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Wednesday, 7th September 2022

## Excitement Builds

8.45am Visit St Patrick's Catholic School

9.45am Senior Citizens Rooms next to Sports Museum  
Audio and visual presentation  
Meet Champion Jockey Johnny Letts  
Photo opportunities  
Entry \$5 pp kids free

11.30am Lunch at Railway Hotel  
Pre-paid Bookings essential  
Limited numbers - book at Lyn-D-Jo Boutique

2.00pm Visit to Allora P-10 State School



*Melbourne Cup Tour*  
in ALLORA NEXT WEDNESDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER  
(See programme page 2)

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**LEXUS MELBOURNE CUP TOUR**  
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NEXT WEDNESDAY  
14th SEPTEMBER

Tour kicks off at The Allora Sports Museum

**8.45am** Visit to St Patrick's Catholic School

**9.45am** Seniors Citizens Rooms next to Museum.  
Entry \$5, kids free. Includes -

- Limited edition Melbourne Cup biscuit courtesy Gingernuts Sweet Treats Allora
- VRC Tour Reps give Audio & visual Presentation
- Meet Champion Jockey John Letts
- Opportunities for photos

**11.30am** Lunch at Railway Hotel - Nibbles and 2 courses \$40 pp. Pre-paid bookings essential with limited seats. Book at Lyn-D-Jo phone 4666 3698 or 0407 034 320

**2.00pm** Visit to Allora P-10 State School

All welcome to be part of this exciting day and show our appreciation to the wonderful people from the Victoria Racing Club who brought the Melbourne Cup to Allora.

# Mixed Results From Talgai Goldfield

Gold drilling efforts earlier in the year at the Talgai Goldfield have produced some promising signs of future potential, but not all that was hoped for.

The inaugural drilling campaign was undertaken by Canadian company Queensland Gold Hills Corporation at the Big Hill property in the historic Talgai Goldfield.

The eleven hole (1,457 metres) reverse circulation drilling program targeted areas below historical underground workings. Assay results returned from ALS-Global Brisbane showed the drilling did not encounter the best of what historical production records had indicated.

Queensland Gold Hills Director Blair Way said there were positive signs even though the first drill program at Big Hill did not intercept the grades hoped for.

"We were successful in hitting the correct structures and encountered mineralisation below the historic workings, as expected," Mr Way said.

"The information provided will be extremely valuable..."

"We look forward to announcing upcoming plans and discussing our evolving strategies as we look to demonstrate the extraordinary potential we see in the Talgai Goldfields."



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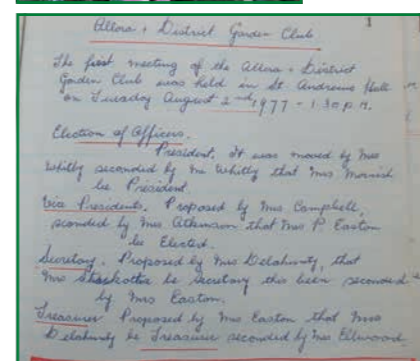
## WATCHING SEEDS GROW - BLOSSOMS BLOOM

Reasons why the Allora and District Garden Circle has been active for the past 45 years and still going strong today.

This morning celebrations took place at the Allora RSL Hall with an impressive Pot Plant Show.



Celebratory Cake beautifully decorated by Sharon of Golden Wattle Cafe.



Minutes from the first meeting of the Allora & District Garden Club. Well-known local Glad Holmes was a founding member of the Club (later to be known as Allora & District Garden Circle).



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## Rural Road Safety Month



September is rural road safety month which is a campaign to highlight the importance of road safety on regional and remote roads.

Drivers who travel on rural roads are at greater risk of being involved in a serious road-related injury.

Almost two-thirds of fatalities occur on rural roads with the leading causes being speed, fatigue, and drink driving.

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## Allora QCWA 100 Years (Part 3)

Allora branch had 77 members in 1927. They had 208 pounds on hand for the restroom. They ran dances to raise money. The contract for the building was given to Mr H. Weber of Allora. The price was 348 pounds and was the lowest of three tenders.

The grand opening of the restroom took place on 23rd November 1927 and Mrs Fairfax opened it in fine style. An entry fee of one shilling ie. 10 cents was charged.

