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Wednesday, 17th January 2024

## Sports Tragics Attend Allora's Long Lunch



Allora Regional Sports Museum welcomed over 90 guests to the Commercial Hotel on Saturday for the Long Lunch. Catching up with super coach Wayne Bennett are two of his early school mates from St Joseph (now St Pats) - former Qld League Representative John Cowley and half century Rugby League administrator Peter Cavanagh. The crowd enjoyed the yarns told by Wayne and brother Bob while being interviewed by former Journalist and author Bernie Pramberg who was also a rugby league test and interstate referee. President of the Museum Perry Cronin was overwhelmed by the success of the fundraising event and grateful for people's generosity.

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## Allora Attaches Great Importance To Community Hall

A survey by Southern Downs Regional Council asking for community responses about various Allora facilities has revealed that there is no doubt about the importance of the Community Hall to the town and district.

SDRC received 252 responses to the survey and 92% of those placed a level of importance on the Community Hall - 65% saying it was extremely important, 18% very important and 8% somewhat important.

The remaining 8% said the hall was not important at all.

Of the 172 respondents who addressed the issue of the Regional Sports Museum, 74% placed some level of importance on the facility, while 26% said it was not important at all.

Just over two-thirds of the replies indicated that the senior citizens' centre would be suitable for use as a library.

The results of the survey will be considered at the January meeting of SDRC today (Wednesday 17th) when a series of recommendations will be put to the Council.

The Council has already taken action to repair the hall to a standard where it is safe for community use.

Recommendations to be considered today include the removal of the old fire station on Herbert Street, relocation of the library and service centre into the old senior citizens' hall and expansion of the Allora Regional Sports Museum into the premises currently occupied by the library and customer service centre.

# Allora Police Report



Police from the Child Protection Investigation Unit have charged a 14-year-old Kingsthorpe girl with going armed to cause fear, wilful damage to Police property and breaching her bail. The girl was remanded in custody and will appear before the Toowoomba Children's Court at a later date.

Police will allege that on Thursday evening the 4th of January 2024, the girl was intoxicated and attended the Railway Hotel Allora. When asked to leave by staff the girl produced a knife and made threats to staff and other patrons. She was arrested at the scene by Police and whilst held in custody in the Police vehicle she caused damage to the patrol vehicle by kicking at the windows.

As the clock ticked (midnight) on New Years

Eve, local Police whilst out on patrol identified a 52-year-old male driver at the Allora show grounds had been driving his Toyota Landcruiser on the grassed area doing burnouts causing significant damage to the area used by competitors on event days. The male was detained by Police after he recorded a breath alcohol concentration of 0.113% over twice the legal alcohol limit. He faced a further two charges for wilful damage to the show grounds and a minor possession charge for dangerous drugs. The male will appear before the Warwick Magistrates Court at a later date.

On Friday evening 5th January a report was received by local Police about a vehicle attending a Goomburra Road Berat address. It was reported that the vehicle drove up the driveway with its lights on and tooted its horn before the house occupants' heard sounds of persons walking around at the address. The vehicle left with Police patrols unable to locate the vehicle or persons involved. Information was later

provided that a blue or green coloured vehicle was observed in the area at the time of this report. If anyone was in the area of Goomburra Road near the intersection of Old Goomburra Road at around 9pm with dash camera footage, can they contact the Allora Police station on (07) 4666 3222.

Back to school approaching, a reminder to all drivers and road users to be aware of the students on

their start/return to school for the 2024 school year. Police will be out observing the school zones and taking enforcement action for those who break the road rules.

*Hope you all had a nice break over the Christmas / New Year period.*

Kind Regards,  
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**Full programme in next week's Allora Advertiser**




## ALLORA Heritage WEEKEND

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**SATURDAY 27th & SUNDAY 28th JANUARY**  
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# 90th Anniversary Of Allora Bowls Club

The Allora Bowls Club was formed at a meeting in the Shire Hall on the 23rd January, 1933. Shire Clerk Andy Hamilton took the chair but declined nomination as the foundation president. It appears that Andy must have relented afterwards because he was actually the president of the Bowls Club in 1933 and 1934 then again in 1939.

Interestingly, Andy was the first Shire Clerk of the Allora Shire as the town had previously been a municipality. Andy was Shire Clerk for 40 odd years before he retired in 1955 and was succeeded by Lex Ellwood who then held the position for the next 35 years. Lex also became heavily involved in the Bowls Club during the 1970s and 1980s, being club secretary for much of that time. Lex was awarded Life Membership for his service to the club.

