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Visit the Disaster Management website for the latest Emergency Alert details and for local area information on Local Government disaster dashboards.

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Please include your name and contact details.  
Letters will be published at the discretion of the Editor.

## Bartranz Petroleum Acquires Kings Fuel Supplies in Tenterfield

### A Full Circle Moment for the Barton Family

In a significant milestone for both businesses, Bartranz Petroleum has officially acquired Kings Fuel Supplies in Tenterfield. This transition marks a special full-circle moment for Bartranz owners Justin and Gretta Barton, as Kings Fuel Supplies was their company's very first customer.

Greg and Wendy Kings, who have served the Tenterfield and Glen Innes communities with dedication and excellence for many years, are now stepping into retirement. The Barton family, alongside their experienced team, is committed to maintaining the same high standard of service that customers have come to expect.

Bartranz Petroleum has experienced remarkable growth since its beginnings as a single-truck operation in 2017. Today, the company operates a fleet of 11 tankers, servicing areas as far north as Bundaberg and as far south as Armidale, NSW. This expansion is a testament not only to the Bartons' dedication to quality service and strong customer relationships but also to the hardworking team behind Bartranz. Their skill, commitment, and teamwork have been instrumental in the company's success.

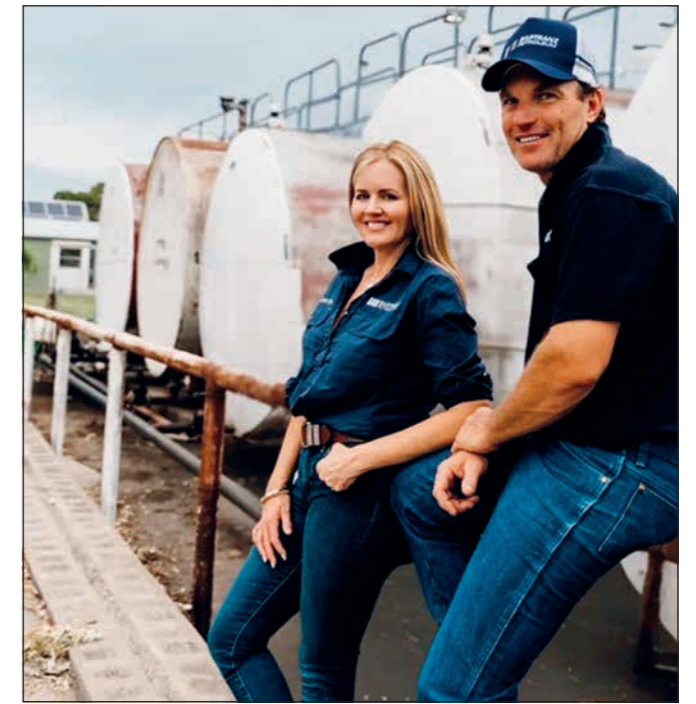
The acquisition is particularly meaningful to

Justin and Gretta, as it was Greg and Wendy's belief in them as business owners that helped keep Bartranz afloat in its early days. During one of the worst droughts on record, Kings Fuel Supplies remained a loyal customer, providing much needed support when the company was still finding its feet. Now, years later, Bartranz is proud to carry on the legacy that Greg and Wendy built.

Justin Barton himself will be taking the lead in Tenterfield, ensuring a seamless transition, while the Allora Depot will be left in the capable hands of Brad Eyre, the company's longest-standing employee, and newcomer Dave Bateman. Gretta Barton and Kylie Hay will continue managing the accounts, keeping everything running smoothly behind the scenes.

"We are excited for this next chapter and are confident that our team will continue providing top-quality service to the New England region," said Justin Barton.

The community extends its best wishes to Greg and Wendy Kings as they embark on their well-earned retirement and looks forward to seeing the continued growth and success of Bartranz Petroleum in the region.



Owners Justin and Gretta Barton.

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INVESTORS: House Lease to 1/6/2025 for \$400 p.w.

### DUAL INCOME - SHOP



• 4 Room BUSINESS PREMISES in CBD

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INVESTORS: Shop Lease to 28/2/2026 for \$300 p.w.

