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Sparks Fly at Goomburra



Strong winds, downed power lines and dry vegetation helped fuel a fire in the Goomburra Valley on Saturday, which happened to be the final operating day of the Long Neck Farm. (Image Corie Ross) Story on page 2



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Goomburra Fire

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"I contacted 000, started to control the fire and kept people a distance away from the live area" Corie Ross said.

"With the help of neighbours and Goomburra Valley Campgrounds, we kept it under control until the

fire brigade arrived.

"We then switched to traffic control assistance and that's where we discovered the wire had actually fallen across the road further up the hill and visitors were actually unknowingly driving over the line for the past 30 minutes.

"Once the police arrived, the valley access was then cutoff to all traffic until Ergon could make it safe, which was about midday."

Queensland Fire Department had seven units attend the vegetation fire which took about 40 minutes to extinguish.

Saturday 31 August will stay in the memory of The Long Neck Farm along with guests at a wedding held at Gordon Country.

New Frontage for Allora Medical Centre

Since its official opening in December 2013, the Allora Medical Centre has seen significant growth and development. Over the years, the practices within have evolved and matured, much like the vibrant community it serves.

The Allora Medical Support Group (AMSG) has been dedicated to maintaining and enhancing the centre for Allora and its surrounding areas, ensuring a safe and welcoming environment for both medical staff and patients.

Not only has the practice itself matured, but the lush plants adorning the front of the building have flourished, now outgrowing their designated garden space. (They recently have received some attention.)



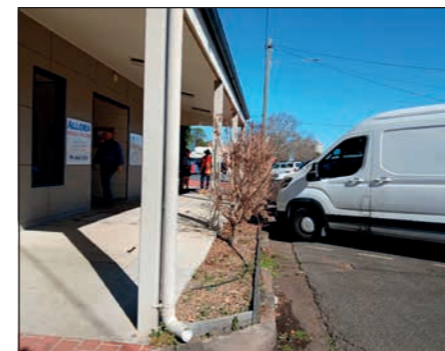
In collaboration with Dr. Claire Schmidt and her dedicated team, the AMSG has conducted a thorough review of the Medical Centre's frontage, focusing on public safety.

With the support of Dr. Schmidt and the approval of the local council, changes are set to take place in September. These changes will

include a complete overhaul of the front area. Due to concerns about visibility and accessibility, the current vegetation will be removed, and the concrete frontage will be redesigned. The new design will feature a few steps leading from the car parks in front of the centre, ensuring easier access for all.

The AMSG committee apologizes for any inconvenience these works may cause, but we are confident that the improvements will be well worth it. Please take care and mind your step during this transition.

- Secretary
Allora Medical Support Group



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An interesting project that's currently underway concerns chickens.

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RSVP by 9 September to admin@allorass.eq.edu.au

From Eggs, to Chicks, to Chickens



President Trevor Coulter keeping a close eye on the chicks.

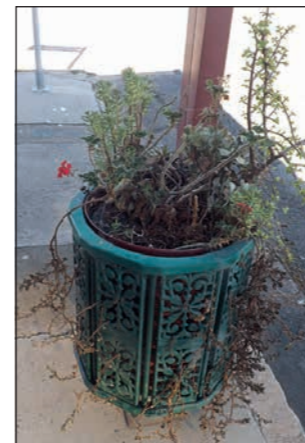


Brooder Box when chicks get a bit older.



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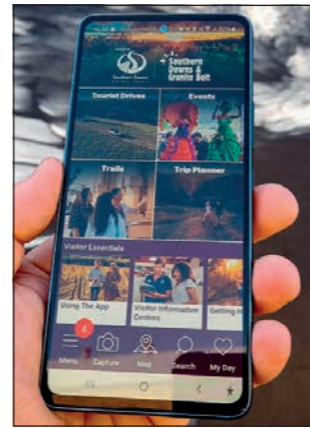
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A breakfast hosted by Pacific Seeds and Syngenta gave growers an opportunity to hear and discuss the latest trials in the industry.

