwood and Niel Chandler on 43 points with runners up Jimmy Anderson and Tom Bartholomew on 42 points. Nearest the pin shots were Hethe Ramus and Duke Maloney on the 4th & 13th, Niel Chandler and Mark Elwood on the 7th & 16th and Tom Kolenich and Kenny Wilson on the 3rd & 12th. The 5th & 14th was a clean skin. The longest putt went to Tom Bartholomew on the 9th & 18th. Thanks to Ashley and Aaron for their wonderful support on the day.

Next Sunday is the monthly medal sponsored by The Railway Hotel. Hope to see you on the links.

Clifton Benchrest Shooters News



Placegetters from left to right: Helen Manteit, Luke Steffen, Cooper Steffen, Marg Sullivan, Gary Manteit; and seated are Laurie Bowe and Daph Bowe.



A few hardy souls braved the windy conditions to compete in the Club's monthly shoot on Sunday 21 August. Epitomising the saying "You can't keep a good man down", Laurie Bowe (after whom the Range is named) loaded his ammunition on the day as he needed it and came away with two 3rd places; the first in the Men's Open Rimfire with a total score of 541.8 and the second in Centrefire with 6010 points. This gentleman celebrated his 90th birthday in November last year which just goes to show that age is no barrier to enjoying the sport of benchrest shooting.

Gary Manteit took out the Men's Open Rimfire scoring

586.20 and came 2nd in Centrefire with a score of 5474.

Top honours in Centrefire went to Helen Manteit who outscored the opposition with 4036 and shot the Smallest Group of 139. This incidentally is the smallest group so far for the year. Gary jokingly remarked that he would have to wear his earmuffs all the way home!

Luke Steffen scored 547.12 to place 2nd in the Men's Open Rimfire and son Cooper took 1st place in Junior Rimfire with a score of 486.6.

It was a red letter day for Marg Sullivan who won the Ladies Open Rimfire scoring a PB with 551.7, the gusty wind notwithstanding. 2nd place went to Helen Manteit with a score of 546.4.

Pistol competition was held in miserably wet conditions on 13 August. The placings were: 1st Richard Beardsley 254; 2nd Vince Alberry 216 and 3rd Murray Janke 139.

The Club, together with the Clifton State High School, is hosting an Interschool Benchrest Shooting Challenge on Saturday 3 September. Schools have been invited to send along a team of 4 to contest the trophies on offer. This is the first time such an event has been held and interest is high. One team of two boys is travelling all the way from Winton to take part. Credit goes to Brendon Thorpe, Manual Arts teacher at the School, who

organises for the school's shooting team to attend the Range on Friday afternoons for practice in their chosen sport.

Next competition day for pistol is 10th September and for benchrest 18th September. President Helen is looking for more competitors for benchrest - come along to experience the fun, social atmosphere. We are not shooting for sheep stations! Helen's number is 0418 791 991.

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Burns Guides Warriors to Semi-Final Success



Likely the biggest crowd in many years packed Clifton's Platz Oval on Sunday for the first round of the 2022 Toowoomba Rugby League semi-finals series including the Hutchinson Builders first grade contest that saw home side Wattles rise to the occasion with a mighty 52 – 14 win over the Highfields Eagles.

Wattles fullback Jackson Green was in superb form finishing with a hat trick of tries, while captain/coach Travis Burns was at his organisational best on top of a class kicking game.

Scheming hooker Kai Williamson-Duggan was ever busy with his inspirational work around the ruck.

Wattles forwards dominated throughout with big

men Brenden McBryde, Jordan Crocker along with Michael Pearson and Mitch Koina advancing the cause at every opportunity.

It was a significant step towards a possible fifth TRL A Grade premiership by the Warriors, totally dominating the mid-season Madsen-Rasmussen Trophy champions Highfields.

Coach Burns was more than enthusiastic with his side's performance on Sunday, "but we'll need to do it all again against competition pacesetters Gatton."

Despite the final score, it was the Eagles that drew first blood when front-rower Carl Clement ran on to a pass to post initial match points and a 6 – 0 lead after fifteen minutes.

