

Nightingale Shines in Loss to "Tigers"

"Tough as teak" front rower Jason Nightingale was an outstanding performer for the "Queensland Farmers Warehouse" Wattles "A" Grade side who finished behind the Southern Suburbs "Tigers" in Saturday night's Pre-Season trial at Platz Oval by 22 - 34. Nightingale has been a more than dependable performer for Wattles over many seasons, a winger earlier in his career, he has developed into a skillful prop forward who has assumed the vital responsibility of taking the engine room forward this season. Wattles had trailed 6 - 10 at halftime and were always well in the game.

The match was Wattles second outing of the season, after going down to Fassifern at Harrisville last Sunday by 44 -18. However, in only a week the Wattles line-up showed significant improvement as players gel with combination and hone skills that have not been needed over the off season and in some cases a few years. Coach Cameron Hamblin was very happy with his side, their form on track as we approach this weekend's trial against Warwick for the Barrett Family Shield, the symbol of rugby league pre-season supremacy on the Southern Downs. Along with Nightingale, five eighth Tim Hentschel, centre Luke Baker & second-rower Brady Glass showed they are hitting their straps with the opening of the Toowoomba Rugby League season a little over a fortnight away. Front - rower John Blaine reaped the benefits of running wider scoring two tries, his size and determination causing Souths plenty of concerns on the edge of the ruck. Blaine is proving he will be a key component in Wattles line up in 2010. The former reserve grade Captain /Coach in recent years scored Wattles second try of the night untouched in the 70th minute. He crossed for his second four-pointer again seven minutes later racing 30 metres off a Brady Glass ball.

Lock forward Michael Hodge impressed with a strong all round game, especially his defense, as did back-rower Jess Keys who was missed by the "Warriors" when he served a term in the sin bin. Outside back Nick Colthup returned to the Wattles line-up and showed fine form, and will be an experienced bonus to Coach Hamblin as the season unfolds. Souths enthusiasm was evident from the kick -off, their speed around the rucks, smothering of Wattles attacking opportunities and quick reaction to situations proved the difference between the two sides.

Wattles were without team skipper & defensive dynamo Aaron Scheid with a knee concern, along with talented back rower Justin Free. However both will be available for this weekend's match against Warwick, with the added bonus of star fullback, the recently married Brenden Wilson and former Wattles player of the year, Damien Pauli. Impressive young colt Harry Gibson will be an absentee this week due to family commitments.

Aside from Blaine, centres Matt McCarthy & Luke Baker touched down for tries. McCarthy's try was eye-catching, a product of some slick back line play by Wattles. Tim Hentschel set play in motion some 40 metres out before offloading to Brady Glass who found the team Captain McCarthy storming in support, stepping around the Souths fullback for the initial points of the match.

Southern Suburbs 34 (Nick Wuerschling 2, Andrew Olm 2, Simon Sweeney, Michael Johnson tries; Simon Sweeney 5 goals) defeated Wattles 22 (John Blaine 2, Luke Baker, Matt McCarthy tries; Brady Glass 3 tries).

Gibson Stars in Wattles Success

Harry Gibson, son of former Wattles player and Coach Doug Gibson, played a starring role for the "Railway Hotel, Allora" reserve graders as they registered their club's first 2010 season win, 22 - 10 over Souths. A clever hooker, Gibson claimed two tries in the victory, the first in the 23rd minute a classy individual effort. In his first year of senior football with Wattles, Gibson has also been handed the Captaincy of the Reserve Grade line-up, and appears to be thriving on the responsibility with his obvious leadership qualities and astute

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dummy half play. He continued his classy form when he came off the bench for "A" Grade later in the evening. Coach Ross Hentschel was more than impressed with his charges, in what he described as an exceptional performance. Young winger David Cartmill is another who debuted in Wattles seniors, and was rewarded with a try after a kick down field was gathered by Steve Hughes, who is another to return to the "Warriors" den. The win was a confidence building team effort, with Coach Hentschel, in his initial year as mentor of a Wattles senior side, nominating front-rowers Jim Hegerty & Alex Houlihan, halfback Will Manley, winger Nick Colthup along with Harry Gibson as key performers in the game. Steve Hughes playing in the centres was a consistent line breaker in his return game for the "Warriors", while experienced players Paul Hoey & Drew Wilson have also returned after working stints abroad, adding significantly to the club depth.

Wattles 22 (Harry Gibson 2, David Cartmill, Will Manley tries; Will Manley 2, Brian Wilson goals) defeated Southern Suburbs 10 (Dion McCarthy, Trent Tuesley tries; Nicholas Payne goal). Gutsy Effort by Understaffed Colts

Wattles "Allora Foodworks" Under 18 side continue to battle on regardless of low player numbers. Nevertheless the young colts took the field and put up a sterling effort against Souths. The "Tigers" ran up a 30 - 6 lead by halftime, Wattles first half points coming from a try by club newcomer Ross Grundy after a dummy half dart. Five eight and team Skipper Jordan Henry crossed for two tries in the later stages of the match, Wattles still battling on with only ten players. Front-rower Carl Gale was again in superb form with his defence and rampaging runs. Under 16 qualified Alex Morris debuted in Under 18 with an impressive first up performance. The Under 18 match ended in unusual circumstances when Referee Rick Carter abandoned the game after 20 minutes remaining due to a Souths player playing with Wattles to assist with the team's player shortage. The game later continued under another qualified referee and Souths finished victors by 60 - 14.