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Under 15 Warriors Heading to 'Big Dance'



The Glen McMillan coached 'Drayton Medical Centre' Wattles Under 15 Junior Rugby League team will run on to the McIntyre Sports Complex oval at Inglewood on Saturday to do battle with the Warwick based Collegians Dragons in the Warwick & District Junior Rugby League blue ribbon day of season deciders.

Along with Wattles Under 15 boy's line-up, the 15 Girls League Tag, Under 17 Boys and Under 18 Girls teams tasted preliminary final action at Goondiwindi's Gilbert Oval.

Wattles only lost one of their fifteen season fixtures, finishing with Minor Premiership honours.

Both sides are well qualified for the Under 15 grades top contest, out of four on field meetings they can boast two wins apiece.

The Warriors got underway against the Tigers without the hiccups of recent weeks, "our team cohesion was impressive" said coach McMillan.

The green and gold defensive effort was also on high, with Archer Steinhardt setting an admirable example.

Ball control showed some blemishes and can definitely improve, but nevertheless the Warriors put together some classy tries on their way to victory.



Wattles 'All In Electrical' Under 15 Girls League Tag team on Sunday after contesting the Warwick & District Junior Rugby League Preliminary Final at Gilbert Oval, Goondiwindi - Back: Isabella Wolski, Lily Hinz, Zoey Sweet, Tori Sweet, Teeah Davis, Ella Morris, Georgia Death, Mia Berry, Kaleah Short, Olivia Brady, Molly Williams, Millie Delsanto. Middle: Priseis Williamson, Emelia Hoey, Peighton Hetherington, Mahailia Williams, Rikaya Kelk. Front - Roxy Williams. (Image: George Berry)

Go forward front-rower Joe Llewellyn, lock Jack Burton, hooker Orry Gilmore and fullback Ben Rauchle were among those whose performances inspired the victory, while Riley Fitzgerald and Archer Steinhardt shared Man of the Match honours.

Wattles 32 (Ben Rauchle 2, Jack Burton 2, Orry Gilmore, Hugh Denny tries; Ty Betts 4 goals) defeated **Tenterfield 12**.

All In Electrical Under 15 Girls League Tag - The curtain tumbled on the season of Wattles Under 15 Girls League Tag team on Saturday after a 20 - 4 loss where they threw out a very commendable challenge to the premiership high flyers.

Of the eighteen girls who took the field for Wattles this season, twelve had never played league

tag before, and with an average age of just under thirteen, "it was an amazing achievement to make finals at all" said coach George Berry.

"As usual, the girls played exceptionally well, however the football gods weren't on our side."

Farm Spray Under 17 - Coach Matt Christensen rated his Under 17 Warriors effort in the slim preliminary loss to Goondiwindi an outstanding effort in a very hard-fought contest eventually going down 20 - 24.

Wattles defence did step up, the boys really showed the pride in their jersey by only allowing in a single try from ten minutes of red zone attack."

"Alas from there, luck went with the Boars" according to coach Christensen.

Goondiwindi 24 defeated **Wattles 20** (Patty Denny, Charlie Spina, Tyson Saville tries ; Billy Peardon 4 goals).

Club Hotel, Clifton Under 18 Girls - Despite a 16 - 20 loss, Wattles Under 18 girls got away to a positive start posting the first try in the opening ten minutes against top of the table Tenterfield in their Preliminary Final.

Tenterfield were quick to respond, and the game swung back-and-forth on the scoreboard.

Wattles' Billie Gorrige managed to break through three strong tackles, setting up Lilly Rutherford to score her first try of the season.

The match was also Lilly's debut in tackle rugby league, and her efforts saw he deservedly named Player of the Match.

Coach Bill Gorrige commended his players, "despite the intense heat, all the girls played exceptionally well."

