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## Introducing Megan Rauchle Principal - Allora P-10



Megan has been appointed the new Principal of the Allora P-10 State School after the retirement of Shaun Kanowski at the end of last term.  
(Megan's story page 2)

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# Allora Welcomes New Principal

Megan Rauchle took over the reins of Allora P-10 State School as the start of this term. She is a passionate teacher and believes in an all inclusive school where students, staff and teachers are successful and reach their capability.

To Megan, it's important that parents are involved in their child's learning and they are a good role model.

The Department of Education has School priorities, being Equity and Excellence in action. Megan is a firm believer in making these actions happen as working together, every student's potential can be realised.

A brief look at the life of Megan - she attended Rockhampton High School and went to the USQ in Toowoomba. Megan was teacher and curriculum leader at Blackwater State School for 11 years then took over as Acting Principal

in 2016. Two years later she moved to Emerald North State School as Acting Principal then in 2020 was appointed Principal.

Megan Rauchle has only been in Allora a few weeks but she feels right at home. In fact Megan always had a connection to Allora with relatives here and she lives with her son and husband Shaun on their property at Leyburn. Shaun's involvement with the Wattles Rugby League team meant Megan was a keen spectator. Megan encourages sports at School - while she doesn't play sport, she enjoys watching and is a keen supporter of the West Tigers in the NRL (so she doesn't see too many winning games.)

You'll no doubt see Megan around town as she wants to become involved in anything that's happening!



# Allora Homestead celebrates 40 years

An extra special celebration will take place at Allora Homestead on Friday, 21 July at 10.30am as residents, guests and staff gather to celebrate the aged care home's 40th anniversary.

Allora Homestead has supported families across the generations to age-in-place where they have established connection and belonging.

Southern Cross Care Queensland (SCCQ) Residential Manager Majella Baker has served at Allora Homestead for 38 years and has supported individuals and their families at one of the most significant times of a person's life.

"There has been a kaleidoscope of change, challenges and triumphs," Majella said.

"There's been heartbreak, joy, but most of all, it has been so rewarding. In many ways, we've walked side by side with our residents and their families, until they reach the end of this life's road. It's truly very special and a privilege."

Majella said Allora Homestead holds such an important place within the Southern Downs community for people who are aging.

"I see that continuing into the future with Southern Cross Care because of what they believe in and stand up for," Majella said.

SCCQ has had the privilege of being part of Allora Homestead's history for two decades.

In 2003, the Allora District Co-operative Hospital Society Ltd transferred ownership of 'Almmerah' nursing home (now known as Allora Nursing Home), 'The Homestead' and 'Jubilee Gardens' a settlement of 10 independent living units on the same site.

SCCQ CEO Jason Eldering said the anniversary of Allora Homestead held special significance.

"It's quite an occasion when we can join together to celebrate the 40th anniversary of a service which has been dedicated to serving the community, and Allora Homestead is doing just that," Jason said.

"It's a testament to the community's strength and what it can achieve collectively."

"This is a true celebration of the community inclusive of all those supporters who have gone before us at Southern Cross Care and helped support people to age in a place where they are known and loved."

Allora Homestead is one of 13 aged care homes owned and operated by SCCQ. Eight are located in rural and remote locations helping people age in place where they have established connections and belonging.

# Out of control grass fire destroys caravan



A local resident at Currans Road, Deuchar was forced to call the Fire Brigade on Thursday afternoon when a small rubbish fire he had initiated spread to surrounding grass and quickly got out of control, destroying his nearby caravan.

Warwick Fire & Rescue Station and Massie & District Rural Fire Brigade attended the fire but were unable to save the caravan as it was well alight when they arrived.

The fire was quickly brought under control by the fire services, who were quick to respond to the 12.50pm call.

No one was hurt during the incident.

The resident attempted to put out the grass fire with a garden hose but it quickly spread engulfing the

caravan and jumping the fence line into an adjoining property.

The fire highlights the risk of burning rubbish during these times of dry grass and undergrowth in rural properties without adequate means of extinguishing the fire should it get out of control.

A Warwick Fire & Rescue Station officer said that any rubbish fires over two metres in height requires a permit that can be obtained from the local Fire Warden.

The previous wet winter has created enormous amounts of fuel for grass fires as the favourable conditions allowed the growth of grass and bushland to prosper.

Days of high wind conditions also add to the risk of starting fires in the open.

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## Young butcher recognised

Allora Butchery apprentice and Clifton State High School (CSHS) student Claire Keleher attended a ceremony for the Queensland Traineeship Awards where she was recognised as one of the top three finalists from the Darling Downs.

Head of Department for VET at CSHS, Tina Kahler, said the school was immensely proud of the work Claire had done and she deserved her top three ranking.

