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Merry Christmas Allora



This dazzling display of Christmas decorations by Greg and Amanda Bowe can be viewed at the corner of Warwick and Arnold Streets, Allora. Be sure to take a tour of the town and check out all the impressive lighting displays. (Photo courtesy Daphne Whatley)

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HAVE A MAGICAL HOLIDAY SEASON AND A HAPPY AND HEALTHY 2025

Our office will be closed on the following days:

- TUESDAY 24TH DECEMBER FROM 12 NOON
- WEDNESDAY 25TH DECEMBER
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A Christmas message from The Hon. David Littleproud MP



As the festive season approaches, I want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. There's no doubt 2024 has been a memorable year for our country and our Maranoa electorate.

Among the countless highlights of the year were the performances of our home-grown athletes on the international stage at the Paris Olympics.

I'm confident this year will live long in our memories, and I encourage everyone to take some time over the holiday period to reflect on the achievements of 2024.

To me, there's no better way of doing that than spending quality time with family, friends, and those closest to us. The holidays also provide us with a great opportunity to support small businesses by shopping locally and enjoying the best of what our Maranoa electorate has to offer.

I urge everyone to shop locally this Christmas because our communities are home to some of the best products in the nation.

Travelling long distances is also common over the holiday period, so please also remember to take care while driving these holidays and to take a break every two hours.

From my family to yours, stay safe and have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Authorised by David Littleproud, Dalby, Queensland

Best wishes,
The Hon. David Littleproud
– Federal Member for Maranoa and Leader of The Nationals

Letter to the Editor...

To the Editor,

I read with interest the letter submitted by Mark Smith on the road to Toowoomba and I have to say that I totally agree with all of the points that he has risen.

As this is the main road from Toowoomba to Warwick it is at the very best nothing but a goat track.

We have just finished a 3400 klm round trip to Victoria and I would have to say the worst section of road we travelled on would have to be the section between Allora and the Eight Mile overpass. The maintenance of this section would be funny if you didn't have to travel over it.

If you travel from the back road from Allora to Warwick you will be confronted with a highway that would be 20 times in better condition than the stretch that I have mentioned.

On another note I see the main roads working on this stretch of road last week putting the little bumps on the side of the road to alert drivers when they are veering to the edge of the road. Would have thought the money would have been better spent upgrading this section of road to improve the safety for the drivers that at this stage have to navigate the potholes and the mounds of fill used to fill the holes that is being pushed to one side causing raised sections.

As this is a major road that is used extensively every day, and when the gap is closed, all the traffic is diverted over this highway surely the State and Federal Members need to stand up and work to have this highway upgraded for the safety of the commuters that use this road.

Yours truly
Allen Galloway

PLEASE - NO MORE DONATIONS TO THE SALVATION ARMY SHOP AT ALLORA UNTIL JANUARY.

They're full-up. You can still buy goods but don't leave any. Thank you.



Special Occasion For Members Of Allora Men's Shed

Only last week the new paved area at the Men's Shed was completed and members are happy with the end result.

They offer big thanks to Southern Downs Regional Council for approving a Community Grant of \$2,000

to allow an uneven piece of ground to be paved at the Allora Men's Shed.

This area will now be useful for the Men's Shed barbecue as well as community functions such as the Biggest Morning Tea.



Operation Mistletoe – Queensland Police Service



five behaviours – Speeding, drink and drug driving, not wearing seatbelts, fatigue and distraction. It has been identified that when drivers recognise and avoid the fatal five behaviours the data shows that serious crashes can be significantly reduced. Road safety is everyone's responsibility. Reports are also indicating that this period will coincide with potentially rainy, unpredictable weather events forecasted. We are asking that everyone drives to the conditions of the road and if it's flooded 'forget it'.

This December / January the Queensland Police Service will be out in force as part of Operation Mistletoe. Drivers can expect to see an increase in numbers of Police on Queensland Roads targeting the fatal

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Message from Allora Police

On behalf of Sergeant Damian Grace and myself we would like to wish the Allora community a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Again, we would like to thank everyone in the community for their support over the past twelve months. With many of us enjoying some downtime over this festive season please do it safely and with consideration of others. Plan your trips if travelling and have a "Plan B" prepared and if you intend on having a drink do not consider driving.

