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## Storms Lash Allora



On New Years Eve storm cells built up between Clifton and Allora with the most damage happening in Allora.

On the corner of Forde and Warwick Streets two huge old gumtrees were torn out of the ground, roots and all. Fortunately, one tree fell onto the other tree, both missing the home and the power pole close by. Neighbours and locals helped to remove the trees and clean up the debris while interested onlookers brought along their chairs to sit and watch the action. *(more pics page 3)*

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# Closure Of Wild Sage Collective



After six years Jaimie McMillan of Wild Sage Collective closed the doors for the final time on the 23rd of December 2023.

However, the shop at 72 Herbert Street Allora will not stay empty for long.

Katie's Cocktail Café will open on Saturday 20 January offering a combination of sit-down menu with an interesting collection of gift lines.

At the back of the building Katie will still have the boutique outdoors garden café and the upstairs Cocktail bar.



The owner of Allora's popular Katie's Cocktail Café Katie Dennis with son Alex.

## The Angel Has Gone Missing

Does anyone out there in Allora-land know the whereabouts of the Angel from the local Scope Op Shop?

This special Angel sat at the entrance to the Op shop, welcoming bargain hunters inside.

She was never for sale or to be given away so her loss is upsetting for the staff.

If the Angel is returned no action will be taken - except for cheers from the volunteers at the Allora's Scope Community Op Shop.

# Trees Take a Beating in NYE Storm in Allora



ABOVE & RIGHT: Tree down on corner of Forde and Warwick Streets and BOTTOM RIGHT: Home owner Narelle Henry with massive stump ripped out by the storm.



SDRC soon arrived to remove this damaged tree in Arnold Street.



Plenty of branches down in the School grounds.

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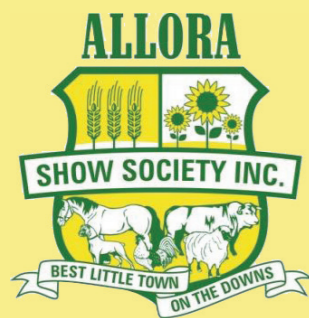
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# GET READY FOR THE 2024 ALLORA SHOW

Two full days of action on Friday 9th and Saturday 10th February



A reminder that a General meeting and a Stewards meeting will be held on Sunday 14 January starting at 2pm at the Allora Showgrounds.

## School Returns ALLORA P-10 STATE SCHOOL 2024



The school office will open from 9am-3pm from Monday 15 January until Friday 19 for uniform purchases and enrolment interviews.

On Thursday 18 and Friday 19 January staff professional development days will be held.

On Friday 19 January all families are invited to the school to drop off their books and meet their teachers.

School starts on Monday 22 January with classrooms open from 8.30am.

## ST PATRICK'S SCHOOL ALLORA 2024



Monday 22 January - School office opens from 9am until 3pm. Book drop-off 9am until 12 noon.

Tuesday 23 January - Term 1 commences. Students arrive at school

from 8.15am with the first bell at 8.40am.

8.40am - Preps and their families will be greeted on Assembly in the St Patrick's Parish Church

8.50am - Preps and their buddies will be photographed - parents can take photos

9.00am - Parents are farewelled and Prep students are taken to class.



COMING EVENTS FOR EARLY THIS YEAR at the ALLORA SHOWGROUNDS

- Dressage - 13th & 14th January
- Allora Heritage Weekend - 27th & 28th January
- Allora Show Dressage - 4th February
- Annual Allora Show - 9th & 10th February
- Dust on the Downs Day - 17th February
- CDPA Dressage Clinic - 23rd - 25th February



Visitors are always welcome to enjoy the activities at the Showground

## Allora Golf Report



Sunday Monthly Mug Stableford - Thanks Railway Hotel

The winners were - Tommy Brown 38 points, Kerry Staines 34 points, Willy Duff 34 points.

Nearest the pin: 4 - Jamie Gardner, 7 - John Ellwood, 8 - Willy Duff, 13 - Russell Sparksman, 16 - Duke Maloney, 17 - Rod Simpson

Approach shots: 3 - Garth Simpson, 6 - Garth Simpson, 12 - Ty Gardner, 15 - Tim Exelby. Long putt: 9 - Duke Maloney, 18 - Tommy Brown. **Reminder that Memberships for 2024 are now due.**

The first of the 2024 golf competitions got underway last week:

Friday Duck Run - thanks Allora Hardware

The winners were - Sam McLary 25 points, S. Morrison 22 points.

Approach shot on the 14th: Sam McLary.

Pin shot on the 17th: Duke Maloney.

Long putt on the 10th: Kym Williams.