Competitions and a short musical programme, ice cream stall in the grounds and a jumble stall. A dance was held on the night with voluntary music.

Two members who wish to remain anonymous lent enough money to complete the payment on the rooms. Members donated needed articles for use at the rooms. Over the years many kind

donations are recorded.

Many mothers made use of the restroom over a lot of years. Miss Josie Stay used to unlock it on her way to work and lock it on the way home. That way it was available to anyone who needed it. Unfortunately in around about the seventies, it became unsafe to leave it unattended, so this was discontinued.

However the room was still needed as a popular meeting room and the Queensland Health Maternal and Child Welfare operated a baby clinic from 1935 until recently.

A dance was held in 1928 for the Cancer Campaign. QCWA was already reaching out to assist the needs of others. It is still their policy. Where there's a need, there is CWA.

*Thanks to Olive Shooter.*

## New Book - The Men of the 2/26 Battalion

A book by two authors, one of them an Allora local, delves into the war years of the brave men of the 2/26 Battalion.

Read through the personal interviews, family stories and archive research of the military history and personal history of the men compiled by two dedicated women, daughters of two of the soldiers - Norm Newport and Bill Anderson - who were mates in the 2/26 Battalion.

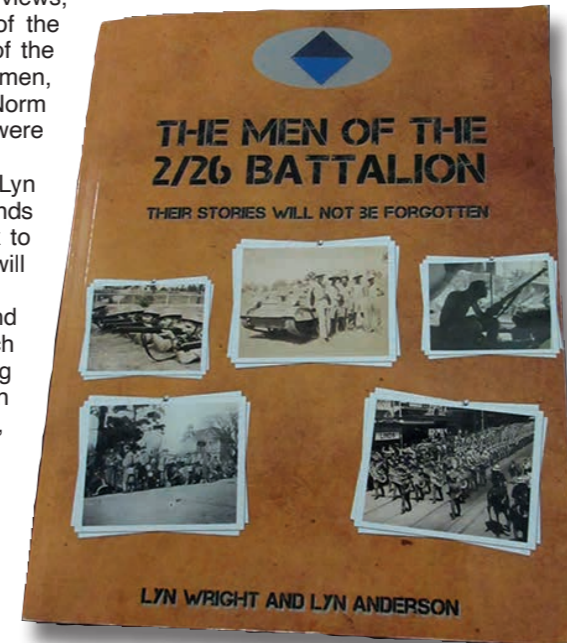
The authors, Lyn Wright and Lyn Anderson, have also become firm friends after teaming up to compile this book to ensure the men of the 2/26 Battalion will not be forgotten.

The book has taken 20 years on and off to finish the 900 pages with research carried out throughout the Darling Downs talking to families and mates in Toowoomba, Clifton, Allora, Warwick, Killarney, Stanthorpe and Goondiwindi.

It's known that eleven men were from around this area.

The 2/26 Battalion was the only infantry battalion formed in Queensland in World War II.

This battalion received tough



disciplined training to become a very efficient fighting force against the Japanese, then, after surrender the men became prisoners of war for three horrendous years.

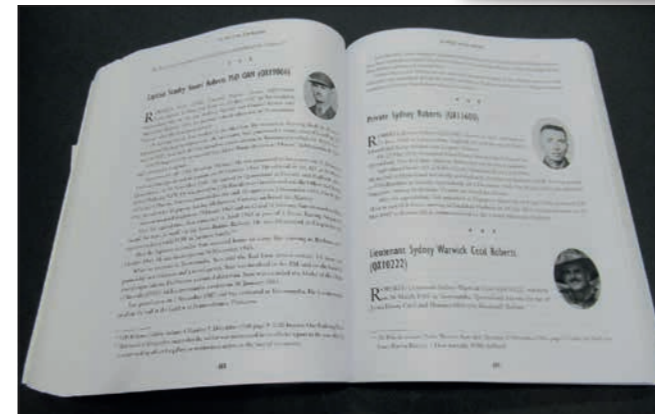
"The Battalion Story", compiled by the late Lt. Col. (R) Ron Magarry, lists the over 1200 men who at some time were part of the 2/26 Battalion.

While many stories will never be known, "The Men of the 2/26 Battalion" gives the reader an insight to the experience of most of the men who enlisted and were assigned to the 2/26 Battalion.

