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Wednesday, 9th October 2024

## It's Obvious - Allora Loves Matthew



Officials greet Matthew - L-R Cr Carla Pidgeon, Matthew, Mayor Melissa Hamilton and the Town Crier. Not just because he's an Olympic Champion but because he's a wonderful role model and a really nice bloke. This last weekend was put aside for Matthew Denny - Allora's favourite son. Friday saw the popular Street Parade, official welcome at the Sports Museum, afternoon tea in our Community Hall and dinner at night. Next day Matthew joined with the locals for a hit around the Allora Golf course. (check out the pics on pages 7, 8 and 9).

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# Let's Get Ready For St Pat's School Fete

It's a major drawcard on Allora's "Fun" calendar and it's happening on Friday 18 October.

A huge amount of effort goes into preparing for the Fete and volunteers are always welcome.

If you'd like to help, here are a few suggestions -

Make sure you buy some Art Union tickets from parents or members of the Fete Committee.

Everyone loves the Fete's Bottle Stall competition (otherwise known as a massive Lucky Dip.)

Here's how you can assist - fill jars, bottles or plastic containers with all sorts of items (soft drinks not permitted) and take them to School. Tickets are then purchased at the Fete with winning ticket holders able to claim their prize on the night. This is also a great competition between classes with the highest



number of bottles.

Help will be needed on the night especially with the barbecue and drinks stall. Contact the Fete Committee if you'd like more details.

The ever popular Cake Stall will be operating and donations of cakes, tarts, biscuits and cupcakes will be appreciated. To make

the decision easier on what to bake - here is the plan

- Talgai** - Biscuits;
- Cunningham** - Tarts (Caramel Tart, Apple Pie, Lemon Meringue);
- Dalrymple** - Cakes/Cupcakes;
- Glengallan** - Tarts (Caramel Tart, Apple Pie, Lemon Meringue).

**A Working Bee will take place on Thursday afternoon 17th to setup for the Fete and Friday 18th after drop off commencing at 8.20am.**

Everyone is welcome to enjoy the Fete in the grounds of St Patrick's School Allora starting at 5pm on Friday 18 October.

# St Patrick's Parish & School Fete

## Friday, 18 October 2024 from 5pm

St Patrick's School @ 35 Arnold Street, Allora

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# James Lister To Run Again



The Member for Southern Downs James Lister yesterday welcomed the close of nominations for the Queensland state election and the official drawing of the order of names on the ballot paper.

"Being our MP for Southern Downs is busy, rewarding and joy and an honour. I thank the people of Southern Downs for having me as our MP this term, and I am proud to put my name forward for re-election this year," said Mr Lister.

"As Shadow Assistant Minister for Veterans, I'm heading to Brisbane later today (Tuesday) to give a speech on the importance of education opportunities for veterans in reducing their risk of suicide, so I can't be at the ballot draw in person.

"I wish all of my fellow candidates well. It's wonderful to live in a country where anyone can stand for election and take their views and values into our democratic public debate."

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The contractor made quick work of razing the building to the ground - it took only a matter of hours. It appears the "Fire

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Winner - Karlee Forster of Allora P-10 State School.



# Celebrating Our Seniors

This Saturday the Southern Downs Steam Railway is putting on an Open Day at the Hamilton Street Rail Precinct in Warwick.

Everyone is welcome to enjoy the event.

Live entertainment, free sausage sizzle and barbecue, Kids Mini Train

and tours around the Precinct.

In attendance will be car clubs, motorbike clubs, SES Rural Fire and the model train club.

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# Yard Sale at Salvos



Manager of the Allora store Julie Leggatt having some fun with the suppliers of the goods, Bob and Di Miller.

Bargain hunters turned out in force for the Salvation Army Yard Sale in Allora on Friday and Saturday.

A very generous husband and wife team Bob and Di Miller from Springfield

arrive in Allora every couple of months with their van packed to the brim.

The couple source unwanted goods and distribute them to country outlets.

# Lotto Win for Warwick Mum

This stunned woman has declared she won't think twice about putting on the air conditioning when temperatures soar this summer after scoring \$400,000 in the weekend's Saturday Gold Lotto draw.

She held one of the 13 division one winning entries nationally in Saturday Gold Lotto draw 4509, drawn

Saturday 5 October 2024. Each division one winning entry scored \$401,209.07.

