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RFDS Aeromedical Simulator Visits Allora



The Allora P-10 State School welcomed members of the Royal Flying Doctor Service to the School this week. Purpose of the visit along with the Aeromedical Simulator was to enable students to learn about the vital work carried out by the RFDS across Queensland.

(Images - Linda Sharman-Bowman. More pics on page 5)

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New Computer for Historical Society



Jim Anderson (Society President), Jill Leeson (SCOPE President), Wendy Free (Society Secretary) and Kaye Mullins (Society Treasurer).

The Allora and District Historical Society has bought a new laptop computer with a donation of \$1000 from the SCOPE Club of Allora. The donation is greatly appreciated as our current computer was donated to the Society by Jan Frith after her husband Peter passed away in 2011.

Jill Bockman, a SCOPE member, also donated a large monitor which will allow two members to transfer information to the database from the old hard copy records. It will also be used for Powerpoint presentations on Open Days.

Jill Leeson, president of the SCOPE Club of Allora, visited the museum yesterday to hand over the donation. Jill reiterated that all the money raised through the SCOPE Op Shop is donated back to the community and to Willow Tree 37 Women's Support Centre, a SCOPE National Project.

Please support the SCOPE Op Shop and our museums, situated opposite each other on the corner of Warwick and Forde Streets Allora.

Wendy Free

2032 Olympic Venue For Equestrian Events

The Toowoomba Equestrian Centre to be developed at the Toowoomba Showgrounds will benefit the entire region during and post the Olympics.

The Royal Agricultural Society of Queensland (RASQ) CEO Damon Phillips says the project will leave our region with an equestrian centre capable of delivering national and international level events for a wide range of disciplines, including the Olympic equestrian sports.

The nationally significant project aims to fill identified state and national gaps in equestrian facility provision. In Queensland, there are currently no competition facilities with international-level equestrian surfaces. Across Australia, there are very few facilities of sufficient scale and quality to host national equestrian championships. Filling this demand will keep talent and competition in Queensland and grow the equestrian industry and support athlete pathways.

Allora's Mark (Max) Mason has been heavily



Front - Mark (Max) Mason Project Manager - Olympic Strategy and Legacy. LTR - Damon Phillips CEO Royal Agriculture Society Qld; David Janetzki Qld Treasurer and Member for Toowoomba South; Trevor Watts, Member for Toowoomba North and Shane Charles, President Royal Agriculture Society Qld.

involved in his role as Olympics Strategy Project Manager for Toowoomba and Surat Basin Enterprise (TSBE).

Mr Mason said the region has significant local capability and capacity to do the heavy lifting for both the development of the infrastructure build and the delivery of The Games.

"We, as a region, have worked very hard together to bring this vision to life and we look forward to meeting

with the key stakeholders in the coming days and weeks to chart a course that delivers the best possible outcomes for our region and Queensland as a whole." Mr Mason said.

President of the Allora Show Society Carol Lyall is super excited following the announcement of Toowoomba to host the Equestrian events at the Brisbane Olympics.

Carol congratulates all those involved over many

years to make this dream a reality.

The economic growth for Toowoomba and the region cannot be underestimated.

As Allora is already the grass roots for all types of horse sports Carol believes the Community should see major benefits during and after the Olympics.

Carol, like so many others, is looking forward to seeing the future plans for the Toowoomba Equestrian Centre.

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A gentleman has commented that litter is left lying about, particularly near IGA.

Hats off to this gentleman who spent time picking up the mess.

Litter is not a good look for visitors and unacceptable by locals.

It's not hard to use the bins in town and keep Allora tidy.



Let's use the bins provided and keep Allora tidy

Letters to the Editor

Send letters to the Editor to -
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.*



Warwick Location For EV Charger

Southern Downs Regional Council is recommending an electric vehicle (EV) charging station at Australian Park in Warwick.

Council is proposing to provide land for NRMA to install and operate an ultra-rapid DC fast charger unit in the northwestern corner of the carpark at their cost. The charger will service four parking spaces.

Members of the community are invited to provide feedback about utilising this area for EV charging. After community feedback it will be determined if further actions are required.

Public comments and submissions are welcome until 7 April 2025.

Please submit feedback directly to Council via mail@sdrc.qld.gov.au or phone 1300 MY SDRG (1300 697 372).