Other office bearers elected at the foundation meeting were Dr C R Sapsford as Vice-President, Sam Blair as Secretary/Treasurer with the committee being PH Imhoff, S Crooke, J Holmes, R Frizzell Senior and W Leggatt. Some very well known Allora families

among that list. To finance the building of the green, it was decided that foundation members be asked to buy debentures to the value of 15 pound to be paid in three instalments.

The bowls green was built during 1934 on its current site and the bowls club officially opened on the 8th December 1934, with Dr D Farquhar, President of the Queensland Bowls Association delivering the first bowl.

The Bowls Club has been part of the fabric of the Allora Community for 90 years and it is a credit to past and present committees who kept it alive during some very difficult times for the sport. Current Sports Club Patron Greg Patterson deserves a special mention as it was Greg who refused to let the club die when it was unable to form a committee 15 years ago and he took it upon himself to establish a night bowls competition that continues to flourish today.

**The Sports Club will celebrate the 90th birthday of the Bowls Club on Tuesday 23rd January 2024. There will be a free sausage sizzle commencing at 5.30pm**



Original Honour Board.

on that day with everyone in town invited to join in the celebration. Please contact Wendy on 0437 342 870 to confirm your attendance. The first round of night bowls will then be played commencing at the usual time of 7pm. A reminder to team captains to confirm with Patto that you will be nominating a team for this season which is shaping as one of the best in years. No doubt every team will be out to "knock off" champions of the 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.

Special thanks to Colin Newport of the Allora & District Historical Society for the wonderful information he has provided on the history of the Allora Bowls Club. If you would like more information about the history of bowls in Allora, you can visit the Historical Society's Facebook page.

John Ellwood

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## Let's Speak Up About Flood Risk Of Dalrymple Creek

Following the 2022 flood event which caused devastating and widespread damage to infrastructure, property and industry across the region, Southern Downs Regional Council (SDRC) is updating flood modelling data.

To improve future flood risk management and resilience, SDRC wants community input to draft flood and risk studies for the local catchment areas of Quart Pot Creek and the Condamine River and tributaries of Canal Creek and Dalrymple Creek.

Southern Downs Mayor Vic Pennisi said the studies will provide Council with an updated flood risk profile for the prioritised catchments and guide a revised blueprint that improves emergency response planning and management for the region.

"Over time, modification of creek corridors, historical land clearance and the construction of infrastructure has changed the distribution and movement of water and led to changes in flood behaviour," Mayor Pennisi said.

"The community is

invited to complete the survey and share firsthand experience of flooding, flood risk management issues and historical flooding in the study areas."

The flood and risk studies will:

- assess the nature and extent of existing catchment flood conditions;
  - identify the potential implications as a result of future climatic conditions;
  - incorporate flooding experience and insights gained from community consultation; and
  - evaluate options that may be implemented to manage existing and future flood risk.
- How to submit feedback:
- Complete the survey online at [www.sdrc.qld.gov.au/living-here/have-your-say/flood-and-risk-studies](http://www.sdrc.qld.gov.au/living-here/have-your-say/flood-and-risk-studies).
  - Visit your nearest customer service centre and ask to complete a survey form.
  - Visit your local library and ask to complete a survey form.

The survey closes on Sunday 4 February 2024. The studies are expected to be completed in July 2024

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## Days For Girls At Heritage Weekend



As part of the fundraising effort by Allora Days for Girls a multi-draw raffle will take place at the Allora Heritage Weekend on Saturday 27 and Sunday 28 January.

First prize is a wheelbarrow full of fascinating goodies with a few mystery prizes thrown in. By purchasing a ticket for just \$2 each or three for \$5 you could win the prize but most importantly support

the wonderful work carried out by Days for Girls.

Women and girls in Australia and around the world benefit from Days for Girls hygiene kits that provide dignity and opportunity for the users.

Following on from the Heritage weekend, the next gathering will be Monday 29 January. As Days for Girls have just had a large amount of knickers delivered, there will be plenty to do. Sewers and non-sewers are welcome to attend. Start time is 9am at Mackillop House Warwick Street Allora.

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# 2023 Year in Review

## 18th January 25th

### Talented Artist Relocates To Hendon



Artist Donna Mitchell, surrounded by some of her many works in The Shack at Hendon.

### Allora Heritage Weekend On Again



There's plenty to see and do this Saturday and Sunday at the Allora Showgrounds.