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# Winners Announced at Darling Downs Beef Battle 2024

The "steaks" were high at the 7th running of Toowoomba and Surat Basin Enterprises' (TSBE) Darling Downs Beef Battle.

Nine of our region's best beef brands, Australian Country Choice, Grove Shorthorns, JBS, John Dee, Mort & Co, NH Foods, Rangers Valley, Stanbroke

and Stockyard, went head-to-head, showcasing their brand and superb product to over 500 attendees.

Darling Downs Beef Battle sees two categories awarded. The Darling Downs Beef Battle Professional Choice, scrutinised by a professional judging panel, and Darling

Downs Beef Battle People's Choice, decided by 500 beef fanatics!

Steaking claim to the titles this year, winning the 2024 Darling Downs Beef Battle Professional Choice, Stockyard with Kiwami wagyu. The winner of 2024 Darling Downs Beef Battle People's Choice, Stanbroke with Diamantina wagyu.

TSBE Food Leaders Australia General Manager Rowena Beveridge says the competition is a fantastic celebration of Darling Downs Beef and a wonderful opportunity for industry to gather and acknowledge our leading grain fed brands.

"We are so proud to be able to host this event, recognising some of the

world class producers in our region, and more Darling Downs steak should be on plates across the country and around the world."

The Darling Downs is home to Australia best steak with the region being responsible for producing 65% of grain-fed beef consumed in Australia.

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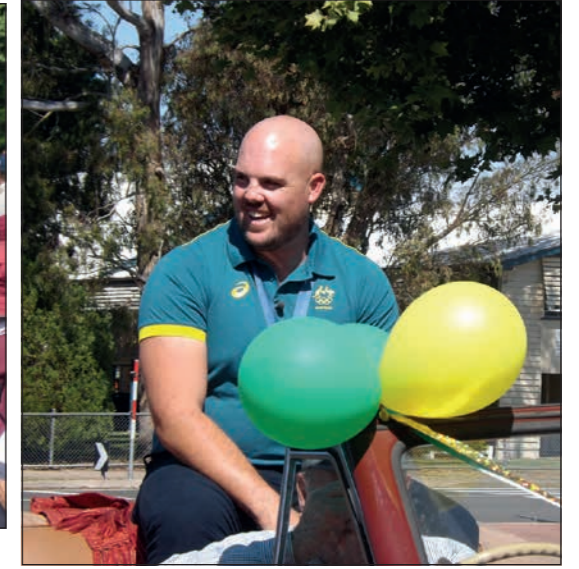
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# Matthew - always a winner in Allora



Parade leaving from Discus Circle.



ABOVE: Matthew delights the crowds.

RIGHT: Matthew cheered on by St Pat's Team.

BELOW: Matt takes to the stage.

BOTTOM RIGHT: P10 Students lined up and excited.





Matthew cuts the cake.



Huge crowd gathers.



Celebratory cake from Steele's Bakery.



LEFT: framed Memento from Sports Museum



Little girl shows Matt her poster "You are the best Champion in the World"



LEFT: Students from Toowoomba Grammar surround Matthew for autographs.



LEFT: Olympic display in Hall.

ABOVE: Packed hall to welcome Matthew.

RIGHT: Afternoon tea served.



Q & A with Mark Mason and Matthew.

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# Champion Guest At Swim Club Night

It was an extra special first swim club night down at the pool last Friday! Matt Denny, Allora's Olympic Bronze medalist, took time out of his very busy afternoon of engagements to pop in to surprise the kids!

He spoke about his own fond memories of his Allora Swim Club days, having fun with friends just like these kids do every Friday evening at the Allora Pool.

It was a wonderful kick off to what is sure to be a fabulous, successful season.

The Allora Swim Club is pleased to welcome many new families and those returning for another season. From the brave kids who are being helped down the lanes by the older kids



to race their first 25 meters, to those chasing qualifying times for State and National events, the Allora Swim Club caters for all. Spurred on by the words and inspiration of our local hero, Matt Denny, these kids are all sure to make their own big splashes this season!

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# Wattles Announce 2025 Coaches



## Burns & Hamblin Back On Deck for New Season

Local rugby league club the Wattles Warriors may have only just closed the door on their successful 2024 Toowoomba Rugby League Season, but they have already taken a major step in preparations for 2025 with the appointment of coaches.