The book was launched on 15 August 2022 to remember that day 77 years ago when World War II ended and prisoners of war were liberated.

As an introductory offer - authors' special price - only \$90 with money donated to the Allora & District Historical Society.

For book orders or inquiries contact Lyn Wright by Facebook Messenger or [lynwright007@gmail.com](mailto:lynwright007@gmail.com)



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The training session, led by an experienced paramedic, will be held at the **Senior Citizens Centre, Clifton, on Saturday 1st October 2022 from 9am to midday**



**Local Ambulance Committee**  
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# Allora P-10 State School News



Three secondary students represented Allora P-10 State School at the Darling Downs Track & Field Championships held recently in Toowoomba.

Congratulations to Jackson, Denovan and Shakoba who achieved several fourth and fifth places at the carnival.

At the Primary Darling Downs Track & Field Championships eight students represented Allora P-10 State School.

Congratulations to Lochlan in Year 5 who came 2nd in the final of his 100m sprint. This is a remarkable achievement for Lochlan who will now go on to

compete in the State Track & Field championships later in the year. Good luck, Lochlan!

My best wishes to Mrs Sharman-Bowman who has accepted a position as Acting Head of Department at Cecil Plains State School. Mrs Sharman-Bowman will be working at Cecil Plains for all of Term 4.

Mrs Goodwin will teach the Year 4 class from Monday to Thursday with Mrs Sharman-Bowman coming back into the classroom on Fridays each week.

We also welcome back Mrs Leanne Kanowski who will return to her position as Head of Department - Curriculum after being seconded to fill another position in Education Queensland for the past 2 terms.

Mrs Robyn Westerman  
Acting Principal

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## Tea Rooms Open for Service

This week the QCWA Condamine Valley/Warwick Branch has recommenced its table service at the Tea Rooms in Grafton Street, Warwick.

It's a great place to pop in, have a chat and enjoy morning tea or lunch.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions the dining-in facility ceased for quite some time, so volunteers are pleased to be back.

The QCWA Tea Rooms are open from 9am to 2pm Tuesday to Friday.

Phone 4661 2966 for pre-orders, hall bookings, or membership enquiries.

## Local Community Deserves A Pat On The Back

Support for the Goomburra Town Hall by the local community over the last 12 months has been most welcomed by the current committee. As any volunteer group knows, raising funds for your non-for-profit organisation is a challenge but due to the support of you all 2021-2022 was a successful year. The latest fund raiser saw 100 people - locals and visitors - attend the Jazzy Christmas In July Dinner Dance. The hall really did sparkle.



renew their membership as per the constitution.

For more information about the Goomburra Town Hall please phone 0429 642 092 or email goomburratownhall@outlook.com.au

Big shout out to our local Goomburra Painter Paul & Jenny Parker who completed the painting (and a few repairs) of the interior of the hall. The hall is looking very refreshed. This was possible through a successful application with the Gambling Community Benefit Fund that was applied for by the past committee.

The time has come for our Annual General Meeting which will be held on the 22nd September 2022 at the Goomburra Hall, time 6 p.m. All positions of the Management committee will be up for re-election so if you are interested, please email for a nomination form. Members are also asked to

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# Warwick Hospital Now Powered by the Sun

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Other regional health care facilities at Stanthorpe, Texas, Inglewood, Taroom, Jandowae, Baillie Henderson, Cherbourg, Miles and Tara are now also tapping into this renewable energy.

Darling Downs Health Senior Project Officer Rob McHugh said it's been great to power up these projects, with more to come.

"As well as the panels already switched on, we're currently installing solar at Oakey and Wondai Hospitals," Mr McHugh said.

"Other facilities including Nanango, Kingaroy Dental, Mount Lofty, Millmerran and Dalby will also have solar panels installed soon.

"In total, there are nearly 2500 panels across our facilities, which is around 1330 kW."

"It's wonderful to know that while our hospitals are creating so much good inside of them, they're also now creating good on the outside too."

As well as the environmental benefits, the \$1.3 million

project will also have positive financial outcomes.

Depending on weather conditions, the solar panels are expected to produce around \$210,000 to \$235,000 in savings for the health service every year.

Traditionally, hospitals have been large energy consumers as they run 24 hours a day, seven days a week and use a significant amount of equipment.