### COMMERCIAL OPPORTUNITY \$ 550,000 +GST IF APPLICABLE



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**Ground Floor:**

- Entry off street level
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INVESTORS:- Property recently leased at \$800 p.w.

**First Floor:**

- Large entry could be used as office
- Modern kitchen/dining has gas stove, NEW dishwasher, ample cupboard & bench space
- Lounge/dining has wood heater + r/c aircon
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INVESTORS: Currently renting at \$420 p.w till 28/06/2025

Upstairs • Aircon 2 Bedroom - built-ins • Bathroom has shower, vanity & toilet

Downstairs • Open plan Living - kitchen, living, dining & lounge • Laundry, separate toilet & storage • Remote single garage

### AS NEW DUPLEX UNITS \$ 825,000



Completed in 2022, Duplex - Unit A 4 bed, 2 bath, open plan living & Unit B 2 bed, 1 bath, open plan living.

- 610 m<sup>2</sup> allotment
- Kitchen has all mod cons, ceramic hot plates, electric oven, rangehood & dishwasher
- Tiled living area • Ducted aircon
- All bedrooms have built-ins, ceiling fans & down lights.

INVESTORS: Currently rented: Unit A \$550 p.w. Unit B \$400 p.w.

## LAND

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HENDON - 1922 M <sup>2</sup> , POWER NEARBY, LIGHTLY TREED, RURAL FENCED	\$ 150,000+
GOOMBURRA - 7.61 HA, BITUMEN ROAD, POWER, ON INVERRAMSAY RD	\$ 425,000+
GREYMARE - 2251 M <sup>2</sup> , BITUMEN ROAD, POWER ON STREET, ON GREYMARE CK	\$ 150,000

### CENTRAL LOCATION \$ 650,000



1950's home has double block frontage on one title - Investors it may be possible to build a unit complex which will be in demand this close to all amenities.

- 4 bedrooms • Large kitchen
- Separate lounge • Enclosed sunroom
- Bathroom with separate toilet
- Large yard 1166 m<sup>2</sup> • 2 Carports
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INVESTORS: Currently tenant paying \$430 p.w. till February 2025

### ON A CREEK \$ 150,000+



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30-minute drive to Warwick off sealed road. Suit buyer wanting to escape for weekend or live in country setting. Undulation appreciated by off road enthusiasts.

- Abundant wildlife
- Gullies fed from elevation in rainy season
- Boundary fencing needs some attention
- Bore, 6.5kva petrol genset, Franklin submersible pump
- Tenant lease end 10 December 2024

### AFFORDABLE LAND \$ 150,000+



HENDON

Quiet country lifestyle only 5 mins to Allora, 15 mins to Warwick and 40 mins to Toowoomba.

- 1922 m<sup>2</sup> - almost 1/2 Acre
- Sloping 1% gradient from front to back diagonally
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LOT 14	866 M <sup>2</sup>	UNDER CONTRACT

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# Important Community Notice

from Allora Show Committee

Please be advised that during the upcoming event on Friday and Saturday, we will be using a loudspeaker starting early in the morning on both days and continuing into the evenings.

Additionally, fireworks are scheduled to take place around 8:00 PM on Saturday night. We kindly ask all pet owners to ensure their pets are secured indoors to prevent them from becoming frightened and potentially running away.

We appreciate your understanding and cooperation.

Carol Lyall - Show President



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"This result is extremely exciting for our small rural school and pays testament to the strong educational partnerships that exist between our students, staff and parents." Mr Blaikie said.

"As a school community, we are justifiably proud of our 2024 NAPLAN results. NAPLAN is one way we monitor and measure student learning progress during the year. We are privileged to have an expert staff who are determined to see every child experience success. Classroom teaching practices are informed by student need and feedback and work towards students gradually taking

responsibility for their own learning. The teaching approach across all year levels is direct instruction where learning is developmental and personalised. The school has the strong support of parents who accept their role as critical partners in reinforcing a positive disposition towards learning in their children. We look forward to 2025 with much anticipation."

