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AND THE WINNER IS...



Allora locals had the opportunity to vote for their favourite mural to be painted on the wall of the IGA building. There was a good response of 567 votes with 375 going to the red-winged

parrot design. Features of the mural include the parrot, a sunflower field and a tractor that pays homage to agriculture and the Allora Heritage Weekend. To represent the town's history

is the Homes & Co. building, which used to sit where the IGA is now, and in the top right hand corner the Saucepan star constellation.

Once painted, the larger images will be visually

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Allora Is Getting New Tennis Courts!



Work commenced this week at the Allora Courts and should be completed in about three weeks - weather permitting.

President Mandy Mutch secured significant funding over 12 months ago through the Sport and Recreation Recovery Program as well as the Gambling Community Benefit Fund.

This funding will be used at the Courts for new surfaces, new net posts, new fencing, new pathway, new pickleball court and

new electrical upgrades including property pole and new lights to courts 3 and 4.

Allora Tennis Courts are used extensively by regular players as well as youngsters who are learning the game and no doubt hoping to be another Alex the Demon.

All these improvements will bring the Tennis Courts up to a top standard and encourage more tennis tournaments to Allora.

Melissa Hamilton Announces Mayoral Bid



Commercial lawyer Melissa Hamilton has announced her intention to enter the race for Mayor of the Southern Downs, at the local government elections on March 16.

"I have decided to run for Mayor because I believe that it is a serious position that requires leadership and professionalism. That's what I can offer," she said.

With a billboard unveiled on the New England Highway last week, Ms Hamilton is the first candidate to publicly state her intention to run. She will run as an unaligned independent candidate.

"Residents of the Southern Downs deserve a mayor who works for them and is not answerable to a political party," Ms Hamilton said. "I've never belonged to a party and being an independent means I can push at every door - state,

federal and private - to secure more investment for the region."

Ms Hamilton said the main message she had been hearing from residents across the Southern Downs was that they wanted a council that worked together. "People are sick of ongoing division and conflict among councillors," she said. "They expect their elected officials to cooperate and get things done."

Ms Hamilton promises to bring integrity and professionalism to the role.

"As mayor, I will work with energy and enthusiasm and support ideas and projects that are good for all of our communities," she said.

Melissa will be back in Allora this weekend for the famous Heritage Weekend and is looking forward to meeting up with the locals.

Allora Locals To Receive Australia Day Awards

Southern Downs Regional Council will host a ceremony at Warwick this Friday to officially acknowledge the region's most dedicated and deserving stalwarts. From the Allora region William Morris and Clint Kenny are recipients of Australia Day Awards.

Congratulations to all the Award winners in the Northern Region -
Citizen of the Year: Jo Rathmell
Junior Citizen of the Year: William Morris
Junior Sportsperson of the

Year: Emmett Schnitzerling
Cultural/Community Event of the Year: CelticFest Warwick

Cultural/Community Person of the Year: Clint Kenny

The Warwick Australia Day Awards and Citizenship Ceremonies will be held at the Warwick Town Hall this Friday January 26 from 9am. Australia Day Ambassador and award-winning bush poet Nerelie Teese will be this year's guest speaker. Everyone is welcome to attend.

CLINT KENNY - Cultural/Community Person of Year (Northern Region)

Clint Kenny has been President and member of the organising committee of the Darling Downs Heavy Horse Festivals for the past 12 years.

With his love of Percherons Client served as President for 6 years of the Percherons Horse Breeders Association of Australia.

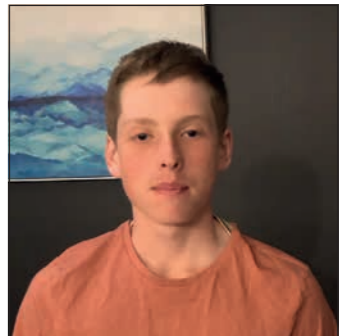
Clint is a passionate horticulturalist and garden designer and was a member of the Open Garden Scheme, being a Queensland selector for the Darling Downs.



Clint was also known for sponsoring a number of events in the region.

