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Blessing and Official Opening at St Pats



Bishop conducts blessing for refurbished buildings.

Bishop of Toowoomba the Most Reverend Ken Howell DDSLL visited St Patrick's School Allora on Friday. The special occasion was for the Blessing and Official Opening of the refurbishment to the Administration building, Staffroom and Library. Executive Director Catholic Schools Dr Patrick Coughlan conducted the Official Opening with guests invited to a guided walkthrough of the refurbished buildings.

The Story Continues For Allora's Mural

It's full steam ahead now that the Southern Downs Regional Council has approved the mural for Allora.

Community consultation meetings were held last week at Allora with the attendees given the opportunity to air their views and ideas on what they'd like to see depicted on our mural. The artists from The Brightsiders, based in Brisbane, showed examples of their work and indicated that they are passionate about working with the locals to paint a mural that complements the beauty of the town.

A discussion then took place as suggestions were needed about something special or unique to Allora.

Many thoughts were thrown around including our streetscape, original buildings, Allora's Light-horsemen, the weir crossing, birds, heritage machinery, heavy horses, skins, Mary Poppins, landscapes, sunsets, farming, sunflowers and local faces or sportspeople. The artists Jordan and Steve were

interested in the ideas and took notes to follow through on possibilities. They were so impressed with the level of interaction during the consultation meetings and the community connectedness that is such an important part of Allora. During Saturday's meeting the attendees talked about it as the important 'X-Factor' that sets Allora apart.

For locals who couldn't attend the consultation meetings you still have the opportunity to participate via a survey link - <https://surveys.usq.edu.au/index.php/371197> which should be accessible on any device, including mobile phones.

The first mural will be painted on the IGA dark grey side wall so the size will determine the design. This mural could then lead into the second mural to be painted on the silos at a future date.

The artists will develop



The Texas mural tells a story of life-changing events in the area.



An example of Brightsiders' work on silos at Yelarbon.

two initial designs and only the Allora locals will be asked to vote on the mural to be painted.

These designs will be displayed at the IGA and

will be published in The Allora Advertiser during September. The mural will then be painted in October and should take about a week.

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Suzanne Carey - Program Co-ordinator of Braking The Cycle, PCYC Warwick.

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For more information contact Suzanne Carey at PCYC Warwick on 0429 510 212 or email suzanne.carey@pcyc.org.au

Allora Garden Circle Notes



On Tuesday, 5th September the Allora and District Garden Circle will visit the garden of Leesa, who is new to the area. She'll expect us at 10 o'clock. We'll leave 1 Drayton Street

at 9.45am. Please ring Jane (4666 3868) for Leesa's address if you wish to drive straight there: Leesa lives only a short distance from town.

The pleasant, if dry, weather we've had since mid-July may mean that there'll be some very early 'Spring Flowers of the Month' to show off. I'm also looking forward to seeing your photos of notable trees, for our next series of cards.

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"Lost Conversations" Art Exhibition Now Open



Artists from Clifton and nearby towns are taking over the Warwick Art Gallery for their 'Lost Conversations' exhibition.

The exhibition opened last Thursday and runs until 7th October.

Since forming a few years ago, the Back Road Artists, with members hailing from Clifton, Nobby, Greenmount and the region to the north towards Toowoomba, have held several exhibitions in the art space at the Clifton Library. Over fifty artworks by thirteen Back Road Artists will be exhibited in Warwick.

The artists included Krissy Bange, Rhonda Jenner, Kerry Chant and Merlene Konz from Clifton, Angie Hart from Nobby and Karina Cheetham, Donna Hockey and Cynthia Moffatt from Greenmount.

The 'Lost Conversations' theme was inspired by Rhonda Jenner, who growing up with hearing loss, has had to face and overcome "lost conversations" in her life.

Back Road Artists Angela Hart and Kerry Chant said each artist had their own take on how to incorporate this topic into their work, which resulted in a "hugely diverse" range of art.

Building upon hearing loss, other artists represented 'Lost Conversations' through the topics of dementia, inter-generational differences between parents and their children, electronic communication breakdown, loss of mail service and communication between humans and animals.

The Back Road Artists will be back in Clifton for Country Week in late October.

Several members have also been accepted into the Downlands Show in September and Angie Hart in the Toowoomba Art Show.

Warwick Art Gallery is located at 49 Albion Street, Warwick.

It is open from 10am to 4pm Tuesday to Friday, 10am to 1pm on Saturday and closed on Sunday and Monday. Entry is free.