More information is available at www.sdrc.qld.gov.au/living-here/have-your-say/new-electric-vehicle-charging-station-in-warwick

Thanks To Royal Flying Doctor Service

Allora P-10 Students enjoyed the visit by the RFDS with their Aeromedical Simulator which was fully equipped with flight controls, indicators, communication headsets and two stretcher beds. Once onboard, students undertook an immersive experience as a patient and they could see how the crew operates these units in the sky.

Last year the Simulator travelled over 26,000 kms across Queensland reaching 36,000 people.

The work carried out by the RFDS is invaluable to those living in rural and remote locations. Each day more than 225 occasions of care were undertaken with more than 12,800 patients transferred via the Aeromedical Service last year.

The RFDS has grown to become Australia's most reputable charity which is made possible by the generosity of the community through fundraising, donations and bequests.



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Doctor Kym demonstrates equipment.



"Pilots" Blake and Tristan.



Everyone helping the patient.



Lochlan receives treatment.



Rural Aid Delivers Urgent Lifeline to Farmers Amid Devastating Floods

Queensland is currently grappling with severe flooding, with record-breaking rainfall inundating large parts of the state. Major flood warnings have been issued for multiple rivers, including the Thomson, Barcoo, Bulloo, Paroo, and Warrego, as water levels continue to rise. Vast areas of western and central Queensland have been submerged, with floodwaters surpassing levels seen during previous major flood events.

The devastating impact on agriculture has been immense, with a significant number of livestock lost and much of the farmland destroyed. Stock losses are expected to reach into the hundreds of thousands, compounding the already difficult conditions caused by ongoing droughts. This disaster has left farmers across these affected regions in urgent need of support to recover from the extensive damage and ensure the survival of their remaining livestock.

Rural Aid has swiftly mobilised to deliver critical relief to affected farmers. In collaboration with the Queensland Government, Rural Aid is ensuring that resources and aid are being directed to the most



(Image - Helen Commens)

impacted areas. A key initiative has been the airlifting of bales of hay by helicopter to farmers who have been cut off by the floods. These airlifts provide essential sustenance for stranded livestock, which is a lifeline for farmers unable to transport feed due to the devastating conditions.

Beyond immediate food relief for livestock, Rural Aid is also addressing the financial strain on farmers. Farmers from across the state have already been issued prepaid Visa cards, providing them with direct financial assistance to help them cope with the economic challenges they are facing.

Rural Aid CEO, Mr John

Wartlers, who is currently in Charleville coordinating relief efforts, said, "The flooding in Queensland has created an incredibly challenging situation for farmers. We're doing everything we can to provide immediate support and ensure farmers have the resources they need to care for their livestock. The scale of this disaster is overwhelming, but with the ongoing generosity of the public, we can make a real difference for those impacted."

Mr Wartlers added, "I've seen firsthand the strength and resilience of the farmers here, but the road to recovery will be long. Rural Aid is committed to

supporting these communities every step of the way."

Rural Aid's support extends to long-term recovery, with a variety of ongoing initiatives aimed at helping farmers rebuild and recover. The public can contribute to these efforts by donating through the Rural Aid website at www.ruralaid.org.au/donate. Donations will play a crucial role in providing ongoing support to farmers, helping them recover and rebuild in the wake of this disaster. Affected farmers can also register for assistance at www.ruralaid.org.au/services-provided/ or can call 1300 327 624.

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Landholders urged to challenge land valuation hikes

The Valuer-General has issued land valuations for 14 local government areas in Queensland including Southern Downs Regional Council and Toowoomba Regional Council.

The valuations reflect land values as at 1 October 2024 and are effective from 30 June 2025.

AgForce is urging Queensland landholders not to delay if they want to object to new land valuations – or risk being lumped with higher council rates and state land rent.

The rises in primary production valuations in our regions were 29% in Southern Downs and 42% Toowoomba.

AgForce CEO Michael Guerin said the time for landholders to speak up was now.

"Unimproved values determine what council rates rural landholders pay and are also used to calculate leasehold rents, so it's important the figures are right," Mr Guerin said.

"In recent years, AgForce has assisted many members secure significant reductions in valuations, resulting in large savings, and once again we are ready to assist with our free workshops to help people assess their valuations and find out more about the objection process.

AgForce's valuer John Moore said responsibility for ensuring values were correct lay with landowners, not local governments.

"Unimproved values are done by mass appraisal, meaning your property isn't individually valued so errors can occur," Mr Moore said.

Landowners who disagree with their valuation and are able to provide supporting information can lodge their objection online or at the address shown at the top of their valuation notice by 26 May 2025.

If you don't have internet access, call 1300 664 217 to request an objection kit.