Southern Suburbs 60 defeated Wattles 14 (Jordan Henry 2, Ross Grundy tries; Jordan Henry goal).

Wattles take on the Warwick "Cowboys" this Saturday night at Platz Oval with the prize, the prestigious Barrett Family Shield.

Glyn Rees

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Allora Swimming Club Presentation and Break Up 22/3/10: Marg Rackley - Patron and Life member, Jessica Van Der Poel and Heather Slatter. Jess is this year's recipient of the Ellwood Family Shield. This award is for dedication, consistency and sportsmanship. 2010 Championship record breakers were Jack Bannister, Ally Van Der Poel, Anthony Bannister, James Gilmore, Lachlan Henry and Abbey Pout.

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As it turned out the committee that considers such requests (Community Services Committee) met the very next day, Wednesday 17th March. Glyn Rees attended the meeting and was invited to address the committee. The result was that all of the councillors and the mayor inspected the building that afternoon and that a recommendation will be made to council at their next sitting that funds be made available to do the initial investigations.

Three councillors - Denise Ingram, Jo McNally and Neil Meiklejohn and John Randall have been appointed to work with the steering committee of Jon Constable, David Dwan, Ann Balmain, Roy Smith, Glyn Rees and David Brown to promote the project.

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Solution in classifieds section

Warwick Easter Fair 2010

Warwick Easter Fair is returning to beautiful Leslie Park on Saturday 3rd April with something for the whole family. 'Bugs' the Easter Bunny will host the Easter Egg Hunt at 10.00am, the QLD Pontiac Car Club will hold their Show 'n' Shine in the park and Rainbow FM is set to broadcast live from the event.

Warwick Easter Fair offers a fantastic range of market stalls from jewellery, craft, crystals, organic soaps & products, to fresh fruit & vegetables from Allora and the Granite Belt along with yummy home made fudges, goodies, pickles and jams.

There will be plenty on offer for the kids, with local talent Clayton Creations Face painting, visiting Crazy Candles Interactive Candle Making, the ABC Learning Centre activities tent & ABC Bear and the 'Bugs' the Easter Bunny Colouring Competition and Easter Egg Hunt.

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Allora Golf Notes 21-3-10

Last weekend was the final rounds of the Club Championships sponsored by the Warwick Credit Union. Saturday's play saw Phil Watt pick up a win for best net for the day with a score of 59 with Lindsay May runner up with a 61 net.

Pin shots went to Phil on the 4th, 13th & 14th Kev Harrison, 5th Max Bielefeld, 2nd Anthony Bowe and 11th Kel Strange.

The start of the final round there were number of players all in the mix for Club Champion and B grade competition. The eventual winner of the A grade and Club Champion for 2010 was Kev Harrison with a score of 74 also giving him the Monthly Medal for the month with a 63 net. Winners for the other grades were Anthony Bowe for B grade, Phil Watt for C grade, and Elizabeth Muir womens champion.

Well done to all the winners and again a big thank you to the Warwick Credit Union for sponsoring the championships.

Runner up for the monthly medal was Ken Wilson with a 64 net. Pin shots went to Matt May 7th & 8th, Hayden Gomez 10th & 17th, Max Bielefeld 16th, Phil Watt 18th, Kel Strange 9th and Bill Murdoch on the 1st.

This Saturday is Robbo's Day which is a 3 ball with plenty of prizes. Don't forget your sand buckets and remember - to play is to live.

