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Capturing The Moment



This amazing photo was taken at Killarney by Allora local Lisa Robinson, a member of the Allora Photography Group — The young rider was doing his best Superman impression as his mount sent him flying through the air. Check out the rapt attention of the onlookers and their expressions of shock or delight, and the concern on the face of the rodeo clown. Lisa was awarded an Honour by independent judge, Tryg Hellander at the Group's recent meeting. "Great action, great connection from the crowd, decisive moment photography at its best. This is fine work." the judge commented.



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Scope Op Shop Sale A Huge Success



Volunteers from Scope - Barb, Sandra, Daph and Linda with

Volunteers at Allora were run off their feet on Saturday with shoppers picking up heaps of great bargains.

From 9am the rush was on with many items going at half their already cheap price.

Tables full of books, games and toys were set up near the Back Shed and it was a perfect sunny day for browsing and buying. Inside the Back Shed shoppers took advantage of

the low prices on crockery, glasses and kitchenware.

During the day volunteers of Allora Scope Op Shop presented Mark Munro of Toowoomba Hospice with four \$50 vouchers for their Christmas



Mark was delighted as

SALE CONTINUES -

he had already received

\$200 when attending their

Due to the popularity of

Saturday's Sale, Scope

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this Thursday 25 July

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Finally - The Golf Bridge Is Finished!





TOP: Lowering the bridge into position. TOP RIGHT: Golfers stress testing the new structure. RIGHT: Completed bridge.

On Monday all hands were on deck to install the new bridge at the Allora Golf Course.

It's been two years coming due to complex issues and wet weather but well worth the wait.

Golfers are now able to use the bridge which is fitted with safety railings.

Bellinghams of Warwick did the heavy lifting with their huge crane. Then came Adam Nesbitt and his crew from ArcPoint Industries that

Walker with the concreting and Kev Harrison handled the plumbing works.

piece of infrastructure for our picturesque Golf Course at Allora.

The Bridge was funded

through a grant from the Queensland Government's Department of Sports, Recreation and Arts.

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If you have an enquiry on Thursday please phone
The Clifton Courier Office on 4697 3603

Days for Girls – Allora and District



At last month's gathering a further 60 kits were packed by Days for Girls (DfG). These will now form part of the 150 kit commitment to go to PNG in the near future. For the financial year 23/24, the group has packed an amazing 990 kits.

The group received a grant from the Australian Days for Girls for \$1000 which the leaders had great pleasure in spending on materials and underwear for use in the making of the kits.

The fundraising initiative Allora DfG "Container for Cash' account

has had several donations so far. People and businesses may like to use the code 'C10749279' when depositing their eligible containers and the refund will be directly deposited into the Allora DfG account

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If you want containers collected contact Kaylene via the Allora DFG email or they can be dropped off at any monthly gathering.

The next gathering will be Monday 29th July at 9am at the Function Room, MacKillop House, Warwick St, Allora. Please bring something for morning tea.

Allora and district Days for Girls Executive team is Heather Goonan 0434 907 904, Lenore Wissemann 0428 973 432, Shirley Cornhill and Kaylene Williams or email: alloraqld@daysforgirls.org

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Southern Downs Small Home Survey

Southern Downs
Regional Council is
inviting feedback from the
community, the local building
and development industry
and community service
organisations with a survey
regarding the potential of
small homes in the region.

The survey aims to gather valuable feedback to guide Council's decision-making process concerning minimum dwelling sizes and related policies.

Mayor Melissa Hamilton said that the survey will ensure the Ωf residents. voices industry professionals and community support professionals before any decisions are made

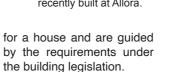
"Gathering feedback from all sectors of the community will help Council make informed decisions that reflect the needs and preferences of our residents." Mayor Hamilton said.

The survey will focus on understanding community attitudes towards small homes which are becoming increasingly popular as affordable and sustainable housing options.

Key topics will include the appropriate minimum size for primary residences and the potential impact on local amenity and character.

Council currently has set the minimum size for a house at 35 square metres.

Neighbouring Councils don't have a minimum size



Council is committed to considering modern housing trends and community expectations while ensuring that any new policies align with regional planning objectives and take into consideration the outcomes of the Southern Downs Planning Scheme review.

The survey can be completed online at - www. sdrc.qld.gov.au/living-here/have-your-say/southern-downs-small-home-survey

or hard copies are available from Council's Customer Service Centres and the Southern Downs Libraries in Allora and Warwick.

