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Who Do We Want As Mayor?



Incumbent Mayor Vic Pennisi



Independent candidate
Melissa Hamilton



Candidate Lindsay Goodwin
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The Queensland Local Government elections will be held on Saturday 16 March.

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About Me:
For the past decade I have been the owner-operator of Cherry Lane Nursery on Sugarloaf Road. I was raised on a farm at Amiens. I come from a line of strong and capable women with my great grandmother, grandmother and mother all holding important roles in the community. I am particularly passionate about the Arts for their importance in cognitive development, benefits to mental health and social interaction. I involve myself in many community activities including the Border District Eisteddfod, Stanthorpe Rotary, Chamber of Commerce, Choirs, Orchestras and Theatre groups and I love netball, tennis, swimming and rowing.

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On the second weekend of every month Allora's Art Market will open at The Stables and art lovers are welcome to call, browse and buy if you find that perfect piece of artwork.

The Art Market will be a showcase for up and coming artists and handmade crafts. Exhibited this weekend will be oil paintings and portraits by well-known local artist Margaret Clinton Kemp (pictured) in her gallery Gallery De Ville in Clifton.

Margaret is also



happy to paint or draw a portrait of your loved one.

Pop in this weekend to 72 Herbert Street Allora, behind Katie's Café.

Look for the signs in the morning and lose yourself in the art world.

Allora P-10 Students Hop Into World of Entrepreneurship



In a bid to foster real-world entrepreneurial skills, the Year 8 Economics and Business class (pictured right) at Allora P-10 has embarked on an exciting journey by running its own small business project to fundraise for the school.

The students will be selling fun "Easter Tweets" starting next week for \$2 each.

Each Easter Tweet is a treat with a message attached. All staff and students are welcome to order the treat and write a kind message to someone they appreciate in the school. The Easter Tweets will be delivered to classrooms in Week 9.

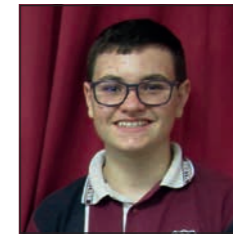
Under the guidance of their teacher, the budding entrepreneurs have been given the opportunity to put their theoretical knowledge into practice. "This project allows us to 'learn while doing' with a hands on experience to make us think of all the aspects of

running a successful business" says Fletcher Griffin, head of the human resources team and spokesperson.

The students have taken charge of every aspect of the business, from conceptualising and pitching ideas to managing finances, marketing, human resources and operations. Sophie Masters, the head of the finance team, says "We are learning how to calculate our income and expenses to ensure we are generating funds for the school".

"The experience also ties into what we are learning in Unit 1 and what we will be assessed on this term" says Benjamin Mason, head of the operations team.

Allora P-10 takes pride in nurturing the entrepreneurial spirit of its students and is committed to providing them with opportunities to thrive in the ever-evolving



LEFT: Benjamin Mason.



RIGHT: Fletcher Griffin.

BELOW RIGHT: Sophie Masters.




world of business and entrepreneurship.

"The Easter Tweets are a really fun way to connect with each other at school and let them know you appreciate them". Please join Miss Jones in supporting these wonderful students with allowing your son/daughter

to purchase a \$2 Easter Tweet for someone special at Allora State School.

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WIND FARM INFORMATION MEETING

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The aim of the meeting is to provide as much details as possible to local residents. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Laura Partnering With Rural Aid

Former Allora local and Australian champion netballer, Laura Geitz, is partnering with Rural Aid in the lead up to Mates Day on March 20 to urge Aussies to think about the farmers behind the food we eat under this year's campaign theme 'Every plate tells a story'.

After spending what Laura describes as an 'incredible childhood' on her family's 607-hectare cattle

and grain property at Allora on Queensland's Darling Downs, the retired sports star and mum of four said she was very grateful to come on board as official Ambassador for Rural Aid's Mates Day 2024 Campaign.

"I've had a connection with Rural Aid in the past and love what they stand for and what they do," Laura said.

"Supporting farmers in crisis, whether it be through droughts, floods, bushfires or anything else that happens in the world of agriculture is wonderful and wholesome work to be involved in.

"There are extremes that farmers are constantly battling with, and we speak so much about raising awareness of what our farmers do for us. And for me, this is a perfect way of raising that awareness."

Vintage Car Rally Heading to Allora

This Saturday 9th March the sound of forty six vintage cars driving into Allora will attract the attention of motoring and non-motoring enthusiasts alike.