WILLIAM MORRIS - Junior Citizen of the Year (Northern Region)

Last year Allora local William, a proud Wiradjuri man, was selected to participate in the "Q inspire U" camp for young Indigenous Australia. The camp at the University of Queensland allowed students from years 10 to 12 to explore potential study options in the field of STEM (science, technology, engineering and maths). One of the requirements of applicants was to have excelled academically in STEM subjects, which William had done.



William has also participated in the Indigenous Basketball League programme which was run by National Champion Basketballer Patty Mills. Participants learnt on and off the court about traditional culture with sessions designed to inspire and motivate young people to be proud of their culture and identity while helping to fulfil their dreams in education, employment or leadership.

Allora's CWA Rest Rooms

Following the completion of major renovations, the CWA members are happy to announce the re-opening of their Rooms in Warwick Street, Allora.

To celebrate the occasion the CWA is having a Flag Raising and a traditional CWA morning tea this Saturday at 10 o'clock.

The year was 1922 when the CWA started in Allora so for a bit of fun and history the

CWA members are dressing in outfits from that era. T

Free tea and scones will be served for those attending and there will be other home made goodies for sale.

All welcome to come along and help celebrate the occasion this coming Saturday 27 January - then you can head on over to the Showgrounds for the Allora Heritage Weekend.

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grandfather started Donovan's Auction Mart in Allora in 1895.

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Des met his wife Rose at the Currumbin Hotel and said "do you think you can marry me?" (Obviously the answer was yes.)

As well as Currumbin they lived in many places including Russell Island.

In 2023 Des returned to Currumbin for the Anzac Service at Bald Rock - Des is a life member of the RSL at Currumbin.

Des is now residing and entertaining the staff at Southern Cross Care in Allora and he will celebrate his 99th birthday tomorrow Thursday 1st February.

Des was born in Allora and went to St Joseph's (now St Pats) School where he remembers the Parish Priest was Father O'Shea. His first job was pumping petrol at the garage owned by Molly and Jack Marshall. The garage is now the location of Wilson & Rigby.

Patrick Donovan, Des'



Des at Bald Rock last Anzac Day.

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Men's Breakfast Guest Speaker

The speaker at the next Allora Presbyterian Church Men's Breakfast will be Col Gay. Col was born in Warwick and spent his early years around Allora, moved away for some time in and around Sydney and then later returned to Allora. Col will be reflecting on where God has led him, where he was married, where he raised a family and the various interesting occupations he has been involved in over the years. In his retirement,

he has used his mechanical knowledge to beautifully restore a 1953 Dodge truck which will be on display for the Men's Breakfast. All are welcome to enjoy a free brekky of cereal, bacon, sausages, eggs, toast, tea, coffee and plenty of friendship and yarns in the Presbyterian Church hall on Saturday, the 27th January starting at 7.20am. Contacts: Andrew Acon 0428 189 006 or Elton Wiltshire 0407 082 553

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Welcome To Allora Heritage Weekend

One of the Southern Downs premier events, the annual Allora Heritage Weekend will see the Allora Showgrounds host a two-day feast of historical machinery displays and activity on Australia Day weekend, January 27th & 28th.

Vintage vehicle and machinery enthusiasts from around the nation will again have the opportunity to take to the many roads leading to Allora and its picturesque showgrounds.

Heritage Weekend President Graeme McMillan is forecasting one of the more successful events since the inaugural gathering in 1996.

Having been involved in the Heritage Weekend since its initial event, Mr McMillan can draw on great memories, mostly amazing event successes with the odd hiccup of washouts

through rain and Covid influence.

"We have been able to boast attendances of around 5,000 patrons over the past couple of decades" said Mr McMillan, "the historic machinery consisting of tractors and agricultural equipment, cars & heavy vehicles, motorcycles, stationary engines and a collection of other history flavoured displays including antiques proving a winner with those attending."

As in past years a Swap Meet will be underway from 6.00 am on Saturday and Sunday, and a wide selection of eateries to meet public demand, along with a licensed bar across the weekend.

Feature machinery and vehicles are always a highlight of the Heritage weekend, with a selection this year to inspire collectors and restoration enthusiasts

along with the many wandering in a journey in history.

"This year we are honoured to be part of the celebration recognising 50 years of Versatile Tractors which will be taking pride of place in the feature machinery avenue."