Unfortunately for Wattles, Tenterfield made a strong comeback in the second half, ultimately tipping the game in their favour.

After what was their final game of the season, coach Gorrige extend his heartfelt thanks to all the young players for their hard work throughout the year.

"It was our first time playing tackle, and we all enjoyed the competition, giving it our best effort. I wish all the girls the best in their future endeavours, whether they choose to continue with the game or pursue other interests, as each of you has your own unique strengths."

Grand Final Fever - Saturday will see the MIT Jets JRL Club host the Warwick & District Junior Rugby League Grand Finals, with the program commencing at 9.00 am.

McIntyre Sports Complex, Inglewood - 07-09-2024

Under 15 Boys 11.40 am Collegians v Wattles

Diary Note: Wattles Junior Rugby League Club Presentation Day, 10 am Sunday 8th September, Platz Oval Clubhouse.

Glyn Rees

Cowboys Outclass Warriors on Road to Grand Final

The Warwick Cowboys crack outfit were a class above opponents the 'Farm Spray' Wattles Warriors in Sunday's local derby reserve grade major semi-final at Gatton's Cahill Park, skidding in to fulltime 38 - 4 winners and booking a birth in the 2024 Toowoomba Rugby League Grand Final at Toowoomba's Clive Berghofer Stadium on September 14th.

Cowboy's five-eight Lance McGrady seemed everywhere as he added to his twelve try season overall touchdown tally adding three four-pointers to his team's winning total.

McGrady found the try line twice in the first half helping to bulk up a dominant 24 - 0 half time advantage for the recently crowned reserve grade minor premiers.

Along with halves partner Dan Howard, McGrady revelled behind a powerful Warwick forward pack led by front-rowers Nick Pails and Alifeleti Vite, exercising control across the paddock that overwhelmed the Wattles outfit.

At the helm of the Cowboys onslaught was skipper and back rower Eamon Brownlie, leading by example in an impressive captain's knock.

Very proud Warwick coach Sam Williamson felt that while his team had a quieter second half, their overall performance was "awesome."

"We turned up Sunday knowing we all had job to do, we knew where Wattles strike power was and what we had to control."

"Despite the heat we backed ourselves in defence and attack,

it certainly paid dividends, it was a great performance".

The Wattles Warriors premiership hopes took a distinctive dive against the Cowboys who hit the accelerator early in the contest, and along with the McGrady dual four pointers, mobile prop Vite and three-quarter Michael Marshall also cashed in for tries by the half time siren.

The warm conditions took its toll on both teams in the second stanza, but Warwick managed another three touchdowns by McGrady, hooker Damian Beresford and outside back Clydie Sorua to assert their superiority closing out the game.

Wattles added their lone try to the scoreboard in the later stages through bench forward Paul Christensen running off a five eight Ryan Stevens pass from six metres out.

Back-rowers Nick Morris and Dale Perkins, hooker Jack Duggan and fullback Dale McAntee were highlighted in Wattles report card.

A week can be a long time in league, with the Warriors basking in the afterglow of a nail-biting 24 - 20 last seconds win against the Valleys Roosters in their previous final's appearance, earning the right to match up against the season dominating Cowboys.

Wattles ambitions of adding to their premiership winning reserve grade honours of 1976 and 1992 may have been dented by Warwick, but coach Tony Morris is confident his line-up can take the field on Grand Final day.

While preparations this week has the coach focused on numerous issues that hindered

his team's performance, injury has made a telling impact on the green & golds.

Star fullback Dale McAntee, arguably Wattles most consistent this season and the winning try scorer in the recent last-ditch victory over Valleys, has sustained a severe leg injury that requires surgery.

While less than impressed with his team's performance, Morris has the benefit of player depth, and is confident his troops will rally for the upcoming contest against Valleys, hoping to pave their way to a Grand Final berth against the Warwick Cowboys.

