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Four Generations Of The Shooter Family



The farm produce section at the Allora Show has been under the watchful eye of Shooter family members for the past 70 years. The 2025 Allora Show was a great opportunity for the family to meet in the Pavilion for a happy snap. L-R – Ted, Ray, Harry and Hugh Shooter (*more page 2*).

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Ray At 90 Giving Young Hugh A Few Tips

Ray Shooter took over the role as Chief Steward from his Uncle Jim Shooter. After his time at the helm came to an end, he passed down the honour to his son Ted. Waiting patiently in the wings for their time to take over are his granddaughter Kate, grandson son Harry

and great grandson Hugh. Ray Shooter has attended 80 odd Shows, and will be 91 this year, says he's missed a few, but not too many. Now the cycle continues with this being little Hugh's first show where had a good time but found the Rodeo a bit loud.



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Letters to the Editor...

To the Editor,

I am writing to share my disappointment about a decision made by the Allora Show Society regarding the schoolwork competition. At the end of last year, my classmates and I worked really hard to create entries for the Allora Show. We were excited to see our work displayed and judged. However, we have just learnt that none of our entries were judged because of a decision made by the Show Society. We do not fully understand why, but we feel it is very unfair. The Allora Show is an important event for our town, and it is meant to celebrate the hard work of the community, including school students. It is very disheartening to put in so much effort and not even be given a chance. I hope that by raising this issue, the Show Society will make sure this does not happen again in the future.

Sincerely, D. Telford

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 53 Herbert Street Allora
 or email editor@alloraadvertiser.com
 Please include your name and contact details.
 Letters will be published at the discretion of the Editor.

Special Presentations At Allora Show

LIFE MEMBERSHIP



Lynette Muir was awarded with Life Membership for her hard work and dedication to the Allora Show Society. Pictured with husband Ken who was previously awarded Life Membership.

MELINDA HOEY MEMORIAL TROPHY



Melinda's mum Jo-anne Kildey presented the Melinda Hoey Memorial Trophy to Young Judge Charlee Pennell of Scots PGC Warwick.



President Allora Show Society Carol Lyall.



President Stanthorpe Show Society and Darling Downs Delegate - Sub Chamber of Qld Ag Shows. Brett Boatfield.



James Lister MP - Member for Southern Downs.



Melissa Hamilton - Mayor of Southern Downs Regional Council.

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Life of Chicken – Now TV Star

Wendy and her Chicken are well known around Allora but on Saturday night Life of Chicken hit the big screen.

Starring on A Current Affair, Chicken was demonstrating its storm watching skills.

Channel 9 crew arrived in Allora on Thursday and spent the morning at the Golden Wattle Café filming Life of Chicken.

After lunch the film crew enjoyed a walk down Herbert Street before they headed back to Brisbane.



(Image Corie Ross)

Motorcycle crash at Mt Marshall

On Saturday at 8.43 pm a male suffered a significant leg injury after a motorcycle crash on the New England Highway at Mount Marshall.

The rider, in his 30s, was transported in a stable condition to the Toowoomba Hospital.

Volunteering Inquiry being held in Queensland

The Queensland Government has launched a Parliamentary Inquiry into Volunteering in Queensland, following a 10% decline in volunteer participation in the previous three years (per the State of Volunteering in Queensland 2024 Report).

The Inquiry aims to explore challenges, remove barriers and find ways to support and grow the volunteering sector, including opportunities for diverse groups and First Nations communities, and this may be of interest to you or to any volunteers that you know.

Public consultation for the Inquiry is now open. The views of volunteers, volunteering groups and all Queenslanders who want to contribute to their communities will be vital to the Inquiry's success.

Written submissions can be made online before 5pm, Friday, 28 February 2025.

Further information about this Inquiry, including the Terms of Reference and how to make a submission, is accessible at: www.parliament.qld.gov.au/Work-of-Committees/Inquiries/Inquiry-Details?id=4456.

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Flood Recovery Program For Local Roads

Southern Downs Regional Council has secured another round of funding approvals for the region's extensive flood recovery program, with additional major works to restore roads damaged during the January 2024 flood event expected to commence in May 2025.

A total of \$9.7m has been secured through the Australian and Queensland governments' jointly funded Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA) to enable repairs to more than 300 individual roads across the region.