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Volunteers Desperately Needed



popular QCWA sandwich shop in Warwick needs help.

Members would like to keep their tea rooms open for their loyal customers and the community.

A decision was made some time ago to close the rooms on a Monday and now they are concerned they may have to close on another day as well if they can't get helpers.

The QCWA Condamine Valley/Warwick tea rooms have been operating for close to 100 years so it would be disappointing if they could only open for 3 days a week.

If you would like to become a volunteer please phone the tea rooms when they are open between Tuesday to Friday on 4661

Mental Health Centre For Warwick

The Warwick Medicare Mental Health Centre will provide free access to health services mental across the region and is a joint initiative between the Australian and Queensland governments.

Darling Downs West Moreton PHN Chief Executive Officer, Ms Lucille Chalmers, said the funding was important to address some of the significant mental health care challenges across the Darling Downs region.

"Darling Downs and West Moreton PHN is delighted with this injection of resources to our region.

"Mental health and suicide prevention is a big concern for the Darling Downs, and we know that Warwick in particular, along with its surrounding areas, is in need of this additional investment,"

The new service will be the third Medicare Mental Health Centre for the Darling Downs and West Moreton PHN region, along with Ipswich and Kingarov.

"We know experience with Kingarov and Ipswich how valuable the process of designing the service with the community is," said Ms Chalmers.

The PHN will soon commence co-design of the Warwick Medical Mental Health Centre.

Stakeholders and community interested in the co-design process should register their interest by going to www.ddwmphn. com.au/contact-us.

Guest Speaker at Men's Breakfast

The speaker at the Allora Presbyterian Church Men's Breakfast on Saturday the 27th July is Dick Warner. Dick is a young 79 year old, who has been married to Elaine for 55 years and they have 3 adult children. He has had varied occupations from horse work, fencing, vard building, wool pressing. storeman, tractor driver, seed grade operator (in the 1960's when it was all bags) and eventually a farmer/

grazier with cattle and sheep. Dick currently lives at Wyreema on 22 acres. In his spare time he has flown both fixed and rotary wing aircraft. Dick is a follower of Jesus and enjoys helping Gideons in his retirement.

All are welcome to come to the free breakfast (cereal, snags, bacon, eggs, toast, coffee,tea) at the Allora Presbyterian Church hall, 7.30am 27th July.

Jumpers & Jazz Festival Celebrates 20 Years

nothing to dampen the spirits of visitors to Warwick for the quirky and famous Jumpers & Jazz Festival.

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Running for 10 days with the festival winding up this Sunday 28 July.

The Yarnbombed Tree Exhibition was a popular attraction with the winners announced on Saturday.





ABOVE: SCORE THEME - First Place: Dawn Smit & Kerri Harycki (Musical Theatre).

LEFT: EXCELLENCE IN KNITTING AND CROCHET - Coral Chromatics - Narelle Mercer.



Spot The League Legends

Coming to Allora on Friday are some well known ex NRL players - Shane Webcke, Trevor Gillmeister and Ben Ikin.

They'll be in town for the Allora Sports Museum Long Lunch at the Commercial Hotel.

Unfortunately the lunch has been sold out but you'll no doubt see these footballers getting around Allora.

Just a reminder that the Allora Sports Museum in Herbert Street is open every Thursday and admission is just \$5 adults, kids free.

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Locals are always happy to see Shane Webcke back in town.

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The Back

GRDC Urges Growers to Assess Their Farm Silos

incidents involving collapse of on-farm silos has industry experts calling on grain growers across the country to assess and either maintain or decommission older silos.

Grains Research and Development Corporation (GRDC) grain storage extension team specialist Chris Warrick offered the warning in the wake of several serious, on-farm incidents involving the

Image - Brenton Vanstone

Australia.

Mr Warrick said while well maintained silos could last in excess of 30 years, growers needed to effectively check, assess and recognise when critical storage equipment was no longer fit for purpose or had been structurally compromised.

"If a silo is not structurally sound. strongly we encourage growers to seek an alternative storage option, make repairs or

> decommission the silo to prevent further damage, injury or catastrophic failure of the silo.

> "Storing pulses and fertilisers can be higher risk than cereal grains, with higher bulk density different flow characteristics placing greater loads on silos which can cause them to fail if structural weak points are apparent in either the design, materials, corrosion, damage or modifications undertaken.

"These commodities require stronger wall

sheets and/or wall supports and stronger cone bases than for cereal grains. Cracked concrete bases, unlevel bases, damaged silo legs or wall sheets, corroded rivets or bolts are known contributors to silos failing under load."

