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## Champion helpers ready to churn out the snags and fairy floss for Carols

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Carols organiser, Tracy Vellacott praised both organisations for their enthusiastic participation in one of Warwick's biggest social events.

"These groups do an amazing job, not just at Carols but at lots of community events and we are very fortunate to have such dedicated people helping out," Mrs Vellacott said.

The Lions Club has a long association with community carols and as well as cooking up the sausage sizzle, members will also sell drinks and glow sticks.

Aside from churning out mountains of hot chips and fairy floss, members of Warwick's Rotary Club will also turn their attention to the children's Christmas dress up competition.

President, Larry James said that the Rotary team gets a special thrill out of the children's excitement on the night.

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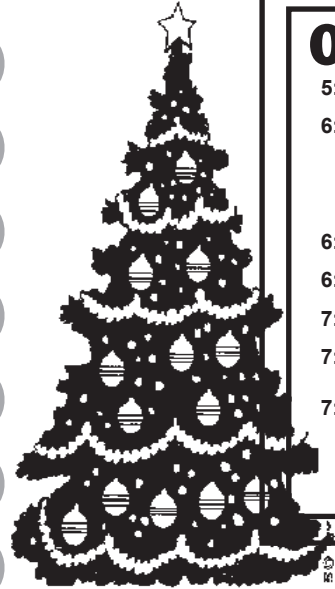
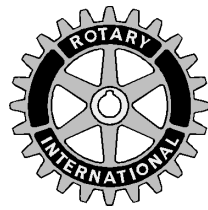




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- 5:45 pm - Warwick Highlanders Pipe Band
- 6:15 pm - Choir of Allora school students led by Lesley Telford singing children's carols. Projector to provide words for crowd sing-along.
- 6:30 pm - Allora State School P&C raffle draw
- 6:45 pm - Santa
- 7:15 pm - Allora State School P&C raffle draw
- 7:30 pm - Sharra Smith & Daneeka Attard sing a bracket of songs
- 7:45 pm - Phil Vellacott backing Katie Dennis singing Christmas carols. Projector to provide words for crowd sing-along.

- 8:00 pm - Allora State School P&C raffle draw
- 8:15 pm - Captain Mark and the Salvation Army Brass Band
- 8:45 pm - Allora State School P&C raffle draw
- 9:00 pm - Close

### Activities:

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Day	Forecast	Min/Max
THU	Drizzle. Mostly Sunny. Mild.	18 27
FRI	A Few Showers. Afternoon Clouds. Mild.	17 28
SAT	Scattered Showers. Mostly Cloudy. Mild.	18 26
SUN	Scattered Thunderstorms. Morning Clouds. Mild.	17 28
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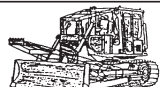
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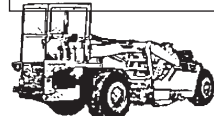
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## BAD JOKE OF THE WEEK

Three men of the cloth from the country were having lunch in a cafe. One said, "You know, since summer started I've been having trouble with bats in my loft and attic at church. I've tried everything - noise, spray, cats - nothing seems to scare them away."

Another said, "Yes, me too. I've got hundreds living in my belfry and in the attic. I've even had the place fumigated, and they won't go away."

The third said, "I baptized all mine and made them members of the church. Haven't seen one back since!"

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## Looking Back...

Allora's Past 50 years ago  
December 1960

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of the  
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BY J. W. GORDON ESQ.  
FRIDAY 9TH DECEMBER, 1960  
at 2 p.m.  
and afterwards to Afternoon Tea  
at the Allora Bowling Club House



The opening of the new council chambers in 1960. The photo is taken from Marjorie Deacon's book "Allora's Hundred Years".

**Back row:** Mr. S. Hicks (Overseer), Cr. E. G. Nussey, L. Ellwood (Shire Clerk), Cr. R. W. Frizzell.  
**Middle row:** Crs. J. J. A. Agnew, E. Sparksman, C. E. O. Holmes, T. G. Matthews, H. J. Jenkins (Health Inspector), Hon. R. W. Swartz M. P.

**Front Row:** Crs. P. Mullins, N. T. F. Jurgensen, J. Hoey M. B. E. (Chairman), J. W. Deacon, Mr. J. W. Gordon (who performed the official opening of the Chambers).