• ANNOUNCEMENTS •

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Age Champion trophies were awarded to U/8 Matthew Blakemore, Cassidy Henry; U/10 Lachlan Henry, Mary Higgins; U/12 James Gilmore, Abbey Pout; U/14 Anthony Bannister, Alisha Van Der Poel; Open - Brodie Frizzell, Brianna Perry. Runner-Up trophies were awarded to U/8 William Gilmore, Isabella Hunt; U/10 Nicholas Blakemore, Courtney Davidson; U/12 Nicholas Van Der Poel, Leah Blakemore; U/14 Matthew Denny, Madeline Nott; Open - Luke Kilah, Gemma Nott. The following swimmers received Perfect Attendance certificates, for not missing any swims at all this season - Nicholas Van Der Poel, Alisha Van Der Poel, Tom Higgins, Anthony Bannister, Sally Higgins, Luke Kilah, Toby Gilmore and William Gilmore. Our six swimmers who broke records over the championships received their record certificates. These were presented to Anthony Bannister, Lachlan Henry, Abbey Pout, Jack Bannister, James Gilmore and Alisha Van Der Poel. Special Awards were then presented. Recipient of the Geoff and Heather Slatter Encouragement Award was Madeline Whittaker; Marg and Keith Rackley Encouragement Award - Adam Nisha; David Rackley Memorial Swim - James Kay who also presented Marg Rackley with some flowers; Club Encouragement Awards - Henry Gartery and Ella Gartery. The trophy presentations concluded with the presentation of the Ellwood Family Shield for Dedication, Consistency and Sportsmanship. This was awarded to Jessica Van Der Poel. Congratulations to all our members on their behaviour and performance over the season. The night concluded with pizza and dessert, in the pool grounds. We wish you all the best during your break and look forward to seeing you when the next season commences in September. We take this opportunity to sincerely thank David and Fraser at the Allora Advertiser for their printing of our weekly notes and support over this season. Thank you. Prawns orders are being taken for Easter - if you wish to order prawns, orders must be to Angela Van Der Poel by this Friday, 26 March (4666 3086).

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Allora's Past 50 years ago March 1960 FOOTBALL FOOTBALL

The 1960 Rugby League Season opens at the Allora Showgrounds on Sunday, 27th March.

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Also Allora's new star, Glen Day, prominent

Toowoomba player, will take the field in the main game.

Allora's Past 100 years ago March 1910 Is This Progress?

The Local Authority which neglects to provide suitable roads along which the stream of trade may flow into the area under its control is guilty of dereliction of duty. During the past few years many of our business people and residents have had cause to impeach the Allora Town Council in this respect. On Monday several members showed their utter unprogressiveness and lack of capacity for viewing matters in a public spirit by shelving, once more, consideration of repairs needed at Wightman's gully. This particular spot has for years rendered almost impassable in wet weather, the important Spring Creek road, along which comes – or used to come – a considerable volume of traffic, traffic which should legitimately belong to Allora.

Ald. Deacon "It is not our ratepayers that use the road. Not a single ratepayer of ours uses this road and we should attend to our own people first". Ald Bourne "It is our business to bring the people here to do trade with us. Many of the Glengallan people go to Warwick even though it is further, because the road is better. Spring Creek people are going to Clifton". Ald Whitman "I am in favour of the repairs being done, but I believe a stone causeway would meet the case". Ald. Muir "Better let the matter stand over". Aldermen Whitman and Bourne tried for tenders, but the matter was shelved as usual. Well might business people and property owners of Allora cry as with one voice, "How long, O Lord, how long".

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Director of Planning and Environment, Ken Harris said that dog waste is often identified as the number No.1 community amenity issue in the streets and parks of communities across Australia.

"It causes environmental harm, public health risks and reduces the overall aesthetics of the local area," Mr Harris said.

He noted that every time it rains everything on our roads, footpaths and in our parks, including dog droppings, washes down the stormwater drains into our waterways.

"The nutrients in dog faeces can contribute to toxic algae blooms in our waterways, which affect our water quality and marine organisms that contribute to the health of our waterways," Mr Harris said.

Aside from environmental harm, public health risk and aesthetics reasons, residents should pick up their dog's waste because it is the law.

"Dog owners are legally required to collect their pets' droppings and to dispose of them via the rubbish bin," Mr Harris said.

"Council can issue on-the-spot fines of up to \$200 and has the option in the case of repeat offences, of going to court, where fines of up to \$2000 can be imposed.

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BOWLS Allora Bowls Club -
The special meeting to determine the future of the Allora Bowls Club will be held at the clubhouse on Monday, 29th March commencing at 7.30 p.m. All members need to attend this meeting as we are required to vote on the existence of this club. If there is any member who can fulfill any executive position you will need to volunteer on Monday night. Unless the executive is formed the club has no option but to cease to exist as we cannot operate without affiliating with Bowls Qld and this cannot occur unless the positions on the management board are filled. It is a very serious situation, and the decision must be made Monday night.

Author visits Warwick Library in April

Highly regarded author, Nicole Alexander, will visit the Warwick library in April as part of a regional tour promoting her new novel, *The Bark Cutters*.

Ms Alexander will be the special guest at a morning tea hosted by the Southern Downs Regional Council Library Service on Thursday, April 8 at 10.30am in the library meeting room.

Principal Librarian, Samantha Shelbourn said that Ms Alexander will discuss her novel and explain the story behind the book, which is destined to place her as one of Australia's much loved story tellers.

"The novel *The Bark Cutters* came from Ms Alexander's desire to write about the emotional attachment that generational farmers feel towards their land," Ms Shelbourn said.

"This is something that will definitely resonate with many of the generational farmers in our own district."

A fourth generation grazier, Ms Alexander works full time on the property northwest of Moree in northern New South Wales and is currently completing the sequel to *The Bark Cutters*. She returned to her family's property in the late 1990s following a glamorous career in Australia and Singapore.