Merry Christmas Everyone.

Senior Constable Ben Ogden
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1st PRIZE UPGRADED!
 Thanks to Telstra, an Apple iPhone 14 valued at \$1000 (previously an Apple Watch SE 40mm midnight valued at \$399)

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ALLORA SHOW SOCIETY INC.

TO RENEW OR APPLY FOR MEMBERSHIP:
 Online membership is coming - Watch this space. In the meantime please collect your forms from the Warwick Credit Union or pop in and see Carol at the Allora Show Society Secretary's Office at the Showgrounds every Tuesday from 9.30am to 2.30pm. Or you can email us at allorashowsociety.treasurer@gmail.com or allorashowsociety@gmail.com to receive a membership form.

Photographer of The Year



President Jan presents Trevor with Photographer of the Year award.

At the recent breakup dinner of the Allora Photography Group, the Photographer of the Year Award was announced. President Jan presented



Glenda's image - "In the palm of my hands" won Member's Choice Photo of the Year.

Trevor with the award as he was the clear winner with 80 points accumulated over 10 competitions during 2024.

This was achieved despite missing one of those competitions entirely, so there was no doubt about the quality of the body of work Trevor presented throughout the year.

At the dinner members enjoyed a Trivia quiz followed by an informal members choice vote for photo of the year. Members and guests selected Glenda's "In the palm of my hand" as their

favourite from a sample of images that were awarded Honour during the year.

First topic for 2025 is "Repetition" and entries close at 6pm on Friday January 31st. Next year the Group will kick off on Wednesday 8th January at 33 Forde St Allora, 7pm with the AGM followed by a short general meeting. All welcome.

For more information contact Michael Campbell on 0427 521 159 or alloraphotographygroup 4362@gmail.com

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Season's Greetings

Robyn, Jan & staff would like to wish everyone a

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24th Dec	10am-10pm	12-2 & 5.30-8pm
25th Dec	CLOSED	CLOSED
26th Dec	12-8pm	CLOSED
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Wishing our clients, family & friends a Very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

properties TRUHLE REAL ESTATE

We will be CLOSED 25th & 26th December & 1st January

We will be taking the odd day off here and there outside of these days to spend some time with family.

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Merry Christmas

With Christmas comes peace, hope and joy.
I wish you and yours a memorable holiday season filled with great company and good cheer.

The Hon. David LITTLEPROUD MP
FEDERAL MEMBER FOR MARANOVA

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Authorised by David Littleproud MP, Liberal National Party of Queensland, 57 Cunningham Street, Dalby QLD 4405.

Wishing everyone a
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 and all the Best
 for 2025

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Allora Post Office
64 Herbert St. Allora

Belinda & Matt from the Allora Post Office wish all their customers and friends a Very Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

CLOSED 25th & 26th December and 1st January.

The Toowoomba Hospice Management Committee, Leadership Team, Staff and Volunteers would like to thank you for your support this year, and to wish you, your staff and family...

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 CLOSED - Thursday Boxing Day 26 December
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Denise and Crawford would like to wish everyone a **Safe & Happy Christmas** and thank our customers for their patronage over the last 12 months

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Willett Electrical wishes you a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Julie and the volunteers at Allora's Salvation Army wish everyone a **Blessed and Joyous Christmas**

Please take care and stay safe over the holiday break. A big thank you to the community for their support during the year

The Salvo Shop will close on Monday 23rd December and re-open on Thursday 2nd January.

Merry Christmas

from Mim, Ted and Fraser

- we're the team at Allora Advertiser that gathers your local news and brings you advertising for the benefit of readers and businesses.

We extend our best wishes for a safe happy Christmas and an exciting prosperous New Year

This is the last edition for 2024. First edition for 2025 will be 8th January. Our Office will close 4pm on Wednesday 18th December, re-opening 9am on Monday 6th January.