Some of the benefits of Darling Downs Health's renewable energy project are already shining bright at the Miles Hospital, which has been operating solar panels since July 2021.

A total of 64,802 kilograms of CO2 emissions have been saved, which is the same as planting 1,257 trees.

Mr McHugh said the systems are designed to only generate what is likely to be consumed on-site during the day, with minimal to no excess going back into the grid.

"It's really exciting to be a part of this project, knowing that we're investing in the long-term health and environmental outcomes of our local communities," he said.

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## MLA Sees Positives Ahead for Herd Rebuild

Low female slaughter and positive bull sale results point towards strengthening of the herd rebuild, according to Meat & Livestock Australia (MLA).

The female slaughter rate (FSR) is a technical lead indicator of whether the national herd is operating in a rebuild or liquidation stage.

The FSR tracks the number of female cattle processed compared with the total as a percentage.

In the June quarter, albeit slightly higher the lowest figure in a decade in Q1, the national FSR sat at 44%.

Over the past 12 months, the FSR has averaged 44% nationally which supports MLA's current cattle projections for a 5.6% rise in national numbers in 2022 due to the high retention of females.

MLA Senior Market Information Analyst, Ripley Atkinson, said the state figures highlighted producers rebuilding attitudes.

"We're seeing producers with a retaining a higher percentage of females on farm which will drive a longer-term positive outlook for the strength of the rebuild with larger calf drops for each season moving forwards," Mr Atkinson said.

"Across large parts of the eastern seaboard, on average the 2022 spring bull sale season, clearance rates and numbers of bulls offered and sold have also been high.

"The correlative relationship between producers purchasing more bulls during this selling season and the lower FSR's demonstrates producers either intend to or have females available to be joined to increase their herd numbers on farm." Mr Atkinson said.



### OVERHEARD AT THE LOCAL SALEYARDS...

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# Good Turnout At Allora Pony Club Events



The gymkhana March Past winners and place getters with the judges sashing the flag bearer of the winning clubs. 1st Cambooya, 2nd Millmerran, 3rd Warwick and 4th Stanthorpe.

The weekend of the 27th and 28th August saw the Allora Pony Club host our annual Working Horse Draft on the Saturday and Gymkhana on the Sunday. The Pony Club is grateful for the help of the Allora Show Society in preparing the grounds and organising the canteen for the weekend. Thanks must also go to the Days for Girls group who worked in the canteen.

Saturday saw over 160 draft runs for the day and without the support of our cattle donors the day would not have been possible. With the price of cattle this is a considerable contribution to our event. The cattle were carted to and from the ground by Noel Veal Transport and O'Dempsey Transport. Congratulations to Ashton Collins and Caity McMahon members of the Allora Pony Club who both had a successful day taking home trophies for their respective age groups and to Ashton on his win in the Jackpot. Thank you to our judges for the day Dave Dwan and Errol Cooper and to everyone that lent a day through out the day. These events run solely on volunteer workers.

A beautiful pre-spring day on Sunday saw 82 riders compete in the gymkhana. The March Past was won by the Cambooya Pony Club, who continued on their winning way for the day taking out the trophy for the club gaining Highest Points. Tilly Hanson won the trophy for most points by an Allora Pony Club member not receiving an age group trophy. Congratulations to the club's youngest member Max Pointon who competed in the Led Age Group and Casey Byrne who competed at her first gymkhana.

The Allora Pony Club is very grateful for the businesses, community groups and families that supported our weekend by donating product and sponsoring the events. Thank you to the competitors that came and supported the event and helped where they could. There were riders from 21 different Pony Clubs compete over the weekend, with riders travelling from Mt Mee, Blackbutt, Kumbia, Dalby, Fassifern, Laidley, Goondiwindi and in between. A big thank you also goes out to past members that find the time to come back and help the club.

Christine Holmes, Allora Pony Club



Allora Pony Club members Caity McMahon and Ashton Collins with their trophies following success in the Working Horse Drafts.

# Good Work Continues To Help Women And Girls In Need



At Allora and District Days for Girls gathering last week the ladies finished packing the kits in readiness for delivery to the 2022 Refugee project. Thanks to an amazing effort by everyone involved 510 kits will be delivered to the distribution point this week. This has been the culmination of the years work although other projects were done along the way.