Her novel is an Australian family saga that centres on a family property. Past and present interweave in a story that traces the Gordon family from the arrival of Scottish immigrant Hamish Gordon in the 1850s to the life of his great granddaughter, Sarah.

Full of action, romance, tragedy, family secrets and misunderstandings, Ms Shelbourn is confident that this novel has something for everyone.

Anyone interested in booking for the event should contact the Warwick Library on 4661 0432. Copies of Ms Alexander's *The Bark Cutters* will be available for purchase on the day.

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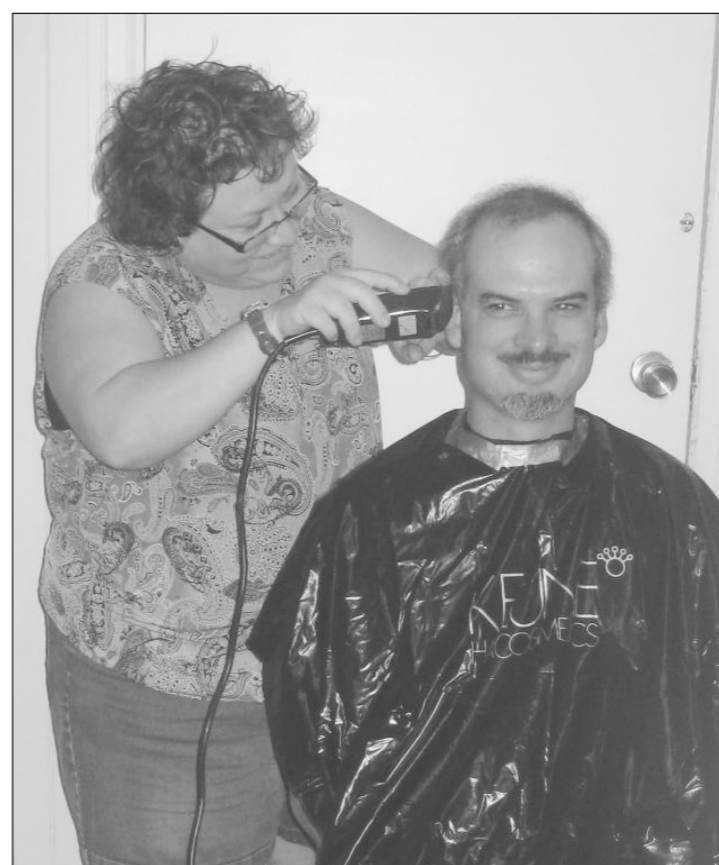
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You can watch the video of the shave taking place online at the Allora Advertiser website www.alloraadvertiser.com

The funds raised will help the Leukaemia Foundation to provide practical care and support to patients and families living with leukaemias, lymphomas, myeloma and related blood disorders.

LEFT: Rhiannon Clark takes to her husband Fraser with the electric clippers.

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Scheid Primed to Lead "Warriors" to Shield Success

Wattles workhorse back rower Aaron Scheid is primed and ready to lead his team on to Platz Oval this Saturday evening determined to wrest the Barrett Family Shield from the grasp of traditional rivals, the Warwick "Cowboys". The Shield, that Warwick has won for the past three years, inspires rivalry between the two famous clubs, raising the spirits of all connected with rugby league in the southern downs area, as the "Cowboys" & the "Warriors" go head to head. It could be termed a grudge match, but whatever term is used in a description, it is certainly one of the clashes of the year as both sides traditionally lift to claim the coveted Shield. It won't be any easy task, but Scheid believes Wattles have the team to bring the Shield back to Platz Oval, and he has the full support of stand in skipper and Wattles senior statesman Matt McCarthy. Wattles bare only a remote resemblance to the team that took the field in the "green & gold" colours in last year's Shield clash, with Schied as one of the few players in this year's lineup still stinging after the 28 - 0 loss. Brenden Wilson, Brady Glass, Justin Free & Scheid are the only players named in Wattles Barrett Shield side that played in the trial in 2009.

Scheid injured a knee in Wattles initial season outing against Fassifern a couple of weeks back, and missed last week's clash with Souths. There has been a shadow of doubt about his availability for this Saturday's pre-season highlight, but the gritty "engine room" Foreman has declared he will lead the "Warriors" in to battle. With McCarthy as his right hand man, along with in form book ends Jason Nightingale and John Blaine, and the experienced Tim Hentschel at five-eight, Wattles boast a committed line-up. McCarthy is very enthusiastic about Wattles back line options, Hentschel forging a partnership with new halfback Xavior Manley, and the former Division representative's speed and ability to ignite the back line. Hentschel, who is equally at home in the centres or on the wing, is back in "A" Grade after a three year stint travelling abroad. He made his "A" Grade debut in August 2003 in the Cameron Hamblin Captained Wattles' side's 56 - 12 thrashing of Warwick at Father Ranger Oval. On Saturday evening, Hentschel will be wearing the number "6" jumper that five time Wattles "Player of the Year" Hamblin had made his own for many seasons. Wattles will also be boosted by the inclusion of champion fullback and 2009 "Player of the Year" Brenden Wilson. Wilson, a brilliant attacking footballer, and a prolific try scorer and will add another dimension to Wattles attacking options.