The well-known Australian expert said a checklist for growers assessing silo integrity should include:

- · Is the foundation the silo is sitting on stable?
- · Are the support legs and base rings free of damage and rust and in sound condition?
- · Are the wall sheets free of damage and rust?

· Are all fixings (rivets and bolts) in sound condition? · Is the ladder structure

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- (if applicable) in sound condition for safe use?
- cleaning and Does operating the silo pose a safety risk?

Mr Warrick encouraged growers to considering writing a maintenance or decommission plan for silos immediately following loading or out loading when any issues were front of

"The decision to maintain or replace silos is critical for safe farming operations and needs to happen well in advance of harvest," he



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Valleys Clean Sweep Warriors



A Wattles Warriors 38 – 10 first grade loss to fellow top five team the Valleys Roosters added further to a day of disappointments at Toowoomba's John McDonald Sports Complex for those loyal to the green and gold.

Wattles crumbled in all three programmed matches succumbing to the might of host club.

A win would have nudged the first grade Warriors a rung further up the Toowoomba Rugby League Hutchinson Builders premiership ladder firming in the top four with the final's series only four fixtures away.

Valleys flexed plenty of muscle to lead 12 – 4 at halftime before four second stanza touchdowns ushered them to their convincing six try to two winning result.

The Roosters defence and forward pack commitment laid the foundation for the home side win, while fullback Brock Diment was in sensational form running the ball resulting in Player of the Match honours.

Wattles halfback
Matt Duggan, along
with threequarters Matt
Christensen and Andrew
Richardson made their
presence felt, with

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Richardson running on after a four-week injury absence.

Winger Mitch Bourke continued his more than reliable performances on the edge, especially returning the ball, while mobile Western Clydesdales aligned prop Penisimani Teaupa and back rowers Nick Van Der Poel and Tyson Stevens impressed in the Wattles engine room.

The Warriors didn't start the crucial Round 14 fixture as well as Coach Travis Burns would have liked. While conceding the Roosters were too classy an outfit on the day, "the score wasn't an accurate indication of the game."

"We could have made better use of the breeze in the first half."

Wattles were still in the game by the 65th minute mark trailing 10 - 18 when both teams lost a player each to the sin bin.

The Roosters then Sifted a gear in front of their home crowd with halfback Corey McGrady and backrowers Jackson Shelswell & trusted to the state of the state of

Wattles touchdowns eventuated through fullback Jackson Green in the first half before Clydesdales representative front-rower Cooper Tate-Roche scored thirteen minutes into the second stanza following a near thing by Andrew Richardson.

stages to seal the game.

Competition pressure is settling on top grade mentor Burns and his band of Warriors as they strive to

best position themselves on the ladder heading to the business end of the season.

This Saturday Wattles line up against fringe top five contenders the Souths Tigers at Toowoomba's Gold Park in a danger game for the Warriors, an absolute must win.

The green & gold injury bench is finally empty so Burns will be looking to name a full-strength outfit for the Tigers challenge.

Valleys 38 (Dylan Chown, Logona Vetemotu, Brock Diment, Jackson Shelswell, Corey McGrady, Jason Sharpe tries; Brock Diment 3, Cory McGrady 4 goals) defeated Wattles 10 (Jackson Green, Cooper Tate-Roche tries; Brayden Paix goal)

Reserve Grade - Wattles reserve grade team's recent run of seven consecutive wins came to a sudden halt when defeated by Valleys on Sunday afternoon.

While Valleys enjoyed a ten-point advantage at full time, there was only a one try difference between the two sides.

Wattles led 16 - 12 at the break through tries by winger Alex Morris, halfback Tom Morris and centre Lachlan Henry.

The home side outscored the Warriors three to one in the second stanza, will-o-wisp fullback Curtly Hammond running in a double, while Wattles touched down through classy forward Dale Perkins.

While disappointed with the loss, the coach was "reasonably happy with our

performance, but plenty to focus on at training this week".

A significant negative from the match was the loss to a season ending injury of gutsy forward and team skipper Tom Duggan.

Wattles forward pack competitors Jack Duggan, Dale Perkins and Garth Lonergan shone in a very tough contest.

Valleys 32 (Curtly Hammond 2, Harrison Burns, Joseph Brandon, Junior Chong-Nee tries; Jaren Bender 5 goals) defeated Wattles 22 (Alex Morris, Tom Morris, Lachlan Henry, Dale Perkins tries; Tom Morris 3 goals).

