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Long striding forward Jimmy Johnson takes on the Goondiwindi defence on Saturday.

Boars Outclass Warriors

Wattles western venture to Goondiwindi on Saturday provided no joy as the home side Goondiwindi "Boars" took the honours in all three matches on the program. Wattles "National Farmer's Warehouse" first grade side were no match for the "Boars" who have emerged as late season contenders for Toowoomba Premiership. It was relentless dominance as Goondiwindi snuffed out any likelihood of Wattles showing the on field flare of their previous performance against the Warwick "Cowboys" where they finished with a 24 all draw. The "Boars" ran in fifteen tries to Wattles two to win 72 - 10 after holding Wattles scoreless in the first forty minutes, leading 32 - 0 at half time. The first of Wattles two scoring opportunities came in the 19th minute of second half. The "Warriors" were on the better end of two penalties awarded by Referee N Olm, resulting in them putting plenty of pressure on the "Boars" try line before back-rower Glen McMillan put centre Tim Hentschel through a gap to score. Halfback Jordan Henry converted the try to have Wattles trailing by 6 - 58.

It was Captain/Coach McMillan again breaking the defence with ten minutes remaining in the match, followed by a classy scoot by hooker Josh McIntosh that led to Wattles second try. From dummy-half lock forward Liam Ross offloaded to halfback Jordan Henry who eased through between two defenders to score.

Jordan Henry capped off a solid game named Wattles "Player of the Match", and also "Player's Player". Second-rowers Glen McMillan & Aaron Scheid were also among Wattles' better performers. Top performing reserve grade back Aaron Vietheer ran on to make his first grade debut.

Wattles went down to top five placed Goondiwindi by 6 - 36 in Reserve Grade, hard running back rower Hakan Mackenzie scoring the lone try by the "Railway Hotel, Allora" Wattles side,

the try converted by centre Chris Oliver. Hakan Mackenzie was Wattles "Best Player" and voted "Player's Player" with Josh McIntosh and outside back Aaron Vietheer also among Wattles better players in the match.

Wattles "Allora FoodWorks" Under 18 side were defeated 12 - 52 by a well performed Goondiwindi outfit currently placed fourth on the premiership ladder. Wattles two tries were scored by five eight Anthony McIntosh and lock forward Alex Morris, with McIntosh converting both tries. Wattles "Best Player" honours went to James Johnson who was also named "Player's Player", while team mates Alex Morris and Michael Duggan gave great

support.

Wattles take on Brothers at Platz Oval this Sunday, the "Warriors" final home game of the 2012 season.

Matches kick-off at 11.30 am (Under 18), 1.00 pm (Reserve Grade) and 2.30 pm (A Grade).

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Clifton Country Week 2012

A full and exciting week is expected for Clifton Country week, especially the first weekend with the two day Iris & Rose show. Also of interest is the official opening of the Clifton Railway Station on 2nd September. The Clifton Railway station is the second oldest station in Queensland and has been unused and dormant for the last 50 odd years. The Clifton Progress Association took a lease out with Qld Rail to refurbish the station and turn it into both an information centre and historical centre. Steam trains from both Warwick and Toowoomba will utilize the station and if the inland rail ever gets up the station will be ready to offload and load passengers.

In addition to the garden competitions, some other events also include:

FRIDAY. 19TH October –

- Decorated Shop Windows, King St, - winners decided.
- Clifton Railway Station Visitors Information Centre (All week)
- High School Art, and Recycling Competitions.
- QCWA Lunch, Clark St, Clifton.
- Photography Competition, Library, Meara Winners announced.
- Wine & Cheese Evening. Gold coin entry. Licensed.

SATURDAY. 20TH October –

- Markets, King St - \$10 per stall.
- Ron's Old Cars – Garage, King St, Clifton.
- Iris and Rose Show, Senior Citizens Hall, Meara Place.
- Leadlighting, Bonsai, Spinners-Weavers & Dyers, Rick's Knits, Papercraft
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I must correct some media comments that convey if 20 percent of the population sign a petition the de-amalgamation proposal will automatically proceed to a vote. It is more than just names on paper and the case needs to be built on hard facts, not nostalgia. Petitions for de-amalgamation need to show a clear understanding of all cost implications of the proposed change. Also, all signatories must be on the electoral roll in the council area that is proposing to break away.

I also need to again outline there will be no mergers to form "super shires" or boundary changes between areas. I will not be responsible for another round of amalgamation pain where communities get pulled from one side of a line to another. We are offering a de-amalgamation of the old shire boundaries only.

While it might seem complicated, all steps in this process are there to protect communities from being forced into a new round of unpredicted debt and division.