Interesting to see Roma based back-rower Kev Ruhle, Wattles "Player of the Year" in 2004 named in the lineup. Ruhle's machine like defense will be a significant boost for Wattles, and will bring back some memories for the regulars at Platz Oval. Utility players Brady Glass, who is in fine form of late & Justin Free will bring experience and toughness to the team, while a batch of young up and comers possessing fresh talent and options in Luke Miller, Marshall Scott, Alex Houlihan, Jim Hegarty, Luke Baker, Ben Maloney and Micheal Hodge among others, will have Wattles present a very competitive package. The "Cowboys", who celebrate their 25th Anniversary as a club



Wattles Captain Aaron Scheid will lead the "Warriors" against Warwick in the Barrett Shield on Saturday night.

this year, have won the Barrett Shield in the awards inaugural year in 1993, and have since won the Shield on nine occasions (1993, 1994, 1995, 1998, 1999, 2002, 2007, 2008). Wattles have enjoyed hoisting the trophy on seven occasions (1996, 1997, 2001, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006), with the trophy shared in 2000 after a drawn result.

The Shield came into being after a suggestion at a Wattles Rugby League Club committee meeting in 1992 by then club Secretary Peter Glass that a trophy be introduced for the annual trial between the neighbouring clubs, and Wattles committee member Mary Hamblin (nee Barrett) offered a trophy in the Barrett Family's name. The Barrett name is synonymous with rugby league throughout the South West Queensland region. The family has very strong rugby league links in the Southern Downs area, their roots with the Warwick and Wattles Rugby League Football Clubs. The Barrett brothers, Tom, Leo, Ron and John played with the famous Collegians Rugby League Club of Warwick. Tom, who sadly passed away in 1996, also played a season with Wattles. A dedicated worker for the game, Tom was awarded Life Membership of the Warwick "Cowboys" in 1995, and was joint winner of the prestigious "Merv Lancaster Memorial Sports Volunteer of the Year" award, also in 1995. A former long serving committee member and a Life Member of the Wattles "Warriors", Leyburn based Mary Hamblin can also boast considerable achievements in the game. While a more than astute Treasurer for five years for the "Warriors", Mary was also President of the club in 1992 and 1993. This was a historical feat, the first ever female President of a club in the Toowoomba Rugby League competition. Mary also has the honour of being the inaugural winner of the Toowoomba Rugby League's "Club Person of the Year" award in 1999.

Wattles and Warwick will run on to battle for the Barrett Shield at 7.30 pm on Saturday evening, preceded by the Reserve Grade trial at 6.00 pm and Under 18's at 4.30 pm.

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Annual valuations released for the Southern Downs local government area

The Department of Environment and Resource Management (DERM) has released the annual land valuations for properties in the Southern Downs local government area.

The valuations are a snapshot of unimproved land values as at 1 October 2009 based on changes in the local property market. The Southern Downs local government area's overall average value had increased 45.29 per cent since the last valuation issued in the former shires of Stanthorpe (2004) and Warwick (2006), DERM State Valuation Service South-West Area Manager John Thomas said.

Mr Thomas said that the majority of the real estate market sectors had increased since the revaluations were last issued in 2004 and 2006 for the respective former shires.

"The urban changes are a result of both the length of time since the last valuation and a population trend to this area.

"Over the past 12 months the rural property market has softened with an easing of the volume of sales," he said. "The land valuations, which take effect on 30 June 2010 for rating, land tax and State land rental purposes, provide a snapshot of unimproved land values on 1 October 2009 and reflect the movement in the local property market since the last valuation was undertaken." Details of the new annual valuation of rateable lands can be inspected until 21 May at the Southern Downs Regional Council's Stanthorpe Office at 61 Marsh Street, Stanthorpe for the former Stanthorpe shire and the DERM office at Level 1 Corner Fitzroy and Guy Streets, Warwick for the former Warwick shire during normal business hours. Indicative valuations, market tables for major residential localities and other valuation information are also available on the DERM website until 21 May 2010.

Mr Thomas said it was important the public realised that valuation notices were not rate notices.

"Rates are set by local government authorities.

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number of factors, valuations being just one of these. "General rating enquiries should be directed to property owners' local councils," Mr Thomas said.

If a landowner believes their valuation to be incorrect, and can provide information to support this, objections to valuations can be lodged with DERM by 6 May 2010.

"This year the objection process has changed and it is essential that landowners read the step by step guide before filling in their form," Mr Thomas said.

"Objections now need to be correctly completed on the new Notice of Objection form and lodged within the 45 day required period," he said.

An objection kit, including the approved form and a simple step-by-step guide, can be downloaded from DERM's website at www.derm.qld.gov.au or obtained by telephoning 1300 664 217.