The Warwick Vintage Veteran Vehicle Club is celebrating its 50th Anniversary Rally and Allora is fortunate enough to be on the agenda.

Vehicles, with some from the 1920s, will be travelling from Toowoomba, Brisbane, the North Coast and Maryborough to take

part in the Rally.

On Saturday the Rally will leave the Church of Christ in Dragon Street Warwick at 8.30am after registering and enjoying morning tea, before the drivers hit the road.

First stop is the Allora Sports Museum at about 11am however with the number of cars arriving some will be diverted to Bob Denny's hangout.

The eighty eight people who are part of the rally will enjoy lunch in town before being welcomed by

well-known local motoring guru Glenn Hentschel.

Sunday is Junabee's turn to enjoy the spectacle,

with the rally leaving the Rodeo Monument in Queens Park Warwick at 8.30am before arriving at Junabee's Local Hall.

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Allora's New Mural Completed

Congratulations and thanks to artists Jordan and Steve who designed and painted this beautiful mural for Allora. It has become another special attraction for the Best little Town on the Downs.



ABOVE: An outline is projected onto the wall at night and copied by the artists.

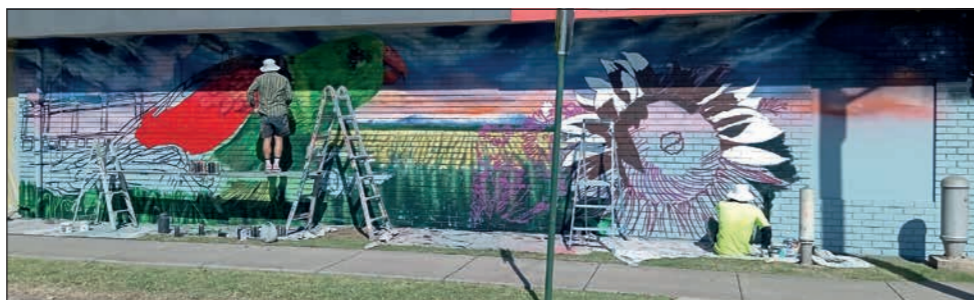
LEFT: More details starting to be filled in.



RIGHT: The mural art progresses over a few days.



BELOW: Allora's beautiful new Mural is completed.



Mahjong comes to Allora

If you have a passion for the game of Mahjong and have been secretly waiting for an opportunity to indulge this passion, the good news is that Allora now has a Mahjong group which plays weekly.

The newly formed group meets each Wednesday at the Allora Bowls Club from 1.30 to 4pm and would love new players, whether experienced or beginners, to come along.

Organiser Fiona Kajewski said there are nine regulars at the moment and they play the Australian version of

the game. Mahjong originated in China during the 1800s and has spread world wide, with Sydney Mahjong competitions held regularly with prize money in the tens of thousands.

Local Mahjong groups meet each week in Clifton and Greenmount so the game is beginning to take hold on the Darling Downs.

Organisers hope to have a combined event involving the three Darling Downs groups (Allora, Clifton and Greenmount) some time before the end of the year.

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The venue for the camp is Cherrabah Resort with places limited to 50-60 participants.

To register or for information go to www.borderlineaus.com or [@borderline.aus](https://www.instagram.com/borderline.aus)

The camp is funded and supported by Southern Downs Regional Council.

St Patrick's Day At Victoria Hill Hall

QCWA Victoria Hill Branch members are busy organizing celebrations for St Patrick's Day to be held at Victoria Hill Hall on Sunday 17th March with all the fun starting at 9.30 am.

You'll be welcomed on arrival with morning tea. Concert will commence at 10am with Irish music by Sonja & Russell "The Radicals".

John Cowley will also sing accompanied by son Tom on guitar while Helen Gillam will tell some really good jokes.

Thanks to Helen for taking on the role as sadly Olive is no longer with us.

Margaret Agnew will play piano while our members entertain with help from singer Elenor Seip.

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Record lamb slaughter reduces flock size

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Australia (MLA). During the 2020-2022 rebuild phase, producer focus on productivity and genetics has led to impressive marking rates across the sheep flock. However, the shift

from beneficial weather conditions to average conditions in 2023 led to elevated turn-off of unproductive breeding stock, resulting in a 46.7 per cent lift to sheep slaughter.

According to Stephen Bignell, Manager of Market Information at MLA, as the sheep turn-off will mostly be limited to older, unproductive ewes, this year's lamb cohort is expected to remain solid, but slightly smaller, than previous years.