David Crisafulli

Local Government Minister

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Anvil Creek Theatre is touring Queensland with its production of "The Exchange" from 16th August to the 24th August.

This play has been in production for 10 years. It is usually done as a dinner/show in country pubs. It is very Australian and very funny. Now it is coming to Allora at the Commercial Hotel on Friday, 24th August.

The play is about the Exchange Hotel in Muttaborra, Queensland. For further information about the play visit the website www.anvilcreektheatre.com or contact the Commercial Hotel Allora on 4666 3402.

BAD JOKE(S) OF THE WEEK

A skeleton walks into a bar and orders a beer and a mop.

A bear walks into a bar and says to the bartender, 'I'll have a whisky and soda.'
The bartender says, 'Why the big pause?'
'Dunno,' says the bear. 'I've always had them.'

A fish walks into a bar. The bartender says, 'What do you want?' The fish croaks, 'Water.'

A man walks into a bar with a toad on his head. 'What the hell is that?' asks the barman. The toad replies, 'I don't know – it started off as a wart on my bottom.'

A group of fonts walk into a bar. 'Get out of my pub!' shouts the barman. 'We don't serve your type in here.'

A woman walks into a bar and asks for a double entendre – so the barman gives her one.

A dyslexic man walks into a bra...

A horse walks into a bar and orders a drink. The bartender says, 'Why the long face?'

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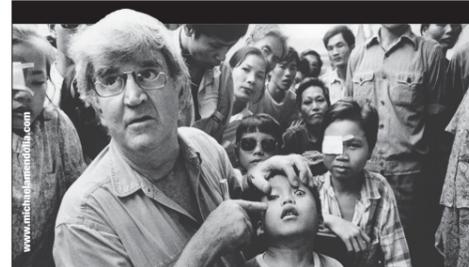


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Clarke History Supports Old Town Hall Refurbishment in Allora

Mary Clarke, a retired pharmacist, who now lives in Whiteside, north of Brisbane, will be launching her family history, "Travelling Through Time" in Allora on Saturday, September 1. Clarke cousins from as far away as Adelaide will travel to Allora to attend what promises to be a family reunion.

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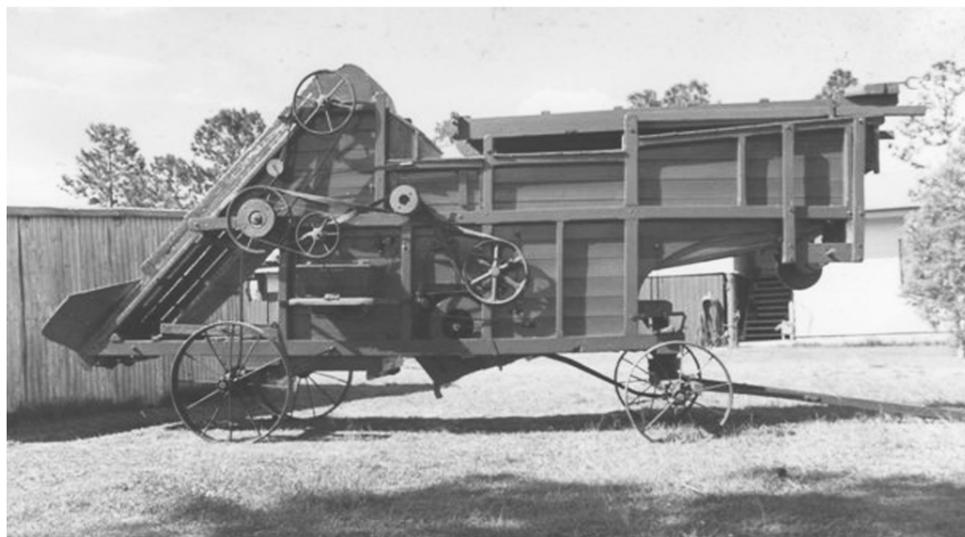


Looking Back...

Allora's Past 25 years ago
August 1987

A Long Way Home

The Allora and District Historical Society had received the offer of a machine that had been invented in Allora over 100 years previously. This was the Rickert corn sheller, Australia's first combination corn husker and sheller, developed by the Rickert family in the 1870's and patented by Adam Rickert in 1888. The machine on offer was an improved model to the original, but most Society members felt that it was an essential addition to the Allora museum collection, especially as it was nearing the century since its patenting, and also the coming bicentennial celebrations would provide the perfect opportunity to display it in its home town. The machine had been carefully restored by Sid Rickert and Ray Rickert, grandsons of Adam Rickert, and was presented to the Historical Society by Sid Rickert.