For September there will be two gatherings, Friday 9th and Friday 30th starting 9am at Mackillop House, Warwick Street Allora. A variety of tasks will be undertaken to get the components ready

for the packing day at Griffith University all part of the uni's volunteer program. This will occur on the 11th October being 'International Day of the Girl-child' which is very fitting for the Days for Girls team. Everyone is welcome whether sewers or non-sewers.

Please bring a small plate for morning tea, coffee and tea provided.

Thanks to the Allora Show Society for the opportunity to help with fundraising events. Members of Allora and district Days for Girls team provided workers for events at the Showgrounds including the Pony Club Gymkhana, the Bull sale and Dog trials.

Allora and district Days for Girls appreciate the use of the Function Room kindly provided by St Patrick's

Parish in Allora and to the businesses who willing act as drop off and pick up points for the team. It all means more aid for women and girls in need.

As always the group is requesting donations of ladies new knickers, small hotel style soaps, new face washers, new 100% cotton (non-stretch) material or monetary donations. Items can be dropped into Allora True Value Hardware store, Cassaz Colourful Curls Allora or Bryson's Florist Warwick, marked as Days for Girls. If dropping items in

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Allora and district Days for Girls Executive team – Heather Goonan Mobile - 0434 907 904, Lenore Wissemann Mobile 0428 973 432, Shirley Cornhill and Kaylene Williams or email: alloraqld@daysforgirls.org.

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## Looking Back...

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

### First Hole-in-One

Terry Elford of Goomburra hit the first hole-in-one on the new Allora golf course. Terry aced the 103-metre eighth hole which is situated on the south-west side of Dalrymple Creek. He was playing in a Sunday social competition and received a trophy from the Allora Golf Club. The \$250 on offer from Allora Cut Price Supermarket for a hole-in-one on the seventh green is still to be won.

**Allora's Past 75 years ago September 1947**

### Birthday Party

Mr. and Mrs. C. Robin entertained 70 guests in the Alliance Hall to celebrate the 21st birthday of their second daughter, Ailsa. Guests included friends who came from Toowoomba, Clifton, Pratten and Bony Mountain. The guest of honour received many beautiful gifts from her friends, many of whom made speeches congratulating her on attaining her majority and wishing her long life and happiness. Mr. E. Anderson acted as chairman and Mr. K. Battaglini was MC. Miss Robin suitably replied to the speeches and thanked her parents for the party. After supper, dancing, games and competitions were

enjoyed by the guests.

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

### Serious Accident

The Warwick Ambulance received a call yesterday evening to attend an accident case which occurred shortly before 5 o'clock at Allora. Two men named Ernest Kates (age 26) and George Warfield (age 54) were driving between Allora and Hendon, and when crossing the railway line the car skidded, struck a post and was overturned in a badly

smashed condition. The occupants were severely injured. Kates was picked up with a badly fractured skull and is in a critical condition in the Kanimbla Hospital. Warfield received a lacerated wound to the head and concussion and is also in hospital in a serious condition.

*(Ernest Kates never fully recovered from his injuries and passed away twelve months later)*

**Allora's Past 150 years ago September 1872**

### New Mayor Elected

A Special Meeting of the Allora Municipal Council was held on Monday evening last for the purpose of appointing a Mayor in place of Ald. Hardwick, resigned. Ald. Cooke, after speaking in the most complementary terms on the manner on which the late Mayor had discharged his duties, moved that Ald. Gordon be appointed Mayor for the remainder of the year. This motion was seconded by Ald. Shannon and carried unanimously. The meeting then adjourned to the Princess of Wales Hotel where the newly elected Mayor invited his fellow councillors to a champagne luncheon to which ample justice was done by the guests.



Ernest Henry Kates.

Colin Newport



# Warriors Charge in to Grand Finals



Allora-Clifton region sporting heroes the Wattles Warriors have emerged from a massive Toowoomba Rugby League Qualifying Semi-final Day at Gatton's Cahill Park on Sunday with two senior grade successes, both over the Gatton Hawks, that have ushered them directly into the 2022 season Grand Finals on September 18th.

Gatton club officials hosted what was said to be the biggest ever crowd at the Cahill Park facility, which highlighted what can be considered a very high level of country rugby league.