Upcoming Events -

- Thursday 6 February - Whole School Assembly in the Church at 2.15pm
- Thursday 6 February - St Patrick's P&F Meet and Greet
- Friday 7 February - Allora Show Holiday (School closed)
- Wednesday 12 February - Newsletter
- Wednesday 12 February - St Patrick's P&F AGM at 6.00pm in the library/ or via Zoom
- Tuesday 18 February - Leaders' Induction Mass at 9.30am in the Church

# Managing Trade Waste

Southern Downs Regional Council is reminding local businesses of the importance of responsible trade waste management to protect our sewer network, safeguard public health,

and preserve our precious local ecosystems.

Non-biodegradable liquid waste—including chemicals, oils, grease, metals, and various industrial by-products—can pose significant risks to sewer systems if not managed effectively. These substances can lead to blockages and overflows, which disrupt the network and also threaten the health of our community and the environment.

Council's Trade Waste Management Plan is designed to support local businesses to a standard of compliance that aligns with best practices in environmental stewardship. This plan recognises the diverse sources of trade waste in our community, which includes restaurants, cafés, manufacturing facilities, automotive services, medical establishments and beauty salons.

For more information on how to comply with the Trade Waste Management Plan and to access industry specific resources, please contact Council on 1300 MY SDRC (1300 697 372) or visit Council's website.

# 2025 Allora Show

Friday 7th & Saturday 8th February

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## MEMBERSHIPS

Memberships must be purchased by 5pm this Thursday - Single Adult - \$15 | Single Adult & Child (1 adult + 1 child under 17) - \$25 | Couple (2 adults) - \$35 | Family (2 adults + 2 children under 17) - \$45 | Each additional Child under 17 - \$5

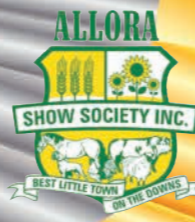
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# Welcome to the 147th Annual Allora Show



Allora Show Society President Carol Lyall.

## PRESIDENT'S WELCOME

It is with great pleasure that I welcome every one of you to this year's Allora Show. As we celebrate this milestone, I believe the 147th edition promises to be the biggest and best yet.

The success of this beloved event could not happen without the unwavering support and active participation of our incredible community. Your dedication and enthusiasm are what make this Show so special.

This year's Show is set to be packed with a variety of exciting activities, vibrant stalls, and top-notch entertainment. Whether you're here to enjoy the sights, sounds, or tastes, there's something for everyone to enjoy! The much-loved Rodeo will now be a saddle bronc and bull event and much-loved past events such as the demolition derby and fireworks are set to continue.

I encourage everyone to get involved and share in the spirit of the Show. This event is not only a celebration of tradition but also an opportunity to showcase and develop the unique talents and interests of our community. Let's continue to embrace and support one another as we create an experience reflecting Allora's diversity and creativity.



Allora Show Society Patron Dorothy Rubie.

Carol Lyall  
Allora Show Society President

**Friday 7 and Saturday 8 February - Gates open at 8am both days**

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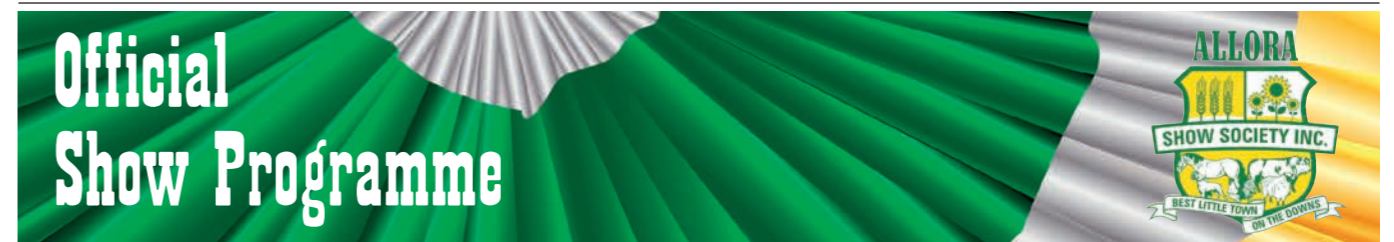
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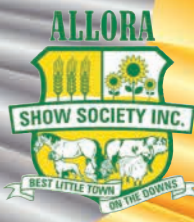
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# Official Show Programme