Rickert corn sheller in Maryborough before its return to Allora.

Society members Ken Smith and Colin Newport arranged for the hire of a 3 tonne truck with a 4 metre body and proceeded to Maryborough to pick up the sheller. Luckily Sid realized that we wouldn't comprehend how big the machine was, and had timber on hand to extend the body of the truck. The sheller is 4.7 metres from the front, to the centre of the rear axle. When it was lifted onto the truck it was found to extend over 2 metres beyond the body of the truck. This was in addition to being 2.8 metres high.

We set out for home in the late afternoon for what seemed like the longest drive in our lives, arriving home well after

midnight. We then had to unload the sheller, so the truck could be returned to Toowoomba first thing the next morning to avoid paying another day's rental. The things that we do in the cause of local history!

Allora's Past 50 years ago
August 1962

A Presentation Evening

will be extended to Miss Lillian Brosnan in the Swan Creek Hall on Saturday, 1st September, in honour of her approaching marriage to Mr. Jim Crothers.

ASTRONAUTS BAND
Convenors: Mesdames J. Grayson, R. Bartley, Misses Helen Gillespie, Dawn Cutmore.

Allora's Past 75 years ago
August 1937

Death of a Pioneer

The death is announced of Mr. Denis Ryan aged 92, a pioneer of the district. He was born in County Limerick, Ireland,

in 1845, and came to Australia on the sailing ship, Indus, in 1876. When the Allora Exchange Lands were thrown open for settlement in the early eighties he was successful in securing a fine block where he lived until his death. His wife predeceased him last year and he is survived by four sons and six daughters.

Allora's Past 100 years ago
August 1912

Glengallan Public Hall

After the lapse of nearly two years, the land applied for by the residents of Glengallan for School of Arts and public hall purposes was put up for sale last week by the Government Land Agent and acquired by Mr. John Rooney on behalf of the trustees for the sum of £2. On Monday night last week a meeting of subscribers was held to discuss the advisability of building the hall at the present time. After discussion it was decided to leave the matter of building in abeyance for the present.

Colin Newport

1700s, to stories from the countless cousins who reside in Australia today, descendants of patriarchs, Henry and Joseph, who arrived in Allora in January 1865.

It is also a unique tribute to the tenacity of family historians, and the rich tapestry of ideas and information that their work brings to our lives. A particularly interesting element is provided by the many fascinating historic details and family memories written especially for the book by local Clarke cousins.

Although the emphasis of this work is on the Clarke story, containing almost 300 pages and including over 280 photographs, the book contains much that will be of interest to those outside this family - indeed to anyone with a fascination for genealogy or social history. Additionally for Clarke cousins with an academic bent, this work provides a sound stepping off point for more specific verifiable historic research.

The author has segmented the book for ease of reading and location of information; the segments defining time and place. For example Part One deals with early ancestors while Part Three contains chapters including the family in Australia. Researchers will also welcome the accompanying Glossary and Index. This work is the result of a labour of love representing over ten years of tireless effort, and Mary Clarke can be congratulated on the outcome of her retirement project. The Launch of "Travelling Through Time" will be held at the Senior Citizens Hall, Allora, at 11.00.am, on Saturday September 1 and will be followed by a light luncheon. A limited number of books will be available at a cost of \$50 each or they may be ordered prior to the day. Mary will very generously donate all of the proceeds from the



LEFT: Henry Clarke (b.1842) and... ABOVE: his brother Joseph Clarke (b.1844), arrived in Australia in 1865 to settle in Allora.

sale of her book to the Allora and District Historical Society to be used towards the refurbishment of the Old Town Hall. She will be pleased to personally autograph all book sales.

Those wishing to secure a copy of the book or to indicate that they will be attending for catering purposes should contact either Lesley Telford (0437 877 893) or Dorothy Haig (0429 416 707) before August 25.

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Round 1 of Council's General Grants program opened for applications on Monday 13 August, 2012.

The General Grants Program focuses on supporting local initiatives, local organisations, and projects that enhance community wellbeing and opportunity.

The response to the General Grants program for 2011/2012 was considerable with nearly 60 community organisations seeking assistance through the program over the financial year.

Mayor Peter Blundell offered high praise for the many groups within the region which provide services and activities that benefit the regional community.

"Through this grants program, Council is able to acknowledge the tremendous value of strong community groups, community initiatives, activities and projects to the social and economic well-being of our region," Cr Blundell said.

