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ABOVE: Kital Road Bridge in 2022 and **BELOW:** 2023.



Nearby resident Len Patterson with his dog Smokey check out the repaired Kital Road Bridge. The Bridge was badly damaged following the flooding in Dalrymple Creek early 2022 and has been impassable for the past 15 months. Work on the approach to the bridge and safety railing is expected to be finished within a couple of weeks to the delight of locals.

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Warwick NAB Branch Temporary Closure

NAB has told local customers that it intends to close its Warwick branch for about two months from Tuesday 25th July.

The bank is planning renovations for the branch at 97 Palmerin Street.

It is envisaged that the refurbished branch will re-open on Friday, 22nd September.

NAB has recommended that customers wishing to make use of face-to-face banking should visit the Stanthorpe branch.

In the case of customers in Allora this would take 1 hour to Stanthorpe. Closer branches would be Pittsworth or Toowoomba,

taking about 45 minutes.

The bank says alternative ways of banking are via the NAB app, via telephone banking or at the nearest post office that offers Bank@Post services.

NAB has indicated that the renovations at the Warwick branch are being made in response to changes in the way its customers are doing their banking.

Editors note - Maybe these changes are forced upon customers due to NAB closing local branches.

No wonder more people are banking with the Warwick Credit Union.

Freestone Hall Is Worth A Visit During Jumpers & Jazz



Visitors were amazed at last year's spectacular yarn bombing at the Freestone Memorial Hall.

During this months Jumpers & Jazz on Saturday 22 July you can drop in from 8am until 11am for a hearty country breakfast then wander around the ever growing yarn bombing display. Country cooking and craft stalls will also be operating.

From Monday 24 through to Saturday 27 July morning tea will be served from 10am until midday with drinks and food to be purchased on arrival.

Entry to the yarn bombing and hall is free.

It's a highlight of Jumpers & Jazz so be sure to visit Freestone Memorial Hall at 1244 Freestone Road, Warwick.

Increased Roadworks Activity In Region

Southern Downs residents can expect more activity on the road network and additional construction crews being deployed across the region to undertake flood repairs, with final approvals for last year's flood event now secured.

With an estimated total repair bill of \$52.5m, more than 600 individual roads across the region will have been repaired through the works program funded by the Australian and Queensland Governments' Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA) and Southern Downs Regional Council since 2020 February.

Additional resources will be directed on repairing defects in the sealed road network, with multiple Council crews and contractors working across the region in the coming months.

The estimated cost of all additional repairs is approximately \$10m. Any unfunded defects will remain on the backlog list and be attended to when budget and time allow.

Council will use funds from external programs to undertake complementary works including -

- Restoration works from the February 2020 flood have been completed with a price tag of \$9m.
- The \$7m restoration works from the March 2021 flood were completed by the end of June 2023, with associated betterment works due for completion by September 2023.
- Works from the November 2021 event are also due for completion by the end of December 2023 at a cost of \$3.3m.
- Approvals for the restoration works associated with flood events from February



ABOVE & TOP RIGHT: Locals desperate for repairs to West Talgai Bridge.

RIGHT: Merivale Street Allora.

through to May 2022 are now finalised, with a total estimated value of \$32.6m, of which \$10.5m has already been completed.

These works are expected to be completed by end of June 2024.

Repairs to sealed roads in the Killarney and Stanthorpe areas commenced in May 2023.

In addition to the pavement repairs, Council will be completing the restoration program on the unsealed road network by July 2023, after which normal maintenance programs will resume.

There's also a number of structures scheduled for repair, replacement or upgrade, depending on the funding allocation.

These sites include Merivale Street, Glen Niven Road, Goldfields Road, Talgai West Road, Kital Road, Cosmo Lane and Lyndhurst Lane.

Council has three other funding submissions for upgrade works under review with the Queensland Reconstruction Authority



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The Queensland Government's Nature Refuge Landholder Grants Program supports landholders who are actively working to conserve and manage their properties.