Reprinted with permission of Helen Coughlan, Marjorie's niece and next of kin.

Contrary to what was printed in *Clifton Courier* of 17th November 2010 (*Peeps into the Past 50 Years Ago*) John Gordon was not one of Allora's earliest mayors. The last mayor, apart from Jim Deacon, was elected in 1914. John would have been given the honour of opening the new council chambers because the Gordon family was one of the earliest families to settle in the town and had a long association with local government in Allora.

John's great-grandfather Samuel Gordon and family arrived in Queensland from County Armagh in Ireland in 1855. They came to the Allora district in 1858, the year before the town was surveyed, and lived in a shepherd's hut on the side of Allora Mountain. It was here that John's grandfather, Robert Woodhouse Gordon was born in February 1860. This was the

month before the first town allotments were sold. Samuel Gordon purchased an allotment in Raff Street and built a cottage on the site. In 1864 he built the Princess of Wales Hotel and he, and his descendants, were associated with the hotel until it was sold in 1950. R. W. Gordon bought a butcher's shop in 1892 and he, and later his sons, operated butcher's shops in Allora until 1953. John Gordon did his apprenticeship at the Allora Advertiser. He bought the business in 1954 and produced the weekly newspaper until he sold it in 1999. Samuel Gordon was elected to the first Allora Municipal Council in 1869 and served as mayor in 1872/73. His eldest

son, Andrew, was Mayor in 1891/92 and again in 1899/1900, as well as serving on the Clifton Divisional Board for many years. Robert Woodhouse Gordon was elected to the Allora Municipal Council in 1907 and served until early 1915, choosing not to contest the new Allora Shire elections in March of that year. Co-incidentally he was on the Municipal Council at the time of the official opening of the new Town Hall on the 8th January 1908. This building was the headquarters of the Municipal and Shire Council until replaced by the building in Herbert Street.

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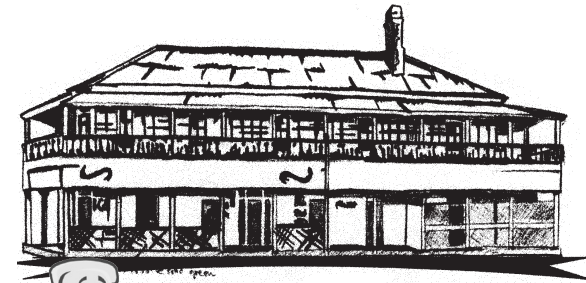


### Peculiar Quotes from Famous Folks...

"If you take out the killings, Washington actually has a very low crime rate." - Marion Barry, mayor of Washington, D.C.

"I can't really remember the names of the clubs that we went to." - Shaquille O'Neal, basketball player.

"I don't diet. I just don't eat as much as I'd like to." - Linda Evangelista, Supermodel.



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Johnnie Walker Black 700mL .....		\$41.99
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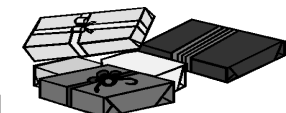
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## Urgent safety work on Cunningham Highway

Main Roads will start urgent safety works at Cunningham's Gap to remove two huge boulders at the top of the Gap, Main Roads Minister Craig Wallace said recently.

Minister Wallace said the Cunningham Highway would be closed at the top of the Gap from 6am to 6pm from Monday, 13 December until Monday, 20 December to ensure the safety of motorists.

Traffic will be diverted at key points and motorists will detour along other roads such as the New England and Warrego Highways.

"It's an inconvenience for people who use the Cunningham Highway, but safety simply must come first," Mr Wallace said.

"Transport and Main Roads have engaged specialist contractors



LEFT: Cunninghams Gap slope remediation



to remove the two boulders above the highway near Gap Creek Road. With heavy rain predicted, they've got to get on with the job straight away," he said.

Mr Wallace said the work zone will be protected by ballast-filled shipping containers.

"Geotechnical experts will work alongside rock climbers with specialist drilling equipment to shatter the boulders," he said.

"I've been assured by my Department that all going well with the weather, the highway will re-open over the Christmas New Year period.

"We will do our utmost to ensure the community and stakeholders are kept fully informed," he said.

"I thank motorists in advance for their patience and understanding while these works are being carried out. The bottom line is that these boulders have to go," he said.