As the largest exporter of sheepmeat, high Australian production will increase globally traded sheepmeat volumes. "Economic resilience in the United States and emerging markets will drive demand for lamb, while the outlook for consumer demand in China remains uncertain," Mr Bignell said.

Meaning that there will be a decrease in overall flock numbers, but not as dramatic as in comparative years," Mr Bignell said. "After 2024, the flock is expected to stabilise and remain above the ten-year average."

Slaughter and production are projected to peak in 2024, causing record supply of Australian sheepmeat into the global market. This comes after Australia produced the most lamb on record in the calendar year 2023, with 599,461 tonnes of lamb being produced in 2023, putting it 11.6 per cent higher than 2022, which was another record year.

Regardless, a shortage of competitor proteins will encourage imports of sheepmeat in high protein consumption markets." Lamb production is set to break a new record in 2024, beating the 2023 record.

Planning and development initiatives will continue to need to be activated to ensure more housing development is available in our region. "Such as the new Planning Scheme that is about to come online, which has been in development for the last couple of years, and that will help achieve this."

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"I have 20 years' experience in Local Government and if re-elected part of my focus will be to continue to reduce council debt in a steady, sustainable way so as to help to continue delivering core and essential services, in an efficient and an effective way, to the community." Cr Gow said.

"I voted against the big borrowings during the first term of Southern Downs Regional Council, between 2008 and 2012. I then voted for the current approach to the budget, and that is to pay off a steady, sustainable amount, in each Council budget.

"This resolution was passed at the end of the second term of the amalgamated Council.

"At the time Council was in over \$30 million in debt and now we are a bit over \$10 million in debt.

"We will need to continue to be efficient, effective and innovative about service delivery in a way that must be affordable and of good quality, to meet community requirements.

"Planning and development initiatives will continue to need to be activated to ensure more housing development is available in our region.

"Such as the new Planning Scheme that is about to come online, which has been in development for the last couple of years, and that will help achieve this."

Cr Gow explained the reason behind his

nomination for re-election.

"The most enjoyable part of being a Councillor is helping individual people and community groups achieve whatever it is that they would like to achieve within the framework of local government. I receive phone calls, emails, letters and talk to people every day about things that they would like to have done, and I work to make it happen for them to the best of my ability," he said.

"Listening to people and then representing their needs to Council is the most important part of working for and engaging with the



community.

"Thank you for the opportunity as it is an absolute honour and a

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Wattles Clash with Danes in Junior Local Derby

Enthusiasm was high as Wattles Juniors battled out pre-season trial matches against the Pittsworth Danes at Club Pittsworth.

Wattles Under 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15 and Under 17 boys' teams fronted the Danes.

With no opposition available on Saturday, Wattles' Under 15 Girls league tag and Under 18 girls sides' first appearance of the year is on hold.

Club President Aaron Gilmore and his committee have arranged a busy pre-season with upcoming trials against Tenterfield and Stanthorpe at Clifton's Platz Oval in the coming weeks as they prepare for the kick-off of the opening round on April 20th.

Last Saturday was a special occasion for Jack, Rupert, Dusty, Murphy and Billy who ran on in the Under 6 side making their rugby league debuts along with team mates from last season Ollie Van Der Poel, Elsie Macpherson and Bailey Moncton.

Coach Nick Van Der Poel was impressed with his players in their first outing, everyone putting in classy efforts.

Coach Jared Gault is looking to a promising start to the season for his Under 8 line up.

Hunter Gault and Braxton Harper crossed for an impressive pair of touchdowns each, while Zac Cobbin, Ethan Willett and Jonah Schwenke also claimed tries.

After what he saw against the Danes, Jared offered plenty of encouragement.

Saturday saw an outstanding performance by Wattles Under 11 combination according to Coach Josh Schwenke.

Harry Jones and Will Visser impressed, leading



ABOVE: Wattles Under 8 line-up share centre stage with their Pittsworth Danes opponents after their pre-season trial on Saturday morning.

Photos, Aaron Gilmore

BELOW: Wattles Under 10 outfit after their pre-season trial against Pittsworth - Chaz Daley (Under 9) Toby Schmidt, Rhys Gascoyne, Henry Johnson, Thomas Saville, Aiden Hart, Joseph Ramsay, William Ehrlich, Lochlan Wapau, Hunter Ryan, Coach Chris Ryan.



from the front with big runs and effective defence.