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 • Bathroom has bath, separate shower, separate toilet • 2 Car remote garage  
 • Entertaining patio 1222 m<sup>2</sup> backyard with side vehicle access  
 • Rain water tank, sewerage & town water

### YOUR PRIVATE CASTLE

**\$ 159,000**



The old Butter Factory is full of history and now needs new owners.  
 • 3,194 m<sup>2</sup> lot - leasehold title (application can be made to freehold).  
 • Easy access to rail line which will suit astute investor.  
 • Suit warehouse, tourism, museum or any number of uses, or just make it your own private castle.  
 The Butter factory was the original power station for Inglewood and Cooper Bessemer engine is still on site. Current owner is disposing of this Inglewood asset due to family commitments and is ready to talk.

### CHARACTER QUEENSLANDER

**\$ 400,000+**



Only 2 blocks from the CBD, in walking distance to Schools and shops.  
 • 3 bedrooms, 2 built in  
 • Spacious open plan kitchen has good bench space, cupboards, gas cook top, electric oven, dishwasher, 2 door fridge  
 • Living and dining doors opening onto East deck  
 • Wood heater & air con in living.  
 • Polished timber floors throughout  
 • Stylish bathroom with double vanity & walk in shower • Study area, suit home office  
 • Laundry is under the home, plus ample storage • Double carport in the backyard  
 • New boundary fences on 809 m<sup>2</sup> yard

### FRUIT SHOP ON HIGHWAY

~~\$250,000~~ \$ 120,000



**ARATULA**  
 Ideally suited to owner operator, possibly with young family  
 • Highway corner frontage est. 30 yrs  
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 • Bath & separate shower/Toilet/Laundry  
 • Undercover entertaining  
 • Double detached garage  
 • Garden shed in fenced 1193 m<sup>2</sup> yard  
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### PARKLAND VIEWS NEAR HOSPITAL

**\$ 475,000**



Chamfer on brick base family home has a lot to offer.  
 • Full length East deck - views over parkland  
 • 4 Built-in Bedrooms, ceiling fans  
 • Aircon in open plan living  
 • Electric appliance kitchen inc dishwasher  
 • Family bathroom has bath, separate shower • Separate toilet  
 • Rumpus family accesses 809 m<sup>2</sup> backyard  
 • 2nd toilet off Laundry • 3rd toilet & storage  
 • Fully lined, insulated 4 bay shed - 2 Tradie roller doors  
 • 3rd toilet & storage

## LAND

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- HENDON - 2023 m<sup>2</sup>, frontage 40.2m, power on street, country village \$ 65,000
- WARWICK - 25930 m<sup>2</sup>, High profile, 2 street frontages, Zoned specialised \$ 2,210,000
- MARYVALE - 4047 m<sup>2</sup>, costing available, power nearby, VIEWS \$ 125,000
- MARYVALE - 1012 m<sup>2</sup>, road to council standard, power next door, corner lot \$ 150,000
- MARYVALE - 8094 M<sup>2</sup>, 2 Titles adjoining, power nearby, fenced, 2 x 1 Acre \$ 199,000
- MARYVALE - 4047 m<sup>2</sup>, power nearby, VIEWS, fenced, entry gate \$ 220,000
- GREYMARE - 2251 m<sup>2</sup>, bitumen road, power on street, on Greymare Ck \$ 150,000

### EXCLUSIVE ADDRESS

**\$ 625,000+**



In cul de sac  
 • Aircon 3 Bed+ office, built ins  
 • Living has aircon + woodfire  
 • Dining opens to N patio  
 • Tidy kitchen has electric appliances  
 • Bathroom - bath, sep shower, vanity & toilet  
 • Second living/games (converted garage)  
 • Laundry/utility accesses 1750 m<sup>2</sup> backyard  
 • 2 Carports beside home  
 • Outdoor entertaining leads to garden shed, vegie patch & gardens  
**INVESTORS: Rented to 16/01/2024 at \$650p.w.**

### MULTI-MILLION \$\$\$ VIEWS

**\$890,000**



On QLD/NSW border, 20 mins to Warwick. Possible Company training centre, retreat, glamping, paintball park  
 • 3 Bedroom • 2 Bath  
 • Air conditioning in living  
 • Kitchen dining with woodfire  
 • Bar setup for entertaining  
 • Deck overlook dam & play area  
 • 3 bay Shed • 64.77 Ha  
 • Rain water tanks • 2 Dams  
 • Fully furnished  
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### BUILT TO LAST

**\$ 350,000**



1950's tidy home is positioned in blue ribbon area of Warwick. Close to town, walking distance to shops, hospital, primary and secondary schools.  
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 • Open plan dining/kitchen  
 • Lounge living has old fireplace with gas insertion • Tidy bathroom has shower + vanity  
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## Fruit and Vegetable Prices Need Urgent ACCC Inquiry

Member for Maranoa, Leader of The Nationals and Shadow Agriculture Minister David Littleproud is calling for an Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) Inquiry into fruit and vegetables, to make

supermarkets pay their fair share.