**UPDATE:** Currently, Cunningham's Gap remains closed due to safety concerns regarding water over the road, slips and deterioration of pavement. The Gap had received 48mm of rainfall in an hour on and the movement sensor alarm on the slope was triggered. The persistent rain means that it is too dangerous for our geotechnical experts to assess the rock face. Motorists are encouraged to seek alternate routes. It is important to note that this closure is unrelated to the planned closure scheduled for 13 - 20 December 2010.

## Flooding over road near 8 Miles intersection (New England Highway - Toowoomba Road 22B)

LEFT AND BELOW: One lane was closed from 4.00pm to 5.30pm on Monday, 6th December due to water over the road. After 5.30pm both lanes were open for traffic. RoadTek crew stood by overnight to monitor the water just in case more rain is coming.



## LETTERS FROM LES

### THERE IS SOMETHING NICE ABOUT A CHURCH WEDDING



There really is something nice about a church wedding.

It has all three parts. Parent's blessing, God's blessings, and community registration.

When people just live together they miss out on so much, and so often set themselves up for their dreams to come crashing to the ground. It is a great joy for a father to "give his daughter away". It is a great joy for a mother to see her daughter grown to full maturity, and to relive the memories of her own great day.

Young couples are apt to forget their parents in this age of individualism and family discounting.

A good marriage is more than just living together. Deep down

in our hearts is the desire for our parent's blessing. Deep down in all parent's heart is the desire to give, and to have the opportunity to give, a formal blessing to a son's or daughter's wedding. Just living together does not allow this opportunity for joyous expression.

A civil celebration misses out on the God's blessing bit. It is better than the Registry Office, but it still lacks something.

Somehow there is something nice about a church wedding.

People who live together, people who have gone through a civil celebration, may still be married in the church.

Marriage in the church is asking for God's blessing on your marriage. It is never too late to ask.

Asking is best done before you live together, best done before civil registration of your marriage, but it is never too late.

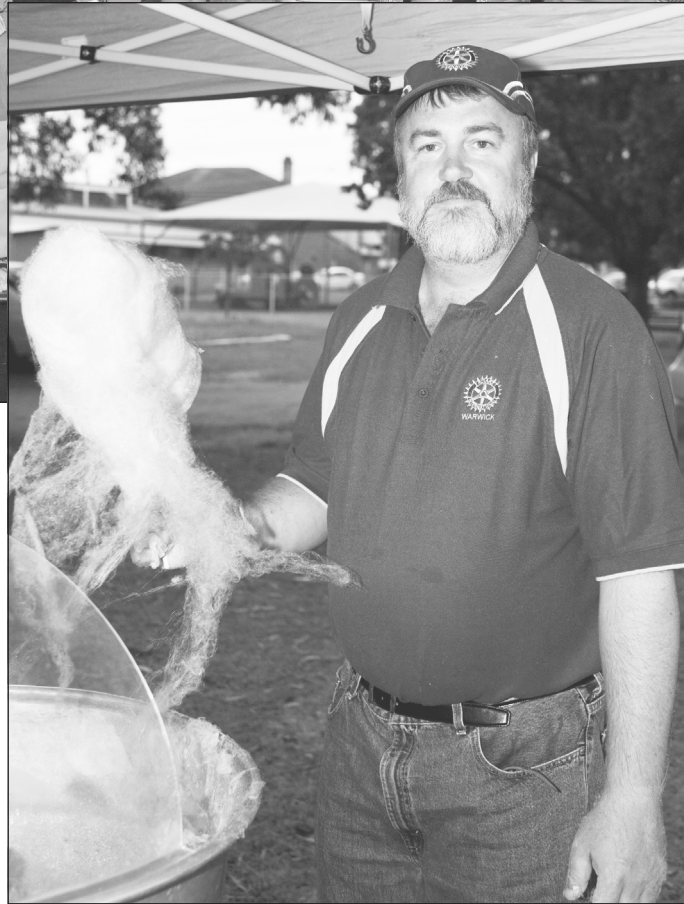
It is never too late. Who knows, God may have yet a special blessing for you.

Les Monaghan





Warwick's Carols in the Park will be held in Leslie Park, Warwick, on Sunday, December 19, starting 5.30pm.