To see more from the Back Road Artists, visit their website backroadartists.com

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Lot 3 Jambik Salukaloia-Lote

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They hope you'll join them for a cuppa, scones and a chat at the QCWA Rooms Warwick.

Please RSVP to James Lister's Office on (07) 4524 7700 before Monday 18 September.

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Work On West Talgai Road Near Complete



New construction work on West Talgai culvert. Photo Dave Burns

This week should see the last of the concrete poured, making the roadway passable.

The West Talgai Road has been out of action since the major flooding early last

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Images showing damage to West Talgai culvert taken before repairs had started.

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First Major Show Win For NIOA Texas

NIOA Texas T08 (AI) (P) won his class (Senior Bull - 22-24 months) at the Brisbane Ekka, capturing the judge's attention with his "great underline", "great tropical coat" and "true to breed character".

An imposing young poll bull described as "one of the best produced" by NIOA Santa Gertrudis stud at Talgai has been labelled a future stud sire star after clinching his first major show ribbon.

The annual Royal Queensland Show's stud beef competition, which began in 1876, is revered as the biggest of its kind in the Southern Hemisphere, but Texas handled the hype of his first major metropolitan outing like a seasoned showing pro under the expert handling of Sam Falls.

NIOA Santa Gertrudis general manager Shannon Gardner was quietly expecting big things from the aptly-named Texas after his clean sweep at the local Allora Show earlier this year, but he was blown away by the Ekka result.



NIOA Santa Gertrudis general manager Shannon Gardner, left, with stud owners Rob and Eliza Nioa, and handler Sam Falls with winning Ekka show bull NIOA Texas.

The son of Rosevale Democrat G268 (P) was in impeccable shape, weighing 892kg with a raw eye muscle area of 144 square centimetres.

It was an emotional win for herdsman Sam Falls who has watched Texas develop over the past 12 months and has been steadfast in the bull's star potential.

"The judge said he ticks all the boxes – an absolute stud sire prospect," he said. "Texas was a great line-up today – five classes of bulls - and there was only a hair splitting him and the eventual Reserve Champion."

Texas's triumph capped the best metropolitan show outing for the Allora-based NIOA Santa Gertrudis stud

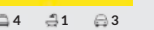
since NIOA Qantas Q3 (ET) (AI) won Grand Champion at the 2021 Royal Sydney Easter Show.

NIOA came third for Best Pair of Bulls – Texas and NIOA Tulsa T02 (PS) – while the stud's females NIOA Macey and NIOA Helena came third and fifth in the Junior Heifer 12-14 months class.



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Cowboys bump Wattles from finals race

The Warwick Cowboys emerged victorious from Saturday evenings Toowoomba Rugby League Elimination Semi-Final at Clifton's Platz Oval outlasting the Stillwater Pastoral Company Wattles Warriors in a typically hotly contested Southern Downs local derby 26 - 20.

The Warwick side will now head into next week-end's finals round up against the Gatton Hawks at Cahill Park in Saturday's TRL Knock Out Semi-Final.

The result ends the Warriors tenure as reigning TRL first grade premiers earned a year back when they accounted for Gatton in the season decider.

The Warriors and the Cowboys had pocketed a win apiece over the past fixture season, and Warwick claimed the Barrett Family Shield in an impressive season opener.

Saturday's contest showed all the hallmarks of finals football, and both sides finished with four tries each in front of a packed crowd.

Warwick sharp shooter Caleb Murphy was on target with five from five goal attempts which made the difference on the scoresheet.

The Cowboys led 14 - 4 at half time and eventually rode to victory on the back of a splendid defensive performance and a forward pack that gouged major metres through Wattles middle.

Warwick enjoyed quality field position across the initial stages of the game, and the ice was broken on a chilly evening when centre Morgan Byrne sliced through from eight metres out to snatch a 6 - 0 lead.

A penalty goal by five-eight Caleb Murphy minutes later added to the Cowboys advantage before Haydn Raumati ran in a second touchdown.

Wattles rarely ventured into Cowboys territory in the opening half, but an

attacking opportunity ten minutes from half time saw five-eight Tom Morris kick to the corner from deep in opposition territory for winger Jake Meddleton to take the high ball and score.

Wattles emerged for the second stanza with a renewed commitment and when skipper Ty Gardner broke through to outlast chasers and score after seven minutes it threw out a vital challenge with Warwick leading 14 - 10.

While Wattles had lifted a gear across the park, Warwick eased ahead in the 55th minute courtesy of touchdown by Harry Sullivan.

With the scoreboard reading 20 - 10 in Cowboys favour, Warriors back-rower Tyson Stevens steamed through a gap from eight metres out off the shoulder of five-eight Morris to score.