The Golden Wattle Cafe

We wish all our customers and friends a **Safe & Happy Christmas**

Golden Wattle Cafe in the RSL building, 11 Warwick Street, Allora
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CHRISTMAS TRADING:

FRI - 20 Dec - 7.00-12.00
 TUE - 24 Dec - 7.00-4.00
 WED - 25 Dec - CLOSED
 THU - 26 Dec - CLOSED
 FRI - 27 Dec - 8.00-4.00
 SAT - 28 Dec - 8.00-12.00
 SUN - 29 Dec - 8.00-12.00
 MON - 30 Dec - 8.00-4.00
 TUE - 31 Dec - 8.00-4.00
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See you all again in the New Year!

JAMES LISTER MP

Member for Southern Downs



James, Belinda and family wish everyone a safe and happy Christmas. May you enjoy a memorable holiday season with your loved ones.

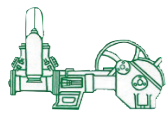
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CHRISTMAS CLOSURE
CLOSED from Friday 20 December, RE-OPENING Monday 6 January 2025.



Assuming all goes to plan, 2024 will be our 12 and final Allora Christmas. We would like to thank all who have supported us over those years.

We will be here for a while yet and wish all of you the best for Christmas and your future in Allora!

You are welcome to help us clear our stock!

Alan and Janice

Phone Janice 0427 510 287 or Alan 0409 126 102

SCOPE Community Op Shop

Thanks to -

- Warwick Credit Union
- Allora Advertiser
- West Talgai Feedlot - David Brown
- Allora P-10 State School
- St. Patrick's School
- Dennys/Satake
- Freedom Fuel

The Op Shop will CLOSE - Friday, 20th December and REOPEN - Tuesday, 7th January 2025.
During this time bins will be locked - DO NOT drop off anything around the bins or the building.

We would like to thank all Volunteers who attended the shop and all Customers who supported us.



Mayor's Christmas Message



MAYOR MELISSA HAMILTON

What a year 2024 has been! Since taking office in April, I have enjoyed such a warm welcome from the community and Council staff. Whilst there have certainly been some challenges, I am continually amazed and impressed at the community spirit and resilience shown by the Southern Downs region.

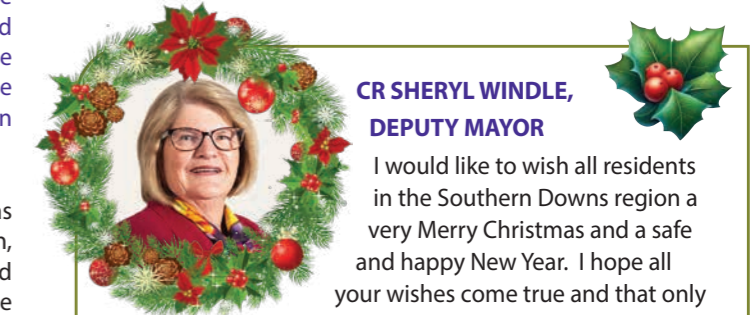
It is pleasing to see many projects completed this year, such as the Stanthorpe Regional Art Gallery and Library Expansion, the Warwick Saleyards Redevelopment (Stages 1 and 2) and the Victoria Park Dog Off Leash Area. The Apple and Grape Harvest Festival, Jumpers and Jazz in July and the Warwick Rodeo and Campdraft continue to draw crowds, who discover and enjoy our beautiful region. These projects and events would not have been successful without the hard work and dedication of Council staff, volunteers and the community, and I thank everyone involved for their efforts.

As we approach the festive season, I encourage you to support our local businesses and consider shopping for Christmas locally rather than online - you can then reward yourself with a cuppa or lunch at a local café afterwards.

I encourage you to take advantage of the free community events for all ages that will be held in the lead-up to Christmas, an opportunity to enjoy the sense of community and togetherness that Christmas brings to the Southern Downs.

Most importantly, I wish you all a safe and happy Christmas and New Year. I hope that you get to enjoy some quality time with your families and loved ones. Whilst Christmas is typically a time to rest and recharge after a busy year, I would also like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to those frontline workers who keep vital services operating for the community during this period.

Finally, I would like to thank my fellow Councillors. The passion and commitment each of you bring to your role is evident to the community and I am truly enjoying working with all of you. I look forward to us achieving much more in 2025 to help realise our vision of being a vibrant, sustainable and liveable region.