Royal Toowoomba Show Success



Left to right: Andrew Herron - Board member of ASSBA; Anne Hall, Josh Milton and Judge/Board member of ASSBA Ben Campbell from Stubbo, New South Wales.

John Milton and Anne Hall from Milton Park Suffolk and White Suffolk Stud based at Hendon won Supreme Exhibit of British Breed Sheep with the Suffolk Ewe/Lamb (pictured). This win could see the

Ewe/Lamb compete at the Ekka for Champion of Champions.

It's an extra special win as 2025 is the Centenary Year of Australian Stud Sheep Breeders Association Ltd (ASSBA).

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HOUSE
• 3 Bedroom • Lounge with R/C aircon
• Bathroom, shower over bath, toilet
• 2nd Toilet near Laundry
• New Kitchen, eat in dining
• Single garage • Storage shed
INVESTORS: House Lease to 1/6/2025 for \$400 p.w.

DUAL INCOME - SHOP



• 4 Room BUSINESS PREMISES in CBD
• Enter through French doors
• Large fixed window in waiting room
• Larger room suitable as office reception area
• Next room - consulting room or private office
• Fourth room has toilet & vanity plus storage area
INVESTORS: Shop Lease to 28/2/2026 for \$300 p.w.

COMMERCIAL PREMISES \$ 400,000+ EACH \$ 800,000 FOR 2



Spacious commercial buildings, well located just metres off Albion St, main highway, plenty of off-street parking available. Mixed use planning zone.
65 Grafton St
490 m² - currently tenanted til 2026 at \$350 p.w. Previously a Veterinary Surgery/professional offices.
• Reception area/ waiting room
• 5 rooms for offices/ treatment rooms
• Kitchen, separate toilet & powder room + room with plumbing suitable for toilet/bathroom.
• 4 reverse cycle air-con • Separate building at rear has 2 rooms (offices or storage) • Parking for 5 vehicles
67 Grafton St
297 m² Currently vacant - **FOR LEASE \$400 p.w.**
• Reception/office area • Workshop at rear

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- 4 Bed, 2 built in
- Living/dining - split system aircon & woodfire
- Kitchen - gas cooktop, electric oven, rangehood, woodfire for winter
- Bathroom - shower over bath, vanity
- Separate toilet
- Sunroom
- Laundry/ storage in back annex

Property

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• Decorative dado in living & hallway
• Family bathroom has bath, separate shower, vanity
• Separate toilet • Laundry has built-in storage
• Garage used as rumpus currently • Large Carport
• Rear access to fully fenced 840 m² lot
• Walk to Hospital, medical facilities & schools
Extras: Powered shed, garden sheds, bird cage, chook pen, Fernery/ outdoor living, rain water tank
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INVESTORS: Lease appraisal \$650 p.w.

LAND

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GOOMBURRA - 7.61 HA, BITUMEN ROAD, POWER, ON INVERRAMSAY RD	SOLD

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\$ 650,000



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• Separate lounge • Enclosed sunroom
• Bathroom with separate toilet
• Large yard 1166 m² • 2 Carports
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INVESTORS: Currently tenant paying \$430 p.w. till February 2025

PERIOD TIMBER HOME

\$ 480,000 OFFERS OVER CONSIDERED



Close to hospital, 2 bedroom timber period home. NEW roof and guttering being installed, completion will be first week of March.
Fully fenced on 946 m², walk to CBD, hospital, schools & childcare.
• 2 Bedroom • Master has walk in storage, bay window seat
• Lounge dining has fireplace & R/C aircon
• Bathroom, shower, vanity & toilet
• 2nd Toilet in Laundry area
• Good Kitchen has gas cooktop, electric oven, dishwasher, ample cupboards, pantry
• Garage + storage/workshop
• Old timber storage shed + carport
INVESTORS: Rent appraisal is \$480 p.w.