Two refuges at North Branch near Goomburra

will receive funding.

Mandala Nature Refuge – this project aims to continue conservation management of *Rhaponticum australe*, *Picris evae* and *Discaria pubescens* with new fencing, plus on-going weed control focused on and around habitat for threatened species. \$4,561.

Nyalar Mirunganh Nature Refuge – this project will assist with the eradication of the current infestation of *Lantana* on the nature refuge by engaging a contractor to undertake weed control activities. \$3,000.

Burn Planned For Talgai State Forest

The Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service (QPWS) will conduct a planned burn within Talgai State Forest, starting Wednesday 12 July 2023, weather permitting, as part of the annual hazard reduction program for parks and forests.

This burn is located approximately 15km south-east of the Leyburn township. It is likely to produce moderate volumes of smoke that may be seen across the area including from Leyburn, Karara and the Cunningham Highway. The burn is planned to go for several days, with smoke

expected during the entire period.

The aim of this burn is to reduce the volume of forest fuels and to create a mosaic pattern of burnt and unburnt areas. This will help reduce the intensity of any subsequent wildfires and provide favourable conditions for natural forest regeneration.

Smoke can decrease visibility on the roads, so it is important that motorists drive safely to the conditions.

For more information, please call the Southern Downs office of QPWS on 0477 317 267

Scam alert – EOFY tax scams

The Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA) is warning consumers to be on the lookout for tax themed scam emails, SMS and calls over the coming months. Scammers are likely to take advantage of Australians who are submitting tax returns or waiting for the outcome of an assessment.

Common tax scams include robo-calls or calls from people pretending to be from the Australian Tax Office (ATO) or another government department. These calls require urgent payment of a tax debt, or request personal information in order to process a tax refund.

Consumers may also be targeted via email or SMS claiming to be from MyGov, including links to follow to provide financial information to receive fake refunds. If you receive one of these calls or messages:

- **do not rely** on the contact information provided by callers or in emails and SMS.
- **do not provide** your personal information or make payments to callers over the phone.
- **do not click** on any links in emails or SMS. These may be phishing scams designed to steal your personal or financial details.

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Frostbite Rally 2023



Riders and Pillions in the Undercover Arena at the Allora Showgrounds.



The Annual Frostbite Rally, run by the Warwick Chapter of the Historic Motorcycle Club of Queensland, was held as usual in the Allora Showgrounds. The Rally lived up to its name this year with night-time temperatures plummeting well below zero, followed by the usual crisp and sunny days. There were record numbers in attendance at the weekend with over 150 happy riders and pillions enjoying the many rides.

The local roads were well traversed by riders to Maryvale, Sandy Creek and Clifton, as well as a few other nearby destinations.



Saturday night's dinner was well catered for by Sharon at the Golden Wattle Cafe serving a delicious selection of camp oven dishes. On Friday night a few braved the crowds at the Railway Hotel for dinner.

Allora looks forward to welcoming the rally back next year in the middle of winter.



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Choices Flooring wins big award



Members of the Choices Flooring Toowoomba team, from left, Tina, Prue Davison (Owner), Bec, Malcolm Davison (Owner), Anthony, Luke and Glenn.

Choices Flooring Toowoomba has bested 140 other stores in Australia and New Zealand by winning the coveted Jack Swinton Award for Australasia.

Owner Malcolm Davison said he was "very happy" to have won the award, which was announced at the Choices Flooring annual conference in Thailand.

Mr Davison said the award is given to the store with the most outstanding general excellence in sales and service over the past twelve months.

"It was a huge surprise," he said.

"With over 140 stores, there's pretty keen competition.

"We're very happy to have won it."

Mr Davison said when deciding the winner, the judges assess the sales and products of each store and send out staff to see how each store is operating and following guidelines.

Earlier in the year, Choices Flooring Toowoomba also received the Queensland Jack Swinton Award.