Versatile is a Canadian agricultural machinery manufacturer, the company was founded in 1963 in Winnipeg.

January 24th 2024 marks the 50 years of Versatile Tractors being sold and delivered in Australia.

Jack Barry of the Milbong and District Classic Tractor Club, organiser of the official Versatile 50 Year celebrations in Goondiwindi in February, will provide six machines for the Allora Heritage Weekend. While



President Graeme McMillan.

historical machinery will roll into Allora from around Australia, the contribution from local vehicle and machinery restorers gives accurate recollections of Allora and the Southern Downs's historical past.

Glyn Rees

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Let's Celebrate Australia Day

While no official ceremony will be held in Allora, locals are welcome to attend the celebrations at the F. E. Logan Hall in Meara Place, Clifton. From 7am until 10am this Friday you can enjoy a sausage sizzle barbecue (gold coin donation) followed by the Australia Day Awards Ceremony. In Warwick, the Southern Downs community is invited to

the Australia Day Civic Ceremony at the Town Hall from 9am this Friday. The Australia Day Awards ceremony will be held for the 2024 recipients, and there will be a

citizenship ceremony to welcome eighteen new Aussies to the region from countries including Mauritius, USA, Philippines and New Zealand.

Why 26th January 1788?

As Woolworths and other retail outlets decide to reduce Australia Day merchandise offered for sale it might be time to examine why this particular date is important and whether our celebrations reflect the significance of the date.

A common mistake is to believe the date relates to the voyage of Captain James Cook as he explored the east coast of Australia.

Cook's remarkable voyage of exploration took place in 1770 but was significant as he reported favourably on the island continent that had remained relatively unknown to Europeans to that point.

As terrible social conditions in Britain during the 18th century resulted in high crime rates, British gaols were overflowing.

The government decided to transport many prisoners to the other side of the world in an attempt to solve the problem.

Cook's favourable report was the catalyst for choosing the Australian continent as the site for a convict settlement or as some might say, a dumping ground for unwanted prisoners.

British settlement began on 26th January 1788 as the First Fleet of eleven ships carrying about 700 convicts and 550 soldiers, government officials with only a few wives and children disembarked.

Every person of that First Fleet believed they would be back in Britain within just a few years.

Of the convicts very few ever returned to Britain once they received their Ticket of Leave as

the price of ship travel was well beyond their finances.

It could be said the convicts were dispossessed of their homeland.

The task confronting every person on that First Fleet was enormous and totally overwhelming as they confronted a harsh environment with little knowledge of how to survive or possibility of outside help.

The unwanted of Britain were sent to the other side of the earth with very little concern as to whether they perished or not.

But survive they did.

The vast majority of convicts were guilty of mostly petty crimes such as Joseph Buckley who, at 38 years of age, stole a purse containing 40 shillings and received a sentence of transportation for seven years and was described by his guards as "tolerably decent and orderly".

Margaret Bunn was a servant and 26 years of age when she disembarked the First Fleet having been convicted of stealing one linen handkerchief and a purse with one shilling.

She married another convict, Thomas McLean, on 18th March 1788 but he left her when his sentence finished in 1791 and she died in the colony in 1825 aged 63 years.

Mostly the convicts were not hardened criminals but were forced to commit petty crimes in order to survive.

Their survival instincts were to serve them well in this new inhospitable land.

The convicts built the colony and worked the farms during the early days.

Australians need to know their stories to understand why 26th January is so relevant to Australia Day.

We should be proud of their survival and how from such a poor beginning a great nation evolved.

Is the convict story one that should be highlighted more in our national day of celebration so all Australians understand why the date is so significant?

