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General At the Annual Meeting of Scope Club of Allora Inc was pleased to Byrne. Secretary hand over donations to local organisations. Director Jill Bockmann.

During the year Scope raises money through the sale of goods at their Community Op Shop as well as selling raffle tickets with these funds then distributed. Thanks are extended to the public for their generosity which supports Scope in their important

During the functions on Saturday the Scope Zone President Mary O'Neill inducted the new executive of Scope Allora for the coming

fundraising.

12 months. President is Jill Leeson, Treasurer Noelene Robinson and Action Group

New members welcome to join Scope of Allora - it's a wonderful way to make new friends while helping the community.



Noelene & Daphne present St. Patrick's Principa Keith Blaikie with cheque for the Years 5 & 6 North Coast Holiday.





ABOVE: Guest speaker on STEM program David Moore and STEM award winner Eleanor Briggs with Daphne Whatley.

LEFT: Noelene Byrne, Daphne Whatley and Mark Munro of Toowoomba Hospice.







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July the Museum will open from 9am until 2pm. Also the popular Town

and Cemetery tours will conducted on that day and you can book for these by phoning Wendy.

### **Yarn Bombing Spectacular At Freestone**

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talented people from Freestone put on a magnificent show - they yarn bomb everything in site - the windmill, toilet, tractor and of course the Hall! This all makes for a display well worth seeing.

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This Sunday Margaret Clinton-Kemp will have an extensive collection of her works and she's happy to share with you her love for

painting and drawing. Call into the Art Market - you may find the perfect piece to take home as a memory of your time in Allora.

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## **Stunning Sport Shots**

The Allora Photography Group selected SPORT as its June topic which resulted in some impressive photos.



Glenda's shot "Bowled 'im" caught the bowler at the exact moment she released the cricket ball. Tryg was impressed with the technical aspects of the shot, it was sharp and clean where needed and metered "to perfection" considering the strong sunlight. "Honour".

### Mallora Photography Group

The Group's next meeting will be on August 14 at St Andrew's Community Centre 33 Forde St (Cnr Warwick St.) Allora. Warren Vievers, the president of the Masters' Apprentices Camera Club will be doing

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A BRILLIANT PHOTO taken by Lisa Robinson, a member of the Allora Photography Group, will feature in next week's Allora Advertiser



Michelle C went to Morgan Park and came away with "In the lead" showing sidecar rider and passenger working hard to maintain traction and stretch their lead on the second placed machine. Features of this photos were the tight framing, a fast shutter speed to stop the action and the rich colours. This one earned a "Merit"



Trevor also scored "Honour". The Pentathrun competitor was airborne when Trevor snapped him in "The home stretch". The use of vanishing perspective impressed the judge as the other two runners become smaller and less focussed to lead the eye back to the main character in the story.





## QPS Driver Awareness Training

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Following a successful training day held in May the Queensland Police Services has organised a similar programme for next month.

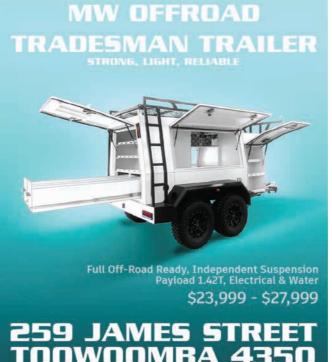
Morgan Park in Warwick is the venue and the training aims to provide the skill and knowledge to safely handle yourself in a high stress situation.

This Driver Awareness training day is free to the public and will be held Sunday 4th August between 3pm and 5pm.

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## Maryvale Is All Rugged Up For Jumpers & Jazz



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## **Farm Workers Hard To Find**

GrainGrowers Annual Policy Survey has given a revealing insight around challenges within the grains workforce, delivering extensive data on ongoing issues impacting the sector.

Workforce and recruitment questions in the survey of 663 growers across Australia has now provided a detailed snapshot of the problems that exist and opened the door to exploring options to address a range of relevant issues.

The survey results detailed that over two thirds of growers employed someone on the farm, with 31% of respondents stating they had attempted to source workers in the 12 months to March 2024.

The breakdown of those who advertised and successfully filled positions highlights a continuing shortfall in available workers.