RACQ To Withdraw From Compulsory Third Party Insurance

Queensland insurer, RACQ, has announced plans to withdraw from Queensland's Compulsory Third Party (CTP) insurance scheme after years of advocating for fairness to be restored.

Chief Executive Officer David Carter said while the Club had built a strong reputation for claims management and was proud of its industry leading claimant satisfaction, it was no longer viable to continue participating in the scheme.

Mr Carter said the decision would not compromise or cause any disruption to CTP claimants with a claims process underway or who may have a claim in the future.

"We will cease offering CTP insurance cover from 1 October 2023 and RACQ has formally requested our license be withdrawn. This is pending approval from Motor Accident Insurance Commission (MAIC)."

All existing RACQ CTP policies remain in place and over the following 12 months, Queensland motorists with RACQ CTP insurance will be transitioned to another insurer on renewal of their

registration.

"RACQ CTP insurance will continue to be available to anyone who has, renews or selects RACQ as their CTP provider prior to 1 October 2023. Any motorist who renews their CTP post this date will no longer be able to select RACQ as their CTP provider, however the Club will work closely with MAIC to ensure a seamless transition."

Mr Carter said this change did not affect RACQ's other insurance products in any way, or its commitment to providing Queenslanders with motor and home insurance now and into the future.

Background on CTP Insurance

CTP insurance is a mandatory requirement for all motorists in Queensland. It is paid as part of the vehicle registration process and covers people injured in a motor vehicle accident. It doesn't cover the damage caused to or by the motorist's vehicle – that damage is covered under RACQ Insurance's suite of motor insurance products which remain unchanged.

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Q - Why did the rabbit cross the road? A - It wanted to read the road sign.

It's all about trivia signage in fatigue zones on the Southern Downs Highways

The Darling Downs-Moreton Rabbit Board (DDMRB) and the Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) have updated trivia signage in identified fatigue zones to include rabbit related questions and answers.

The signs play an important role in improving road safety by helping to keep drivers alert.

The inclusion of rabbit related trivia helps to keep the impacts of rabbits and the importance of their control front of mind for people living in and travelling through the Darling Downs. The signs are located on the New England and Cunningham Highways in the vicinity of rabbit fence crossings.

DDMRB Chair and Lockyer Valley Regional Councillor, Cr Janice Holstein said, "Rabbits are Australian agriculture's most costly vertebrate pest animal and are the single biggest menace to threatened native species."

The DDMRB protects 28,000 sq. km of south-east Queensland with a 555 km fence, much of which is top netted for wild dogs.

Keeping rabbits is illegal



Updated Fatigue Zone trivia signage. You'll need to keep your eyes on the signs for the answers.

in Queensland and for over a century, the fence has protected valuable horticultural and agricultural areas, safeguarded the natural environment, and reduced the impacts of other

invasive species".

Fatigue isn't just about falling asleep while driving. Even brief lapses in concentration can have serious consequences. Between 2015 and 2019,

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The fatigue zone trivia signs have been in place in the Southern Downs since 2013.

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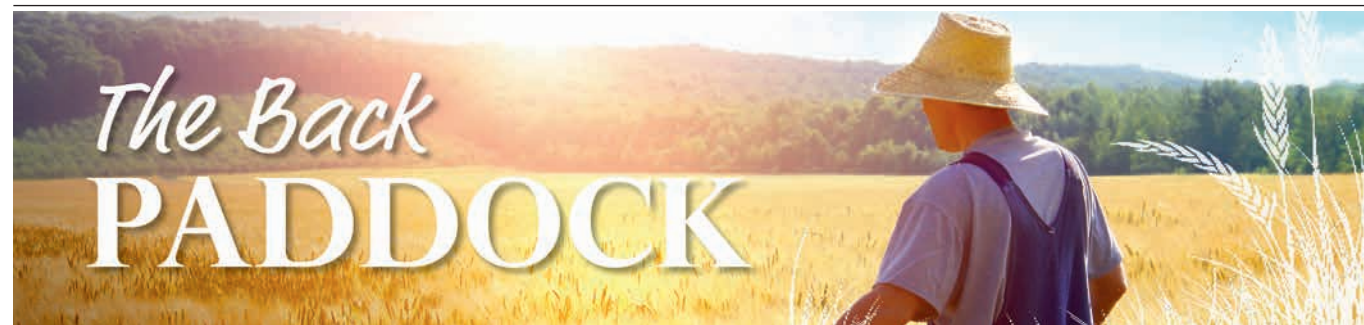
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LNP State Conference Discusses Renewables