**THE 147th ALLORA SHOW HAS A TWO-DAY PACKED PROGRAMME FOR EVERYONE TO ENJOY**

## FRIDAY 9th FEBRUARY

8.00am	Gates open	2.00pm	Pavilion open
9.00am	Horse Events commence	4.00pm	2 for 1 Rides (ends 6pm)
10.00am	Pavilion Judging (Pavilion closed)	6.00pm	Rodeo - Bull Riding & Saddle Broncs
10.00am	Prime Cattle Judging	9.30pm	Mik Oberle till late

## SATURDAY 10th FEBRUARY

8.00am	Gates open	2.30pm	Boxing Display
8.00am	Show Horse Events	3.00pm	Lollipop the Clown Magic Show
8.30am	Dog Judging, Poultry, Goats, Sheep & Stud Cattle Judging	4.30pm	Children's Games
9.00am	Duck Racing - every hour	5.30pm	Laughing Stock Productions Show
10.00am	Pet Parade	6.15pm	Demolition Derby Calcutta
11.00am	Walter Whip Cracking	7.15pm	Walter Whip Cracking
12.00pm	Official Opening - Main Arena	8.00pm	Fireworks Display
12.30pm	Chook S#it Lotto drawn	8.30pm	Demolition Derby
2.00pm	Walter Whip Cracking	10.00pm	Gates Close

**NOTE - Program times may vary on the night**

## RODEO!

### FRIDAY 7th FEBRUARY

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**JAMES LISTER MP**  
 Member for Southern Downs

"I wish the Allora Show Society and all exhibitors and show goes a successful and enjoyable 2025 Allora Show".

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 OPEN - SUN 9th - 8am to 12pm

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**Discount Saver Show Coupons**

Cut out the coupon and bring them with you to the Allora Show on Friday 7th February 2025. They will get you big discounts between 4pm & 6pm on rides operated by members of the Showmen's Guild of Australia.





**2025 marks the 62nd Allora Show for our Patron and Life Member, Mrs Dorothy Rubie.**

Dorothy commenced her journey as a volunteer with the Allora Show Society when she, her husband Harry and daughter Del, moved from Warwick to their new home in Allora in 1964.

Keen to be involved with the local Community, her time with the Society began in the Schoolwork Section where Charlie and Dulcie Tickle presided over events. When Dorothy offered her services, Charlie Tickle asked if she had neat handwriting, necessary for transcribing details on the place getters' cards. When that test was passed with flying colours, Dorothy's first Show Society assignment started in the old weatherboard Pavilion standing where the brick Pavilion is now situated.

From working in the Pavilion, Dorothy moved into the Horse Ring pencilling for the Ring Stewards, and Mr Tom Cowley, after whom the Main Arena is named, was the Chief Ring Steward at the time.

When Tom passed away, Len Batterham was elected Ring Master and it was during this time that the first 'Ring Office'

was created. This was the small, enclosed section underneath the Announcer's Box near the Campdraft yards. It was from this tiny space that all transactions for the Equestrian events transpired.

In the early days of Dorothy's association with the Allora Show, a 'Show Campdraft' was held on the Friday with Local Horse Events in progress outside the main Ring.

Dorothy was responsible for all 'Office work' connected with the Equestrian Events for the two days of the Show, including the Campdraft. The 'Draw' for the Draft was conducted from her kitchen table in Drayton Street, with a few willing helpers, the day before the Show.

Each Steward's Result Book was handwritten and covered in Brown Paper as was the Receipt Book, where a signature was required from Competitors to enable them to receive their Prize Money. Every equestrian Event for the two days of the Show had a white envelope, again handwritten with all necessary details, containing exactly the correct amount of prizemoney. The books were 'balanced' at the



**Dorothy Rubie with the Federal Member for Maranoa and Nationals Leader David Littleproud MP at the official opening of the Undercover Arena at the Allora Showgrounds, May 2022.**

end of each Show day and rarely were they out by even 10 cents! On one occasion, Dorothy unexpectedly became the Equestrian 'Ring Announcer' when the usual voice of the show was unavailable.