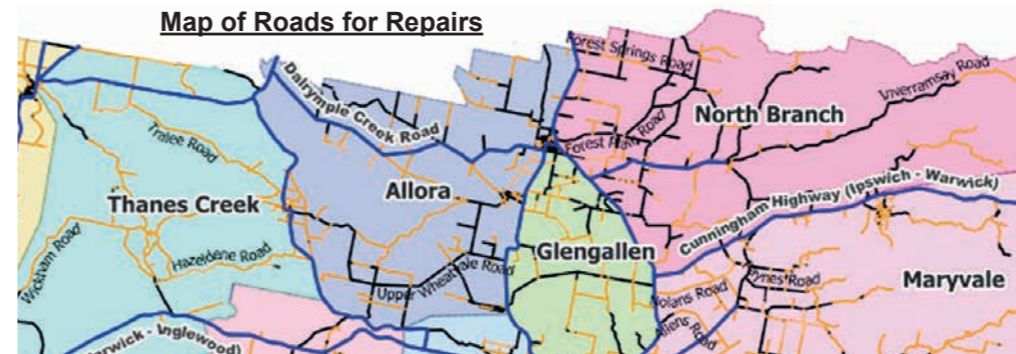
Due to the extent of the damage, external contractors will be required to assist Council with repair works in order to meet funding deadlines and the procurement process is currently underway.

Upcoming unsealed road works are scheduled as follows, noting that these dates are subject to weather and operational factors.

- **North Branch** – February to July
- **Thanes Creek** – February to March
- **Allora** – April to September
- **Maryvale** – May to October
- **Glengallen** – June to September

To maximise efficiency, Council will integrate general unsealed road maintenance with flood recovery works where possible. Sealed road and minor structure repairs are also scheduled to begin in the coming months, led by Council crews.

While current funding will address many priority areas, some unfunded defects will remain on Council's backlog list to be addressed as resources permit.



Warwick Hosts Indigenous Business Event

This will be the first Warwick Black Coffee Indigenous Business Network event for 2025.

Black Coffee is a grassroots First Nations business networking opportunity held in regions across Australia each month to provide a platform to connect micro and small business owners. First Nations business owners, professionals, and their supporters are invited to get together and have a yarn.

Whether you're a First Nations entrepreneur, a local business ally, or simply someone interested in forging meaningful connections within our community, you are warmly invited to attend.

The event will be held at Jojo's on Victoria, 145 Victoria Street Warwick, this Friday 14 February from 7am to 9am and light refreshments will be provided.

Answer To Our Gardening Quiz



The Allora Advertiser has received replies concerning the plant in the front garden at Mary Poppins House.

Suggestions were Devil's Claw - which is a noxious weed. (if not Devil's Claw, maybe wild pumpkin)

Description from the Department of Primary Industries - NSW WeedWise - "Yellow flowered devil's claw is a sticky plant up to 30 cm high with round or kidney-shaped leaves".

One reader says that it needs to be eradicated either with a chemical or by chipping/pulling to destroy the plant.

It's possible that the plant/seeds may have been brought into the garden by birds or in a load of soil.

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Mandatory consultation for wind farms

As of Monday, February 3rd, all wind farm developments in Queensland are now impact assessable, meaning mandatory community consultation, and third-party appeal rights.

The new planning pathway for regulating wind farms is the first step to requiring all renewable projects be impact assessable and subject to the same rigorous approval process as other major development projects.

Deputy Premier and Minister for State Development, Infrastructure and Planning Jarrod Bleijie said all wind farm developers are now mandated to consult with local councils, communities and other stakeholders for new projects.

"It's only fair that communities are properly consulted with for any new renewable energy developments in their own backyard, like many suburban communities are afforded when it comes

to high rise residential development in their neighbourhood," Mr Bleijie said.

"Introducing an impact assessable planning framework underpinned by a new development code for wind farms will provide certainty for investors, communities and councils.

"We said we'd make the approvals process a level playing field with the same rigorous requirements, including community consultation, regardless of the project.

"The Crisafulli Government is committed to openness and transparency, and we will continue to listen to Queenslanders and engage with key stakeholders in the renewable energy sector as further approval process enhancements are made."

Ongoing consultation with local government, industry and other stakeholders will continue as the next stage of the



LNP Government's election commitment is implemented.

This next phase will focus on making other renewable energy projects impact assessable, such as large-scale solar farm developments, as well as introducing a community benefit framework for renewable energy developments that is similar to the requirements that other major development projects deliver in regional communities.

To complement this change, 'State code 23: Wind farm development' has also been updated to include additional requirements – reflecting an Impact assessment.

