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Half a Century of Early Education



To celebrate 50 years of Early Childhood Education at Allora P-10 State School, former and current staff, students and community members gathered to acknowledge this significant milestone. (more on pages 4 & 5)



Toowoomba Iconic Carnival Of Flowers

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Laurel Bank Park. (image TRC)





Every year Toowoomba turns on a magnificent carnival with many events including the popular Floral Parade being held this Saturday. If you're planning to visit the city to watch the street performers, carnival characters and the colourful floral floats, here is the route the parade will take.

Departing from the corner of Herries and Hume Streets, the floats and walking groups make their way along Herries Street, turn right into Ruthven Street, right into Margaret Street, left onto Hume Street and finishes on Godsall Street Oval on the corner of Hume & Godsall Streets. The Parade will end it's journey in Queens Park.

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Matthew Wins at Brussels

Only weeks after bringing home the bronze medal from the Paris Olympics Matthew Denny has excelled at the Diamond League held in Brussels at the weekend.

With an opening round throw of 69.96m Matthew took out the discus final for the second straight year and broke the 40 year old meet record.

Looking to the future Matthew is determined to throw 70m and to chase a world record.

Allora fans reckon he can do both!



Matthew Denny (image Athletics Australia)

SDRC Appoints New Director

Following an extensive nation-wide recruitment search Southern Downs Regional Council has appointed Nick Wellwood



Nick Wellwood.

to the position of Director Infrastructure Services. With more than 30

years' experience in both the private and public sectors, Nick is a highly respected professional

respected professional in the civil engineering industry and is set to make a valuable contribution to Council's Executive Leadership Team.

Since 2018, Nick has served as the Director of Infrastructure, Planning & Environmental Services at Burdekin Shire Council, where he managed over 180 staff and oversaw a \$150 million capital

infrastructure program during this time. He is now eager to bring his expertise to the Southern Downs.

Nick said he looks forward to the challenges and opportunities of the role and to calling Southern Downs home after years of visiting the region with his wife

"With my diverse local government and private sector experience, I am confident I can make positive and value-adding contributions to key projects and outcomes for the region including the Toowoomba to Warwick Pipeline," Mr Wellwood said.

"I will also actively seek additional infrastructure funding opportunities to enhance projects and programs that benefit the community."





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In line with previous commemorations for the opening of the Preschool Centre and its 25 years anniversary, former students from 1974 planted a tree to mark the 50 years milestone in front of the existing Prep building.

On Wednesday 11 September former and current staff, students and community members celebrated 50 years of Early Childhood Education at Allora P-10 State School.

In 1974, long serving teacherin-charge, Mrs Joyce Gibson oversaw the establishment of the Preschool centre, one of the first to open in Queensland. Preschool education was a new concept not only for Allora but for all of Queensland. The first class was accepted on 9 September 1974. Some of that cohort were present at the celebration including Frank Strachotta, Carol Halton (nee Fredericks). Paul and Tanva Gordon (nee Sparksman) and Garry Shooter. The inaugural class of 1974 included grandparents and relatives of current students and staff.

When the Preschool first opened, it was separated from the rest of the school by a white picket fence and operated independently as a stand-alone unit. It was mostly play based education because play was recognised and valued as a means by which young children learn about themselves and the world. It was never intended to be preparation for school. Nowadays,

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Former student and school captain Carla Wheatley (nee Frizzell), who cut the 25 years cake in 1999 and Mrs Joyce Gibson cut the 50th celebration cake (kindly donated by former Teacher Aide and Admin Assistant, Mrs Jo Stevens from Westside Bakery in Warwick.)

the fences have been removed, and Preschool has evolved into Prep. There is now a rigorous academic program to prepare students for the next phase of learning across 8 learning areas as students move into Year 1 and then Year 2 as a part of our Early Childhood Education. Year 3 is no longer a part of the Early Years program.

We acknowledge many teachers and teacher aides that have contributed to our very successful Early Childhood Education at Allora P-10-State School across P - 3 over the past 50 years and know that this success will continue well into the future.

(Excerpt from Linda Sharman-Bowman welcome speech last Wednesday.)