Leader of the Nationals and Member for Maranoa David Littleproud spoke about reliable energy that reduces emissions.

"We're not against renewables, but there is a place for them. And we are seeing across regional Australia now that cost is being born by us, it is being born by us with wind towers and solar panels taking up productive agricultural land, knocking down remnant vegetation habitat with a complimentary 28,000 kilometres of new transmission lines to plug them in.

"That's a cost you are all going to bear, a cost that you'll pay your energy bill. We think the time is now to pause and to plan properly. We have until 2050 to get this right and when we have the sovereignty of our resources, why wouldn't we stop? Why wouldn't we get this right? And why should regional Australia have to foot the bill?

"There's common sense solutions through this. It's not big pumped hydro at Eungella, destroying remnant vegetation. \$26 billion for old technology where the place for solar panels isn't on prime agricultural land or knocking down remnant vegetation, it should be concentrated to rooftops to where the powers needed, which is in capital cities. Put them on their rooftops and you also alleviate the need for transmission lines.

"The wind towers should be offshore away from the Great Barrier Reef, but

you need firming power. And the actions of this government has taken away the confidence of investment in that firming power. Even here in the Queensland government, the highest royalty tax in the world that regional Australia will continue to bear that cost because of the lack of investment by these resource companies in us, in you and your children's future in the jobs that will be there well beyond 2050.

"And it's important that we set the environment for supply to increase, particularly with gas. We've lost a billion-dollar project, even in my own electorate, 120 petajoules, 10 per cent of East Coast market gas market has gone, because of the lack of investment confidence that our resource companies have in our own country. It's safer to invest in South America, even Africa, than it is in Australia. Doesn't cost us a cent. But what in terms of policies, if we get this right, and that's common sense about making sure that you increase supply and create the environment for investment by corporate Australia.

"And so we think there is a pathway, a pathway to firm our energy sector up, with the resources that we own, the resources that we control, by creating an environment, creating an environment that gets more supply. That's just common sense. And we will continue to continue to prosecute the case for nuclear technology to be explored." Mr Littleproud said.



Funding needed to eradicate feral cats and fire ants

In response to a new report from the Queensland Audit Office, the Invasive Species Council is calling on the Queensland Government to prioritise an urgent boost to funding for invasive species action to protect wildlife and the environment.

The call comes in response to an independent review of invasive species action in Queensland by the Queensland Audit Office which found that the risk and cost of invasive species was rising but that the level of response, prioritisation and strategic leadership is inadequate to the task.

"This highly critical report should be a wake-up call for the Queensland Government. Invasive species action in Queensland has been ad-hoc and underfunded for too long and this is costing our wildlife, environment and economy", said Reece Pianta, Invasive Species Council spokesperson.

"The Audit Office also made a number of important recommendations about the need for increased enforcement and a greater focus on outcomes.



"This report should drive a rapid scale-up of our ambition and focus to restore our incredible environment which is being degraded by invasive species like fire ants, feral cats and transformative weeds like lantana," Mr Pianta said.

Feral cats need further focus

The Audit Office report also found that efforts for feral cat management in Queensland are highly localised and ineffective, with no statewide strategy to manage one of the biggest threats to wildlife in the state.

"As one of the greatest threats to native wildlife in Queensland, the development of a statewide feral cat management strategy needs to be a priority," said Mr Pianta.

"Cats kill more than 2 billion

animals across Australia every year and have already played a major role in at least 25 Australian mammal extinctions."