The appointees for what is Wattles 60th year since forming in 1966, and 59th year in the Toowoomba Rugby League, are experienced hands Travis Burns (A Grade) and Cameron Hamblin (Under 19), while new face on the coaching front Will Manley is taking the reigns of the Reserve Grade side.

After an outstanding career in the NRL and British Super League, before a pre-retirement season with State League side Wynnummanly, Travis Burns headed back to his league beginnings on the Central Downs signing in late 2017 to captain-coach Wattles for the 2018 season, his debut coaching experience.

The 2025 season will see him as Wattles longest serving first grade coach about to embark on his eighth year at the top-grade helm.

Burns has guided his side to the finals series each year but for Covid cancelled 2020, climaxing in two Grand Final appearances,

their 2022 effort resulting in Wattles club's fifth first grade premiership.

Of course, Cameron Hamblin is another who needs little introduction to the Allora-Clifton region league community.

Hamblin is a five-time Wattles Player of the Year, and 2003 Toowoomba Rugby League Player of the Year,

He has been a familiar face on Wattles coaching bench over more than two decades in various roles, the Under 19 mentor for the past two seasons was also a former A Grade coach in 2001, 2002 & 2010.

## Will Manley Joins Reserve Grade Bench

Toowoomba based building contractor Will Manley is certainly no stranger to Platz Oval, first donning the green & gold colours as an Under 18 player back in 2008, and has been a member of Wattles high achieving Reserve Grade line-up in 2023.

Aside from numerous returns to Wattles in the past 16 years, the utility player/forward Manley has also run on for single seasons with Brisbane club the Valleys Diehards and the Dalby Diehards.

The Toowoomba Grammer School old boy who served his carpentry apprenticeship with Cameron Hamblin, is coming to grips with his playing days easing to an end.

He was announced at Wattles recent Presentation Night and Banquet as the new season coach, with established Warriors playing names Aaron Scheid and



Former Wattles senior grade player Will Manley will coach the Warriors Reserve Grade team in 2025.

Tim Hentschel as assistants.

Manley feels he has the knowledge, experience and club respect to guide the reserve grade side on a continuing journey of success.

"The new coach says he, Hentschel and Scheid are all on the same page for 2025, along with fellow team coaches, his focus maximising player opportunity and the best possible performance for all grades".

"I consider myself a one club man given my time with Wattles, I have a lot of friends at the club, and of course like any coach, my goal is to lead my team to a Grand Final win."

The Manley name is very familiar when it comes

to rugby league in the TRL region.

Will and his four brothers Ben, Xavier, Pat & Dan have all worn the Wattles green and gold, and figured prominently in the 2013, 2014 & 2015 seasons that included two first grade premierships.

The family also have a strong link to the Dalby Diehards club, Dan the club President in recent years with brothers Pat & Xavier players.

**Wattles Reboot** - Wattles set their 2025 Toowoomba Rugby League season in motion at their Annual General Meeting on Wednesday October 30th at their clubhouse in Clifton.

Glyn Rees

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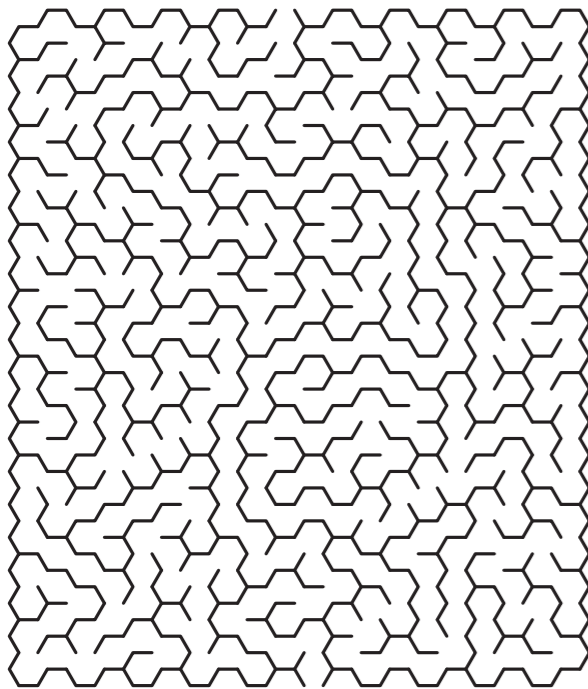
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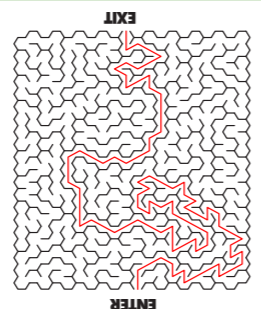
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# Allora Bowls Notes



**ROUND 5** - What a great night, wonderful to see so many players coming along as subs,

it is very much appreciated, sometimes it is at very short notice. Our music man Ryan was back with the music pumping.