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The Australian Government, represented by the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water, is seeking to purchase an estimated 13.57 gigalitres per year (GL/y) of permanent surface water rights in two catchments in northern New South Wales and southern Queensland to help bridge the gap to sustainable diversion limits in the Murray-Darling Basin Plan.

Eligible catchments and recovery targets:

State	Catchment	Recovery Target			
Queensland	Condamine-Balonne:	8.48 GL of surface water			
New South Wales	NSW Border Rivers:	5.09 GL of surface water			

Willing water rights owners in catchments listed above can submit a tender response to sell their permanent surface water rights as part of this tender process. Detail on the types of water rights being sought can be found in the Approach to Market on AusTender. The decision to participate is completely voluntary.

The tender process is open from 18 September to 13 November 2024.

To read the Approach to market and submit a tender, please visit AusTender – www.tenders.gov.au - and search for 'water rights purchasing'

MORE INFORMATION: For more information on Strategic Water Purchasing to Bridge the Gap, visit www.dcceew.gov.au/watertende

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Tender process opens: 18 September 2024 Closing date: 13 November 2024 - 12 noon (AEDT) Visit www.tenders.gov.au and search for water rights

- Download and read the Approach to Market documents
- Login or Register as a new user
- Complete the tender form and submit your response



Entrance To Allora Police Station

Next time you call to visit our local Police you will notice that access to the Police Station has changed recently.

The access point to the Allora Police Station is now only via the front doors at the top of the stairs

There is no longer access via the side doors.



Do Something Different For The Long Weekend



Head to Millmerran for the popular Camp Oven Festival - you can be a cook or you can be a visitor ready for action.

Camp oven cooks from across Australia are being invited to put their culinary skills to the test at this year's Australian Camp Oven Festival

Cooks will compete in a range of categories at the festival Millmerran on Saturday and Sunday October 5 and 6.

Katrina Grundon tells us cooks would be dishing up all sorts of authentic Aussie tucker from damper and iam drops to corned beef. scones, brownie and roast lamb.

The popular festival is now Australia's largest camp oven cooking event of its kind which will see over 10.000 visitors head to Millmerran to see camp oven cooking in action, enjoy live music, markets, bush heritage displays and more.

Over \$4.600 in prize money will be awarded as part of this year's competition.

Registrations from oven interested camp cooks will close Friday 20 September.

For more information or to register, visit www.acof. com.au

Tasty Looking Images

Members approached our August topic "Fruit and or vegetables" from a variety of viewpoints. Some opted for the studio method while others presented their subjects "on the vine" so to speak.

The end result was the second highest average scoring of the year to date. Accredited judge and Toowoomba photographic Society President, Graham Harris visited us on 11 September. He awarded Honours to four images and Merit to eleven other images so fifteen of the twenty-four photos presented, scored above average.

Graham awarded honour to Sally, Joan, Trevor and Michael

Sally's

Graham: "Very reminiscent

of some still life paintings

by the Dutch masters." He

complimented her on the

image balance, lighting

and vintage feel and noted

that the background curtain

worked well to remove

distractions from the main

and presented her lunch

"Simple Salad". Judge

Graham liked the inclusion

of the angled knife and felt

that the strong shadows

help with the image impact.

Joan was multitasking

Vegies"

subjects.

"Vintage

impressed

Trevor's ripened" was a strong still life image of five tomatoes contrasting beautifully with a white dish - all of which was included in the frame. Trevor used the photographic convention of odd numbers (rule-ofodds composition) and the added water droplets was a nice touch

Graham noted the complimentary

colours of red and green and the use of a white background in Michael's "Yaa Ummm" and also mentioned the nice depth of field keeping everything in focus.







from wandering out of the scene. Our workshop will be on Wednesday October. Tryg Hellender will deliver a presentation on camera sensor cleaning. If you

and Ripe" was

awarded a Merit.

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are seeing spots in your photos, it's likely to be dust on your sensor. He will have some loupes or magnifiers so you will be able look at the sensor, so bring your camera. There will be no cleaning done on the night, but you will be armed with the knowledge to have a go yourself... if you're game.

- Michael, Secretary APG





PM No-Show At National Farmer Rally



The Nationals at the National Farmer Rally

Prime Minster Anthony Albanese has refused to attend the National Farmer Rally outside Parliament House, ignoring hundreds of farmers who travelled from all over Australia to plead with the Labor Government to stop its anti-farming agenda.