Claire has been completing a Butcher's apprenticeship at the Allora Butchery under the guidance of owner Aaron Vietheer.

Aaron said there were numerous benefits of having young students work in the shop as they tended to lift the work atmosphere with their humour and enthusiasm.

Claire's award is a



great indication of the value of school based apprenticeships and the work being done at CSHS that allows students time away from school to begin an apprenticeship while still receiving Year 12 studies.

Claire obviously has a bright future ahead of her in her chosen field.

## Dante Book Club provides local school with Camp Funding Assistance



Rosemary Easton presents donation to Hayley Mason.

The Year 5&6 Students from the Allora State School have benefitted from the generosity of the Dante Book Club by gratefully receiving a donation of \$100 with the proceeds going toward the bi-annual school camp.

The Dante Book Club meets at the Blue Cow Hotel once a month to discuss the chosen book with each member donating \$2 per meeting. The funds raised by the group are then

regularly donated to a cause of their choosing.

The bi-annual camp sees the students attend the Burleigh CYC and participate in a range of water and land-based activities including raft building, tubing, beach nature walks and boogie boarding. The camp is scheduled for the end of October this year and is a great reward for the students for their consistent efforts throughout the year.

# Allora Square Comes Alive This Saturday July 22

**During Jumpers & Jazz in July – Allora is turning on its own display and everyone is welcome to join in the fun. All the action is happening on the corner of Warwick and Forde Streets.**



(On the highway Look for the welcome sign to Allora)

The Allora Museum will take you back in time with a beautiful collection of bridal wear from 1890's to 1960's.

These elegant dresses were mostly made by Allora Women.

Open from 9am until 3pm with tickets at the Museum door - \$5 entry and children free.

Allora Arts & Craft Ladies will be selling homemade soups, devonshire tea and crafts in the grounds of the Allora Historical Museum.

Katie's Coffee van will also be operating so you won't go hungry.

Look around Allora - take the fascinating Town Tour starting at 9am and/or the Cemetery Tour from 11.30am.

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Grants worth between \$500,000 and \$15 million are available to support capital works projects for community and economic infrastructure across rural and regional Australia.

Not-for-profit organisations and government entities are invited to make and submit an Expression of interest (EOI) for Round 1 of the Growing Regions Program.

Expression of interest submissions close at 5.00pm AEST on August 1 2023.

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16/7/98 Information courtesy Allora Historical Society.  
"Looking Back" by Colin Newport, reprinted from Allora Advertiser 25th June 1998. This article was originally from the Allora Guardian of July 1923 and should have read "75 years ago" in 1998 (it would be 100 years ago now).

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Something more laid-back is Jazz at the Homestead from 11am to 2pm on Sunday 30 July. A relaxing way to finish your time at Jumpers & Jazz by enjoying Jazz on the lawns. Tickets at the door.

**FREESTONE YARN SPECTACULAR**

Enjoy Country Brekky on Saturday 22nd July from 8am until 11am at the Freestone Memorial Hall.

Every day from Monday 24th until Saturday 29th July morning tea will be served from 10am until midday then you can browse around the magnificent yarn bombing display - it's a highlight of Jumpers & Jazz.

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## Get Curious - at Jumpers and Jazz in July!

Warwick's unique winter event has returned for 2023. Taking place over 10 days from July 20-30, and bookended by two full weekends, Jumpers and Jazz in July is a community-and volunteer-led celebration of all things woolly and wonderful.

"We're looking forward to giving a warm Warwick welcome to all our visitors," Pam Burley, President of the Management Committee and Event Coordinator, says. "There will be world-class textile art and yarn bombing everywhere, diverse jazz

genres perfect for getting up and dancing, and plenty for families to enjoy." Warwick's CBD will be alive with world class 'dressed' trees, while the Yartopians present their latest installation 'Curiouser and Curiouser' - a journey with Alice at King Theatre

foyer, King st. The fun then continues inside King's Theatre with the Jazzy Crafters Pop-up Emporium. The Jumpers and Jazz in July full program is live online now at [www.jumpersandjazz.com.au/](http://www.jumpersandjazz.com.au/) where you can also book your tickets

## Empire Theatre's Youth Bursaries Now Open

The Empire at Toowoomba continues in its goal to nurture and develop young talent in the region with the opening of applications for the 2023 Empire Youth Bursaries. Young people aged between 12 and 25 are invited to apply for

the bursary program, funded by the Empire Theatre's Foundation. This will enable successful applicants to attend professional development short courses at leading Australian performing arts institutions.

The bursaries aim to assist young creatives who demonstrate involvement and achievement in performing arts across a range of disciplines including dance, acting, instrumental music, singing, music theatre, film and television.