Of those growers seeking workers, 77% advertised for Grain Farm Workers, yet only 47% successfully filled the position. For the position of Tractor/

of growers advertised, while 58% successfully filled the position. The third top category of workers required was Truck Drivers, with 31% advertised and 45% successfully filling the position.

The survey revealed greater demand for labour from larger farms, with 45% of farms greater than 3,000ha seeking employees.

GrainGrowers CEO Shona Gawel said the survey results provided additional evidence of workforce issues across the grains industry.

"While some of the issues are common to seasonal roles, there remains a large number of full-time, ongoing or permanent positions that are simply unable to be filled."

"For Grain Farm Workers, three-quarters of respondents advertised for full-time positions, with 62% for ongoing or permanent positions and just 39% for seasonal roles. This data highlights a real gap in the grains workforce, and we



need to carefully consider how this can be addressed across the longer term."

Ms Gawel said an important component of grain farm labour is access to overseas workers.

She said the survey indicated that nationally one in five respondents were looking overseas for workers, with an even higher proportion (35%) from Western Australian farms.

The report highlights a diversity of countries with similar cropping supply chains and workforce skills,

with Germany, the United Kingdom, France, New Zealand, and Denmark listed as the top five countries of origin for overseas workers.

"The results show the need for tailored solutions for different cropping regions and the opportunity to establish accessible migration pathways to assist how the grains industry can access international labour."

Details on the survey and a copy of the report are available on the GrainGrowers website www.graingrowers.com.au.



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## **Cold But No Frost**



Riders cruised to Leslie Dam

The wind blew the frost away for this year's Frostbite Rally, run by the Warwick Branch of the Historical Motorcycle Club of Queensland last weekend at the Allora Showgrounds.

Over 130 riders and pillions enjoyed the celebrations for the 30th Anniversary rally, with 100 bikes lured to the original rally site at Leslie Dam on Saturday by the promise of

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a free can of beer. Saturday night dinner was provided by the Railway Hotel, preceded by the usual pumpkin soup appetiser and fire braziers to socialise around later in the

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made another excursion to the Clifton pie shop to enjoy their fine cuisine.

Short and long rides were run on Sunday morning in all directions around Allora, interrupted by a delicious smoko at the showgrounds and finished off with the awards presentation and a snag before all weary participants headed home.

Allora is looking forward to welcoming back the riders for next year's Frostbite



Keeping warm around the fire brazier.



## **Under 12's Shine in Tough Day Out for Wattles**

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It was 'even stevens' in Wattles Ryanie for Tyres Under 12 team's contest with Warwick's Collegians Dragons on Saturday at a very chilly St Mark's Sports Grounds, both teams finishing with two tries apiece.

Coach Russell McMillan was well and truly chuffed with the effort of his side of up and comers, and credited much of their good form against the highly rated Dragons to experience gained by a number of players at the recent Zone 5 Carnival.

While Bryce Bateman served as a more than affective enforcer on Saturday, the coach issued credit to all members of his Under 12's for a sterling performance.

"They played their best game of the year so far" said the coach with a smile.

Wattles try scorers were fullback Jackson McMillan and centre Levi Zadow.

Hefty Footy Program - It was a full program against the Collegians Club with teams running on in Under 6, 7, 8. 9. 10, 11, 12, 13, 15, 15 Girls league tag, 17 and 18 girls.

Willett Electrical Under 7 - It was certainly a telling challenge for Wattles gallant Under 7's against one of the competitions toughest

"To the young players credit they never gave in" said proud coach Ross Williams.

Plenty of strong go forward by Axel Schluter saw him named the enthusiastic winner of the Crackerjack Chicken Player of the Match award.

Wattles try scorers were Kaiden Williams & Olivia Mullen.

Railway Hotel, Allora Under 8 - Coach Jared Gault rated Wattles Under 8's effort against the Dragons highly, with everyone putting in 100% in both attack and defence.

"The team continues to step up each game".

A fine game saw Patrick Ehrlich presented with the Clifton Jam Factory & Café Man of the Match honours.

Clifton Auto Ag Service Under 11 - It was a tough day on the paddock for the Under 11 team facing quality competition in the form of the Dragons.