## 15th February 22nd

### Supreme Stud Beef At Show



NIOA Santa Gertrudis Stud at Talgai took home the big prize with Supreme Stud Beef Exhibit of the Allora Show. Leading the bull was Sam Falls from Warwick.



Concerning Bunya Pines.

### Bunya Pines Are Impressive But Dangerous



Fallen debris from Bunya Pines.

## 15th March 29th

### Allora Welcomes Back The Heavy Horse Festival



Coming to the Allora Showgrounds this weekend to showcase these magnificent horses that helped build our great nation.

### Nice Work Claire



Clifton State High School student and Butcher's Apprentice Claire Keleher with Allora Butchery owner Aaron Vietheer.

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## 5th April 27th

### Chandlers Celebrate 75 Years of Marriage

Daphne and Archie met in the Spring of 1945 at the Spring Creek Hall Dance. The two were enjoying their night dancing away with alternating partners to the Jolly Miller Waltz.

As the fairy tale started, the music came to an end with Daph being Archie's dancing partner. Arch will tell you, at that moment he knew he was going to marry Daph. After a couple of years, Daphne and Archie got married at All Saints Church of England in Clifton.



### We Salute You



Anzac Day in Allora with ex-service personnel arriving at the Cenotaph to be greeted by an appreciative crowd.

## 3rd May 17th

### Arch Celebrates A Milestone



Yesterday Arch Chandler was surrounded by family for his 100th birthday party.

### Life Is Good For Our Nonagenarians

Yvonne Hore and Jackie Gallagher seen here enjoying a Ross William's signature sponge. The Dante Book Club is privileged to have these two wonderful ladies in their 90's as contributing members of the Group.



Jackie turned 98 on Monday 15th May and Yvonne will be 91 next Monday 22nd May.

## 14th June 21st

### Surprise Farewell For Popular Principal

Dr Shaun Kanowski attended the normal School Assembly on Monday morning - not knowing that a surprise farewell had been planned by the staff of Allora P-10 State School.



To add to Dr Shaun's bewilderment was the appearance of former Deputy Head Robyn Westerman who made a presentation and rekindled many highlights and memories of the Principal's past 22 years. Friday 23 June will be a sad day for the Allora community when Dr Shaun Kanowski bids farewell.

### Dinosaur Fossil Found In Dalrymple Creek



Phyllis Shooter, who found the Palorchestes fossil on her property in 1994, Head of Geosciences at the Queensland Museum, Dr Andrew Rozefelds and Clifton local Ian Sobbe.

# 2023 Year in Review

## 12th July 19th

### Long Wait Almost Over

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.



TOP RIGHT: Kital Road Bridge in 2022 and ABOVE RIGHT: 2023.

### 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.

## 2nd August 16th

### New President For Allora Men's Shed



Front row: Brett (Treasurer), Trevor (President), James (Secretary), Barry, Gary, Graham, Stuart. Second row: Bob, Garry, Steve, PJ, Glenn. Back row: John, Wayne, Dean, Jim, Harry, John, Bruce, Chris, Alan, Ian Tate.

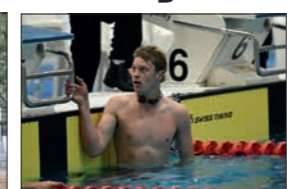
### Karli Ekerick Wins Top Award



Keith Blaikie Principal of St Patrick's School with Karli Ekerick who received the Volunteer Support Award in the Excellence in Education Support Category for Toowoomba Catholic Schools.

## 6th September 20th

### National Champion Bailey Harm



Bailey with his School Sport Australia medal haul.

### Australian Record Throw For Matthew Denny

Matthew has cemented his status as one of the world's premier athletes after being crowned champion at the Diamond League Final in Eugene, USA with an Australian record of 68.43 metres. This is the first time for Matthew to be crowned Diamond League Champion. He added 19cm to his Australian discus record to produce the throw of his life and seal his triumph.



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## 4th October 11th

### Cavanagh's 100 Year Celebration

Around 200 people attended the celebration service at St Pat's Church Allora for the Cavanagh family reunion.



Ten of the eleven original families were represented on the day which started with the church service. Photo - Focal Point Photos - Hardy & Alison Ahlhaus

### Goomburra Attraction Ready For Visitors

Situated in the Goomburra Valley The Long Neck Farm has now re-opened. Tanya and Corrie Ross of Long Neck Farm tell us that the renovations are now complete so the welcome mat is out ready for visitors to call in and enjoy the fun attractions and facilities.



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## 1st November 29th

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### Is Allora Community Hall At Risk?