Cowboys Mitch Wilson crossed minutes before full time to appear to shut the game out at 26 - 16, and despite a Matthew Christensen touch down in the shadow of the full-time siren it was too little too late for the Warriors.

Wattles captain Ty Gardner led his side by example, while centre Austin Jennings, back-rower Tyson Stevens, centre Lachlan Henry and five eight Tom Morris impressed in the losing line-up.

Warwick 26 (Morgan Byrne, Haydn Raumati, Harry Sullivan, Mitchell Wilson tries; Caleb Murphy 5 goals) defeated **Wattles 20** (Jake Meddleton, Ty Gardner, Tyson Stevens, Matthew Christensen tries; Brayden Paix 2 goals).

Under 19's Bow Out - Wattles Black Toyota Warwick Under 19 team suffered a nail-biting defeat at the hands of the Goondiwindi Boars at Platz Oval on Saturday, a golden point field goal by half back Trae Bonnetto presented the



Wattles winger Koby De Luca is determined to reel in a Goondiwindi opponent in Saturday's TRL Under 19 Elimination Semi-Final at Platz Oval. (Photo courtesy Bonnie W)

Boars with a 23 - 22 victory.

While Bonnetto crossed for an early try after just five minutes of play to give his side a 4 - 0 lead, the remainder of the first half was all the Warriors way with tries by winger Koby De Luca, hooker Lachlan Hearn and fullback Lachlan Clement fuelling a 16 - 4 half advantage.

Classy back-rower Jamie Hamilton was rewarded with a try in the opening minutes of the second stanza to boost the Warriors to a 20 - 4 lead.

The young Boars emerged in the new half a different team, and took control having the Warriors on the back foot.

Two tries had them trailing 16 - 20 before a lengthy injury stoppage seemed to contribute to a momentum loss for the Warriors.

A superb kick chase try by Ronald Duncan saw the Boars take a 22 - 20 lead.

With the match winding down a Koby De Luca penalty goal levelled the scoreboard at 22 - 22 five minutes from full time.

With six minutes gone in extra time Bonnetto opted for a field goal attempt on a fifth tackle and the ball sailed over to advance their stay in the 2023 finals series.

The game was certainly one that got away for Wattles.

Along with Hamilton, team captain John Lazzaroni, Lachlan Hearn, Chris Watt and back-row dynamo Reuben Sullivan shone in the times final performance of the season.

Coach Cameron Hamblin commended his team for an excellent year, the best for a Wattles Under 18/19 team for well over a decade.

Goondiwindi 23 defeated **Wattles 22** (Koby De Luca, Lachlan Hearn, Lachlan Clements, Jamie Hamilton tries; Koby De Luca 3 goals).

Reserve Grade Commence Finals Campaign - The TRL Minor Premiership winning Wattles Warriors Reserve Grade team take the field in Toowoomba on Sunday at the John McDonald Sporting Complex fronting up against home side the Valleys Roosters in the Toowoomba Rugby League Major Semi-Final.

A winning result for Wattles could lead to a place in the Grand Final on September 17th.

Grand finalists last year, the Wattles side enjoyed a break last weekend.

The Reserve Grade coach is confident he will have his best line-up on the field against Valleys in what is looming as the Warriors toughest contest of the season.

Glyn Rees

Wattles Juniors Grand Final Bound

Wattles Junior Rugby League Club can count the 2023 season among their very best given their recent success in the 2023 Warwick and District Junior Rugby League premiership.

The Allora-Clifton district-based club saw their Under 13 boys team ease through the season undefeated enroute to winning their competition's Minor Premiership.

Five teams being the Under 13 boys, Under 15 Girls League Tag, Under 15 boys, Under 17 girls League Tag and Under 17 boys all advanced to the premiership finals series.

Sadly, the Under 15 Girls and Under 17 Girls were defeated in the preliminary finals last Saturday, signalling the end of what have been impressive seasons.

This coming Saturday at Warwick's St Marks Sports Grounds the Warwick and District JRL will host their 2023 Grand Finals at Collegians Dragons JRL Club.

Wattles Under 13, Under 15 and Under 17 teams will take the field challenging for premiership honours.

Nutrien Harcourts Clifton, Under 13 - Under 13 Coach Glen McMillan is very encouraged by his high achieving team who are preparing for their first Grand Final. "We are certainly looking forward to Saturday and we are excited for the challenge of the Tenterfield Tigers."

"As coach I am tremendously proud of what the team has achieved so far, but we are looking for one more win."