CR SHERYL WINDLE, DEPUTY MAYOR

I would like to wish all residents in the Southern Downs region a very Merry Christmas and a safe and happy New Year. I hope all your wishes come true and that only good things come your way in 2025.

2024 has been an extremely busy year. The March election saw some new faces on our team of Councillors and they are all proving to be worthy of their appointment. They are committed to doing the very best they can for our region and have brought with them a wealth of experience to our team. This festive season will be a bit quieter in our household as most of our family will be scattered far and wide. However, we will all make the effort to contact each other from wherever we will be and share lots of great photographs to keep us in the spirit of family connection.



CR SARAH DEANE

My highlight for 2024 would have to be the generosity I've seen in our region. The number of residents that dedicate hours of their time each week to a community group is incredible.



CR MORWENNA HARSLETT

I would like to extend my best wishes to our community. This time of year offers an opportunity to come together, reflect on the year past and look ahead to the next. Whether celebrating Christmas, another tradition or simply enjoying a well-deserved break, I hope it brings you peace and time with those close to you.



CR JOEL RICHTERS

As we approach the end of what has been a challenging year for many, we prepare to spend cherished time with friends, neighbours and family. This holiday season, let us remember that even the smallest gesture can make a world of difference to those around us. Just as Mary and Joseph found solace in the kindness of strangers during their time of need, many people in our community are also in need of support.

While the holiday season holds different meanings for different people, to me it is a time for family and friends to come together and create lasting memories. Our Christmas will begin with a special service at St Mark's, followed by a warm celebration with our families at home and an afternoon of backyard cricket.

Before long, 2025 will be here and we'll soon forget all the leftovers. I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude for the support you have given me this year and I look forward to continuing to serve you in the year ahead. Wishing you and your family a joyful holiday season. From my family to yours, Merry Christmas.



CR RUSSELL WANTLING

Christmas, for me, is all about family. It's the time to come together and enjoy those moments that mean the most. Having all six of my grandchildren around will be a real highlight - their excitement and joy brings the magic of the season to life.

This year has been a whirlwind, filled with challenges and milestones. Reflecting on everything, I'm reminded how important it is to focus on what truly matters and not get caught up in trivial things.

Christmas also carries a deeper, spiritual meaning and I believe these values and beliefs are more important than ever in today's world.

As we look to the New Year, I'm excited about the opportunities ahead and the chance to keep building a strong, connected community.

Wishing you all a happy and safe Christmas surrounded by family and friends.



CR CYNTHIA MCDONALD

Christmas is a time for family and loved ones to be together. The lead up to the festivities this year has been wonderful. A lovely season providing a great outlook for those families on the land. I enjoy summer and all the new life it brings to our region.

If you are travelling, please be safe and look after your family. This is a special time for so many to celebrate together. I enjoy spending time with our community and I have no doubt I will see many of you out and about during this period. I wish you all a safe and Merry Christmas.



CR CARLA PIDGEON

As the festive season jingles its way across the paddocks, I want to wish the Southern Downs community a safe and joyful Christmas and New Year.

It's been a big year for me as a first-term Councillor and I'm excited for what 2025 will bring as we roll up our sleeves to keep moving our region forward with the support of the hardworking Council staff.

As a farming family, Christmas for us isn't just about pudding and pressies—it's a time when the work boots stay firmly on. While the rest of Australia fills their eskies and hits the beach, our days are filled with mustering cattle, cutting hay and keeping an eye on those big, beautiful storm clouds rolling in. Yep, Santa might bring the pressies, but Mother Nature delivers the rain and it's the best gift we farmers could ask for!

So, whether you're wrangling a mob of sheep, decking the halls with bales of hay or just enjoying a quiet cuppa under the gum trees, may your holidays be full of laughter, good tucker and a fair dinkum sense of community. Here's to a ripper year ahead!

SMART WATER METER ROLLOUT HITS MAJOR MILESTONE ACROSS THE SOUTHERN DOWNS

Now is the ideal time to register and set up your free online account to monitor water usage and receive real-time leak alerts to ensure you stay informed of unexpected water flows on your property, even while you're away on holidays.

Council is making waves in water conservation, reaching a significant milestone with more than 10,000 smart water meters now installed and actively transmitting water usage data across the region. Building on the successful installation of more than 2700 smart water meters in Stanthorpe in 2022, this initiative marks a proactive step toward securing long-term water sustainability.