The current Ring Office was purpose built by the Allora APEX Club, for their use on the famous Allora Apex Auction Day. It was here that Dorothy spent the remainder of her time

with the Equestrian section of the Show. Dorothy's association with the 'Ring Office' concluded in 2022 after 58 years volunteering her services to the Show Society.

In 2018, Dorothy was extremely honoured to accept the position of Patron of the Allora Show Society and has worked with some wonderful people and made some great friends during her 62 years, volunteering at ... **'The Best Little Show on the Downs'**.



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**Growers Asked To Have Their Say**

GrainGrowers has commenced its Annual Policy Survey, encouraging growers across Australia to have their say on issues impacting their farms.

The survey results will assist GrainGrowers in identifying the key issues facing growers and prioritising the challenges and opportunities for the year ahead.

In addition to seeking feedback on policy issues, the survey includes some new questions around biotechnology uptake, natural capital on farm and the extent to which respondents are planning ahead for issues that may impact them in the future.

GrainGrowers CEO Shona Gawel said the survey represented an important opportunity for growers to raise issues that impact their day-to-day business operations.

"Last year, 663 growers participated in the survey, providing a wealth of useful information. From a data viewpoint, the breadth of participation provided statistically significant results, allowing us to draw accurate, industry-wide conclusions."

"In 2024, the survey identified the top three priority areas as farm inputs, markets and pricing and labour. The feedback and insights provide a sharp focus to our policy and advocacy efforts, undertaken on behalf of our members and the wider industry."

"The insights gained through the survey were used in 23 industry submissions and over 80 parliamentary briefings, representing the views of our members to parliamentary, departmental and other key decision makers."

"Following the 2024 survey, GrainGrowers launched a series of reports exploring the future of farm inputs - fertilisers, chemicals, fuel and seeds - designed to inform growers and equip decision makers with the facts and possibilities for future development."

The survey, conducted through an independent research firm, comprises a range of multiple-choice and open-text questions. It asks growers for information about the issues that affect them, and the policies required to help drive the industry's future development in a profitable and sustainable manner.

The survey can be accessed via the GrainGrowers website [graingrowers.com.au/annual-policy-survey](http://graingrowers.com.au/annual-policy-survey) and closes at 11.59pm on Monday, 3 March 2025.

**Foundation Farm Field Days Next Week**

Good information will be available. Last year there were Grower panel discussions -



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# Glyn Rees - Very Honoured

My wife Wendy and I moved to Allora back in 1994, due to a Queensland Fire and Rescue Career transfer from home town Gladstone that saw me relocated to Warwick and later Toowoomba.

Allora seemed the ideal spot to settle and raise our family, a decision that turned out to be one of the best we made.

I am very proud to have been involved in and made significant contributions to many community organisations, groups and clubs over a life time, but especially since arriving in Allora, and was fortunate indeed in being named the Warwick Shire Council 'Australia Day Citizen of the Year' in 2004.

I served on the Warwick Shire Council from 2004 - 2008 as Councillor for Division 1, and from 2012 - 2016 I served as a Councillor with the Southern Downs Regional Council.

I certainly gained a great deal of enjoyment serving my community as a Councillor, whether it be the Warwick region or the Southern Downs region, but as with any similar role while there were challenges, there were also rewards.

While there was so much I would have liked to see happen to maintain & improve Allora and the wider region, some didn't come about and have yet to come about, but many requests or challenges were rewarded with positive outcomes.



Glyn Rees.

The role of a local government representative can be extremely demanding, trying to achieve the best and needed outcomes for the communities we actually live within.

For the most part I enjoyed an amicable relationship with those I represented right across the jurisdiction Council of the time, met a lot of people, covered a lot of formerly unknown territory, learnt a great deal about local government and its workings and made some good friends.

I also enjoyed immensely travelling our region and appreciating all there is to

see and enjoy, and become aware of the contributions of so many community members.

While there are many achievements of various levels I take some pride from, the pipeline from Warwick to Allora to enhance water quality is something I feel was a significant positive.