New recruit Hugh Spain collected the Crackerjack Chicken Man of the Match award for his high work rate that included plenty

Full marks to Will Berry and Will Visser, their defensive performance was also a highlight.

Rylee Boom and Marcus Potts also had commendable games.

All In Electrical Under 15 Girls League Tag - Collegians ground out a convincing 28-4 win in the Girls Under 15 League Tag

The young Wattles ladies "were rusty after a lengthy break from footy" said coach George

While the green & gold effort was there as always, frequent errors had a telling influence.

Wattles did look promising in attack and made quality ground when they completed their sets.

Some excellent line breaks and a touchdown to Teeah Davis were some of the highlights.

**Drayton Medical Centre** Under 15 - Wattles Under 15's held out to secure an exciting while tight 18 - 16 win over the rampant

The Glen McMillan coached Warriors ran in six tries to four with goal kicking duties tough in the windy conditions.

The Coach was very happy with the way his players defended for one another under pressure towards the end of the game. Zac Wheeldon landed the Crackeriack Chicken Player of the Match award with his gem of a covering tackle at the end of the game saving a certain try!

Orry Gilmore and Joe Llewellyn were strong in the middle, with Hugh Denny and Jake Lyons adding some nice finishing touches to a valuable victory.

Farm Spray Under 17 -Wattles boys senior grade juniors were staring down the barrel of a 50-6 deficient when the full time hooter sounded in the Under 17

Not only did Patrick Denny win Player of the Match honours, he crossed for Wattle sole try.

"Patty really showed everyone at the field that he wanted the win more than anyone else there" said coach Matt Christensen.

Oliver Cooper and Dante Shephard-Picton also impressed: they really showed a lot of toughness in a rough game.

Club Hotel, Clifton Under 18 Girls - Wattles U 18 girls at no stage backed away from the battle when they took on Collegians



Wattles Under 7 Man of the Match Axel Schluter is mighty proud of himself with team coach Ross Williams on Saturday.

Under 18 girls in very cold conditions.

The young Wattles ladies all stepped forward giving their best in the first half after losing a player injured as a result of a tackle.

Despite a vacant bench. Wattles continued to throw all they could muster against their opponents who were dominating the game until Jess Bateman ploughed her way over to score and convert Wattles initial try.

The second stanza saw Wattles running out of energy as they combated a numbers rich Collegians line-up.

The home team continued to move the score further in their

favour finishing up 42 to 6.

"We had a few players out for this game, and the recent four week break certainly wasn't in our favour" said coach Bill Gorringe.

Billie Gorringe collected the Crackerjack Chicken Player of the Match award, while Hollie Betts was outstanding with her tackling. Much credit also to Piper

Brady back in team colours. "Overall, the girls played the

best they could on the day."

Warwick & District Junior Rugby League - Round 11 -Saturday 20 – 07 – 2024

Wattles host the Tenterfield Tigers on home turf at Platz Oval.

## **Allora Golf Results**



Friday's Hardware duck run - The winners: 1st: Sam McLary -22 points, 2nd: Michael Kelk Jnr -19 points.

Sunday's Amy's Cafe Monthly Medal - The format was Versus Par - this month's winners: 1st: Aaron Simpson - +5, 2nd: Kev Hurley - +3.

Pin shots: 4th: Wavne McKewen. 7th: Wavne McKewen, 8th: Ken Wilson, 13th: Wayne McKewen, 16th: Ken Wilson, 17th: Aaron Simpson.

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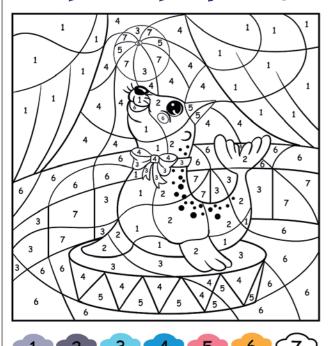
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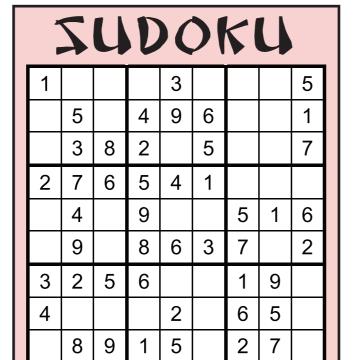
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### **Wattles Trio Feature in Clydesdales Carnival Success**



Wattles first graders Cooper Tate-Roche, Lachlan Watt and Tommy Hatch where members of the all-conquering Toowoomba Clydesdales side that claimed the 2024 Central Division 47th Battalion Memorial Trophy.