"As families struggle to pay for their food amid a cost-of-living crisis, supermarkets are still making record profits, even though all they are doing is

putting fruit and vegetables on the back of a truck and onto the supermarket shelves," Mr Littleproud said. "Farmers are walking away because supermarkets are taking them for a ride."

Daintree Fresh Far North Queensland farmer Shaun Jackson is warning Australia will run out of food as farmers stop selling to supermarkets and walk away.

He said 80 per cent of his product, melons, is now going to Japan because in Australia, an average melon would sell to supermarkets for up to \$1.50 each, but supermarkets would then sell the product to consumers for around \$5.90 each.

"Instead of dealing with Coles and Woolworths I'm now sending 200,000 boxes of melons overseas," Mr Jackson said.

"My cost to production is \$14 for a box, right now the supermarket price is \$12 to \$14 a box. For that, it costs me \$4 per box to get the product from a truck to Brisbane.

"So I'm gone, it's goodbye Shaun if that continues in

2024. "It's not just me. We are on the precipice of losing 30 per cent of farming – which is 30 per cent of food – if we don't fix it."

Mr Jackson's concerns have been backed by AusVeg, whose recent survey found record-low morale and more than 30 per cent of Australian vegetable growers considering leaving the industry this year, with labour shortages, policy changes and rising operational costs their major concerns.

Coles and Woolworths own 65 per cent of the market share and made record profits of more than \$1 billion each last year.

Mr Littleproud said a Senate Inquiry into grocery prices won't go far enough.

"I previously called for an ACCC Inquiry into beef and lamb but it must also now investigate fruit and vegetables – we need to investigate the price disparity, compel CEOs to give evidence and have greater penalties for those who do the wrong thing, including not paying farmers a fair price."

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past two seasons in Gina's Babies. Anyone in town, in particular newcomers, who are interested in joining a team please contact Greg on 0491 128 689. Night Bowls in Allora on Tuesday

evenings is the happiest place in town.

Next week in the Allora Advertiser we'll look back on the history and happenings of the Allora Bowls Club.

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# Matt Duggan returns to Wattles

Recently re-appointed Wattles Warriors Rugby League Club coach Travis Burns is more than enthusiastic about his first-grade team's 2024 season which gets underway with the club's initial training session at Clifton's Platz Oval on Tuesday, January 16th.

The seasoned mentor and former NRL star is stepping into his seventh season as Wattles top grade coach, and feels more than confident his team of last season will all reunite for the coming challenge.

A significant bonus for Burns and his line-up is the return of brilliant half Matt Duggan to the green and gold fold after opting to play last season with the Toowoomba based Western Clydesdales in the state wide 2023 Hostplus Cup.

Duggan first ventured Wattles way over a decade back in 2013 after tasting grand final success with

Toowoomba's Valleys Roosters, going on to become an integral cog in the Warriors A Grade side's twin premiership wins in 2014 and 2015.

A multiple Wattles RLF Club and also Toowoomba Rugby League player of the year, the former Queensland Rangers halfback excelled as the playmaker in the Warriors most recent premiership success in 2022.

Duggan's experience and gifted ability will add volumes to Wattles attacking firepower for the coming season.

Coach Burns is also upbeat about the return of many of last seasons' achievers, "we'll certainly look impressive on the team sheet, and outstanding new season signed players of the calibre of team skipper Ty Gardner, Nick Van Der Poel, Matthew Christensen and Jake Meddleton among others will be among those

firmly within our performance core for the coming season."

The annually much anticipated Barrett Family Sheild will see Platz Oval come to life on Saturday March 2nd, for the 22nd contest for the prestigious silverware against traditional foes the Warwick Cowboys.

The Cowboys rose to the occasion last year at Father Ranger Oval to overwhelm the Wattles Warriors top grade outfit and fierce weather conditions to drive home a 16 – 4 Shield win in front of a very supportive home crowd.

The Warriors pre-season trials program will also see them take on the Pittsworth Danes in a single senior grade local derby in mid-February, before they run on against the Oakey Bears in their initial 2024 Toowoomba Rugby League fixture round.

Along with Travis Burns, Wattles new season coaching staff include Tony Morris (Reserve Grade) and



Matt Duggan.

Cameron Hamblin (Under 19).

As Wattles step forward into their 59th season since formation, their management committee for 2024 is: President – Amanda O'Halloran, Vice-President – Tony Morris, Junior Vice-President – Tom Duggan, Secretary – Emily Henry and Treasurer – Cathy Morris.

Inquiries regarding the Wattles Warriors should be directed to Amanda O'Halloran on 0407 663 270.

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