Leader of The Nationals and member for Maranoa David Littleproud said the Prime Minister had once again demonstrated complete contempt towards farmers and rural, regional and remote Australia.

"For the Prime Minister to ignore hundreds of farmers, many who have spent days on end driving to Canberra from other states, shows that Labor doesn't care about our agriculture industry," Mr Littleproud said.

"Our Prime Minister isn't interested in helping or even listening to those who produce our nation's food and fibre. Agriculture Minister Julie Collins didn't attend the rally either, which is incredibly disappointing given she has only just been appointed as Agriculture Minister.

The Labor Government continues to decimate the industry and the anger and frustration being felt by farmers is sadly understandable. All our farmers want is a fair go and to continue feeding the country."

Mr Littleproud pointed out the National Farmer Rally organisers calling for sensible changes including scrapping the truckie tax, scrapping new taxes for biosecurity and superannuation, scrapping water buybacks in the Murray-Darling Basin and protecting the Great Artesian Basin, scrapping unnecessary red tape from emissions reporting, known as Scope 3, and scrapping reckless renewables which will rip up prime agricultural land, protecting the 88-day backpacker visa, as well as overturning the decision to

ban live sheep exports by

"These requests are common sense solutions and without changes, Labor will make farming unviable. The National Farmer Rally is the biggest in a generation - it has been more than 40 years since farmers have had to march on Parliament House because a federal government has made them feel so aggrieved.

"The Nationals proudly support those attending the rally. We will always stand shoulder-to-shoulder with our farmers and will continue to fight for farming and the future of regional, rural and remote Australia."

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The Back

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2024 Queensland Agricultural Industry Conference



'Back the bush: Our people, our future', is the theme for this year's event which will be held on 1-2 October at the Royal International Convention Centre in Brisbane.

The event will bring together representatives from across the agriculture related as well as government stakeholders to discuss the future of agriculture in Queensland. This aligns with AgForce's broader state campaign to garner crosssectoral investment and support of the agriculture industry as Queensland approaches an election next month.

Michael Guerin, AgForce

CEO, said the event will provide the opportunity for stakeholders to discuss the key issues impacting Queensland agriculture.

"With many significant issues occurring Queensland agriculture at the moment, such as land use protection and carbon and natural capital, AgForce recognised the need to bring together industry and government and foster critical conversations about the future of agriculture in the state.3 "As this is an election

year in Queensland, now is the time for us to be talking about key matters impacting the industry and how we can address them, as well as explore what opportunities are available to support arowth."

The program is out now, with an exciting line-up of speakers including Wayne Bennett, Lisa Millar and the Hon. Ian Macfarlane.

You'll also have the opportunity to hear from kev Queensland politicians, including Leader of the Opposition of Queensland, Mr David Crisafulli and the Hon. Bob Katter MP.

News reporter Conference Dinner MC, Andrea Crothers, said she is looking forward to the event.

"I'm thrilled to be joining you for the AgForce Queensland Agricultural Industry Conference 2024 as your dinner MC this October where some of the biggest players will get together to discuss the biggest issues,' she said.

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Conference keynote speaker, Julia Jones, said she's excited to be a part of the line-up.

"I'm super pumped to be heading to Brisbane in October for the Queensland Agricultural Conference. I'm going to be speaking about how we can thrive in global chaos," she

If you want to be a part of the conversation future of about the Queensland agriculture. register now at www. qldagindustryconference. com/registration.



COMING EVENTS AT THE ALLORA SHOWGROUNDS

■ This Saturday and Sunday - 21 & 22 September - Stock Horse Challenge. Visitors welcome to attend.

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Reagan Adds Premiership Honours to Stellar Season

The sporting career of Allora local Reagan McMillan culminated on Saturday afternoon as a member of the Highfields Eagles open women's rugby league team that secured the 2024 Toowoomba Rugby League Grand Final 20 – 14 over the Gatton Hawks at Clive Berghofer Stadium.

2024 Minor The Premiership winning Hawks started favourites on form, and with three successive premierships before last Saturdays Grand Final kick-

The Highfields Open Women's team hoisted the silverware at full time for the club's initial senior grade premiership, men or women, since joining the TRL.