The Tony Morris Tiling reserve grade Warriors were the first local side on the victory dais, after coming from behind trailing 4 - 12 at halftime to snatch a nailbiter in the final minutes and overhaul hosts the Hawks 20 - 18 after crossing for three tries to one in the second stanza.

Wattles Stillwater Pastoral Company's A Graders dominated their Minor Premier Hawks opponents in blustery conditions to build on a 22 - 16 half time lead on their way to a convincing 38 - 22 victory.

Gifted former Queensland Rangers halfback

Matt Duggan emerged from an injury cloud to claim a touchdown hat trick in a superb performance considered his best of the season.

Duggan has been in shining form in the finals series despite carrying a quad injury that has halted his goal kicking duties.

In an overall sensational team effort, Duggan was well supported by captain/coach Travis Burns, fullback Jackson Green, centre Nick Van Der Poel and the Warriors pack that neutralised the size abundant Gatton forwards who have dominated the competition across the past season.

Wattles defence was impregnable for the majority of the contest, while the Burns and Duggan show took full advantage of a gusty first half breeze.

Local junior and Wynnum-Manly three-quarter in the first half of the current season Matt Christensen was another in green and gold to figure strongly in the result. His speed and elusiveness created attacking opportunities that yielded a valuable try in the 69th minute.

Wattles can now rest up for the coming fortnight before their first season decider since 2018, while Gatton and the Highfields Eagles battle out next weekend's preliminary final for the right to challenge the Warriors for the premiership silverware.

To collect a premiership gong around 4.30pm on September 18th with a winning result on the scoreboard will cap of coach Travis Burns illustrious career, an honour that has eluded him but for a Warwick & District Junior Rugby League grand final win as a youngster for Millmerran/Inglewood.

**Reserve Grade** - A classy showing by outside back Darby Peardon saw him run in Wattles only first half try in the reserve graders clash, but it was to be a try that would play a key role in nudging his side to the Grand Final.

The game was far from a glossy performance by the Warriors according to co-player/coach Garth Lonergan, who was just really pleased to get the result.

"We started terribly and just didn't complete enough sets which led to Gatton scoring easy tries, but once we composed ourselves in the second half we got back in the grind."

Gatton's eight-point lead at the break was slashed when Wattles front-row enforcer Jordon Henry touched down twelve minutes into the new half.

While the Hawks responded to continue to lead 18 - 10, two four pointers in the final eight minutes allowed the Warriors winning rights in an absolute nail biter.

A try by winger Lachlan Henry in the 27th minute

kept the Warriors in the game when success was looking distant.

However, the honours were all but decided when slippery five-eighth Joe Morris capped off his outstanding game when he sniffed out a gap and deftly chipped ahead for speed machine Aaron Hooper to gather and score with just three minutes remaining.

Halfback Tom Morris soaked up the pressure and converted from near the sideline to seal the result.

Wattles will meet the winner of next weekend's reserve grade preliminary final clash between Highfields and Gatton in the Grand Final.

**A Grade - Wattles 36** (Matt Duggan 3, Kai Williamson-Duggan, Austin Jennings, Matt Christianson, Travis Burns tries; Travis Burns 3, Kai Williamson-Duggan goals) defeated **Gatton 22**.

**Reserve Grade - Wattles 20** (Darby Peardon, Jordon Henry, Lachlan Henry, Aaron Hooper tries; Tom Morris 2 goals) defeated **Gatton 18**.

**Toowoomba Rugby League 2022 Preliminary Finals - Saturday 10 September - Clive Berghofer Stadium**

**Under 19:** Warwick v Highfields

**Open Women:** Newtown v Goondiwindi

**Reserve Grade:** Gatton v Highfields

**A Grade:** Gatton v Highfields

Glyn Rees

# Wattles Juniors Denied Premiership Success



The 2022 Warwick & District Junior Rugby League Grand Finals will be remembered for the rain-soaked conditions that certainly had an affect on the Wattles Warriors two competing teams, both unable to secure winning honours.

Tenterfield rugby league headquarters Rugby League Park suffered at the hands of the weather Gods with the season deciding blue ribbon games played in a windy, wet quagmire.