D-day approaching for fire ants response

The Audit Office report also raises concerns about the current red fire ant outbreak in Queensland and the impact of any further delays to the Commonwealth and state governments increasing funding for eradication efforts.

"It is clear from this report that any further delay to ramping up the funding for fire ant eradication will doom Queensland and Australia to failure. This would be devastating for wildlife, agriculture and tourism across the entire country," Mr Pianta said.

"A fire ant invasion will be much worse than the cane toad. They will devastate our native wildlife and cause billions of dollars in lost agricultural production every year.

This week, Federal Agriculture Minister Murray Watt will be meeting with his state and territory counterparts in Perth to decide where to next for fire ants funding.

"The cost of eradication is a tiny fraction of the cost of failure", concluded Mr Pianta.



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2023 Brings More Central Downs Success

Host centre Wynnum emerged overall Carnival winners; with Central Downs, South Burnett and Warwick finishing joint runners up.

Best and Fairest Player of the Carnival was Central Downs' sensational young lady and Pittsworth local Andie Gall.

Central Downs awards: Best Back - Sunny Gibbons, Best Forward - Mac Pauli and Most Improved - Tom Peters.

Glyn Rees

Next year's u43kg carnival will be hosted by South Burnett in Murgon.



The very enthusiastic Wattles Junior Rugby League Club contingent that were members of the Central Downs team who contested the recent Zone 5 Under 43 kg JRL Carnival at Wynnum - Back: Levi Zadow, Cooper Zadow, Lincoln Cooper, Archie Joppich, Jed Hinz, Jake Burns, Tom Patterson, Mick Willett. Front: Tom Peters, Jackson McMillan, Dustyn May & Adam Butler (image courtesy Tabitha Peters)

Local teams compete in Zone 5 Rugby League Carnival

The first week of the July school holidays saw the start of the 53rd annual Zone 5 u35kg/u10 carnival with the host Club being Wynnum Manly in Brisbane.

Nine teams competed with our local boys from Clifton, Allora, Warwick, Killarney and all areas in between representing Central Downs. Other teams came from the MacIntyre, Western Downs, Roma, Wynnum, Charleville,

Balonne Barwon and Highfields districts.

The Central Downs boys, coached by Ian Brady, Roy Nott and George Berry, performed admirably finishing 4th overall.

The carnival winners was the undefeated South Burnett Eagles team.

This year The Central Downs started the carnival in grand style, winning a number of athletics

carnival events including a few legs of the 100m sprints and winning the first three games before injury and sickness derailed the teams carnival aspirations.

Major award winners for the carnival were Brax Farley (Best Forward) Brodie Trott (Best Back) and James Jenkins (Most Improved).

Three local players Toby Osborne, Brax Farley and Brodie Trott represented the East team in the Jack Dempsey Challenge, which is one of the highlights of the carnival.

Toby Osborne, the team captain was awarded the prestigious Player of the Carnival award, his defensive technique and attacking skills were outstanding. Toby, who is from Killarney has a bright future in Rugby League.

Next year the carnival will be hosted by Balonne Barwon with the venue being St George.

Congratulations to the u43kg team on their success, finishing 2nd this year at their carnival in Wynnum. Coached by Peter Cavanagh, Adam May and George Gall, this side almost replicated their success from last year.

The u12 team were very good

with wins against Warwick Colts, Cunnamulla, Balonne Barwon and Macintyre.

A highlight came in defeat with narrow losses to Wynnum and South Burnett in atrocious conditions. The team never stopped trying and had an absolute ball during these games.

Pittsworth player Andie Gall was absolutely dynamic during the week. She played hard in both defence and attack and picked up three player of the match awards.

Our major award winners for the carnival were - Most Improved Tom Peters, Best Back Sunny Gibbons, Best Forward Mac Pauli.