Southern Downs Regional Council wants the views of the Allora community on a number of important matters



including the Allora Senior Citizens Centre, Allora Library, Allora Sports Museum and Allora Community Hall. Locals are asking why is there a connection between the Community Hall and other facilities?

## 13th December 20th

### Gay Erskine A Winner On & Off The Court



Celebrations for Gay Erskine's 80th birthday recently took place on the family property "Tarragunda" in the Goomburra Valley.

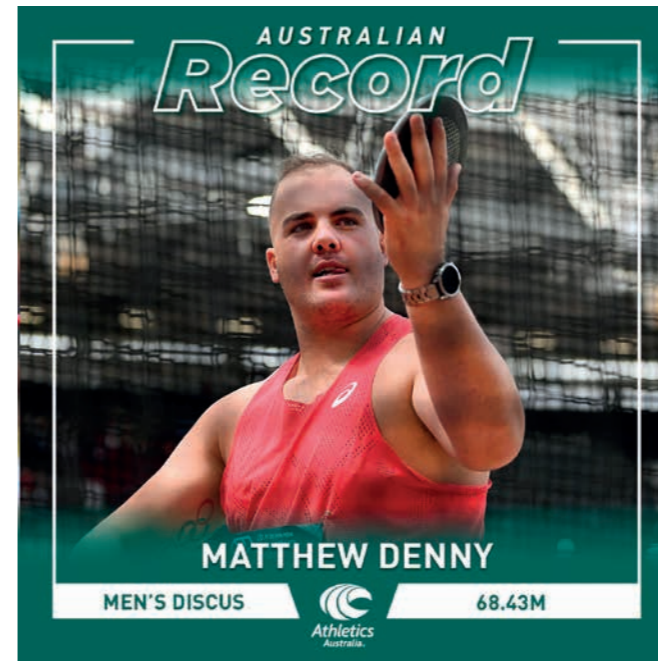
### Council's Christmas gift to Allora

Taking on board feedback from members of the local community Southern Downs Regional Council has



approved repairs to the Allora Community Hall, which has been out of action since structural problems were identified early in 2022.

## Congratulations Matthew



Athletics Australia Awards are held annually to celebrate the greatest achievements from 2023. Allora's Matthew Denny has claimed the coveted John Landy Award for Able Bodied Male Athlete of the Year. The discus king set the Australian record for the second time last year with a 68.43m throw to take the Diamond League trophy. Matthew is now focused on building a better performance that will put him in a place to convincingly win at the Paris Summer Olympics in July/August this year.

### Allora Golf Notes

**Friday - Duck Run** - Thank you Allora Hardware!  
The winners were: 1st - Jack Duggan - 22 points, 2nd - Tom Duggan - 21 points. Approach shot on the 6th: Ty Gardner. Pin shot on the 4th: Ty Gardner. Long putt on the 2nd: Nick Lake.  
**Sunday - Club Trophy** - Thank you Allora Sports Club! - The front 9 winners: 1st -Sam McLary - 26 points, 2nd - John Ellwood - 20 points. The back 9 winners: 1st - Jim Anderson - 20 points, 2nd - John Sparksman - 19 points. Nearest the pin: 7 - Garth Simpson, 8 - Willy Duff, 13 - Peter Southport, 16 - Lindsay May, 17 - Noel Wallace. Approach shots: 2 - John Ellwood, 3 - Wayne McEwen, 11 - Duke Maloney, 14 - Peter Southport. Long putt: 9 - Lindsay May, 18 - John Sparksman  
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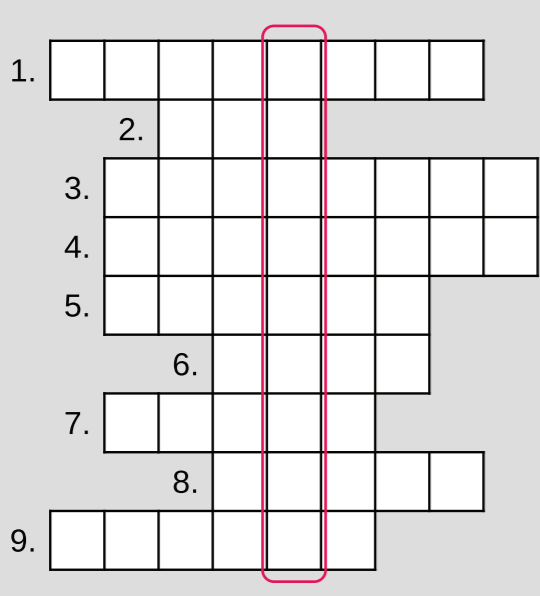
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- 4. PLSPUTAY
- 7. LAOKA
- 2. MUE
- 5. TSRSMO
- 8. INDOG
- 3. INHSUSNE
- 6. EMTA
- 9. AMOBTW