Some include:

- Making sure wind new farm applications result in no significant loss of high

quality agricultural land;

- Workers accommodation associated with the construction of the wind farm does not adversely impact on surrounding communities;
- Construction impacts on local infrastructure are mitigated, or if unable to be mitigated, remediated;
- Social impacts are identified and addressed to avoid negative impacts on host communities (community benefit);

- Decommissioning of wind farms becomes the sole responsibility of the wind farm operator and guaranteed through bonds or financial guarantees, no longer leaving private landowners at risk.
- Any disturbance to environmental footprints are rehabilitated.

Allora's Successful 147th Show



Stella Keys of Spring Creek. Champion Beginners Rider Class, assisted.



Horse events continued over both days.



Blake Petroff from Spring Creek with his heifer Abigail from Killara Herefords. Blake was Senior and Champion Parader.



Senior Bull Champion (700g) owned by Mark & Kaylene Leicht of Sunnyside Park, Goombungee. Mark (right) with Matthew and Denis.



Emmett Skinnington, aged 8, winning Jnr. Parader with his hereford heifer.

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Kai and Elouise battle it out in the Water Balls.



Talented organist Oscar Briggs (with dad Steven) entertained in the Pavilion.



Narelle Henry - "Gather" Foraged materials - First Prize.



ABOVE: Lollipop the Clown Magician ably assisted by the talented Danielle Miller.

LEFT: First Prize Bead Art by Jade Hennessy.

BELOW LEFT: First Prize Collection of Vegetables by Lyndall Hoffman.

BELOW: "Every player wins" at Sideshow Alley.



Duck racing obstacle course.



Sadie from Spring Creek with her goat Molly - Most Unusual Pet.



Well-known local horseman Clint Kenny getting ready to complete in the equestrian events at the Show.



Grand Champion Sheaf of Sorghum - Samuel Huston.



Champion Poultry exhibits.



Scots PGC - Champion Rams. Winner (centre) and Reserve Champion (left).



Willett boys with their pets for the Show - Aiden (lizard), Ethan (pink Silkie), Riley (rooster) with mate Harry at the back.

Wattles Juniors Kick Off Season at Charleville

All roads lead to the South West Queensland hub of Charleville on Friday & Saturday, February 21st and 22nd, with the much-anticipated junior rugby league carnival the Adrian Vowles Cup under way at the Charleville Showgrounds Baker Street Sportsground.

Participating clubs are travelling from across Queensland for the 12th edition of the carnival, including the local Wattles Warriors Junior Rugby League Club who will field Under 14 and Under 16 boy's teams commencing their 2025 league season 660 odd kilometres from there Platz Oval home turf.

Wattles club President Aaron Gilmore considers the Carnival a tremendous opportunity for all involved, "especially as this year we have two touring squads."

"I'm sure it will be a special life memory for all the young players involved, and I am well aware they are certainly looking forward to the footy extravaganza."

Challenging times for junior league participation in and around Charleville a little over a decade back inspired local rugby league lovers, including current Murweh Shire Mayor Shaun Radnedge, to launch the carnival named in honour of his great mate and 1994 Maroons State of Origin representative Adrian Vowles.

Vowles was born in Cunnamulla, playing juniors for the Cunnamulla Rams, before moving to Charleville where he played for Charleville All Whites and later Railways.

The gritty utility back played 269 first grade games in Australia and England from 1993 to 2003, wearing the colours of the Gold Coast Seagulls and North Queensland Cowboys in the NRL, along with the Castleford Tigers, Leeds Rhinos and Wakefield Trinity Wildcats in the British Super League.



Wattles JRL Club Under 16 team to contest the upcoming Adrian Vowles Carnival in Charleville. Back Row L to R - Darren O'Neill (Trainer), Jaylan Fuller, Bailey Naumann, Zac Wheeldon, Riley Fitzgerald, Angus McArthur, Ben Rauchle, Cayleb O'Neill, Will Peters, Adam May (Manager), Lee Schwenke (Coach). Front Row L to R - Zavier Dalsanto, Orry Gilmore, Ty Betts, Jonte May, Lawson Slater, Nash Schwenke, Marty May, Cooper Locke, Jojo Beresford. (Image - Kristen Henry)



Wattles JRL Club Under 14 team to contest the upcoming Adrian Vowles Carnival in Charleville. Back Row L to R - Darren Hart (Trainer), Clayton Brady (Coach), Archie Joppich, Jed Hinz, Ben Butler, Will Bishop, Cooper Zadow, Jake Burns, Bohdi Free, Thomas Patterson, Rylan Saville (Coach), Leanna Dau (First Aid Officer), Dave Joppich (Trainer). Front Row L to R - Tom Peters, Adam Butler, Jackson McMillan, Dusty May, Levi Zadow, Noah Hart. (Image - Kristen Henry)

Adrian's glittering league career also saw him coach a Queensland women's open side.