**Under 17 Ladies League Tag** - In what was almost the biggest upset of the season Wattles Club Hotel, Clifton Under 17 Ladies league tag combination gave a mighty

account of themselves against undefeated opponents and Minor Premiers the Tenterfield Tigers to be edged out of the premiership silverware 12 - 18.

Wattles showed they meant business leading 6-4 later in the first stanza before heading to the break trailing marginally 6 - 10.

"They certainly stepped up to the mark on the big day, after suffering one-sided 48 - 0 and 30 - 0 losses to the Tigers earlier in the season" said Wattles Juniors President Jason Fogarty.

A very proud Coach Dan Wallis showered his side with praise, and highlighted the obvious improvement in the team across the season.

Wattles try scorers included Tayah Wallis and Reagan McMillan, with Steph Lyons on target with two conversions.

**Under 17 Boys** - Alas, a premiership gong once again eluded the Wattles Hamblin Builders Under 17

outfit, after also suffering a loss as Under 16's a year back.

The wet boggy conditions certainly didn't suit Wattles and their fleet of foot backs as they succumbed to the Warwick based Collegians Dragons 10 - 4.

The young Warriors missed some promising opportunities with try time beckoning, "we didn't take our chances" according to Coach Shane Wright.

The half time scoreboard read 10 - 4 against Wattles, and neither side could master the conditions to post points in the final thirty minutes.

Wattles proved they had Minor Premier Collegians measure a fortnight back winning a direct ticket to the Grand Final on the back of a thrilling 24 - 10 major semi-final win over the Dragons.

The green and gold forwards stood up to be counted with tenacious Reuben Sullivan a constant thorn in the Dragons

side, while team skipper George Nott was again Mr Consistency across the park.

Elusive centre Daniel Morris claimed the Warriors lone try in the first half.

**2022 Wattles Under 17 Grand Final team:** 1. Jack Wright, 2. Koby De Luca, 3. Hamish Gartery, 4. Daniel Morris, 5. Lachlan Clements, 6. Lachlan Peardon, 7. Bryce Stewart, 8. Ethan Metzroth, 9. Billy Joppich, 10. Darcy Betts, 11. George Nott (C), 12. Sam Gilmore, 13. Reuben Sullivan, 14. Corey Deehan, 15. Drew Fogarty, 16. Jack Barbierato, 17. Adrian Titas, 18. McCabe Miller, 19. Mitchell Ranger, 20. Billy Mutch, 21. Graham Hopper, 22. Jed Esson, 23. Brooklyn Bourke.

**Club Break-Up!** - The Wattles Junior Rugby League Club will celebrate their 2022 season with their presentation day function on Saturday, September 10th from 10 am at Platz Oval.

Glyn Rees

# Allora Bowls Notes - Week 1

A big welcome back to all our players new and old. It was great to see everyone ready and rearing to start the season but anxiously watching the overcast sky hoping we would get games finished before it rained but not to be, play finished early as the rain came down. Most teams managed to get in 10 ends.

First night results - **Rink 1:** Railway Hotel 16 d Generation Gap 9; **Rink 2:** Beer Bowls & Bitches 9 d. Fire Ants 4 (well done girls) **Rink 3:** Gina's Babies 10 d. The Geckos 8; **Rink 4:** Stone Cutters 15 d. Phoenix Rising 10; **Rink 5:** Pig Lures 13 d. What A Show 6; **Rink 6:** The Three Stooges 14 d. Doesn't Matter 0 (better luck next week girls) **Rink 7:** Do It Again 14 d. Peaky Blinders 9 (Danny you need to learn to score correctly, Patto nearly had a coronary when

I made a joke of his team losing).

Winners of the Toucher competition sponsored by TCL were Ken Wilson, Natalie, Ashleigh B, Ashley S, Patrina and Bev. Thank you Leeane for your sponsorship once again.

Raffles sponsored by Allora Butchery, Railway Hotel, Allora Sports Club were won by Rusty, Liz, Bryce, Moley, Bec and Chris Wright. Bryce had a chance for the \$20 Jackpot but alas no luck this week (by the way Bryce you can only cut the cards once, no second chance). Next week \$40.

Thank you Tony from Tony Morris Tiling for sponsoring the Winners & Losers draw. Winners of the night were Do It Again (after the score card was corrected) and Losers - Fire Ants.