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"Even though the atmosphere is always festive on the night, club members want to encourage children to dress up in their Christmas costumes to add even more Christmas spirit to the event," Mr James said.

"We are looking forward to watching lots of angels, shepherds, elves and Santa's appear at this year's Carols in the Park. "Most children enjoy dressing up, so the club is pleased to add a little more magic to the night."

The Club has again sponsored prizes for the best-dressed children in costume.

Warwick's Carols in the Park will be held on the Guy Street side of Leslie Park on Sunday, December 19. The event will kick off with the Warwick City Band's program of carols favourites at 5.30pm, followed by the stage program at 6.30pm. For more information on Carols in the Park, contact organiser Tracy Vellacott on 4661 0300.

## Cat and dog rego by Friday

There are an awful lot of kitties out there who have not signed up for Council's temporary reprieve on registration.

As of late last week, only 225 cats had been registered across the region and just 40 dogs from the rural areas of the former Warwick area.

Council's Director Planning & Environment, Ken Harris was surprised by the low registration level.

"With Council offering a fee-free registration period to cat owners to help them comply with the new laws, I thought there would be a greater uptake of the offer," Mr Harris said.

New state imposed compulsory animal registration laws come into force on the Southern Downs from December 13. Under state legislation all cat and dog owners, with the exception of genuine working dogs, are now required to register their animals with Council. Council's current fee-free registration period also applies to dogs from outside the settled area of the former Warwick Shire.

Mr Harris said that Council approved free registration for a period of almost two months to help pet owners comply with the new laws.

"From December 10 until June 30 2011, only de-sexed cats, as well as de-sexed dogs kept outside the settled areas of the former Warwick Shire, will receive free registration," he said.

Mr Harris highlighted that it is the responsibility of cat and dog owners to register their pet with council to ensure the safety of their pet and the community. He noted that registration compliance is regularly checked both in public areas and residential areas to ensure that pet owners are taking their responsibility seriously.

"Residents also need to be aware that it is only possible to register cats and dogs where the number of animals to be kept complies with the relevant provisions of the planning scheme," he said.

Most recent statistics showed 3475 dogs were registered in the Southern Downs. Across the region during the month of October, 35 dogs were impounded, 20 released, 15 destroyed, 2 sold and 6 remained in the pound at the end of the month.

To register cats or dogs, residents should visit the nearest council office or phone the Customer Service Team on 4661 0300 (Warwick) or 4681 5500 (Stanthorpe). Enquiries on new cat/dog registration obligations should be directed to Council's Environmental Services Section.

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## Letter to the Editor...

Dear Editor,

I am writing in response to Melba Morris and "Letters from Les". All I can say is that I am appalled by the lack of common sense shown by these people. Who has the right to tell a person that they cannot have the same thing as another? Aren't we living in an age where we have to be politically correct, show tolerance and understanding to our fellow man? Seriously, how would same sex marriage affect you? It wouldn't. That is plain simple. I wouldn't care if my neighbour was a homosexual. Its doesn't affect my way of living. I don't live out of his or her pocket. So where is the harm in letting someone show their undying love and commitment that opposite sex couple get to have. I thought throughout the years of reading what Melba wrote that she would show her support in peoples rights, not be part of the group calling for them not to be given basic human rights.

I don't believe that our population is in decline, all we have to do is look around. If it is in such a decline, then maybe it is because, a lot more pressure has been placed on women. We

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get lower wages, different standards, and those of us that choose to stay at home to raise our children are classed as "welfare mums" and those that choose to go to work, get labled with "childcare raised children". Shouldn't we be spending more time and energy into finding a balance for women who either choose to work or choose to stay home with children. If there was a good option available, I am sure that we will see a population rise over the next couple of years.

Furthermore, what has religion got to do with anything these days. Religion is just another petticoat to hide under when things look tough. Next thing, there will be someone crying out about same sex couples raising children, adopting children, etc. Just a few weeks ago in the Courier mail, there was a story about a gay couple who are foster carers and the grandmother (of Christian heritage) having a problem with DOCS giving the grandchildren to them. Well, being Christian doesn't have a higher status then being same sexed. You might want to know that DOCS checked her out and she wasn't suitable to look after them, and the pokie playing mother with alcohol issues wasn't fit to do so either. But here I go on a tangent again from what I started with.