GOOMBURRA VALLEY VIEWS

\$ 425,000 OFFERS OVER CONSIDERED



Goomburra Valley, elevated lightly treed 7.61 ha (18.87 Ac) knock down house, various old sheds, old yards, rain water tanks & good bore.
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
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AFFORDABLE LAND

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HENDON
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122

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- \$55

117

- 2.9M

- 75 X 75 X 4 - GALV

- \$70

102

- 3M

- 75 X 75 X 3 - GALV

- \$65

110

- 2.9M

- 89 X 89 X 3.5 - GALV

- \$75

25

- 8M

- 75 X 75 X 3 - GALV

- \$140

5

- 9M

- 450 X 350 X 12.5

- \$1600

5

- 9M

- 350 X 350 X 12.5

- \$1200

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209

- 3M

- 75 X 75 X 3 - GALV

- \$45

11

- 8M

- 89 X 89 X 5 - PTD

- \$180

30

- 6M

- 100 X 50 X 3 - PTD

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25

- 8M

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- \$100EA

• GOAT PANEL GATE

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GATES - GALV

• 10' - 3M

- MESH

- \$120

• 12' - 3.6M

- MESH

- \$140

• 14' - 4.2M

- MESH

- \$160

• 10' - 3M

- 5 BAR LIGHT

- \$140

• 12' - 3.6M

- 5 BAR LIGHT

- \$160

• 14' - 4.2M

- 5 BAR LIGHT

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• 3M -

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- \$40/LEN

BLACK RUSTY

488 - 3100MM - 40NB X 3.2MM

- \$25/LEN

BUNDLES - 61 - ONLY

PIPE - NEAR - NEW

329 - 6.5M - 15NB - MGPE

- \$15

237 - 6.5M - 20NB - MGPE

- \$18

9 - 2.2M - 150NB - MBPE

- \$60

STEEL PLATE - NEAR NEW

• 2400 X 1200 X 1.6

- \$120

• 3000 X 1500 X 2

- \$110

• 3000 X 1500 X 3

- \$260

• 3000 X 1500 X 6

- \$550

• 3000 X 1500 X 25

- \$2000

GALV. PIPE MEDIUM

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• 6.5M LEN/37 - BUNDLE

\$80 //LEN

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Wattles Pursue Rod Frahm Trophy in Season Opener



Coach Travis Burns and his A grade Warriors are out to make amends this Sunday after stumbling in the recent pre-season Barrett Family Shield clash against an impressive Warwick Cowboys unit, the Warriors finishing on the end of a 16 – 34 loss.

The 2025 and 105th Toowoomba Rugby League fixture season kicks off for Wattles this weekend at the Dalby Rugby League Club, up against the highly rated local Diehards outfit.

While premiership points are vital to start the season on a positive note, the match will see the prestigious Rod Frahm Memorial Cup contested in it's eighteenth year by the two A Grade teams.

The trophy is named in honour of late Darling Downs business and rugby league identity Mr Rod Frahm.

Mr Frahm is a former Wattles player, A and reserve-grade coach, committee member, generous sponsor and along with wife Janette a life member, as well as being a former director of the Toowoomba Clydesdales Board.

The Cup currently sits in the Dalby Diehards trophy cabinet, after the Diehards overcame an early match deficient last season to outgun the Warriors 29 – 22 at a wintery Platz Oval.

Dalby have dominated the Cup contests since it was introduced, with an impressive eleven successes in the prestigious award's seventeen-year history.

The Diehards were convincing victors in the end

last season, largely due to their gifted fullback Chris Woodbridge, a more than convincing winner of the player of the match honours.

Will 'o' wisp Woodbridge amazed the shivering crowd with his lightning speed and aerial high flying, running in four touchdowns and kicking four goals for a personal match haul of 24 points of the Diehards overall 29-point total.

The Diehards have certainly provided challenges for Wattles top grade line-ups in recent seasons, the two contenders last clashing in last years TRL Elimination Final at Platz Oval, with Dalby dropping the curtains on the Warriors season winning 24 – 22 in a desperate battle.

Wattles last held the Rod Frahm Memorial Cup aloft back in June 2022, after outlasting the Diehards in anything but inviting Platz Oval weather in a grinding seesawing encounter eventually winning 20 – 16.

Wattles coach Travis Burns volunteered "we were beaten by a better team on the day in the recent Barrett Family Shield". But Burns' troops were without some key faces that should make their presence felt in their return to the green and gold against Dalby.

While Wattles preparation for their season opening games has been hindered with works under way at Platz Oval with the installation of new field lighting, the mentor says "we're ready to go, bring on 2025".

The state-of-the-art lighting is set down to be officially opened at a gala ceremony on April 25th when the Warriors meet the Highfields Eagles in the home side's ANZAC Day commemoration.

The Warriors spine has taken on a different appearance in 2025, and while the fullback slot is still being considered, the



Wattles Captain/Coach Travis Burns receives the Rod Frahm Memorial Cup from Mrs Janette Frahm in 2022.

talented Jack Duggan is filling the hooker roll with halves Tom Hatch in '7' and classy five eight Dwayne Duncan.