The Empire Youth Bursaries are now open to young Australian citizens with applications closing on August 4. For more information or to download an application form visit [www.empiretheatre.com.au](http://www.empiretheatre.com.au) or call 4698 9938.

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## Spray Drift Management Tool Now Available

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The tool was made available in NSW during 2021 and 2022 as a pilot project, however its availability has now been extended Australia-wide thanks to an Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority (APVMA) permit. It allows applicators to use the SDMT for selected products in cereals and fallow situations.

The extension of the SDMT permit means it can now be used by all Australian grain producers as well as group and aerial pesticide applicators.

GRDC chemical regulation manager Gordon Cumming said the permit and SDMT allows a move away from "worst-case scenarios" currently printed on chemical labels.

"Most labels have a buffer zone statement, which can range from zero to 400m, and everything in between," Mr Cumming said.

"This defines the downwind distance within which pesticide application must not occur between the outer edge of the boom and the sensitive area.

"For example, when spraying a wheat crop with a canola crop downwind, you can now calculate a reduced buffer zone distance with several drift reduction strategies.

"These strategies might include a reduced product

rate, using a coarser spray quality, lowering the boom height or only spraying when there is a reduced wind speed present.

"If you punch those things into the calculator, you might find that you can reduce your buffer zone from 200m to 80m, or spray up to the fence line, instead of having to come back another day when the wind is coming from a different direction," Mr Cumming said.

This latest permit (PER 93132) allows applicators to access and use a modified version of the SDMT for 37 selected products, in cereals

and fallow situations. When accessing the tool, users must subscribe to APVMA news updates and the pesticides newsletter to ensure they use the latest version of the modified SDMT and are asked to retain a copy of the output to include in spray records.

Both APVMA and GRDC have stressed the permit does not allow "off-label" use.

The SMDT tool, permit, and instructional video are available on the APVMA website at <https://apvma.gov.au/node/113331>



A Spray Drift Management Tool (SMDT) that allows growers to better manage spray drift has now been made available Australia-wide. Photo: GRDC

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# Wattles 1998 champions to reunite

Wattles Rugby League Club will celebrate their 2023 Old Boys Day this Sunday at their Clifton based home ground Platz Oval.

Aside from past players, officials and volunteers gathering on the day, Wattles' 1998 Toowoomba Rugby League Premiership Winning Under 19 team will hold a reunion.

The team that bathed themselves and the Wattles club in glory 25 years ago were as pictured:

**Back:** Denis Dempsey (Strapper), Bruce Lyons, Robert Woodbridge, Stephen Robinson, Matthew Collins, Justin Boyle, Russell McMillan, Chris Malone, Justin Bowe (Coach), Roger Robinson (Manager).

**Middle:** Michael Dempsey, Keenya Lamb, Matthew Byrne, Gary McMillan, Troy Adams.



**Front:** Luke Byrne, Rickert, Peter Draper, Wade Warwick Cowboys in Under 18, Reserve Grade and A Grade fixtures from 11.30 am. Glyn Rees

**Middle:** Michael Combarngo, Justin Jackson. Aside from the Old Boys and reunion festivities, Wattles will take on the Stephen Mitchell, Leigh

# Warriors Win Tenth Ragh Family Trophy



David Ragh with the Wattles and Southern Suburbs teams after the Ragh Family Trophy on Sunday. (photo courtesy Amanda O'Halloran)

Wattles back-rower Ty Gardner played a superb captain's knock against the Southern Suburbs Tigers at Toowoomba's Gold Park on Sunday to seal a vital 32 – 14 victory.

The result saw the Warriors secure a tenth success securing the prestigious Ragh Family Trophy since its inception in 2005.

Gardner, who was named Player of the Match, led the Stillwater Pastoral Company Wattles high performing forward pack from the front, gathering a brace of tries for his trouble.

Front-rower Jacob Mouatt came off the bench and made a telling impact, also collecting two tries in arguably his best game of the season.

Wattles debutant back-rower Alex Donn crossed for the initial green and gold try in the thirteenth minute, but Souths fired back with two touchdowns to lead 10 – 6.

Tyson Stevens levelled the ledger ten minutes from half time before both sides slugged it out until Mouatt crossed to allow Wattles an important 14 – 10 lead at the break.

The Warriors struggled in the opening half, but team skipper Gardner was impressed with how his troops took a grip on the match in the final forty minutes.

Mouatt ran in his second touchdown in the opening minutes of the second stanza, while Gardner crossed for his two tries in the later stages.

Coach Travis Burns was more than pleased to have his team back on the winner's dais after last week's disappointment against Dalby.

Burns praised his team across the park, in particular younger brigade members winger Jake Meddleton and fullback Joe Willett.