The Wayne Collie coached Eagles staged a dramatic second half fightback given they trailed Gatton 4 - 10 at the half time break.

Gatton seemed in motion aiming up for a fourth consecutive premiership success until Highfields staged a sensational three try fightback in the latter stages of the contest to win, after training 4 - 14 four minutes into the second half.

Lock Eliza Morcom's none stop effort was rewarded with the Player of the Grand Final medal.

It was a tough march for Highfields to a deserved premiership, they were beaten by Gatton 30 - 26 in first semi-final round, before overwhelming Valleys 28 – 6 in the preliminary final the following week to qualify for the grand final.

Highfields 20 (Tyla Cantwell, Morgan Prentice, Katelyn Collie, Courtney Jackson tries Abbey Markey 2 goals) defeated Gatton 14 (Sarah Hoger 2, Bridie Gray tries Sarah Hoger goal).

Most certainly a country girl at heart, to say 18-yearold Reagan McMillan hails from a rugby league family is somewhat of an understatement.

Her father Russell is a doyen of local club Wattles. who represented Queensland at Under 19 and at senior level with the Queensland Rangers, and is involved currently with the Wattles Junior Club.

Reagan is a tremendous role model to younger brother Jackson, who was recently named Wattles Junior Rugby League Club's Under 12 '2024 Season Best & Fairest Player'.

Mum Alana can boast the highest of qualifications as a supporter of both Reagan and Jackson, their achievements and goals.

A former Allora State School student and Sports Captain, Reagan attended Toowoomba's Downlands College for her senior years. and is currently engaged in a casual role with the NRL.

While it's been a busy 2024, Reagan has revelled her more than rewarding season with Highfields, early season appearances with the Western Clydesdales Under 19 team and donning the 'green & gold' of the Wattles Warriors Under 18 Girls Tackle line-up as a dual registered player.

Just a week ago Reagan was named Toowoomba Rugby League joint 'Top Try scorer' in the Open Women's premiership at the TRL Gala Presentation Function.

The centre three-quarter who is just as at home in the back row, runs 100 metres in 13 seconds, which aside from obvious skills





Reagan McMillan enjoying the spoils of the Toowoomba Rugby League Open Women's Premiership win with the Highfield's Eagles on Saturday at Clive Berghofer Stadium.

and ability led to her fifteen touchdowns for Highfields this season.

'Top Try scorer' honours are not new to the McMillan family, Dad Russell, was the A Grade TRL Top Try Scorer back in 2001.

Reagan has played rugby league since age 12, and has also excelled in the Downlands College rugby union line-up.

She has tasted premiership success previously with the Warwick & District JRL Under 13 team, and also Toowoomba's Brothers Under 15's.

While she loves plaving for both Highfields and Wattles, and can't speak more highly of the Highfields club, she would dearly love to run on in a Wattles open women's team in the TRL premiership.

Dual registered Reagan contributed significantly to a boost in performance by the Wattles Under 18 Girls Tackle side when she was

available, her Highfields team mate Eliza Morcum. a gifted back-rower, also donning the 'green & gold' for an odd appearance.

Lock forward Chelsea Middleton is another fine young open women's player from the Central Downs, who this season was a shining light for Brothers.

A high point for Reagan and all her Highfields team mates was the knowledge imparted by Western Clydesdales and International stars Shenae Ciesiolka and Ali Brigginshaw, "they offered so much knowledge and advice, and Ally's message to our team prior to Saturday's big match was inspiring".

It is certainly a time for memories for Reagan, and comparing premiership trophies with Dad, a member of Wattles Under 19 Grand Final winner in 1998.

Glyn Rees

2024 Wattles Volunteers of the Year

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Wattles Junior Rugby League Club President Aaron Gilmore and Secretary Holly Death make presentations to Club Volunteers of the Year Belinda Naumann and Rebecca Steinhardt.

(Image: Allison May)



Toowoomba Rugby League Grand Final Fever

Yet another Toowoomba Rugby League campaign drew to a close at Clive Berghofer Stadium on Saturday, 105 years after the league played its initial season back in 1919.

The matches lived up to the quality of season deciders in every way, with the A Grade clash decided in extra time.