The 2010 valuations were calculated using an "unimproved value" methodology, the same approach used in previous years.

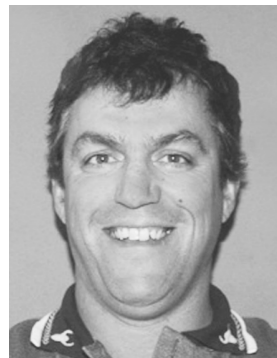
For the 2011 valuation, the Queensland Government has announced it intends to move to a "site valuation" methodology for non-rural land. This is the method used in other Australian states and is expected to provide a simpler methodology supported by the property industry, local governments and other stakeholders.

Site value represents the land's current market value and reflects what can actually be "seen from the street" - the value based on what the vacant land would sell for in its present state.

Goomburra Town Hall Committee inc donate to the Allora Rural Fire Service



The Goomburra Town Hall Committee arrange many fund raisers and Valentine's day was no exception. A raffle was held in aid of both the Goomburra Town Hall and also the Allora Rural Fire Service. On Wednesday night 17th March, at the monthly meeting, the Goomburra Town Hall Committee were proud to present a cheque for \$300 to Fred McGann and Len Chandler who represented the Allora Brigade. Both Fred and Len said how pleased they were to receive such donations as they are much needed, they did mention that the Southern Downs Regional Council distribute fire levy funds which are paid by the ratepayers - but sometimes these funds do not meet the required expenditure. Pictured above are Fred McGann, Len Chandler and Shane Staunton, President of the Goomburra Town Hall Committee Inc.



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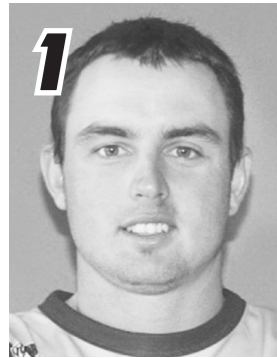
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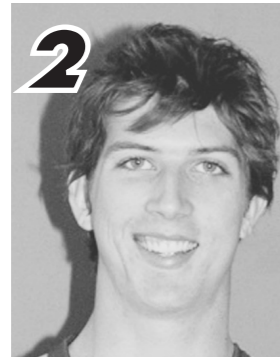
WATTLES WARRIORS Vs. WARWICK COWBOYS



Lindsay Ruhle - Strapper



Brenden Wilson - Fullback



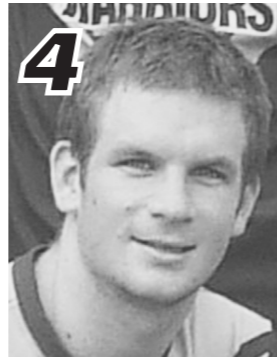
Ben Moloney - Wing



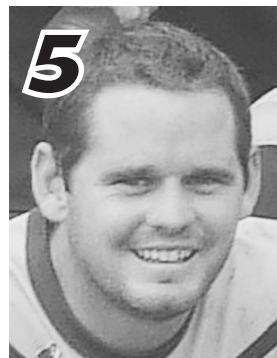
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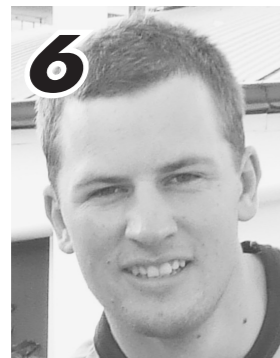
Matt McCarthy - Centre



Marshall Scott - Centre



Kyle Hethrington - Wing



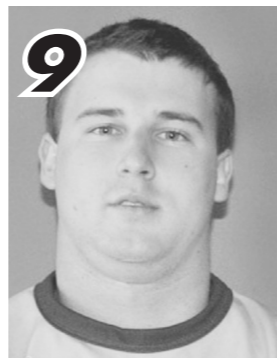
Tim Hentschel - Five-Eighth



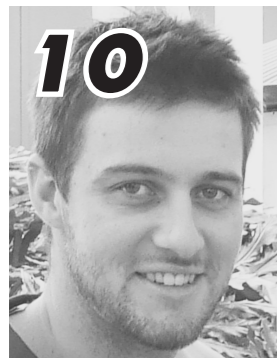
Xavier Manley - Halfback



John Blaine - Prop



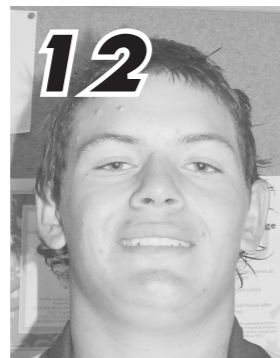
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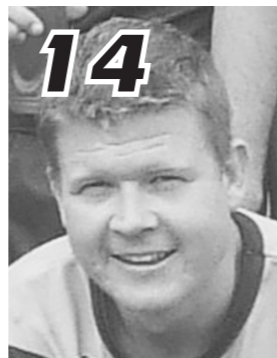
Brady Glass - Second Row