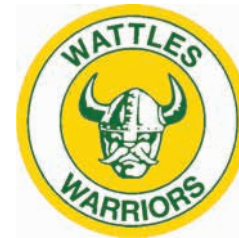
Our City representatives were Mac Pauli, Sonny Gibbons, Andie Gall and Jed Hinz.

Congratulations to Andie Gall who was named Best and Fairest of the Carnival.

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Ian Brady

Wattles Top Grade Out of their Depth



Wattles took a tumble on the TRL A Grade ladder last Saturday at Platz Oval, the Dalby Diehards proving to much of a challenge winning 32 – 12.

The Warriors may be equal third with the Diehards on the ladder, but the visitors finished a twenty-point better combination as both sides commence their run to the final's series.

It is the second contest this season the Dalby first side has finished ahead of Wattles after their Rod Frahm Memorial Cup success in Round 1.

On the front foot from the kick-off, Dalby were in total control across the eighty minutes on the back of a superb defensive effort and sensational performances by skipper Steve Franciscus and will o wisp fullback Chris Woodbridge.

Last weekend's Round 12 fixtures saw all TRL clubs participating in the Indigenous Round, and Kambuwal elder Mrs Selena Griffin and Leeroy Brown honoured all at Platz Oval with a 'Welcome to Country' prior to the feature clash.

The loss to Dalby brought a halt to a Wattles six-game winning streak.

The Diehards enthusiasm and urgency from the opening whistle and their solid 'take no prisoners' defence had the Warriors back peddling.

Wattles were pinned in their own quarter for the initial ten minutes, and when they did break out they missed what appeared a certain try opportunity with the ball going loose over try line.

Chris Woodbridge gained possession immediately to race away on a 95-metre gallop for the opening touch down.

The brilliance of Woodbridge was evident throughout the top of the table contest, and his hat trick of tries a mighty benefit on the scoreboard.

Dalby rolled in three tries in the opening thirty minutes to lead



With Dalby players Xander Dunneman, Dylan Taylor & Steve Franciscus along with Wattles' Ty Gardner and Mitch Duff a captive audience, Kambuwal elder Mrs Selena Griffin and Leeroy Brown honoured all at Platz Oval with a 'Welcome to Country' prior to Saturday evening's Wattles verses Dalby TRL Indigenous Round first grade match at Platz Oval. (image courtesy Emily Henry)

confidently 16 – 0 at the break.

They repeated the dose for the initial 23 minutes of the new half leading 32 – 0 when Woodbridge snatched his try hat trick.

Two touchdowns in the latter stages of the second stanza by back-rowers Tyson Stevens and Ty Gardner highlighted Wattles capabilities.

A ten-metre dart from the scrum base by Diehards half back Dylan Taylor sealed the game on the cusp of full time.

Wattles half back Braydon Paix shone through the mayhem, ever busy trying to motivate and organise, while Nick Van Der Poel toiled stoutly in the pack in a result that may well haunt the Warriors come finals time.

A Grade - Dalby 32 defeated **Wattles 12** (Tyson Stevens, Ty Gardner; Braydon Paix 2 goals)

Reserve Grade - While the Reserve Grade result back in Round 1 swung Wattles way providing a win for the Coach. Only last week the premiers ladder leading Warriors outfit suffered a hard-fought loss in the TRL mid-season championship Presidents Cup.

The Warriors made amends on Saturday, building on a 10 – 10 half time tally, to earn a tight 28 – 22 win.

While they may not have the illustrious trophy in the Platz Oval cabinet, they did bank the valuable premierships points to further consolidate their top of the table status.



Back-rower Garth Lonergan bulldozing through Dalby defenders in Wattles reserve grade 28 – 22 Saturday victory. (image - Bonnie W)

There were numerous Warriors to shine in the result including forwards Aaron Scheid, Garth Lonergan & Jack Duggan along with fullback Alex Morris and halfback Michael Duggan.

Wattles 28 (Tim Hentschel 2, Jack Duggan, Jordan Henry, Warren Draper, Ryan Lewis tries; Alex Morris 2 goals) defeated **Dalby 22**.