I can say that I was outraged that my MP chose not to ask the electorate about the same sex marriage vote, and voted against it. How arrogant is my MP! I think if you are elected, you shouldn't assume what people want, but to ask them. I for one, vote yes, and anyone else that has a problem with same sex marriage, should ask themselves, these questions.

1. Does it affect me?
2. How does it affect my way of living?
3. Do I really care what my neighbour is doing in his or her bedroom?

Julie

## Events Calendar

**2010**

- December -**
- Fri 10** **Allora Bush Christmas Street Party**  
Herbert Street, Allora
- Sat 11** **Warwick Mens Gospel Choir Eveing of Carols**  
RSL Hall, Allora, 7.30pm

**2011**

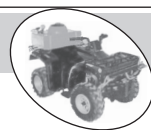
- January -**
- Tue 4** **Wattles Training Commences U18, Reserve & A**  
Platz Oval Clifton, 6.30pm
- Wed 5** **Wattles Tag League Commences, All Grades**  
Platz Oval Clifton, 6.30pm
- Sat 8** **Wattles Juniors Season Launch**  
Leyburn Hotel, Leyburn, 4.00pm
- Sat 22** **Allora Heritage Weekend**
- & Sun 23** Allora Showgrounds
- Sat 22** **Wattles Meet & Greet**  
Downs Hotel, Drayton, 3.00pm
- February -**
- Sat 19** **Wattles Junior Sign-On & Muster**  
Platz Oval Clifton, 4.00pm

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1854 - Lord Tennyson's poem, "Charge of the Light Brigade," published.	1960 - 1st broadcast of "Coronation Street" on British ITV	1989 - "Les Miserables" opens at Princess Theatre, Melbourne.
1884 - Levant Richardson patents ball-bearing skate.	1967 - Jim Morrison, arrested on stage for disturbing the peace.	1994 - 5m meteor 1994 XM1 passes within 100,000 km of Earth.
1936 - Australia all out 58 v England. Bradman out for a duck.	1968 - NLS (a system for which hypertext and the computer mouse were developed) is publicly demonstrated for the first time in San Francisco.	2003 - A blast in the center of Moscow kills six people and wounds several more.
1940 - South Australia all out for 47 v	1978 - Pioneer Venus 2 drops 5 probes into atmosphere of Venus.	2006 - Moscow suffers its worst fire since 1977, killing 45 women in a drug rehabilitational center.
	1984 - 59th Australian Womens Tennis:	

**Switch on to safety before switching on your Christmas lights**  
EnergyAustralia is reminding homeowners to think twice when decorating this Christmas, as research shows three-in-four people surveyed don't take proper safety precautions when installing Christmas lights.  
An EnergyAustralia study of more than 1,300 people across Sydney, the Central Coast and the Hunter, showed that almost half of the household's surveyed decorates with lights at Christmas time.  
While festive cheer is important this time of year, EnergyAustralia's General Manager Engineering, Trevor Armstrong, said using the wrong lights or putting them up incorrectly, is putting your safety at risk.  
"The most common mistakes people make are putting the lights up last, when they should go up before all other decorations, not checking for frayed cords and using indoor lights outside," Mr Armstrong said.  
The survey showed the most common safety mistakes were:  
• 42% of people put other decorations up before installing their lights  
• 20% of people don't check their lights for frayed electrical cords

- 18% climbed onto a house or garage to install lights, increasing the risk of coming into contact with powerlines, including the service wire to your house
  - 15% used power boards outside, which exposes them to the elements and
  - 11% used indoor lights outside.
- "Accidents and electric shocks can be easily avoided by taking simple steps when decorating your home or Christmas tree.  
"Lights add that special festive touch, so don't be scared to decorate, just be aware of your safety.  
"Make sure you follow everyday safety advice. Fully unwind extension cords to avoid overheating and don't overload power points."  
Safety tips for Christmas lights  
1. Fully unwind extension cords to avoid overheating  
2. Check Christmas lights and replace any frayed cords, damaged plugs or missing bulbs  
3. Don't overload power points or piggyback power adaptors  
4. Install a safety switch or buy a power board with one built in  
5. Keep tinsel away from lights and power sockets  
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**GOOMBURRA VALLEY COMMUNITY MEETING on Thursday, 16th December, 7.00pm, at the Gooburra Hall, re: The proposed Earth Freq 3 Day Festival(s). All residents welcome.**

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*Alan & Kelly Hoey.*

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**Allora Primed For Home Turf Win**

The Allora Cricket side's hopes of posting a win on their journey to Inglewood last Saturday were dashed yet again courtesy of the current lush wet. The match was called

off around 9.00 am on Saturday with the Inglewood pitch and outfield unable to handle the heavy rain fall of Friday night.