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- 10.30am - Show Jumping
- 2.00pm - Pavilion Open to public
- 5.00pm - 2 for 1 Side Show Alley
- 6.00pm - Bull Ride Spectacular
- 7.30pm - Free Entertainment till late

SATURDAY

- 6.00am - Gates open
 - 8.00am - Ring Events all day - Beef Cattle, Led Steer & Heifer classes
 - 8.30am - Show Jumping, Dog judging, Pavilion Open
 - 9.00am - Stud Beef, Goats, Sheep, Poultry & Birds judging
 - 10.00am - Pet Parade
 - 12.00pm - Official Opening - Angus Lane
 - 5.30pm - Pavilion entries collected
 - 5.45pm - Comedy Show
 - 6.30pm - Children's Events
 - 7.30pm - Demolition Derby Calcutta
 - 8.00pm - Fireworks Display
 - 8.30pm - Demolition Derby
- NOTE - Program times may vary on the night**

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- Adults - \$15/day
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 - Age & Disability Pension with card - \$5/day
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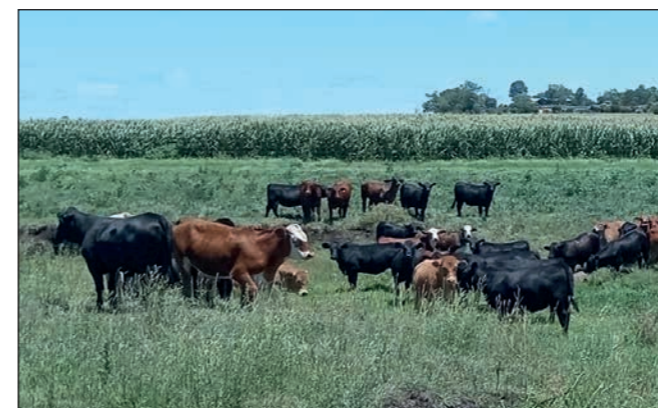
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- Steer 331kg up to 400 kg
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Wattles Numbers Impress at Opening Training



Local league heroes the Wattles Warriors galloped in to the 2024 Toowoomba Rugby League season last week with their initial pre-season training session at Clifton's Platz Oval.

Club President Amanda O'Halloran was more than enthusiastic with the attendance numbers and is looking forward to a year of achievements for all involved in green and gold.

It's certainly been a decade of accomplishments for the Warriors, with three first grade premierships on their clubhouse mantlepiece since 2014, along with an impressive line up of finals and grand final appearances by the senior grade times.

Wattles last win in a season decider saw Captain-Coach Travis Burns guide his top-grade outfit to hoist the premiership silverware in 2022 after rolling over the Gatton Hawks 51 - 20 at Toowoomba's Clive Berghofer Stadium in front of a packed crowd.

With Burns directing his side from the sideline last year, the Warriors fell short of retaining their premiers title in an elimination final 26 - 20 loss in what can be termed a traditional battle with the Warwick Cowboys.

Debutant coach Tony



The Wattles Warriors are putting out the call for volunteers for their coming season. A few seasons back, on field stars Matt Duggan, Damien McDonald, Ryan Duggan & Rohan Crouch proved unlikely catering heroes. Who will step forward to be part of Wattles new generation of volunteers?

Morris guided his Reserve Grade team to the edge of a grand final last season, before finishing behind the Dalby Diehards 26 - 34 in a fiercely contested preliminary final.

The Cameron Hamblin coached Warriors Under 19 outfit saw the curtain fall on their 2023 premiership aspirations losing in extra time 23 - 22 to the Goondiwindi Boars.

Wattles have retained their coaching stable for the new season, and according to President Amanda O'Halloran are confident the large majority of players from last season will line-up, along with some new faces.

Reach for your diary and list the Barrett Family Sheild at Platz Oval on Saturday

March 23rd, with the Toowoomba Rugby League season now scheduled to kick-off on the weekend of April 6th & 7th.

Volunteer Honours Available

While the Wattles club proudly espouse their decade of on field achievements, to maintain the standard they need a dependable line-up of off field support.

As the club embarks on their 59th season, they are offering opportunities for volunteers to be involved.

Amanda O'Halloran is putting out the call to "Help us make the 2024 season the best ever by volunteering just a small amount of your time at our home games."

"Extra hands will mean

a lot to our players and the small band of volunteers already at the club."

"To give just an one hour on game day assisting would add so much to the proficiency and general operation of the club.

Areas of assistance that would be greatly welcomed include canteen duties, barbecue operation, the bar, gatekeeping, match day ticket selling, field set up and pack up, photography, duty officials, online match scoring, game day clothing sales or perhaps join the fund-raising committee.

If you can help one of the Toowoomba Rugby Leagues great clubs, your club, give Amanda O'Halloran a call on 0407 663 270.