Highfields had looked threatening throughout the opening stages with only desperate defence by the Stillwater Pastoral Company Warriors holding them at bay.

But when centre Austin Jennings touched down on

the end of set move close to the Highfields try line to have the scoreboard draw level at 6 all, the mood of the game changed significantly in favour of Wattles.

With the breeze at their backs, Wattles ran in six tries in the twenty-two minutes leading in to the break to boast a healthy 34 – 6 advantage at the halfway mark.

A penalty to the Eagles in the opening minutes of the second stanza laid the foundation for a much needed try to centre Matthew Waites.

Highfields failed to use the breeze advantage, while the Warriors lifted the momentum through touchdowns by back-rowers Ryan Duggan and Tyson Stevens.

Leading 46 – 10 with ten minutes remaining in the game, the closing stages were all Wattles way.

Eagles' backrower Conor Nolan added some further respectability to the Eagles total when he scored in the latter stages.

However, the match was shut out when Wattles rampaging front-rower Jordon Crocker was rewarded with a try after a more than impressive return to the team after a lengthy injury spell.

Wattles now advance to the major semi-final to match up against top grade minor premiers the Gatton Hawks this coming Sunday, the winner earning an early

seat in the 2022 Grand Final.

Wattles 52 (Jackson Green 3, Austin Jennings, Travis Burns, Matt Christensen, Ryan Duggan, Tyson Stevens, Jordan Crocker tries; Travis Burns 6, Tyson Stevens, Kai Williamson-Duggan goals) defeated **Highfields 14** (Carl Clement, Matthew Waites, Conor Nolan tries; Cory McGrady goal)

Minor grade semi-finals at Platz Oval on Sunday saw:

Reserve Grade: Gatton 24 defeated Highfields 22

Under 19: Highfields 34 defeated Brothers Ipswich Colts 24

Open Women: Newtown 50 defeated Goondiwindi 4

Grand Final Berths Up for Grabs - Both Wattles 'A' and reserve grade teams have the opportunity to book Grand Final berths on Sunday, with both up against the Gatton Hawks.

A win to each would see the teams step up into their respective season deciders on September 18th.

Toowoomba Rugby League Major Semi-Finals Sunday 4th September - Cahill Park Sporting Complex, Gatton.

A Grade: 2.30pm Gatton v Wattles

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Under 19: 10.00am Gatton v Highfields

Glyn Rees

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Wattles Feature in Junior Finals



The Warwick and District Junior Rugby League Preliminary Finals were centre stage at Inglewood on Saturday, and while the Wattles Under 13 boy's line-up saw the curtain fall on their season, the Under 17 ladies are in line for season honours.

Wattles Juniors Girls off to Big Dance - Indeed, there were some very excited young players dressed in green and gold celebrating the Wattles Club Hotel Under 17 Ladies League Tag team's 24 – 16 winning result over the talented Collegians Dragons of Warwick.

The result has the Dan Wallis coached Wattles team Grand Final bound taking on the Tenterfield Tigers at Tenterfield's Rugby League Park this Saturday, September 3rd.

Wattles try scorers included Billie Leigh with a try double, Abby Monckton, Clare Parry and Teeah Davis with Steph Lyons on target with two converted goals.

Season Ends for Promising Under 13's - Wattles courageous Nutrien Harcourts Cooke Real Estate Under 13's contested their semi-final against a clinical Collegians Dragons outfit, eventually losing in a one-sided affair 42 - 6.

After taking the honours as initial try scorers, the young Warriors struggled to retain momentum and were out played in their efforts to stay in touch with their opponents.

Team mentor Glen McMillan said "while disappointing to finish our season with a tough loss, as coach I couldn't be prouder of the team's development



Wattles Under 17 Ladies League Tag team to contest this Saturday's Warwick & District Junior Rugby League Grand Final. Back Row: Sarah Morris, Reagan McMillan, Hannah McElhone, Stephanie Lyons, Auburney Miller, Tayah Wallis, Abby Monckton, Clare Parry. **Front Row:** Piper Brady, Teeah Davis, Billie Leigh, Alex Gilmore, Matilda Baty and Minnie Shephard-Picton.