Local heroes the Wattles Warriors may not have run on in Grand Finals this year, but it was an outstanding effort for the Under 19, Reserve Grade and A Grade sides to all qualify for a very challenging finals series.

The Tony Morris coached Reserve Grade team fell just short of a Grand Final berth when they were edged out by eventual premiers the Valleys Roosters in the Preliminary Final.

Glyn Rees

2024 Grand Finals Results

UNDER 19

OPEN WOMEN Hawks Highfields 4 Full time: Highfields

Dalby Diehards

Highfields Eagles

Warwick Cowboys v Valleys Roosters Half time: Valleys 14 lead Warwick

Dalby Diehards v Southern Suburbs Tigers. Half Time: Dalby 12 lead Southern Suburbs 6 Full time: Dalby 32 defeated Southern Suburbs 18 2024 Under 19 Premiers:

Highfields Eagles v Gatton Half time: Gatton 10 lead 20 defeated Gatton 14

2024 Open Women Premiers:

RESERVE GRADE

The Gatton Hawks A Grade side celebrate their extra time Golden Point 24 - 20 win over the Valleys Roosters in Saturday's Toowoomba Rugby League Grand Final. (Image – Toowoomba Rugby League)

Full time: Valleys 28 defeated Warwick 20 2024 Reserve Grade Premiers: Valleys Roosters

A GRADE

Gatton Hawks v Valleys Roosters

Half time: Valleys 14 lead Gatton

Full time: Valleys 20 - Gatton 20 Golden Point extra time: Gatton 24 defeated Valleys 20

2024 A Grade Premiers: Gatton Hawks



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Bunny Cakes

Bill Martin Jr

Island Boy

Jerry Pinkney

The Moon Book

Mem Fox

Frog and Toad Are Friends

Rosemary Wells

The Lion & the Mouse

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Gail Gibbons

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Allora Bowls Notes



All eyes were on the sky earlier in the night with rain around but It was bowls as usual even though it was a later start

with play starting at 7.30 after a few sprinkles.

RESULTS - RINK 1: Pig Lures 9 d. Gina's Babies 8; RINK 2: Do It Again 10 d. Toe Cutters 3; RINK 3: Beer's Bowls & Bitches 14 d. Got Ya By The Bowls 13; RINK 4: The Flipper 7 d. Cool Cats 3; RINK 5: Doesn't Matter 18 d. Spring Creek 2; RINK 6: Generation Gap 9 d. Stone Cutters 8;

RINK 7: Phoenix Rising 23 d. Slices Wood Fired Pizza 11.

Congratulations to our lucky raffle winners, Bec, Hethe x 2, Gary C, Tom, Denis. Thank you to our sponsors Allora Butchery, Railway Hotel, Amy's Café & Allora Sports Club.

Touchers for chocolates sponsored by Right 1st Time Cleaning were Cody, Michelle, Chris B, Cathy, Codie & Denis.

Winning team on the night on Rink 2 was Do It Again and also on Rink 2 the losers -Toe Cutters.

See you all back next week for another great game of social bowls, new bowlers and spectators are very

Tom Morris - Wattles' Best & Fairest



Wattles halfback Tom Morris receives the McGovern/O'Shea Medal as 2024 reserve grade Best & Fairest Player from Toowoomba Rugby League President Joe Hannant at the recent Toowoomba Rugby League Presentation Function. (Image – TRL)



Friday Allora Hardware duck run - The winners were:

1st: Pat - 23 points, 2nd: Whit - 20 points.

Long putt on the 9th: Kev Harrison. Sunday's Ty Gardner Concreting Monthly Medal - The winners were:

Allora Golf Notes

1st: Kev Harrison - 67 net, 2nd: Neil Chandler - 68 net, 3rd: Adam Cummins - 70 net

Pin shots: 4th: Kev Harrison, 13th: Duke Maloney, 16th: Lachlan Henry, 8th: Aaron Simpson, 17th: Wayne McKewen

Approaches: 3rd: Kev Harrison, 12th: Kev Harrison, 6th: Lindsay May,

15th: Hethe Ramus.

Long putts: 2nd: Alex Pardella-Collie.

Coming up:

Sunday 22 September - Allora Butchery 4BBB.

Sunday 29 September - Stroke event sponsored by Golf World Toowoomba.



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