The Toowoomba Clydesdales, with three Wattles Warriors top graders in the line-up, have retained the 47th Battalion Memorial Trophy over the past weekend at Kingaroy's T.J. O'Neill Oval.

Wattles' front rower Cooper Tate-Roche, hooker Thomas Hatch and three-quarter Lachlan Watt were members of the undefeated Clydesdales who finished Carnival champions after ousting the Sunshine Coast Falcons 12 – 4 in Sunday afternoon's final.

The 47th Battalion Trophy has a long and distinguished history in Queensland Rugby League

circles, initially in the Wide Bay region.

The carnival was born 53 years ago as an ode to those who served in what was unofficially known as the "Wide Bay Regiment" that served in World War II.

The 47th Battalion Memorial Trophy was donated by veteran Peter Marcellos in 1971 to commemorate those he served alongside, and evolved into the QRL Wide Bay Division's blue ribbon senior league event.

The original Wide Bay league competition consisted of competing teams from Maryborough, Bundaberg, Gympie, South

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Burnett and Sunshine Coast team secured

McMillan and team Manager Charmain Acton played key roles in the Plate winning women's Queensland Outback open team's 2024 Central Division 47th Battalion Memorial Trophy Carnival at Kingarov last weekend.

Burnett and Sunshine Coast, with Central Burnett given full membership in 1985.

With the formulation of the QRL Central Division through the merger of the former Wide Bay, Central and South West Divisions, the competition was expanded in 2010 and invitations extended to all Local Leagues to participate. In 2011, Women's teams were added to the competition.

Warwick Cowboys coach Colin Speed, who was at the helm of the dominant Clydesdales bid this past weekend, also coached the side when they won the prestigious trophy last year in Emerald.

In lead-up matches on Saturday the Clydesdales accounted for Gladstone Raiders 44 – 4 with Wattles' Tommy Hatch crossing for a try, and Rockhampton Rustlers 32 – 22.

The Open men's Plate final was won by the Burnett Brahmans who outgunned the Queensland Outback side 34 – 12.

Assistant Coach for the men's Queensland Outback team was former long-term Wattles first grader and State League level player Luke Brosnan. The Outback side was coached by former Queensland State of Origin player John Doyle.

Aside from the Clydesdales, Burnett and Queensland Outback - which included players from Mount Isa to St George for the first time, Sunshine Coast, Gladstone and Rockhampton, the Bundaberg Bears also made their presence felt

Sunshine Coast Claim Women's Title - The Sunshine Coast Falcons emerged victors in the Women's Open competition final after a convincing 20 – 4 win over the Toowoomba Clydesdales.

The Queensland Outback

team secured an exciting Plate final with a 4-0 win over the Gladstone Raidettes.

In their effort to qualify for the final and claim Carnival runners-up honours, the women's Clydesdales side finished 32 – 10 winners over Wide Bay before a hard fought 10 – 4 success over Central Highlands.

Reagan & Charmain Fly Central Downs Flag - The Wattles area was more than capably represented in the Carnival Plate winning Queensland Outback women's line-up by Allora's Reagan McMillan.

A former Wattles junior player, polished outside back Reagan currently turns out for the Highfields Eagles in the TRL Toowoomba Sports Club Open Women's competition.

After thirteen rounds of the competition the Highfields side are second on the premiership ladder with Reagan sharing equal top tryscorer honours with Eagles team mate Kelsie Price and Newtown's Kiara Taylor with nine touchdowns each.

Barcaldine based league administrator & long serving Queensland Outback representative official Charmain Acton, a former Allora local, was the Outback women's team manager adding further to local identity involvement.

"The team and management are very proud of their efforts over the Carnival" according to Charmain

The Rockhampton women's side claimed a 26 – 4 win over the Outback women's side in the Carnival's first round, before the Outback line-up posted a solid 30 – 4 win over Wide Bay on their way to success in the Plate final.

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