Warwick enjoy a break this coming weekend after earning grand final berth honours, while Wattles will do battle yet again with Valleys in the Preliminary Final at 1.00 pm on Sunday at Clive Berghofer Stadium striving for a ticket to the season decider.

Warwick 38 (Lance McGrady

3, Alifeleti Vite, Damian Beresford, Micheal Marshall, Clydie Sorua tries; Matthew Henry 5 goals) defeated **Wattles 4** (Paul Christensen try).

Glyn Rees



Wattles experienced centre Tim Hentschel displaying his skills putting boot to ball in Sunday's Toowoomba Rugby League Reserve Grade Major Semi-Final at Gatton. (Image: Emily Henry)

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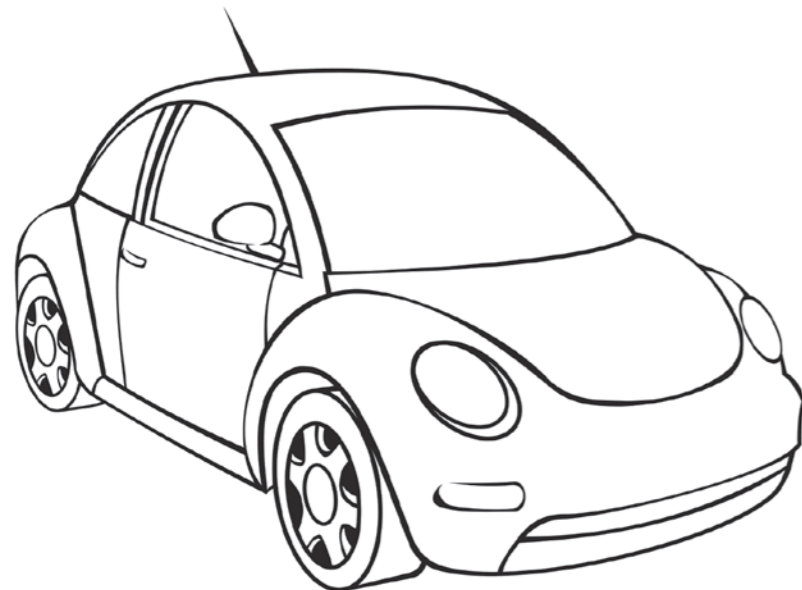
- 1. ROHSE 3. ADDLES 5. SLBNIRKE
- 2. ERNSI 4. RSRUTPI 6. HIGRT

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Solution this page

COLOURING FUN



SOLUTIONS

WORD SCRAMBLE

- 1. Horse, 2. Reins, 3. Saddie, 4. Stirrup, 5. Blinkers, 6. Girth.
- ANSWER - Riding

SUDOKU

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7	1	2	3	9	6	5	8	4
3	6	5	1	8	4	2	6	7
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Sincere thanks to Warwick Health Services and Blue Care Rural Palliative Care Services who enabled Ray's final wishes to be met.



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Allora Golf Notes



Tuesday was a perfect day for social golf.



2nd: Russell Sparksman - 35 points, 3rd: Wayne McKewen - 35 points.

Pin shots: 4th: Kev Hurley, 13th: Jim Anderson, 8th: Nick Lake, 17th: Russell Sparksman

Approaches: 6th: Kev Harrison, 12th: Kev Hurley, 15th: Aaron Simpson (for an eagle!).

Long putts: 1st: Duke Maloney, 5th: John Sparksman, 10th: Jim Anderson, 14th: John Sparksman.

Coming up:

Sunday 8 September - Amy's Cafe Monthly Medley.

Sunday 15 September - Ty Gardner Concreting Monthly Medal.

Friday's Allora Hardware duck run - The winners were: 1st: Tony Haig - 22 points, 2nd: Kev Hurley - 22 points, 2nd: Tommy Brown - 22 points.

Pin shot on the 8th: Rod Simpson.

Sunday's Allora Railway Hotel Monthly Mug - The winners were: 1st: Nick Lake - 36 points,

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