Under 19 - Wattles Under 19 side's one sided 32 - 10 loss to Valleys has seen them slip to fifth place on the premiership ladder, applying plenty of pressure to secure a finals slot.

Valleys escaped to an 18 – 6 halftime lead that proved more than Wattles could haul back.

Talented forward Harry Schwenke was Wattles shining light while fullback Lachlan Clements and halfback Hamish Gartery also impressed.

Valleys 32 (Joseph Litidamu, Tarrant Whittingham, Mitchell Clem, Andrew Uprichard-Green, Harry Robinson, Darcy Goodman, Jaycob O'Toole tries; Will Holley, Aston Fortier goals).

Wattles 10 (Harry Schwenke, Lachlan Clements tries; Koby De Luca goal).

Glyn Rees

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Paddy Denny Snares Four of the Best



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Wattle's Farm Spray Under 17 five-eight extraordinaire Paddy Denny proved too hot to handle for the Tenterfield Tigers at a breezy Platz Oval on Saturday, contributing four touchdowns to his team's 48 – 30 winning result.

Player of the Match Charlie Spina answered the challenge by coach Matt Christensen to "step up to the plate and be the best on the park." Aside from his brace of tries, Charlie tackled his heart out.

Halfback Billy Peardon and second-rower Oliver Cooper were also impressive in a classy team effort.

Ben Barbierato was on target around the ground with his goalkicking pocketing seven from seven attempts.

Wattles 48 (Paddy
Denny 4, Charlie Spina
2, Billy Peardon, Zac
Wheeldon tries; Ben
Barbierato 7 goals) defeated
Tenterfield 30.

Busy Day for Junior Warriors - Saturday's Round 11 fixtures signalled the run in to the 2024 Warwick & District Junior Rugby League finals series, and while officially Tenterfield were the opponents, Warwick's Collegians Dragons assisted to provide opposition in the Under 8 and Under 10 grades.

Wattles Under 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, 15 & 17 boys along with the Under 15 girls league tag all took the field on Saturday, with Under 12 and Under 18 girls being cancelled.

Railway Hotel, Allora Under 8 - Wattles Under 8's suffered a tough loss against Collegians, but there were some bright spots on the field.

Hunter Gault led the scoring with two tries, while Braxton Harper and James Johnson contributed a try apiece. While the team's attack was strong, their defence needs some improvement going forward.

The Clifton Jam Factory & Café 'Player of the Match' voucher was shared by Jack Potts and Logan Ross, who both put together notable performances.

Dalrymple Landscape & Haulage Under 9 - "The boys have been working on

defence for weeks forming our position on the field, tackles, and passes" said coach Shadai Daley.

"They worked well as a team on Saturday to run out 36 to 4 ahead on the scoreboard."

Black Toyota, Warwick Under 10 - Wattles Under 10 team played Collegians instead of sitting out a bye.

Hopefully the game was a good learning opportunity for the side not to take opposition lightly.

Wattles were outclassed by a strong defensive unit who worked as a team.

"I'm sure the young Warriors will bounce back to their best next week" said coach Chris Ryan.

Nutrien Harcourts
Clifton Under 13 - Wattles
Under 13 side finished 13
- 28 behind the Tenterfield
Tigers in the Under 13 clash.

All In Electrical Under 15 Girls League Tag - With coach George Berry an absentee, under the astute eye of Barry Sweet Wattles Under 15 girls challenged top of the ladder Tenterfield and did themselves proud.

The girls in green and gold went to the break 6-4 behind after a very close first half tussle.

Wattles sole try was scored by Lily Hinz, her first

ever touch down.

With the wind at their backs Tenterfield went on to win 28-4.

As usual the Wattles girls were happy to throw the ball around and made plenty of line breaks which unfortunately weren't converted into points.

Drayton Medical Centre Under 15 - Wattles Under 15's impressed with their first half performance against the Tigers built on a mountain of possession.

After leading 28 - 0 at halftime, Wattles lost some of their momentum, contributed to by their numbers dropping to eleven for a time in the second half.

"Our defence was tested, but we wrestled back to finish 38-16 winners" said coach Glen McMillan.

Joe Llewellyn was our Crackerjack Chicken Man of the Match, with Ben Rauchle, Jack Burton, Zac Wheeldon and Orry Gilmore all playing well.

Warwick & District Junior Rugby League -Round 12 - Saturday 27 -07 - 2024.

Wattles host the MIT (Millmerran-Inglewood-Texas) Jets on home turf at Clifton's Platz Oval.

Glyn Rees