Glyn Rees

Victim of NYE Storm



Photo - Leanne Doepel.

The old community hall at Mount Marshall lost parts of its roof in the storm that went through Allora on New Year's Eve. If anyone has information on the history

of the hall located on the Hendon - Mt Marshall Road, the Allora Advertiser would be happy to share it with readers.

Allora Golf Notes



The Ty Gardner Concreting medal of medals was played on Sunday during January's monthly medal with Rod Simpson taking out the honours for 2023. Congratulations Rod!

January's monthly medal winners (Thank you Ty Gardner Concreting) were: 1st: Duke Maloney - 66 points, 2nd: Kerry Staines - 68 points, 3rd: Rod Simpson - 70 points.

Nearest the pins: 4th - Duke Maloney, 8th - Steve Gibson, 16th - Shannon Gardner, 17th - Shannon

Gardner Approaches: 6th - Garth Simpson, 12th - Wayne McKewen, 15th - Sam McLary

Long putts: 2nd - Duke Maloney, 11th - Duke Maloney

Friday was the duck run (Thank you Allora Hardware) and the winners were: 1st: Kev Harrison - 21 points, 2nd: Rod Simpson - 21 points

Nearest the pin on the 17th - Rod Simpson

Approach on the 11th - John Ellwood

Long putt on the 14th - John Sparksman

Upcoming events: 28 January - Allora Butchery 2-person ambrose

4 February - Railway Hotel Allora monthly mug Memberships are now due for 2024.

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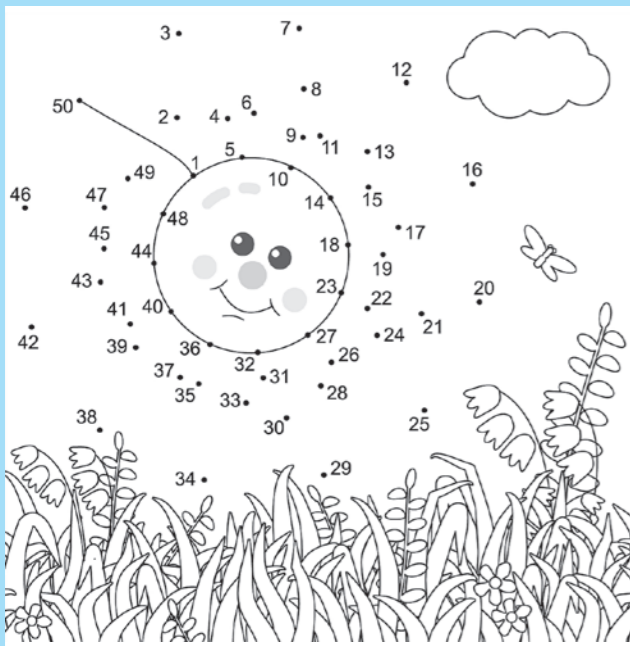
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Bailey Selected In Qld Swim Team

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As part of the Qld Regional Relays, Bailey anchored the DDRSA 15 and over 4 x 50m Freestyle Relay to swim the team home for Gold.

In his individual events, Bailey took the state Silver in the 50m and 100m Freestyle and Bronze in the 50m Breaststroke.

Bailey's success at the State Championships led to his selection in the Qld Swimming Country Team of 12 from across the state to travel to Adelaide for the South Australia Open Championships.

Bailey swam the 50 and 100m Freestyle and Breaststroke events as well as the 50m Butterfly. Bailey has been on the

blocks alongside some of Australia's best also competing at this event including Kyle Chalmers and Matt Temple.

In Adelaide, Bailey swam in four relays, bringing home Gold alongside his Qld Team mates in the 4 x 50 Freestyle and 4 x 50 Medley Relays and Bronze in the 4 x 100m Freestyle relay.

Bailey swam the lead-off in a 52 second personal best time.

Prior to his departure to Adelaide, Bailey also competed at the WP Kemp Memorial Sprints in Gatton, winning all four events, breaking two pool records in the 15 years 50 Free and 50 Fly and taking out the WP Kemp Sprint Final for the second year.

Bailey will now focus on the school swimming pathway and Qld Sprint Championships before the Swimming Australia Age National Championships on the Gold Coast in April.



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