Another to shine in a fine team performance was Will Berry with a sensational running game.

Coach Russell McMillan was pleased with his Under 12 side's performance and while player numbers were down they played very well.

The Danes had 22 players and an obvious size advantage.

Those in green and gold went down in a determined tussle three tries to two, and while Pittsworth claimed first points, Wattles rallied in commendable fashion to be in the game.

Utility player Matt Christensen was a shining light for Wattles in his rugby league debut.

Others to catch the eye included talented centre

Adam Butler, tough defending Brodie Delvendiep, Kobie Davis who returns after a year away from Wattles and newcomer Theo Carlile.

Unfortunately, an under-manned Wattles Under 13 line-up finished on the wrong side of a 56-16 full time result in their trial.

Jade Bailey impressed with a try double, and a Danes player helping out in Wattles' colours snared a touchdown, while Jake Burns scored two goals.

Jake, Jade, Cooper Zadow and Ben Butler shone in a tough outing.

Wattles Under 14/15s powered to a dominant start to the pre-season to overwhelm the Danes.

Wattles racked up a 50-0 advantage by half time, with Coach McMillan

impressed with his line-up.

Wattles Under 17 side played a nine a side contest against the equally player short Danes under the watchful eye of stand-in coach Rylan Saville and astute trainer Steve Fitzgerald.

It was a tough outing for both sides considering player shortage and heat, but the young Warriors have kicked off their season and will be back to full competitive strength before long.

This Saturday March 9 junior rugby league returns to Clifton's Platz Oval when Wattles take on the Tenterfield Tigers in Under 7, 9, 11, 13, 14/15 and 17 along with Under 15 Girls League Tag & 18 Girls Tackle from 9am.

- Glyn Rees

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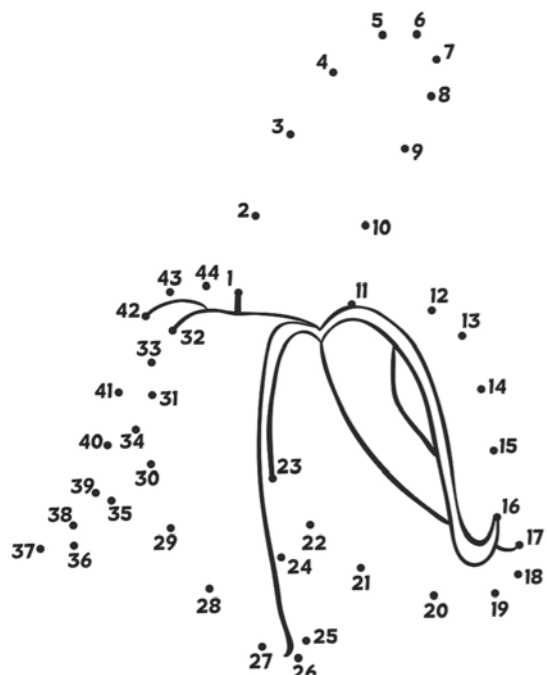
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Allora Bowls Notes

ROUND 6 - A big welcome back to our music man Ryan after his little sojourn around Tasmania, we were worried you were not coming back, great to hear your music pumping again.

We wish Greg Patto all the best after his recent eye operation, he blessed us with his presence wearing his Roy Orbison sunnies but minus his guide dog, he enjoyed the night sipping a few beers while Leanne played his game. We also heard that Greg had been invited to Gina Rinehardt's 70th birthday celebrations in Perth recently but declined the invite favouring to spend the night at bowls, maybe thinking we can't do without him. Anyone of us would have gladly accompanied him.

A consistent night of scores this week, five of the winning teams won with 16 points. A great game between Gina's Babies & Doesn't Matter with a one for one score until the Babies found their winning streak, notching up 10 on three ends.

RESULTS – RINK 1: Phoenix Rising 15 d. Beers, Bowls & Bitches 12; **RINK 2:** What A Show 16 d. The Gecko's 5; **RINK 3:** Peaky Blinders 16 d. Pig Lures 9; **RINK 4:** Cool Cats 16 d. Spring Creek 9; **RINK 5:** Stone Cutters 16 d. The Three Stooges 9; **RINK 6:** Generation Gap 16 d. Do It Again 8; **RINK 7:** Gina's Babies 17 d. Doesn't Matter 6

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WINNERS on the night - What a Show and **LOSERS** – Spring Creek. Thank you to Millstone Group for your sponsorship.

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