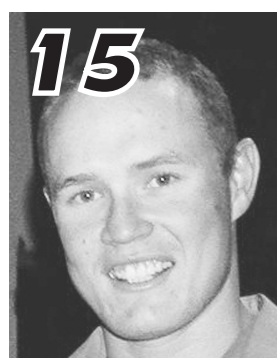
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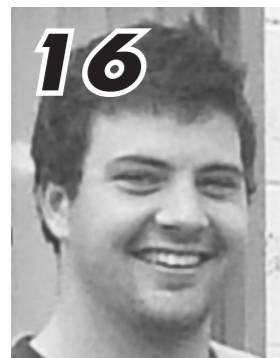
Aaron Scheid - Lock Forward (Capt.)



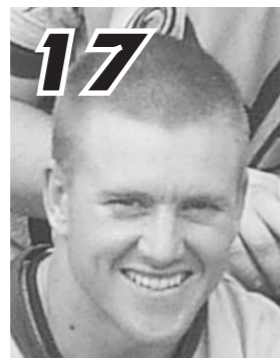
Michael Hodge - Lock Forward



Kevin Ruhle - Second Row, Lock Forward



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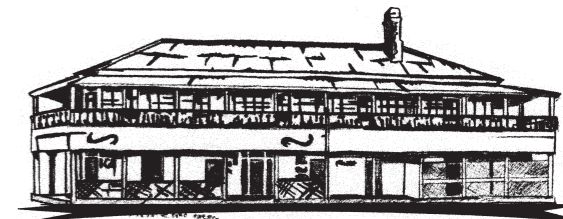
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- March -**
- Sat 27** **Wattles vs. Warwick (Barrett Shield)**
Platz Oval, Clifton
- April -**
- Sun 18** **Wattles vs. Brothers**
Platz Oval, Clifton
- Sun 25** **A Tribute to Our Anzacs Wartime Sing-Along, Concert & Afternoon Tea**
Allora Community Hall
- May -**
- Sat 8** **Allora Scope Club Annual Afternoon Tea**
Allora Community Hall, 1.30pm
- Sun 16** **Wattles vs. Goondiwindi**
Platz Oval, Clifton
- Fri 28** **St. Patrick's Trivia Night**
Allora Community Hall
- Sun 30** **Wattles vs. Warwick**
Platz Oval, Clifton
- June -**
- Sun 13** **Wattles vs. Dalby**
Platz Oval, Clifton
- Sun 20** **Wattles vs. Gatton**
Platz Oval, Clifton
- July -**
- Sat 17** **Jazz Cabaret with Caxton Street Jazz Band**
- Sun 18** **Wattles vs. Oakey**
Platz Oval, Clifton
- August -**
- Sun 1** **Wattles vs. Souths**
Platz Oval, Clifton
- Sat 7** **St Patrick's P&F 80's Night**
- Sun 15** **Wattles vs. Valleys & Legends of League**
Platz Oval, Clifton

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It's all about having fun at Allora Play Group.

What do you do on a Wednesday morning ?

Do you bake cakes in the sandpit, pretend to be astronauts, laugh with your friends and share morning tea – we do! Each Wednesday from 9.30am, Allora Playgroup meets at the old Girl Guides Hut opposite Allora State School. Children under school age (and their parents and caregivers) are encouraged to come along and join in the fun. Do your darlings have more energy to burn than you can keep up with? Why not let them swing and climb or dig and build in

our undercover area. Or if you would rather take things a little easier, they can make the most of the blocks, baubles and other bits and bobs indoors or in the cubby house. If your kids love craft but you hate the clean-up, put on some old clothes so they can make a mess while creating artistic masterpieces. The last few months have seen lots of changes at Allora Playgroup. Our thanks to Rob Gilmore for our new kitchen, courtesy of Gilmore Cabinets, a handy place for worn out carers to prepare a well deserved cuppa . The old decor is in the process of receiving a major facelift with new curtains, soft furnishings and a change of colour to brighten up our space eventuating soon. We have also welcomed a number of new families and farewelled old friends.

If you've ever driven past and thought "I must drop in there sometime", then Wednesday March 31st is the day to come along and have look at who we are, what we do, and take part in our contribution to National Playgroup Week celebrations. The morning will kick off with some Easter stories and singing, followed by a shared morning tea and Easter basket decorating. And, to top it all off, the highlight of our day, an EASTER EGG HUNT! So, take this as your official invite to come and join us for some fun! **Where:** Allora Girl Guides Hut, Corner of Warwick St and New England Hwy. **When:** Every Wednesday 9.30am – 11.30am. **Who:** Families with children under 6. **What:** Hat, water, snack to share. **Why:** Why not?

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Dave's Delectable Dish...