The General Grants Program offers assistance under the following categories:

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Application forms are available from Council offices and libraries, or by telephoning Council in Warwick (4661 0300) or Stanthorpe (4681 5500). The application form, along with information about the General Grants Program, is also available at www.southerndowns.qld.gov.au. Go to 'About Council' and click on 'Grants and Funding'. Conditions do apply, so be sure to check out the General Grants Information Sheet, also

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Faxed, emailed or incomplete applications will not be accepted, and applications submitted or postmarked after the closing date may not be considered.

For further information regarding the General Grants Program, contact Gwen Jones, Community Development Officer, on telephone 4681 5522.

Southern Downs now has one Planning Scheme

The new town plan for the whole of the Southern Downs Region has finally been adopted and commenced on 14th August. From this date new development applications will be considered against the Southern Downs Planning Scheme rather than the former planning schemes for Warwick and Stanthorpe.

The Southern Downs Planning Scheme is only the second planning scheme to be adopted in the State under the Sustainable Planning Act and puts Council at the leading edge of local government planning in Queensland. Its adoption will simplify planning as the two existing planning schemes will be replaced by one single planning scheme with consistent policies across the whole of the Region.

"To finally get to this point has taken a lot of hard work and its completion is a credit to all those involved in the process," said Ken Harris, Director Planning & Environment.

"The Southern Downs Planning Scheme has been 4 years in the making with the first community meetings about the plan held in July 2008," Mr Harris explained.

Further community meetings were held in 2009.

"These early meetings provided Council with information about what the community really valued about the place where we live," he said.

Following the community consultation process, a draft planning scheme was built taking into account residents' concerns for keeping the individual character of our towns and villages, respect for our cultural heritage, encouraging economic growth in the rural, industrial and commercial sectors and protecting areas of significant environmental value and scenic beauty.

This draft planning scheme was formally advertised for submissions in August and September 2011. Exactly 100 submissions were received. These were considered by Council and changes to the Scheme were made as a result.

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Throughout the process Council liaised extensively with State Government departments in order to ensure a successful outcome.

The Southern Downs Planning Scheme has been a collaboration between the community and Council with input from the State Government. During the preparation period Council spent considerable time negotiating outcomes with State Government departments. In some cases the government departments have required changes to the planning scheme which were not proposed by Council.

The Mayor, Cr Peter Blundell commented on how valuable the community's contribution was to producing this comprehensive document for the whole region. He acknowledged that while Council was required to make inclusions requested by the State Government, the new Planning Scheme essentially reflects the input received from the community.

"Council would like to thank the numerous community members who attended meetings, made submissions and contributed so extensively to the plan preparation process," said Cr Blundell.

"Council's thanks and appreciation also go to Council's Manager Strategic Planning, Jeanette Davis for the incredible amount of work she has contributed to the development of this scheme," the Mayor added.

"The Southern Downs Planning Scheme has truly benefitted from being lead by community values and grounded through community feedback," he said.

For information on the new Planning Scheme contact Council on 4661 0300.

THINGS THAT HAPPENED ON THIS DAY - 16th August

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| 1743 - Earliest boxing code of rules formulated in England (Jack Broughton). | ruler of Manchukuo, was captured by Soviet troops. | 2 weeks. |
| 1797 - Comet C/1797 P1 (Bouvard-Herschel) approaches 0.0879 AUs of Earth. | 1954 - "Sports Illustrated" magazine begins publishing. | 1986 - Madonna's "True Blue," album goes #1 for 5 weeks. |
| 1858 - Britain's Queen Victoria telegraphs President James Buchanan. | 1955 - Fiat Motors orders 1st private atomic reactor. | 1987 - Astrological Harmonic Convergence - Dawn of New Age. |
| 1898 - Edwin Prescott patents roller coaster. | 1961 - Martin L King protests for black voting right in Miami. | 1988 - IBM introduces software for artificial intelligence. |
| 1913 - Tōhoku Imperial University of Japan (modern day Tōhoku University) admits its first female students. | 1969 - Woodstock rock festival begins in NY. | 1989 - A solar flare from the Sun creates a geomagnetic storm that affects micro chips, leading to a halt of all trading on Toronto's stock market. |
| 1930 - The first colour sound cartoon, called <i>Fiddlesticks</i> , is made by Ub Iwerks. | 1974 - Ramones concert debut (NY's CBGBs). | 1993 - The Debian distribution was first announced by Ian Murdock, then a student at Purdue University. Murdock initially called his system the "Debian Linux Release" |
| 1936 - 11th Olympic games closes in Berlin. | 1975 - Peter Gabriel quits Genesis. | 2011 - Beginning of World Youth Day 2011 in Madrid. |
| 1945 - Puyi, the last Chinese emperor and | 1980 - Bill Ward quits Black Sabbath. | |
| | 1980 - Cozy Powell quits Rainbow. | |
| | 1980 - