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Jeremy's View

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Jeremy Lister, age 12

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The Allora Sports Club has been a second home to Jim Anderson for over 25 years. Jim is a Patron of the Club and a popular member who's always willing to help out while having a yarn.

Since 2019 Jim has been President of the Allora & District Historical Society. Jim is one of many members who volunteers his services at the Museums.

Jim was the longest serving member of the Allora Apex Club until it folded. Jim was thrilled to



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Letter to the Editor...

To the Editor

As our nation grapples with a Voice to Parliament, it becomes more and more obvious that our small town also needs a voice... A Voice to Council.

At the recent meeting on 1st March 2023, in the RSL Hall, it was made clear by our Council that for them to have any kind of vision for Allora, they require a lot of input from our community to help them understand our needs. Gone are the days where our Council has their eye keenly focused on the small things that need doing in our town, or their hearts passionately working towards the bigger picture for Allora. However, it is the firm belief of this rate payer, that with the right communication, (even with the limited funds available), our Council is more likely to help our community to thrive if we present them with a united voice on the things that we know to be important. We have so many wonderful community groups and community-minded people so, until the day we have an Allora representative in there battling for us, we, as individuals and as a community, are encouraged to talk to Council about Allora's needs and dreams, regularly – either face-to-face, by email, or the SDRC service request – otherwise it seems that things just go off the radar.

One Voice
(Name & address supplied)

Lister Kicked Out Over Youth Crime Stoush

The Member for Southern Downs, James Lister, was ejected from the parliamentary chamber by the Speaker, Curtis Pitt, for interrupting the Premier, Annastacia Palaszczuk, during Question time on Tuesday Morning.

Mr Lister said that he didn't blame the speaker for his decision, as he was "pretty loud when I called out".

"Premier Palaszczuk was telling parliament about how she listens to Queenslanders, so I called out and reminded her that she refused to send anyone to represent her government at the community crime forum I ran in Goondiwindi last week." Said Mr Lister.

"And then she had the temerity to say that she sent her police minister to Goondiwindi, which is laughable.

"The premier sent her police minister to Gundy on a lightning in-out visit on a VIP jet, with the community unaware that she was in town. How's that listening?" Mr Lister said.

"So I called her out on this as well during question time. That's when Mr Speaker chucked me out for an hour." He said

"If Annastacia Palaszczuk won't listen to my communities about the crime and roads we have to put up with, it leaves me few other opportunities to make us heard." He said.



Rose & Justin TIE THE KNOT



Justin and Rose Wade's love story started at Allora Butchery in 2015 when Justin served Rose Betts, who had dropped in for her weekly shop. Rose, thinking nothing of the encounter, left to continue on with her day. Not one to let an opportunity slip by, Justin ran down Herbert Street to ask her on a date.

Fast forward eight years, and the couple has built a happy life together, travelling the world and living in the UK before settling in Melbourne to study and work. To celebrate their wedding, and never ones to forget their country roots, Justin and Rose felt a strong desire to return to the district where their love story began.

For their February 11 ceremony, the couple chose Justin's family farm, 'Stormy Rocks,' just outside of Clifton, as the perfect location. They exchanged their vows on the manicured lawns of the family home, surrounded by their loved ones, and officiated by celebrant Shelley Burchett.

After the ceremony, guests enjoyed celebratory drinks on the property before heading to the Commercial Hotel in Allora for the reception. The couple is grateful for the love and support of their family and friends and excited to start the next chapter of their lives together.



Justin and Rose Wade (centre) with groomsmen Lucas Duggan, Justin Van Der Poel, Jeremy Tovey, Jason Nicholas and Bridesmaids Jess Hof, Kiersten Thompson, Olivia Tickle and Amy Radford
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Visitors can explore the marketplace checking out the wares while indulging in some delicious food and refreshments.

Gates will open from 8am to 5pm Saturday and 8am to 4pm Sunday at the picturesque Allora Showgrounds.

Entry to the Festival is available at the gate with single day \$15 pp and weekend pass \$25 pp. Kids under 15 years are free if accompanied by an adult.

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Allora's Popular Markets Are On Again

A change of season is a good reason to hold the Autumn Markets in Allora.

This Saturday if you're in town for the Heavy Horse Festival be sure to drop

into the Allora RSL Hall in Warwick Street, right opposite the Allora State School.

From 8am until 2pm you can browse through

the interesting collection of market stalls.

It's a great change to pick up something different as an Easter gift.

Then have a meal next

door at the Golden Wattle Cafe which will be open all day - a pleasant way to spend a few hours in Allora on Saturday.

Darts Have Made A Welcome Return



Local Darts teams are now participating in a Round Robin Competition held every week in a different venue around our region.

Teams of players are located at Allora, Nobby,

Clifton, Warwick and Pittsworth.

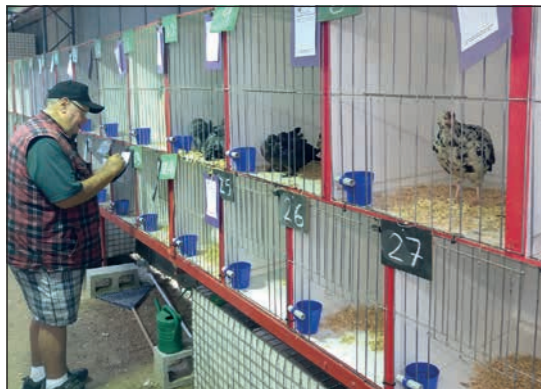
Every second Tuesday Darts are played at the Allora RSL Hall with the competition running from 7th March to end of October.

Test your skills while socialising with good friends - new players are most welcome to join in the action. Phone Ray Saunders at Allora on 0477 967 823 for more details.

Poultry Auction

The Annual Auction of the Southern Downs Poultry Club Allora Inc. was

well attended on Sunday with around 20 interested visitors.



Bidding in progress.



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A New Library Branch For Killarney?

At a recent Southern Downs Regional Council meeting a passionate group of Killarney residents presented their vision for expanded library services. The group has asked Council to consider the viability of a new branch in the community.

Prompted by this presentation and a commitment to provide improved services to the entire region, Council is calling on the community to give feedback on options for provided enhanced library services in Killarney.

Renowned local poet and Southern Downs Councillor Marco Gliori encouraged the community to have a voice on the future direction of library services to the Killarney community.

The survey is available online at www.surveymonkey.com/r/JY9ZL09 and on the Southern Downs Libraries Facebook page. Paper copies are also available at the library branches in Allora and Warwick. Survey closes on Friday 24 March 2023.



"Dangerous slippery slope" of new tax on SMSF-held farms

Labor has conceded its superannuation changes will hit family farms and business assets held in self-managed super funds (SMSF) if they exceed new thresholds.

Leader of The Federal National Party and Shadow Minister for Agriculture David Littleproud said family farms and businesses using SMSFs had been caught up in Labor's deceitful superannuation tax grab.

Mr Littleproud said it was another broken promise.

"This is the start of a dangerous slippery slope into more broken promises and higher taxes," Mr Littleproud said.

"It is deceitful and just goes to show, when Labor runs out of money, they always come after yours.

"It begs the question - what comes next?"

Questioning in Parliament revealed that paper value increases to family farms and business assets in a SMSF could soon be taxed at double the rate. Assistant Treasurer Stephen Jones admitted to the changes, adding, "we wouldn't be doing it otherwise".

Mr Littleproud said many families had previously set up SMSFs as their future retirement and savings, unaware Labor could



David Littleproud MP. come for their assets with more taxes.

Labor is also unable to say how many primary producers, small and family business owners will be impacted in its Treasury modelling.

"Labor now wants to tax hard working families year after year, on paper gains caused by nothing more than volatile commercial property markets.

"Labor is misleading regional, rural and remote Australia, breaking its promise before the election that it wouldn't touch superannuation.

"Not only is Labor now coming for your super, Labor is also coming for the increased value of assets in a SMSF.

"This is without warning, without telling voters and without SMSF holders being aware.

"Sadly, voters will now have to wait and see what else Labor has in store, on its slippery slope of tax trickery and lies."

Northern Grower Alliance leader to call it a day



NGA chief executive officer Richard Daniel has announced he will retire next year, but first he says he will finish work on a key GRDC project investigating 'the agronomic management of weeds, crop nutrition and farming practices in northern NSW and southern Queensland to maximise crop profitability'. Photo: GRDC.

For nearly two decades the name Richard Daniel has been synonymous with farm-relevant, practical research driven by and delivered for grain growers across northern New South Wales and southern Queensland.

As the chief executive officer of the Northern Grower Alliance (NGA) he has - with investment support from the Grains Research and Development Corporation (GRDC) - spearheaded localised, responsive research, development and extension (RD&E) for the past 17

years. But the well-known industry specialist has now announced he will retire when the current three-year GRDC project investigating 'the agronomic management of weeds, crop nutrition and farming practices in northern NSW and southern Queensland to maximise crop profitability' finishes in June 2024.

Meanwhile Mr Daniel said during the next 12 to 15 months, it would be business-as-usual for NGA with the organisation focused on delivering the current GRDC project.

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Newcomer Paix Fills Wattles Halves Gap

Wattles halves firepower has been dented considerably since they hoisted the Hutchies Cup first grade premiership trophy at Clive Berghofer Stadium last September.

Renowned playmakers Travis Burns and Matt Duggan have moved on, Burns retiring and taking up the Warriors top grade coach role while Duggan has joined the ranks of the Western Clydesdales Hostplus Cup outfit.

Former Souths Logan Magpies Colts halfback Brayden Paix has landed at Platz Oval in recent weeks and A grade mentor Burns is impressed by what he sees.

The 20-year-old Paix, who hails from Toowoomba currently, has climbed

the Darling Downs and also Toowoomba and South West Queensland representative ladder having donned Clydesdales, South West Mustangs and Central Crows colours as a junior.

He is a former 2019 Queensland Under 16 representative who has also turned out for Brisbane side Norths Devils before last season with the Magpies.

The former Toowoomba Southern Suburbs junior who is in the final year of a carpentry apprenticeship is the younger brother of Brisbane Broncos hooker Cory Paix.

Wattles winning spirit impresses Paix and was a contributing factor in him heading to green and gold territory.



Capable cub newcomer Brayden Paix will fill Wattles' top grade five eight void this season left due to the retirement of Travis Burns.

Wattles Juniors Shine in Season Opening Trials

The Wattles Warriors juniors launched their 2023 rugby league season with a massive footy gala day on home soil at Clifton's Platz Oval on Sunday hosting the Pittsworth Junior Danes over nine hotly contested matches.

Wattles President Aaron Gilmore praised players, officials and volunteers from both clubs on a day where everyone made a positive contribution to a tremendous start to the new season.

Across the board coaches were more than pleased with their team's first match form, all noting they have plenty to build on for the coming season from a very capable stable of young players.

While many teams saw new faces in their ranks, the Under 6 line-up provided plenty of entertainment with new players in their first team experience.

Team coach Nick Van Der Poel enjoyed his first outing as a coach in what can be considered a memorable and emotional experience.

Nick was a member of the Wattles seniors A Grade team that won the Toowoomba Rugby League premiership last year, and will be lining up with the top graders again in

2023.

Nick commenced his rugby league career as an enthusiastic young eight-year-old with Wattles, and on Sunday his son 5 year old Ollie debuted in green and gold in Wattles Under 6 team, coached by Dad.

The **Clifton Upholstery Under 6's** combination of five stood tall against the sixteen from Pittsworth.

The Jared Gault coached **Willett Electrical Wattles Under 7's** also saw many new players take the field in green and gold, over half the team in fact.

The Under 7's showed "some real talent in attack and defence" according to a happy coach, "they all gave 100% effort and had a blast."

Wattles **Railway Hotel, Allora Under 8** outfit including some new faces posted a solid start to the season noted by coach Shadai Daley.

The Chris Ryan coached **Wattles Under 9 Dalrymple Landscape Haulage** team can be happy with their first outing form against a Danes line up boasting 19 against the Warriors gallant ten.

Chris' family name is highlighted in Wattles Platz

Oval Clubhouse, his father the late Dan Ryan, a former Wattles and Clydesdales player of considerable fame, his name adorning the Dan Ryan Memorial Shield contested annually by Toowoomba's Brothers and Wattles clubs.

The **Black Toyota' Wattles Under 10's** provided coach Ian Brady with plenty of enthusiasm for a positive season ahead.

It was a tough day at the office for the Russell McMillan coach **Clifton Auto Ag Repairs Under 11's** up against a very skilful Pittsworth line-up that also boasted numbers.

Stalwart overseer George Gall's **Ryanie for Tyres Under 12's** posted a handy four touch downs to three over the Danes.

"We have some improvements to address, but happy with the first hit out."

Glen McMillan was happy with his **Nutrien Harcourts Clifton Under 13** team's initial season hit out, his players defending admirably to hold the Danes scoreless.

Wattles **Drayton Medical Centre Under 15** team were far to tough a challenge for Pittsworth, running out 38 –

12 victors and pleasing coach Tom Duggan immensely.

Wattles **Hamblin Builders Under 17's** kicked off another season in search of that premiership that has been so elusive in recent seasons with a 20 – 16 win over a tough Danes outfit.

Representative centre Hamish Gartery collected a double to help the home side build a victory total.

Rylan Marks ran in Wattles initial touchdown in the opening minutes before Gartery crossed for his first with half time closing in.

Wattles opened the second stanza ahead 12 – 4 before tries by half Billy Peardon and Gartery to hold a 20 – 4 with twenty minutes to go.

The Warriors had to dig deep as the Danes embarked on a late fightback that reaped two tries.

Hamish Gartery and Bryce Stewart added goals that ended up the winning margin.

Wattles juniors head to the Granite Belt next Saturday, March 18th for matches in all grade against the Stanthorpe Junior Gremlins.

Glyn Rees

Allora Bowls Notes Allora's New Breed Of Netballers



ROUND 6 - Greg Patto and John E kept themselves busy this week with Patto coaching two new players and John coaching 2 junior players who bowled some good shots. Patto was also coaching John for Skip, great to see as it's a good idea that everyone learn to play as either a lead, 2nd or Skip for experience.

Results – **RINK 1:** Phoenix Rising 24 d. Beer, Bowls & Bitches 6; **RINK 2:** What a Show 24 d. The Gecko's 3; **RINK 3:** Peaky Blinders 15 d. Pig Lures 7; **RINK 4:** Fire Ants 17 d. Railway Hotel 11; **RINK 5:** The Three Stooges 21 d. Stone Cutters 8; **RINK 6:** Generation Gap 12 d. Do It Again 5; **RINK 7:** Gina's

Babies 19 d. Doesn't Matter 6.

Thank you to our raffle sponsors, Allora Butchery, Railway Hotel & Allora Sports Club, our winners this week were Wendy, John E, Nicko, Kris, Doug and Sam.

Greg Patto's number was drawn out for the Jackpot prize of \$20 but no luck for him this week. Jackpot next week \$40. Thank you Paul Parker Painting for your sponsorship and best wishes for a speedy recovery.

Toucher winners were Rusty, Natalie, Matt, Deb, Scott and Kris. Thank you Right 1st Time Cleaning for supplying the chocolates.

Winners this week were Gina's Babies Rink 7 and Losers Stone Cutters on Rink 5. Thank you Allora Sports Club for sponsorship.

Although we are in for some rain over the next few days next Tuesday night should be fine so see you all back then for another great night of social bowls.



The Southern Downs Netball trials were held in Warwick last week for 10-12 years. Congratulations to Allora P-10 State School students Ava and Lailah who have successfully made the Southern Downs team to trial in Toowoomba in April.

Allora P10 State School Cross Country

Allora P-10 State School held it's Interhouse Cross Country at the Allora Golf Course last week.

Although it was a warm day, students participated and performed well.

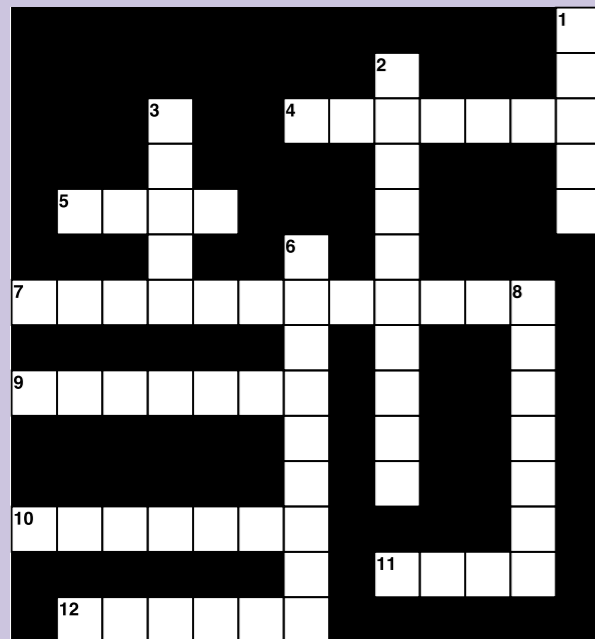
Congratulations to the age champions: 9Yrs Isaac, Ellie; 10Yrs Lloyd, Kyah; 11Yrs Christian, Lucy; 12Yrs Blake, Lailah; 13Yrs James, Karleigh (overall winner – girls); 14Yrs Zac (overall winner – boys), Aylisa; Open Mason, Carly. Well done, students. Deacon House

scored 142 points with Gwynne House taking home the Cross Country trophy, scoring 207 points.



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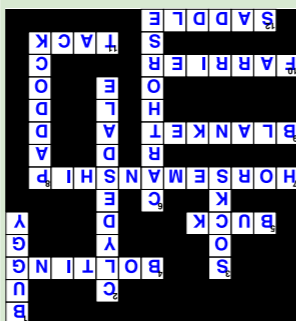
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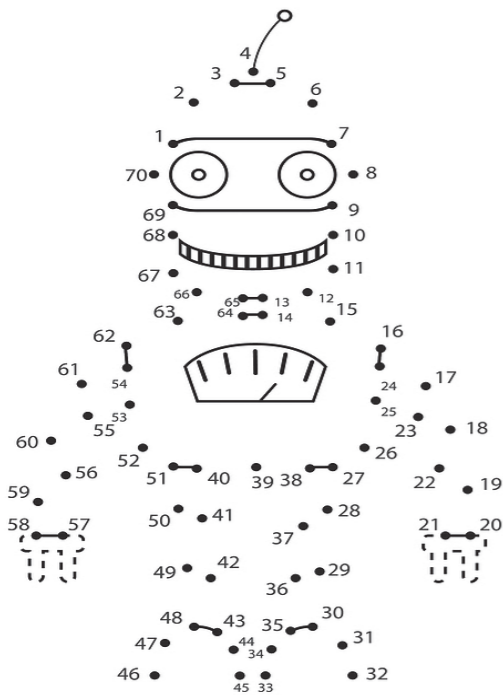
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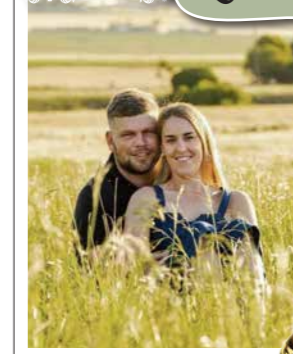
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