The young Warriors have had the Tigers measure in their two previous season clashes, but a grand final is at another level and

the Warriors are focused on their best performance on the day.

All in Electrical, Under 15 Girls League Tag - Wattles Under 15 Girls team's season came to an end on Saturday morning against a hungrier Collegians line-up, falling short 14 - 4.

A fantastic first half had Wattles well in the game at half time, but a slow start to the second half saw them behind on the scoreboard.

The girls threw everything at Collegians for the remainder of the second half but couldn't crack the defence.

Coach George Berry commended his team on "a tremendous year for the girls who improved immensely and have been an absolute pleasure to coach."

Collegians 14 defeated **Wattles 4** (Hollie Betts try).

Drayton Medical Centre, Under 15 - The Under 15 Warriors were deserved 36 - 20 winners over the Tenterfield Tigers and are now rewarded with a Grand Final berth on Saturday.

Tenacious hooker Ory Gilmore was one of the Warriors best scoring a try hat trick through his dummy half darts.

Five-eight Paddy Denny, centre Harry Wright, and free running bookends Henry McMillan and Brian Williams were all very powerful throughout.

Coach Tom Duggan is very proud and excited for his players.

"They have worked extremely hard this season, and for some Saturday's season decider against Collegians will be their first Grand Final."

Wattles 36 (Orry Gilmore 3, Harry Wright, Patty Denny, Ben Rauchle tries; Patty Denny 6 goals) defeated **Tenterfield 20**.



The conversation was all tries at the Gilmore household on Saturday evening after Orrie crossed for three in the Wattles Under 15 semi-final win and brother Sam snared four in the Under 17 victory. They are looking forward to similar success for themselves and team mates in this coming Saturday's Grand Finals. (Image contributed)

Club Hotel, Under 17 Ladies League Tag - Coach Dan Wallis can't speak more highly of the achievements of his Wattles Under 17 Ladies team, who finished second on the Warwick and District premiership ladder with six wins from eight fixtures.

Collegians got away to an early 10 - 0 lead on Saturday, but Wattles kept the pressure on throughout out and tries by Tayah Wallis and Steph Lyons could have seen the game go either way.

Collegians 14 defeated **Wattles 10** (Tayah Wallis, Stephanie Lyons tries; Stephanie Lyons goal).

Hamblin Builders, Under 17 - Elusive centre Sam Gilmore contributed an amazing four tries to Wattles Under 17 side's 32 - 18 Preliminary Final win over Goondiwindi on Saturday.

While Sam took out Wattles best player honours, team mates Graham Hopper, Darcy Betts and Harry Marshall also shone in a class performance.

The Warriors shot out to a 16 - 0 lead by the fourteen-minute mark through two touchdowns by Gilmore and another by hard running Darcy Betts.

A solitary Boars try saw them trailing 4 - 16 at the break.

The first five minutes of the new half saw Goondiwindi score twice to be well back in the game trailing 14 - 16.

That man Gilmore snared another two touch downs though to help the Warriors ease away, before Thomas Blake also cashed in for Wattles to reach their winning total.

Wattles high achieving Under 17's finished the season second on the premiership ladder, but coach Shane Wright and his more than capable troops are striding in to Saturday's Grand Final against Collegians with a confident approach.

Wattles 32 (Sam Gilmore 4, Darcy Betts, Thomas Blake tries; Ben Barbierato 4 goals) defeated **Goondiwindi 18**.

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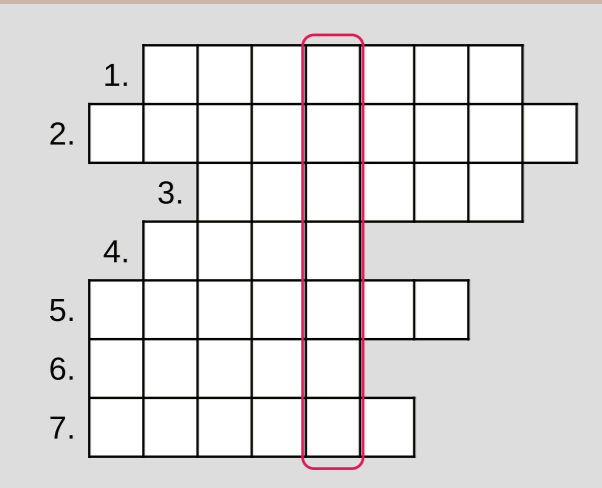
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- 3. HRTOOK
- 4. DIAL
- 5. SIAETSM
- 6. METNO
- 7. AKSBNY

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