I would like to thank the Allora & District Historical Society for the invitation and opportunity to be included in their fascinating Local Government display, of Mayors, Shire Chairmen and Councillors that spans much more than a century.

The Historical group have been wonderful community achievers of many decades

preserving our area history.

I recall being invited to attend and act as Chairman of Allora & District Historical Society Annual General Meeting when I was a member of the Warwick Shire Council.

I commenced the meeting as Chairman for the AGM, and surprisingly completed it as the new Society Secretary, still brings a smile to my face.

It means a great deal to me having my image displayed in the museum, especially given my great love of local history, Allora and its community.

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The Allora Advertiser has been alerted to this strange plant, growing in the front garden at Mary Poppins house.

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It has large horn shaped seeds with clusters of small yellow flowers and an unpleasant pong.

The owners hope that someone may know how, when and why it appeared in their garden.

If you have the answers email us at the Allora Advertiser and we'll pass on the information.

**RIGHT:** Prolific Unicorn plants spreading.  
**BELOW:** Close up detail of pods.



## Allora Bowls Notes



**ROUND 1** - Welcome back to all our teams and especially our new players for our Spring season. We have three new teams, the Warwick Rollers, Ghost Gate A and Ghost Gate B, lovely to have you join us. Moley has done a great job in repairing the green after the corella's have had their pick, it's a never-ending battle trying to keep them at bay. Welcome to our new barman, Jon. Don't forget membership of \$20 is due.

**RESULTS - RINK 1:** Cool Cats 14 d. Warwick Rollers 6; **RINK 2:** Beers, Bowls & Bitches 13 d. Spring Creek 8; **RINK 3:** Gina's Babies 16 d. Got Ya By The Bowls 12; **RINK 4:** Stone Cutters 17 d. Phoenix Rising 4; **RINK 5:** Pig Lures 12 d. Ghost Gate A 5; **RINK 6:** Slices of Wood Fired Pizza 16 d. Doesn't Matter 12; **RINK 7:** Do It Again 16 d. Ghost Gate B 12.

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**RAFFLE WINNERS** - Leanne, Glen H, Jon C, Garry C & Toni F. Thank you to our sponsors Allora Butchery, Railway Hotel, Amy's Café & Allora Sports Club, great to have you onboard as sponsors again.

**WINNERS ON THE NIGHT** - Do It Again Rink 7  
**LOSERS ON THE NIGHT** - Doesn't Matter Rink 6

The GreenKeeper is again our sponsor for the Jackpot prize which is \$75 every 3 weeks and \$100 on the last night of play. Thanks GreenKeeper. Our new sponsor for Winners & Runners Up at the end of the season is Brodie Sharman, thank you for your sponsorship, it is very much appreciated.

We are always looking for new players so if you would like to have a game come to the Allora Sports Club on a Tuesday night at 6.30pm for a 7pm start, it's a great night, bar is open, music is rocking and it's an enjoyable friendly atmosphere.



# Wattles Gear Up as Season Draw Released



The starters flag has dropped on the 2025 Toowoomba Rugby League season with the recent release of the much anticipated 18 Round Draw along with the four-week final series.

While Wattles won't run on in their initial official new season fixture until April 6th when they draw swords against formidable opposition in the Dalby Diehards at Dalby, they will have the opportunity to test their skills in the Barrett Family Shield against country cousins the Warwick Cowboys on Saturday March 22nd at Father Ranger Oval.

To say top grade mentor is playing his cards regarding 2025 season recruitment close to his chest is more than an understatement, former NRL star Travis Burns committed to the element of surprise it seems, perhaps until his first-grade line up reveals itself against the Cowboys.

Wattles hit the ground running last year in steady mizzling rain that never muddied their challenge for the silverware honours pulling up convincing 22 - 12 Barrett Family Shield victors.

The hotly contested annual season opener that will this year be contested for the 33rd time, saw

the Warriors secure a 13th Shield success last season with an outstanding performance to claim the much sought after prize introduced back in 1993.

Wattles first grade team will boast a few new faces this season, and Coach Burns feels he has the team that can usher the Shield back to the Platz Oval trophy cabinet again this season, as well as mounting a significant challenge for TRL honours come the business end of the season.