The result has Wattles level pegging with Dalby at third on the TRL Hutchinson Builders premiership ladder.

**Wattles 32** (Jacob Mouatt 2, Ty Gardner 2, Alex Donn, Tyson Stevens tries; Braydon Paix 4 goals) defeated **Southern Suburbs 14** (Ben Cook, Allister Cameron, Angus Wright tries; Ben Cook goal).

**Reserve Grade** - After inflicting an eight try to one walloping over Souths in their previous clash in April, the top of the table Warriors struggled against the home side Tigers on Sunday, despite scoring four tries to three in an 18 – 18 draw.

Souths leapt to a 12 – 0 lead by the 27th minute, before Wattles wily finisher Warren Draper crossed to keep his side in touch.

Centre Tim Hentschel touched down for the Warriors minutes before the break, the home side holding a 12 – 10 advantage.

Souths led 18 – 10 with eighteen minutes remaining on the game clock, before centre Braydon Wilson collected a try in the second stanza and Draper snatched his second mid-way through the half.

Wilson was in great touch throughout, as were halfback Michael Duggan, hooker Michael Marshall while fullback Alex Morris, centre Caleb King and forwards Tom, Jack and Tim Duggan were among those to shine.

Wattles try sharpshooters Wilson and Hentschel are currently level at the top of the competition try scorer tally with fifteen each.

**Wattles 18** (Warren Draper 2, Tim Hentschel, Braydon Wilson tries; Alex Morris goal) drew with **Southern Suburbs 18**.

**Under 19** - Barnstorming centre Aiden Suhan led the Tigers a merry chase contributing five tries to Wattles total in a one sided 76 – 10 win.

The Black Toyota, Wattles Warriors were unstoppable amassing fifteen tries over the seventy minutes of play.

Two Matthew Simpkin touchdowns saw the Tigers keep in step with Wattles for the initial fourteen minutes, but when green and gold Under 17 age forward Sam Gilmore touched down ten minutes prior to half time, the flood gates opened amounting to a rush of 62 unanswered points.

**Wattles 76** (Aiden Suhan 5, Chris Watt 3, Lachlan Clements 2, Botrus Stev 2, Sam Gilmore, Marley Tunstead, Judd Rei tries; Koby de Luca 6, Aiden Suhan 2 goals) defeated **Southern Suburbs 10**.

**Round 14** - Wattles celebrate their 2023 'Old Boys Day' on Sunday, and will host the Warwick Cowboys at Platz Oval in Under 19, Reserve Grade and A Grade fixtures.

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Former Wattles star back & trophy donor David Ragh presents team Captain Ty Gardner with the Ragh Family Trophy on Sunday after Wattles defeat of Toowoomba's Southern Suburbs. (photo Amanda O'Halloran)



Wattles centre Austin Jennings on the fly with Lachlan Henry in support in Sundays clash with Southern Suburbs. (photo Emily Henry)

# CREATIVE CORNER

## WORD ↔ MATCH-UPS

Match up these characters with their Anime series.

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|-------------------|-------------------------|
| Light Yagami      | Dragonball              |
| Eren Yeager       | One Punch Man           |
| Monkey D. Luffy   | Attack on Titan         |
| Son Goku          | One Piece               |
| Saitama           | Death Note              |
| Vash the Stampede | Neon Genesis Evangelion |
| Izuku Midoriya    | Trigun                  |
| Shinji Ikari      | Kill La Kill            |
| Ryuuko Matoi      | Tokyo Ghoul             |
| Anyar Forger      | My Hero Academia        |
| Jiraiya           | Spy X Family            |
| Touka Kirishima   | Naruto                  |

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Tony Haig - 22 points, Aaron Simpson - 20 points. Pin shot on the 4th: John Sparksman. Approach shot on the 5th: Aaron Simpson. Long putt on the 8th: Errol May

Sunday Allora Sports Club Stroke Event was played. Tommy Brown - least putts (27). Rod Simpson - best net (68). Kev Harrison - best gross (78). Wayne McEwen - best back 9 (37)

Pin shots: 4th - Hethe Ramus, 7th - Kev Harrison, 16th - Wayne McEwen, 8th - John Sparksman, 17th - Tommy Brown.

Approach shots: 5th - Lindsay May, 14th - Aaron Simpson.

Thanks to Allora Sports Club.

Next Sunday will be the Ty Gardner Concreting Monthly Medal.

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A big thank you to the Hoey brothers for straightening the fence along the 3rd fairway, to Lu Ramus for installing the new loo in the halfway house, to Tone, Crafw and Rod for the burn off along the creek and to our regular mowers, green keepers, maintenance men and clubhouse keepers.





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