Baked Ham

INGREDIENTS

1 large uncooked ham ½ cup brown sugar
1 tbsp mustard pineapple rings
cloves cherries
1 tbsp sherry or pineapple juice

METHOD

Soak ham overnight in water. Wrap in foil and bake in shallow pan 25 minutes for each pound of ham (50 minutes per kg). Remove skin, score fat in a diamond pattern and decorate with cloves, pineapple and cherries. Cover with mixture of brown sugar, mustard and sherry. Bake extra half hour, basting well.

Condamine River Parks' master plan to get under way

As Council prepares to undertake a master plan of Condamine River parks such as Queens Park, St Marks Park and Federation Park, residents are being urged to have their say in the parks' future.

Mayor, Ron Bellingham, said that the master plan will provide a long term vision for the parks, identifying what they should look like and how they should function in the future, individually and as a whole precinct. He encouraged interested people to be part of this process.

"The master plan is a long term plan that sets a clear direction for Council and the community to work towards," Cr Bellingham said.

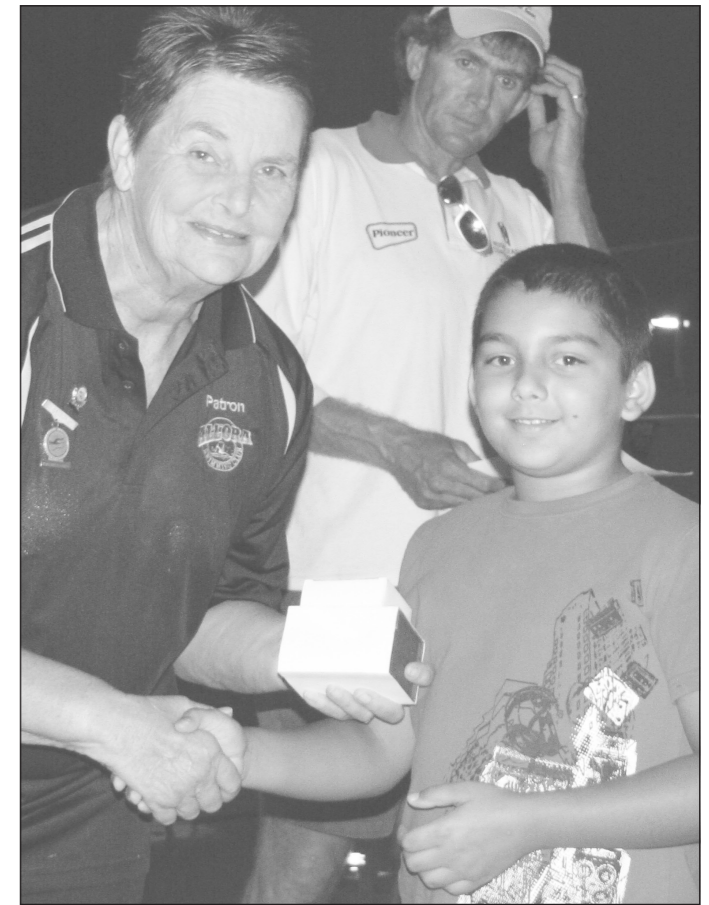
"It will guide the future layout and development of this important open space area to ensure recreation opportunities are provided to meet current and future community needs and I encourage people to get involved."

The Mayor stressed that input from the community is vital to the success of the project.

"Community input will give Council and the consultants a clear understanding of what the public wish to happen in the parks, so that the design is well received and the parks are well used," he said.

There are two meetings scheduled for the community to have a say in the future of the Condamine River parks precinct. The meetings will be held in the Warwick Library on Saturday, March 27 from 10:30am and Wednesday, March 31 from 6:30pm. The meetings are an opportunity to meet the consultants and to provide comments on matters residents would like addressed in the master plan.

Council has commissioned ROSS Planning, sport and recreation planners, to undertake the master plan work. For further information, or to RSVP, please contact Greg Thouard at Council on 4681 5515 or email Greg.Thouard@southerndowns.qld.gov.au or alternatively the consultants, ROSS Planning, can be contacted directly on 3901 0730.



Marg Rackley with Adam Nisha, recipient of the Keith & Marg Rackley Encouragement award at the Allora Swimming Club Presentation and Break Up.

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Council considers HACC funding

Council has received an expression of Interest from Warwick's South West Queensland Home Assist Secure to take on HACC home maintenance services for the Southern Downs region. Following a recommendation made by Council's Community Development Manager, Sheila Stebbings to the Community Services meeting last Wednesday, Council agreed to officers having further discussion with Home Assist Secure in regard to the transition of Home Maintenance programs from Council. However, this will not be confirmed until Council's general meeting on March 30.

Ms Stebbings said that if the proposal is confirmed, Council's priority will be to ensure a smooth transition for the many clients who use and value these services.

"Council staff will be working cooperatively with all parties to ensure that there will be no interruption of services to clients should this action be confirmed," she said.

Home Assist Secure has also expressed an intention to offer continuing opportunities to any of Council's HACC contractors, who wish to continue working with the program.

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