Some great bowls were played although I did observe a few wayward shots played on the wrong bias, won't mention names but it wasn't Patto this time. Although the Beers, Bowls & Bitches went down, Ashleigh played some great shots and Gina's Babies must have missed the McMillan boys this week.

**RESULTS – RINK 1:** Pig Lures 17 d. Spring Creek 5; **RINK 2:** Doesn't Matter 23 d. Beers, Bowls & Bitches 10; **RINK 3:** Phoenix Rising 17 d. Do It Again 8; **RINK 4:** Stone Cutters 12 d. Gina's Babies 10 **RINK 5:** Generation Gap 19 d. Toe

Cutters 15; **RINK 6:** Cool Cats 19 d. Piece of Wood Fired Pizza 6; **RINK 7:** Got Ya By The Bowls 13 d. The Flipper 2.

**TOUCHERS** for chocolates went to Moley, Ken, Kaylene, Steph, Kris W & Aaron. Always the cry from so many that they get touchers before or after the bell rings.

**RAFFLE** prizes were won by Denis, Kelly M x 2, Kaylene, Ryan & Chris K.

Winners on the night won by Stone Cutters with Beer, Bowls & Bitches the Losers.

A big thank you to our sponsors who kindly donate prizes each week for the Raffles, Touchers and Winers & Losers. Allora Butchery, Railway Hotel, Amy's Café, Allora Sports Club and Right 1st Time Cleaning. The GreenKeeper is our sponsor for the Jackpot which is held every 3 weeks.

A black Oakly hooded jumper size XL was left after night bowls on 10th September, still not claimed as yet.

See you all back again next week for Round 6 of a great night of social bowl

# Allora Golf Notes



The Allora Golf Club Committee would like to thank all the volunteers who helped to scarify and prepare the greens for the year. Your time and effort is very much appreciated.

**Friday's duck run - thanks to Allora Hardware** - The winners were: 1st: Noel Wallace, 2nd: Jim Anderson

Nearest the pin: Tom Morris.

Approach shot: Ty Gardner.

Long putt: John Sparksman.

**Golf with Matt on Saturday** - It was a cracking day for golf and thanks to everyone who turned out to play.

There was some pretty spectacular golf played, and a lot of fun was had by all.

**Results:** Winners: Noel Wallace and Wayne McKewen, Runners-up: Tom Facy and Kyle Cranston.

Men's long drive: Wayne McKewen.

Ladies long drive: Brooke Gilmore.

Pin shot: Jim Sells and Bulla

Approach shot: Maurice Monckton and Matt Pulley.

Long Putt: Tony Haig and Aaron Gilmore.

**Raffle winners:** Odyssey putter: Matt Pulley, Seafood tray: Jim

Anderson.

**Sunday's Monthly Mug** - thanks to Allora Railway Hotel - The winners were 1st: Duke Maloney - 37 points, 2nd: Jim Anderson - 37 points, 3rd: Kev Hurley - 37 points.

Pin shots: 4th: Peter Weston, 7th: Kev Harrison, 8th: Lindsay May, 13th: Kev Harrison, 16th: Kev Hurley (eagle's nest!).

Approaches: 5th: Kym Williams, 6th: Brooke Gilmore, 14th: Kev Hurley, 15th: Aaron Simpson.

Long putts: 1st: Peter Weston, 10th: Tom Kolenich.

**Coming up:**

**Sunday 13 October** - Amy's Cafe Monthly Medley Saturday 19 October - AllClif Shield to be played at Clifton. Please see the clubhouse if you wish to play.

**Sunday 20 October** - Ty Gardner Concreting Monthly Medal.



Winners, Wayne McKewen (left) and Noel Wallace (right) with Matt Denny.

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