2022 Warwick & District Junior Rugby League semi-finalists the Wattles Warriors Under 13 team. Back row: Adam May (Manager), Alex Collie, Angus McArthur, Glen McMillan (Coach), George Gall (Trainer), Hugh Denny. **Seated:** Jack McCarthy, Will Peters, Henry McMillan, Jackson Bateman, Riley Fitzgerald, Jack Burton, Marty May, Orry Gilmore, Callum Wallis, Tom Worboys, Hugh Holden. **Front row:** Harvey McPhee, Patty Baty, Jonte May

throughout the year. "As a team we wish our club mates, the Under 17 boys and girls league tag side the very best of luck in next weekend's grand finals."

Wattles Eye Off First Under 17 Silverware - After cooling their heels last weekend due to their

earning a match break as Major Semi-Final winners the Shane Wright coached Hamblin Builders Under 17 boys' squad are primed for this Saturday's season decider against traditional rivals the Collegians Dragons.

Historically it could be the Wattles club's first Under

17 premiership silverware should they be successful.

The Under 17 division was added to the Warwick & District JRL premiership commencing this year.

An Under 17 division however existed in the Toowoomba Rugby League until the early 2000's.

Glyn Rees

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TODAY'S QUOTE - "Definition of inflation; that's the state of feeling bloated after eating very little." - PK Shaw

Jeremy's View

My family loves music

I enjoy music and I think that I get this from my mum who plays the violin and the viola. I learn the cello with Ms Edgerton and the piano with Ms Chapman who has been a music teacher for almost sixty years. My brother William also learns the cello and my baby sister Amelia has a tiny miniature violin which mum gives to her so that she gets used to it for when she's old enough to learn to play. Mum says that Amelia's lessons now are about learning not to eat the violin.

Mum and I sometimes go to music concerts together in Brisbane like the ones that Southern Cross Soloists do down there. On Thursday night last week our whole family went to Brisbane for the launch of Contra Concerts, which is a series of music concerts organised by flute player Jonathan Henderson. Because dad had to be in Brisbane for work on Friday morning it worked out well because he could come too.

The launch was in a building called "The Substation" which is a converted electricity building that now gets used for functions at Woolloongabba.

My little sister was really popular with everyone there and when she saw a man with a beard she reached out and grabbed it. After the launch finished we had Thai food at a restaurant nearby. It was Baby Amelia's first taste of Thai food and she really loved eating coconut rice.

The reason why we went to the launch of Contra Concerts is because they are coming to Stanthorpe to play "Contra Mozart" at the Stanthorpe Art Gallery at 6pm on Friday 16th September. I said to Mr Henderson that I would tell everyone about it in my column, so if you want tickets go to www.contraconcerts.com.au

Jeremy Lister, age 11



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Wattles Reserve Grade Team to Contest Major Semi Final



The successful Wattles Tony Morris Tiling Reserve Grade team has won the 2022 TRL Minor Premiership and will now contest this Sunday's Major-Semi Final. (Image courtesy JD Sporting Photography - Full story on page 14)

Front: Tom Morris, Jack Duggan, Josh Henry, Alex Morris, Nick Morris (Player/Coach), Declan Sullivan, Jason Wilson, Joe Morris. **Middle:** Amanda O'Halloran (President), Tom Duggan (LSO), Neil Wilson (Trainer), Jason Nightingale, Tim Hentschel, Eli Adamson, Jordan Henry, Ben Duff, Nick Marsh, Ted Shooter (Manager), Tony Morris (Sponsor), Paul Duggan (LSA). **Back:** Zach Stevens, Aaron Scheid, Harry Shooter, Angus Some, Mitchell Duff, Tim Duggan, Tom Henry, Matt Ilijas. **Absent:** Garth Lonergan (Player/Coach), Brendan Bange (Assist. Coach), Dale McAntee, Darby Peardon, Lachlan Henry, Warren Draper, Tim Exelby.



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