The fixture against Inglewood is the third wash out for Allora this season, the "Foodworks" eleven missing the Round 2 clash with Sovereign Hotel and also the Round 3 encounter with country cousins Killarney. This Saturday Allora will have the opportunity of snatching some much needed premierships points in the rescheduled washout against Sovereign Hotel at the Allora Cricket Oval.

Saturday's fixture will commence at 12.30 pm sharp. The game will be followed by a club barbecue with all our registered club players.

Players are also reminded assistance will be needed with the club's Christmas Wheelbarrow Raffle on Friday night at the Rotary Bush Christmas. Special thanks to Beetle & Sue from Allora True Value Hardware and Robyn Miles of the Railway Hotel for their donations to the raffle, and the Rotary Club of Allora for the raffle opportunity on Friday evening.

The Allora "Foodworks" team to play Inglewood: Cameron Masters, Adam May, Brady Glass, Justin Briggs, Cameron Stevens, Kris McLennan, Aaron Vietheer, John Byrne, Alex Morris, Jason Nightingale, Jordan Henry.

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## Bannister Wins Gold

Congratulations to Allora State School year 7 student Jack Bannister who won gold in the 12 Years Discus at the Australian Primary School Track and Field Championships in Bendigo, Victoria last Tuesday.

Jack won his Discus event with a distance of 48.55m, improving 7m from his throw in October at the State championships where he came 2nd.

He was proud to have represented his school nationally and was very happy to have all his family with him to support him. Jack also had his cousin Jarrod Bannister, Javelin Gold Medallist from the Delhi Commonwealth Games to cheer him on at Bendigo.

Jack has shown real sportsmanship when competing at all



Allora State School primary student and Gold Medal Discus thrower Jack Bannister.

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levels. He enjoyed meeting other kids from different parts of the country. It would appear that Jack has worked hard for his results and can now enjoy a break from training.

Jack would like to thank everyone at school and the community for their support, "especially Mr Nott and Mrs Kanowski for their help when Dad was away with work".

Jack, as part of the Queensland Team, also won the 12 year Boys Shot Put relay competition at the Championships.



## Allora Bowls Notes -

Coming Events - A big thank you to all who volunteered their time and culinary/bar skills for the recent

wedding and visiting past president bowler's weekend held at the sports club. There has been nothing but positive comments from all who attended these functions, and all who helped are to be congratulated.

Another great social outing will be the golf/bowls day being sponsored by Jon & Justine Constable and John & Debbie Meddleton. This will be held on Saturday 11th December starting at 1.30pm and consisting of a round of golf followed by bowls and a barbecue. Please contact Jon Constable or John Meddleton for further details or to nominate a team.

The bowls club Christmas party and Burstows sponsored bowls will be held on Friday 17th December, beginning with a barbecue at 6.00pm and followed by bowls under lights at 6.30pm all members are most welcome to attend this event and celebrate the year.

For all Sports Club members, bowls or golf, there are some upcoming events that will require some assistance with bar, food and barbecue duties. If anyone can provide help with this please contact Bill Murdoch or Kev Harrison for dates and times.



## Wattles Junior Rugby League Football Club Inc.

would like to wish our members,  
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*a Very Merry Christmas and  
a Happy New Year.*

### IMPORTANT DATES

- 6.30pm, Wednesday, 5th January - **TAG LEAGUE COMMENCES**, Platz Oval, Clifton. All Grades.
- 4.00pm, Saturday, 8th January - **SEASON LAUNCH**, Leyburn Hotel, Leyburn. Fun and games for all the children plus a sausage sizzle.
- 4.00pm, Saturday, 19th February - **SIGN ON & MUSTER**, Platz Oval, Clifton. All enquiries 0409 051 678.