Thanks to a partnership with Taggle Systems Pty Ltd and Data Right, the smart water meter rollout is fully funded by the Queensland Government's Big Build initiative and the Southern Downs Drought Resilience Package. Launched in January 2024, Data Right has now installed more than 7,800 meters across the region, with plans to expand into Allora, Killarney, Pratten, Leyburn, Yangan, Dalveen and Wallangarra in 2025. By the project's completion, Council will have more than 12,000 smart meters transmitting invaluable insights into water consumption patterns to support efficient, sustainable water management throughout the Southern Downs.

The smart meters transmit water usage data every hour, giving both Council and property owners real-time access to reliable data that can help detect leaks early. Since January, Council has sent more than 1,400 leak alerts, leading to repairs on more than 700 leaks, which has prevented an estimated 680 megalitres of annual water loss and saved property owners approximately \$2 million.



Property owners can access water usage data by registering with Council's online customer portal, MySDRCWater. With this real-time monitoring tool, users can check their water consumption from any device and set up SMS or email alerts for instant updates on potential leaks. Property owners who use a real estate agent to manage rentals can even authorise their agent to monitor water usage, and many local agents are already on board.

For more information on the smart water meter program or to register for MySDRCWater, visit Council's Smart Water Meters page or contact Customer Service on 1300 MY SDRC (1300 697 372).



COUNCIL CHRISTMAS BREAK Closures

- ★ Customer Service Centres**
Allora, Stanthorpe and Warwick
Close: 3pm, Tuesday 24 December 2024
Re-open: 8.30am, Thursday 2 January 2025
- ★ Southern Downs Libraries**
Allora, Stanthorpe and Warwick
Close: 3pm, Tuesday 24 December 2024
Re-open: 8.30am, Thursday 2 January 2025
- ★ Waste Collection and Facilities**
Roadside domestic waste collections will continue as normal, including all public holidays. Council waste facilities will operate as usual, with all sites closed on Wednesday 25 December 2024 only.
- ★ Visitor Information Centres**
Stanthorpe and Warwick Visitor Information Centres will operate as usual, with both centres closed on Wednesday 25 December 2024 only.

For emergencies during this time, contact 1300 MY SDRC (1300 697 372).

TOP 5

Adventure Activities In The Southern Downs

Is it your turn to host the family for Christmas? Look no further than the Southern Downs Visitor Information Centres in Stanthorpe and Warwick and the official Southern Downs Visitor App for tourist drives, self-guided walking trails, accommodation and dining option in the region.

HERE'S OUR TOP 5 ADVENTURE ACTIVITIES WORTH HITTING THE ROAD FOR THIS SUMMER.

1. GO BOATING AND FISHING

Spend a day relaxing at Leslie Dam, Connolly Dam, Glenlyon Dam and Storm King Dam or cast a line into the Condamine River at Federation Park in Warwick.

2. HIT A MOUNTAIN BIKE TRAIL

Visit the www.southerndownsandgranitebelt.com.au for a list of local trails or head to Stanthorpe's Mount Marlay MTB Trail network.

3. EXPLORE A 4WD DRIVE TRAIL

Find some of the region's best four-wheel driving in remote Sundown National Park, explore the Goomburra section of Main Range National Park or visit one of the well-maintained private properties offering more challenging 4WD tracks.

4. TAKE A HIKE

From serious granite-scaling hikes to leisurely family bushwalks, some of the region's most popular trails can be found at Girraween National Park and Main Range National Park, including Queen Mary Falls, Cunninghams Gap and Goomburra.

5. DO A SELF-GUIDED TOUR

With the Southern Downs Visitor App in your pocket, you can take several self-guided walking and driving trails including the Stanthorpe Art Trail, the Warwick Art Trail, the Leyburn Heritage Trail or the Southern Downs Stone Sculpture Trail.

Explore more of your own backyard this summer

Queen Mary Falls
Main Range National Park

DOWNLOAD THE LOCAL VISITOR APP

The Southern Downs & Granite Belt Visitor App is Council's free travel resource to help you #SeeSouthernDowns this summer.