Hatch proved more than capable in the hooker role in his initial year with Wattles in 2024.

The impressive performer as a playmaker against Warwick has Burns confident, Hatch can step into the yawning absence of veteran champion half Matt Duggan.

Hatch teams up with a player who can boast plenty of back line brilliance in Dwayne Duncan.

Duncan was co-captain of the Valleys side that finished behind Gatton in last year's TRL Grand Final in extra time.

A former Redcliffe Dolphins State League player, other honours include being an Under age Queensland representative and a long-term Toowoomba Clydesdale who has led the team as skipper.

Burns is looking to his halves for the vital direction for a backline dripping with talent, and the ability to link with a forward pack with plenty of genuine size, respect and go forward.

Back-rower Jackson Shelswell is another new face to Wattles pack who was performed admirably at TRL top shelf level for Valleys, and showed against the Cowboys he will be a key performer in the green and gold engine room.

Book end giant Ryan Kelly-Payne who lived a dream recently competing in the NRL Nines Carnival in Las Vegas, was looking very settled with his new club against Warwick, while another man mountain in Wattles colours in 185 cm Adam Tuimavave-Gerrard has much to bring to Wattles right across the park.

New Zealand born Tuimavave-Gerrard comes to Platz Oval with a resume of note, with experience with the NRL clubs the New Zealand Warriors and the St George – Illawarra Dragons along with Wynnum Manly in the Queensland Hostplus Cup and a stint with the Sunshine Coast Falcons.

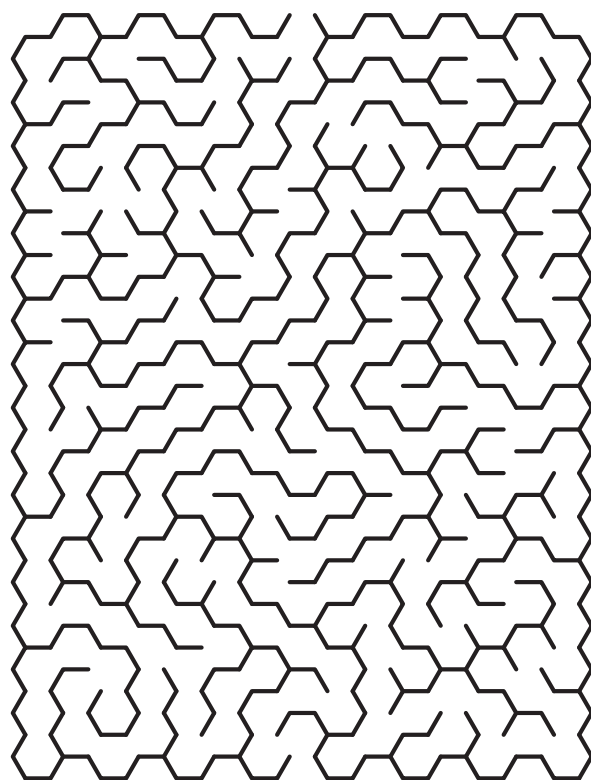
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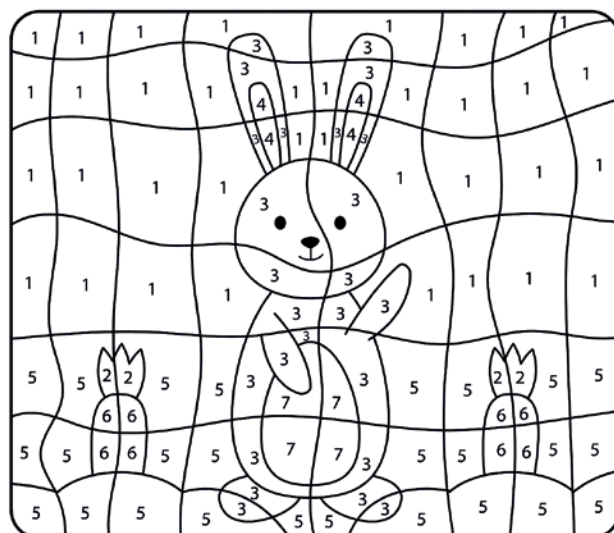
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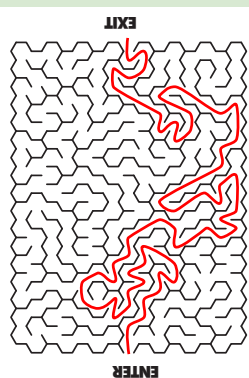
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