The Adrian Vowles Cup had a rocky start, with only three teams' part of the first Carnival back in 2014, but the appetite grew as clubs made repeat appearances and spread the word about the rare and exciting on and off field experience offered by game promoters in the Outback.

This season the blue-ribbon junior rugby league show piece will cater for boys Under 14 and Under 16 teams, with girls lining up in Under 14 and Under 17 age grades.

"The Adrian Vowles Cup has been massive

in keeping country rugby league alive" according to Carnival namesake Adrian, "it has allowed kids in the bush to play footy and keep their dream alive if they want to play at a higher level as many from the bush did before them."

The former Queensland Maroon is a perfect example of a country lad rising to the game's elite levels, a former Cunnamulla Rams Zone 5 Under 12 player back in 1981.

The Rams snatched champion honours for the first time, winning the Carnival at Chinchilla undefeated.

Adrian recalls that "he was only aged 10 in the Under 12 team,

and former Wattles and Queensland Residents star back Vince Ramsay was the Cunnamulla halfback, while internationally known entertainer Pete Murray was in the Chinchilla line-up."

Classy hooker Jack Burton capped off an outstanding two days of league last year when named as Wattles' Player of the Carnival, but injury will see him absent from the green and gold Under 16 line-up this season.

Along with team mates Ty Betts and Ryan Donadel, Jack was also named in the 2024 Adrian Vowles Cup Under 14 Dream Team at the event presentation ceremony.

Glyn Rees

Allora Bowls Notes Allora Golf Notes



ROUND 2 - It was great to see even more new faces turn up, welcome to our Tuesday night social bowls, as you will find out it is a great night of fun and friendship. Patto was in his element with one of our new players Lyndall bringing along a jar of fig jam which apparently is his favourite unbeknownst to her. A very noisy player on Rink 7 kept everyone amused, Russell P I think it may have had something to do with that Trump hat you were wearing.

RESULTS - RINK 1: Gina's Babies 19 d. Pig Lures 7; **RINK 2:** Do It Again 21 d. Got Ya By The Bowls 12; **RINK 3:** Beers, Bowls & Bitches 16 d. Ghost Gate A 5; **RINK 4:** Ghost Gate B 16 d. Cool Cats 8; **RINK 5:** Doesn't Matter 30 d. Spring Creek 6; **RINK 6:** Stone Cutters 10 d. Warwick

Rollers 9; **RINK 7:** Slices of Wood Fired Pizza 18 d. Phoenix Rising 8.

TOUCHERS - Lucky chocolate winners were Steph, Glen H, Lyndall, Mark, Cathy & Chris K.

RAFFLE WINNERS - Noah, Nicko, Rusty, Patto & Kris W x 2.

Thank you to Aaron & Toni from Slices of Wood Fired Pizza team who generously donated 6 pizza vouchers to be used at the Allora Show from their wood fired pizza stall. Winners were teams Stone Cutters and Cool Cats.

WINNERS on the night - Stone Cutters

LOSERS on the night - Pig Lures

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See you all back again next week for Round 3, don't forget if you need a sub try to find one yourself first before ringing Patto on 0491 128 689.



Second round Match Play results: Russell Sparksman d Noel Wallace, Aaron Simpson d Tommy Brown. Russell will take on Aaron in the Match Play final.

Sunday's Amy's Cafe Monthly Medley - The winner's were: 1st: Don Crawford: 39 points, 2nd: Aaron Simpson: 38 points.

Nearest the pins: 4th: Kev Harrison, 7th: Tom Kolenich, 8th: Chris Kneipp, 13th: Kev Harrison, 16th: Nick Lake, 17th: Kev Harrison.

Approaches: 2nd: Chris Kneipp, 5th: Matt McDonald, 11th: Russell Sparksman, 14th: Tom Kolenich.

Long putt: 9th: Brooke Gilmore, 18th: Aaron Simpson.

Friday's Allora Hardware duck run - The winners were: 1st: Kev Harrison - 24 points, 2nd: Mark - 21 points.

Approach shot on the 11th: Lindsay May.

Long putt on the 17th: Jonte May.

Pin shot on the 14th: Rod Simpson.