Do you have the MySDRC APP?

Log a service request
Follow road closure updates
Find the Disaster Dashboard
Get Council news and contact Councillors

New look for Allora Medical Building

The Allora Medical Support group has had a busy year investing in the two buildings under their care on behalf of the Allora Community. This year's investments included the purchase of an ultrasound machine and a new medical bed, alongside regular repairs and maintenance to ensure the facilities remain in excellent condition.

The major project of the year was the remodelling of the entrance to the medical building. This initiative, while taking considerable time, has significantly improved the safety and accessibility of the building. The AMMSG extends its gratitude to the community for their patience during the construction period and acknowledges the fantastic work of T. Gardiner, whose efforts brought the project to life. A working bee by some AMMSG committee members over the weekend brought the finishing touches to the project, demonstrating true community spirit.

The Donovan Building has also seen improvements. The AMMSG warmly welcomes the Allora Vet Clinic to these premises and wishes the practice every success in its operations. Additionally, the parking area has been modified to accommodate more vehicles, with the disabled parking space



relocated to ensure safer and more convenient access to both buildings.

The AMMSG held its 12th Annual General Meeting on October 8, 2024. Chairperson Garry Wilson reported on a successful year and expressed heartfelt thanks to the members for their unwavering support and volunteer efforts in managing these vital assets for the Allora community. Mark Mason kindly chaired the election, which saw the current management committee re-elected:

Garry Wilson – President; Jon Constable – Vice President; Mary-Lou Gittins – Secretary; Kaye Wilson – Treasurer.

The AMMSG looks forward to another year of progress, working to enhance the facilities and medical services available to the Allora community.

Mary-Lou Gittins

Expressions of interest open for Volunteer Grants

Leader of The Nationals and Member for Maranoa David Littleproud is encouraging the electorate's eligible volunteer groups to submit their expressions of interest for a share of The Australian Government's 2024-25 Volunteer Grants Program.

Grants ranging from \$1000 to \$5000 are on offer to eligible groups from across the Maranoa electorate and can be used for essential equipment such as telecommunications devices or towards supporting local volunteers.

Mr Littleproud said the Volunteer Grants Program has made a significant impact for many local organisations with a total of 23 groups from across the Maranoa electorate benefitting from the program's most recent round of grants. "Volunteers are the backbone of our communities and grants like these give them the helping

hand they need to continue doing their life-changing work," Mr Littleproud said.

"The Maranoa electorate is blessed to have so many incredible volunteer organisations that dedicate time and effort to helping others.

"I encourage all of our electorate's wonderful volunteer groups to submit their expressions of interest to my office in Warwick, or via email, to ensure they get a chance at their fair share of the funds."

Expressions of interest close at 5 pm Friday, January 3.

Expression of interest forms are available in person at Mr Littleproud's office in Palmerin Street Warwick or online via Community Hub - David Littleproud | Federal Member for Maranoa and once complete can be emailed to david.littleproud.mp@aph.gov.au

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Wattles Juniors Step into Historic Season



Wattles Junior Rugby League Club officials celebrated their new season meet and greet dinner with committee members and coaching staff at Allora's Railway Hotel on December 9th, and while it closed the door on the 2024 year, it also saw the Club about to step off in to an historic 2025 season.

President Aaron Gilmore is very upbeat about what the new season holds, despite changes that see significant alterations for the Warwick and District Junior Rugby League as it celebrates its 60th year of existence.

For the coming season the Warwick and District JRL competition will cater for the Under 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 & 12 age groups, the teams open to boys and girls, from Wattles, Warwick based Club's Collegians and Eastern Suburbs, Stanthorpe, Goondiwindi and MIT Jets (Millmerran-Inglewood-Texas).

Wattles, Collegians, Goondiwindi and Stanthorpe clubs will next season compete in the Toowoomba Junior Rugby League competition in Under 13, 14, 15 & 17 boys age groups,

Under 15 Girls League Tag and Under 17 Girls Tackle.

Mr. Gilmore and his committee consider Wattles Juniors 2024 season a great success fielding teams in all competition grades, 180 player registrations, and the Under 15 Boys line-up scooping a prestigious minor premiership, before appearing unsuccessfully in the season deciding Grand Final.