Under 19 - After a 40 – 6 Round 1 hiding in April by Dalby, the Black Toyota, Warwick Wattles Under 19 side filed a gutsy performance on Saturday yielding a 14 – 12 winning result.

With A Grade mentor Travis Burns at the helm filling in for an absent Cameron Hamblin, the Wattles Under 19 side posted arguably their best performance of the season.

While short some key names, Under 17 talents Sam Gilmore, Hamish Gartery and Bryce Stewart stepped up admirably to the senior

league grade. Twelve minutes into the second stanza the Diehards scored to level the ledger at 12 – 12, but a 23rd minute Koby de Luca penalty goal due to a lifting tackle nudged the Warriors ahead and they defended in sensational fashion to secure the win.

Along with the younger brigade of Gilmore, Stewart and Gartery, those to stand out included centre Jamie Hamilton while forwards Reuben Sullivan, George Nott and Lane Eastwell led the engine room.

Wattles 14 (Jamie Hamilton, Hamish Gartery tries; Bryce Stewart 2 goals, Koby De Luca pen. goal) defeated **Dalby 12**.

Round 13 - Wattles journey to Toowoomba on Saturday July 15 taking on the Southern Suburbs Tigers in A, Reserve and Under 19 grades at Gold Park.

Glyn Rees

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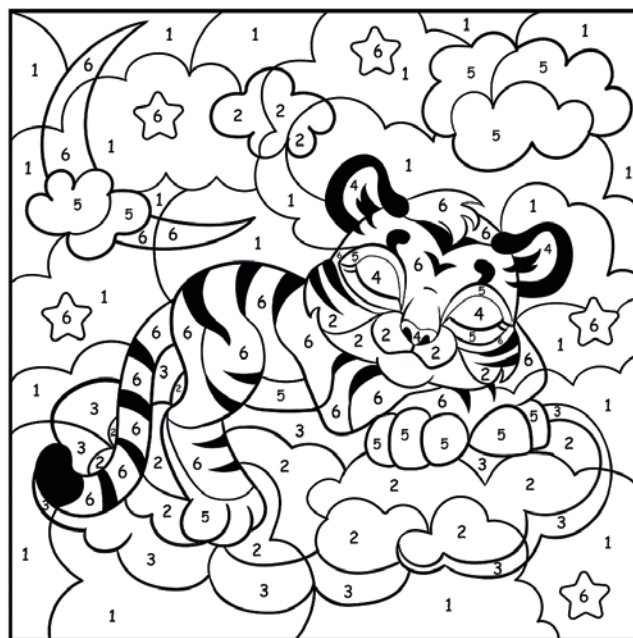
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Billy was the recipient of a Darling Downs Player of Match award, a Players Player award, and at the Carnival conclusion won the Coaches Award for the

Biggest Heart.

Both are Allora locals, with Jake attending Assumption College in Warwick and playing for Wattles Under 12's, while cousin Billy is a St Marys College, Toowoomba student and runs on for Valleys.

Wattles Under 12 forward and Clifton State High student Jack Harrigan was also a member of the

Darling Downs team.

From Gladstone it was a quick trip to Wynnum for the Burns family with Jake to

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Glyn Rees

Golf News



Thanks to Allora Hardware.

On Sunday the Railway Hotel Monthly Mug was played.

Results - Nick Lake - 33 points, Rod Simpson - 31 points, John Sparksman - 30 points, on a count back from Wayne McEwen.

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Approach shots: 3rd - Lindsay May, 12th - Lindsay May, 6th - John Ellwood, 15th - Mark Ellwood

Long putts: 2nd - Garth Simpson, 11th - Wayne McEwen.

Thanks to the team at the Railway Hotel.

It was another great weekend for golf at Allora.

Players got into the swing of things on Friday with the Allora Hardware Duck Run.

Results were - Aaron Simpson - 17 points, Shannon Gardner - 16 points.

Approach shot: - Aaron Simpson.

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