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**December 8**  
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### SOLUTIONS

#### WORD SCRAMBLE

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 4. Platypus, 5. Storms,  
 6. Mate, 7. Koala,  
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**A New Year's resolution is something that goes in one year and out the other.**

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### • ANNOUNCEMENTS •

**CLARK, Eleanor Gay Frances**  
 Late of Allora, passed away on 30th December 2023, aged 73 years.  
 Dearly loved Wife of Brian (dec'd) and partner of John. Much loved Mother of Fraser, Bronwyn (dec'd) and Raelene (dec'd). Loved Mother-in-law of Rhiannon. Adored Grandmother of Kai.  
 Ele was privately cremated as per her wishes.

### POPPLE, Richard Harry

of Mt. Marshall,  
 passed away on 25/12/2023,  
 aged 85 years.

Friends are invited to attend a memorial service for Richard at the Allora Showgrounds canteen. 11am Friday, 19th January 2024.

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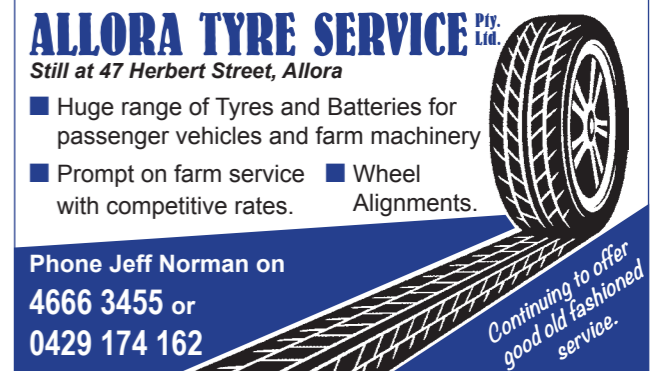
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# Wattles Junior Warriors Front Up for 2024



President Aaron Gilmore is still upbeat about the success of the Wattles Junior Warriors in 2023, which included three senior grade Grand Final appearances and a mighty Under 13 premiership win, the team navigating the season undefeated.

Having commenced his second year leading the club, Mr Gilmore can see now reason why the Warriors can't be as successful both on and off the field.

The Club boasts some new administrative and coaching faces heading in to the coming Warwick and District Junior Rugby League season, with Secretary Holly Death and

Treasurer Melissa Betts joining Club Vice-Presidents Jodie Gilmore and Russell McMillan as Wattles Juniors executive committee.

Leanne Ridley is joined by Shadai Daley and Belinda Naumann in the demanding registrar roll.

Continuing as canteen convenor is highly experienced Serena Fiechtner, while former long serving treasurer Lucy Berry fills the position as uniform coordinator.

The integral role of referee coordinator has been filled by Rebecca Steinhardt, while successful 2023 Under 13 premiership winning coach Glen McMillan is the club coaching coordinator.

Highly respect Wattles Club Life Member Shelley Duggan has been appointed Patron of the junior club, given the sad loss of former long serving Patron Dave Achilles late last year.

Wattles Juniors coaches were also appointed at

their October 25th Annual Meeting last year, to mentor teams across 2024.

**U6:** Nick Van Der Poel

**U7:** Ross Williams

**U8:** Jared Gault

**U9:** Shadai Daley

**U10:** Chris Ryan

**U11:** Josh Schwenke

**U12:** Russell McMillan

**U13:** Clayton Brady &

Rylan Saville

**U15:** Glen McMillan

**U17:** Matthew

Christensen

**U15 Girls League Tag:**

George Berry

**U17 Girls League Tag:**

Bill Gorringe

Aside from the challenges of the coming Warwick and District Junior season, Wattles will have an Under 14 team travelling to Charleville in February for the annual Adrian Vowles Cup, one of Queensland's more highly rated junior carnivals.

Another consideration is participation in the Brown Steel Walker Weekend in



Aaron Gilmore has commenced his second season as President of the Wattles Junior Rugby League Club.

late March in Toowoomba, where Wattles Under 13 side were so impressive last year.

For inquiries regarding Wattles Junior Rugby League Club, President Aaron Gilmore can be contacted on: 0414 245 860. Glyn Rees

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