Aside from Mr Gilmore, Holly Death returns to the club's executive at secretary with newcomer Vanessa Guy Treasurer while Josh Schwenke takes on the Vice-President role and Belinda Naumann continues in the demanding registrar roll.

Rebecca Steinhardt is remaining in the integral role of referee coordinator, Allison May steps in as Uniform Co-ordinator while accomplished coach Adam May is now the club coaching coordinator

The vital role of canteen convenor is yet to be filled, while Mrs Shelley Duggan has been reappointed Patron of the junior club.

Wattles Juniors coaches for the 2025 season:

- Under 6: Brandon Sauverain
- Under 7: Nick Van Der Poel
- Under 8: Rod Johnstone
- Under 9: Josh Macpherson



Wattles Junior Rugby League Club 2025 Season Executive Committee members - President Aaron Gilmore, Secretary Holly Death and Treasurer Vanessa Guy enjoying the festive celebrations at the club's recent new season meet & greet function. (Image - by Allison May)

- Under 10: Luke Townsend
- Under 11: Chris Ryan
- Under 12: Josh Schwenke
- Under 13: Russell McMillan
- Under 14: Clayton Brady & Rylan Saville
- Under 15: Lee Schwenke
- Under 17: Matthew Christensen
- Under 15 Girls League Tag: George Berry
- Under 17 Girls Tackle: To be confirmed.

Wattles Junior RL Club registrations have commenced as of December 9th, with the club hosting an official muster sign-on day in February.

Early season commitments for the young Warriors will have them on

the road in February with Under 14 and 16 teams heading to Charleville competing in the annual Adrian Vowles Cup, one of Queensland's more highly rated junior carnivals.

Participation in the Brown Steel Walker Weekend in late March in Toowoomba is another consideration for the club committee, where Wattles Under 13 side were so impressive last year.

For inquiries regarding Wattles Junior Rugby League Club, President Aaron Gilmore can be contacted on: 0414 245 860. Glyn Rees



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Goomburra Town Hall 2024 Recap

The Goomburra Town Hall (GTH) committee extends thanks to everyone who hired the hall over the past 12 months. The events, including a 1st birthday party, workshops with catering, Toowoomba Vintage Car luncheon, a wedding ceremony, and the GTH own fundraising, have made it possible to maintain the hall's operations and insurance. The Committee also acknowledges the support from Rose City FM and Allora Advertiser for their support during the year by promoting events.

The Annual General Meeting saw all members re-elected: Mary-Lou - President, Terry - Vice President, Denekia - Secretary, Jenny - Treasurer. Mary-Lou

highlighted that the hall will celebrate its 120th anniversary in 2026. The committee hopes to mark this milestone with a Back to Goomburra Day.

This year's Annual Christmas Party was a resounding success, with wonderful attendance and festive cheer. The Warwick City Band once again delighted everyone with carols, with thanks extended to the Band for volunteering their time.

Children enjoyed games while members helped out with the BBQ, canteen, food orders and raffles. Santa made a grand entrance in his red chariot (Landcruiser of course) with lights blazing and decorations. The children waited with anticipation for their name to

be called by Santa's helper Jaclyne and gift presented by Santa.

Special thanks go to the raffle sponsors - Lone Wolff Earthmoving, A Fling & L French, A & K Day and SH & MLD Gittins.

The generous contributions raised significant funds for the hall. A highlight of the evening was the cutting of the Christmas cake, baked by Denekia, and proudly cut by Barb and Grace as the oldest and youngest attendees.

GTH welcomed two Southern Downs Regional Councillors, Carla Pidgeon and Joel Ricketts, to the festivities. Carla addressed the attendees, celebrating the grants the GTH Committee secured over

the past year. The SDRC Smarty Community Grants enabled the Committee to enhance the amenities at the hall, including the addition of a gazebo and security lights. Mary-Lou commended the council for these grants, emphasising how user-friendly the application and reporting processes were to follow.

As the GTH wraps up for 2024, more events will be welcomed next year. The Goomburra Town Hall is available for hire, with catering services offered at reasonable rates. It is the perfect place to create and relive cherished memories.