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Sunday 23 February - Allora Butchery 4BBB aggregate.

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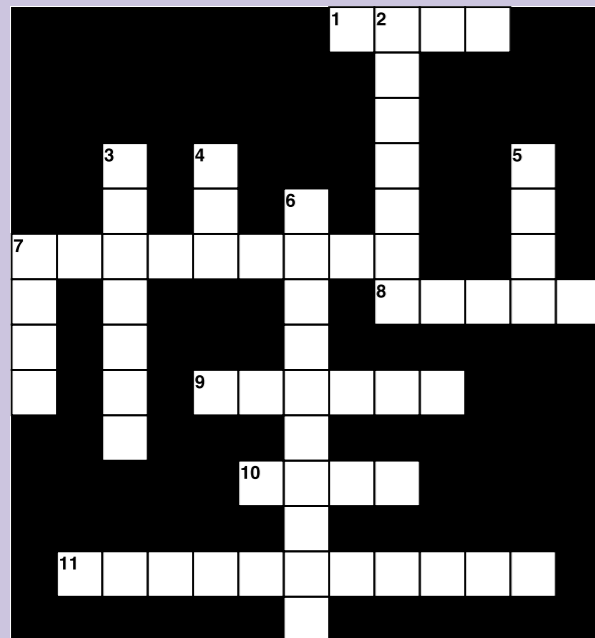
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TODAY'S QUOTE -
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Green and Gold Younger Brigade Shine

Wattles home grown rugby league stars 19 year old Hamish Gartery and 18 year old Reagan McMillan have impressed of late with performances for the Western Clydesdales.

Reagan plays in the centres for the Harvey Norman Under 19 Girls line-up, while Hamish has been in shining form in the three-quarter line with the Mal Meninga Cup side.

He crossed for an eye-catching late try in his most recent game against the Ipswich Jets.

Both young Central Downs stars ran on in trials against the Ipswich Jets in Toowoomba and Easts Tigers in Brisbane in recent weeks warming up for the coming season.

Reagan and Hamish are no strangers to higher level league, and have consistently impressed throughout their promising junior careers.

Wattles top grade coach and club Coaching Director Travis Burns has been a keen advocate of bleeding young players since his arrival in 2018, many of whom have progressed to form the nucleus of competitive first grade teams, a policy that has seen Wattles consistent TRL finalists in recent years and premiers in 2022.

Burns himself was blooded in Wattles top grade back in 2001 by then coaches Cameron Hamblin and Denis Comerford, taking the first step in what resulted in a glowing rugby league career on world stages.

Fresh out of the Wattles juniors dressing room last season Hamish Gartery



Wattles back Hamish Gartery has been in impressive form in early season trials with the Western Clydesdales Mal Meninga Cup team.

ran on in Wattles A graders convincing 24 – 14 win over the Pittsworth Danes in a pre-season trial 'friendly' last year.

The match was played in front of a massive crowd prior to the Australian Legends vs Pittsworth Danes Allstars, Legends Of League Game at Club Pittsworth.

Burns was of course more than pleased with his team's performance, especially the younger brigade highlighted by a sparkling effort by five-eight Gartery.

Hamish was playing in Wattles Junior Rugby League Club colours only months before, captain of the Under 17 line-up and eventual winner of the club's best Under 17 back at the end of season presentations.

"To play in the match was an awesome experience" said Hamish who is hoping for more opportunities in the top green and gold line-up, "I learnt so much in what was my first hit out in an A grade game."

Hamish was a key component in last season's Cameron Hamblin coached



Central Downs local Reagan McMillan bottles up an Ipswich opponent in a recent trial for the Western Clydesdales Girls Under 19 combination.

Wattles Under 19's who qualified for the TRL finals.

Glittering Memory !

The 2024 Toowoomba Rugby League season is a glittering memory for Reagan McMillan, the Allora/Nobby local's impressive sporting career culminating 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.

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

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

It was a busy 2024 year for Reagan, revelling in a 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.

Along with premiership honours, Reagan was named Toowoomba Rugby League joint 'Top Try scorer' in the Open Women's premiership at the end of season TRL Gala Presentation Function.

While she loves playing 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.

We'll have to wait and see what the future brings.

While player numbers may be a challenge currently, we certainly have female talent in abundance within the Wattles jurisdiction with the likes of Reagan and outstanding back row forward Chelsea Middleton, a shining light for Toowoomba's Brothers last season and another highly respected Western Clydesdales talent

Glyn Rees