A big thank you to

everyone who help out on the night.

Don't forget if you need a substitute player please organize someone yourself. I will make a list of all players who are willing to

sub available next week, it will make life less stressful for Patto. Have your teams organised, see you all again next week for another great night.

Bev O'Halloran

# Keen Golfers Turn Out On Sunday



Despite the weather the Allora Golf Course held up well for Sundays competition with golfers playing for the Railway Hotel monthly mug. Although it was a small field there was a couple of good scores to come in with Brooke Gilmore winning on 43 points and Duke Maloney

runner up on 34 points. No pin shot was claimed on the 4th and 13th. Nearest to pin went to Jimmy Anderson on the 8th and Duke Maloney on the 17th. The approach shots went to Brooke Gilmore on the 3rd and Kevin Harrison on the 12th. Thanks to Robyn at the Railway Hotel for sponsorship of this event.

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## Jeremy's View

Amelia

Everywhere my mum and dad go people tell them about how they like to read my column in the newspaper. That's really good news for me but they also say that the most important topic is about my baby sister Amelia who is 9 months old today. So I am going to say some more about Amelia this time. She's getting pretty big now and mum has to keep buying new baby clothes to keep up. Amelia's favourite things are food, playing with pots and pans and watching Hi-5.



For food Amelia eats mashed up fruit and vegies and sometimes for breakfast she eats Vegemite on toast or weet-bix mixed with baby milk. One time dad put spaghetti bolognese which he made for our tea in the blender and made a disgusting looking baby food paste but Amelia loved it. My sister spends a lot of time on the floor playing with things and she loves getting things from the kitchen to bash and play with. She has learnt to hit a saucepan with a wooden spoon and she squeals because it makes her really happy. And Amelia's most favourite thing in the world is watching Hi-5 because she loves singing and dancing and bright colours.

She also hates some things too and those are having a wet or poeey nappy, letting anyone look inside her mouth to check for teeth, and not getting attention. When she's at a meeting with mum and dad Amelia is super happy because she gets lots of cuddles and attention from everyone there. But if she is in her high chair and you walk away she carries on with lots of bad noises and crying. My brother William and I love Amelia so much. She always laughs and giggles when we play with her and we help mum and dad alot by keeping her happy when they get busy with cooking or things like that. She is a good baby and sleeps most of the night which is pretty good for a baby. When I was a baby I hardly slept for two years but I make up for that by being good now.

In the photo Amelia is in her high chair feeding herself dinosaur pasta with bacon and vegies. I think she put more food on the floor than she put in her mouth.

Jeremy Lister, age 11

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Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Shirley's funeral, to be held at the Warwick Funerals Chapel, 48 Willi Street, Warwick, service commencing at 11.00am, Monday 12th September 2022, followed by interment at the Allora Cemetery, Allora-Clifton Road, Allora. Alternatively, the service will be available via live stream, please go to [www.burstows.com.au/tribute-centre](http://www.burstows.com.au/tribute-centre).

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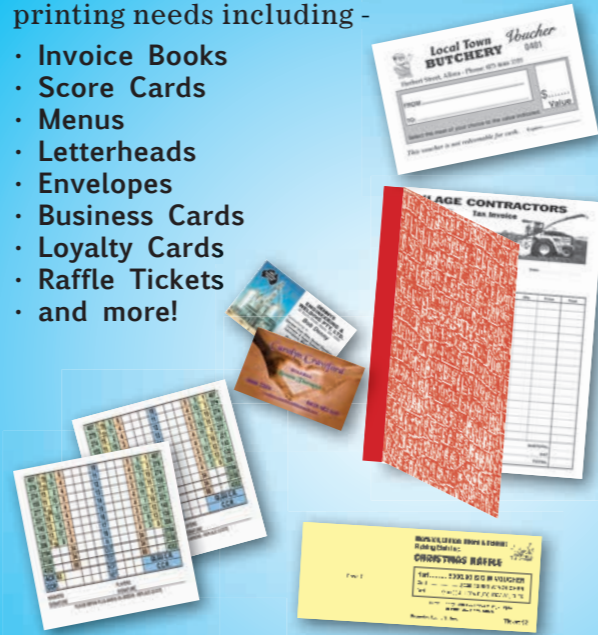
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