Seasons greetings to everyone and have a safe, happy New Year from members of the Goomburra Town Hall.

The Goomburra Region Copped A Drenching Last Week

Local Goomburra resident Corrie Ross was out with his trusty camera shooting some spectacular images.



Goomburra Hall.



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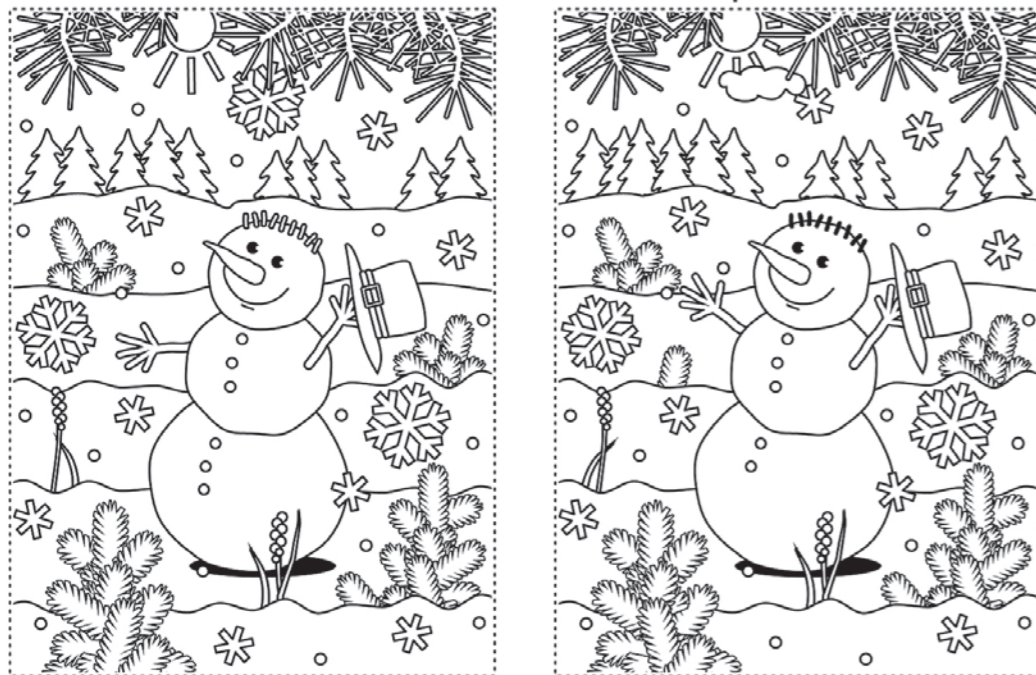


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Travis Burns - 63 net, 2nd: Russell Sparksman - 66 net, 3rd: Ben McMichael - 69 net. Nearest the pins: 4th: Ty Gardner, 7th: Tony Haig, 8th: Donnie Daniels, 13th: Sam McLary, 16th: Kym Williams, 17th: Russell Sparksman. Approaches: 3rd: Tony Haig, 6th: Matt May, 12th: Ty Gardner, 15th: Russell Sparksman. Long putt: 1st: Ben McMichael, 10th: Neil Chandler. Thank you for the sponsorship and for the end of year Christmas BBQ Ty Gardner Concreting! **Coming up: Sunday 22 December** - 4BBB sponsored by Allora Butchery.

Allora Bowls Notes



The Allora Social Bowls team appreciates the support received from locals. Thanks to Millstone Group for your sponsorship of winners and runners up for the season. Special thanks go to Greg Patto for the tireless work he does in organising the games for the season & keeping the show running

and to all our other helpers each week. Ryan our music man, Bec for working the bar, Moley our Greenkeeper, the Allora Advertiser for publishing our notes each week and for people who are called on to sub for teams sometimes at short notice but always willing to step in and play and anyone else who helps out on the night. Play for Spring season in 2025 commences on 21st January. New players are always welcome on Tuesday nights, 6.30pm for a 7pm start. Ring Greg Patterson on 0491 128 689 for any enquiries. That's a wrap up for the Summer season of social bowls, see you all back again in 2025 with your teams organised. Stay safe & have a Merry Christmas and best wishes for the New Year. - Bev O'Halloran



Golfing giggle to end 2024
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