Burns is more than happy to see pace king and former Clydesdales three-quarter Austin Jennings return to the green and gold fold after missing last season due to a pre-season injury.

"But it'll be a double barrel Jennings attack this season" winked Burns, with Austin's brother and former Toowoomba representative Daniel Jennings also booking a slot in Wattles slick back line.

Quicksilver Austin, a premiership winner with Wattles in 2022, is a former Toowoomba Rugby League 'Top Try scorer' award winner who can run 100 metres in eleven seconds in his playing gear.

Brother Daniel is a former Brothers Leprechauns and Gatton Hawks back who signed for Wattles in 2020 before the season was cancelled due to COVID 19.

Since then, he has worn the colours of Gatton and Brothers again before two seasons with the Fassifern Bombers in the Ipswich Rugby League, where he also played representative level with the Ipswich



Brothers and former Clydesdales representatives Daniel and Austin Jennings have reunited to wear the Wattles Warriors Green and Gold in the upcoming Toowoomba Rugby League 2025 season.

Diggers.

His ability to play in the threequarters and the back row will be an immense advantage for coach Burns.

Along with the Jennings brothers, another family affair to continue this season concerns hard toiling forward Jacob Leach and his flying edge finisher brother Issac Leach, both lining up again in club colours.

Jacob has been a consistent forward pack performer over the past two seasons since joining Wattles from Highfields, while winger Issac showed plenty of ability in reserve grade after joining Wattles last year earning numerous calls up to first grade.

Wattles' forward pack will again be a formidable challenge for opposition sides, with Leach, classy bookend and Clydesdales representative Cooper Tate-Roche and seasoned back-rower Nick Van Der Poel within a nucleus all itching to take the field.

Home grown Van Der Poel, a graduate from Wattles Junior Club and joint winner of Wattles A Grade 'Player's Player' award with Matt Duggan last year, and former A Grade premiership winner captained the Warriors top graders often over the past season when regular leader Ty Gardner

was lost to injury.

There are few tougher than the more than capable back-rower who seems overdue for a representative call up at senior level.

A Barrett Family Shield win is paramount for Wattles top graders to build on their 2024 confidence, a season where all three Wattles senior grade teams battle out the TRL finals series.

Burns is all smiles currently seven weeks out from his side taking the field, due to the impressive numbers of keen players rolling up for training in all grades.

Having said that, the club Coach Director is issuing an invite to any players keen on a season with Wattles to roll up to training at Clifton's Platz Oval on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6.00 pm.

The famed Madsen-Rasmussen Trophy, the former prize for Toowoomba Rugby League A Grade mid-season supremacy returns in its former format in 2025 and will take place on July 5th, with President's Cup silverware contested in all other grades.

Glyn Rees

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# Allora Golf Notes



**Friday's Allora Hardware duck run** - The winners were: 1st: Kym Williams - 23 points, 2nd: Tony Haig - 23 points.

Approach shot on the 5th: Tony Haig.

Long putt on the 2nd: Barry Brown.

Pin shot on the 4th: Doreen Duffy.

**Sunday's Allora Railway Hotel Monthly Mug** - The winner's were: 1st: Donnie Daniels: 45 points, 2nd: Noel Wallace: 40 points, 3rd: Max Bielefeld: 39 points.

Nearest the pins: 4th: Tommy Brown, 7th: Adam

May, 8th: Brooke Gilmore, 13th: Gus Somes, 16th: Adam May, 17th: Brooke Gilmore.

Approaches: 3rd: Ty Gardner, 5th: Hethe Ramus, 12th: Max Bielefeld, 14th: Donnie Daniels.

Long putt: 9th: Max Bielefeld, 18th: Nick Lake.

**First round Match Play results:** Russell Sparksman d Garth Simpson, Aaron Simpson d Hethe Ramus, Noel Wallace d Beetle Wakeford, Tommy Brown d Kev Harrison.

Good luck to Doreen Duffy, Kev Harrison and Kev Hurley who will represent Allora Golf Club at the Committee Challenge at Oakey!

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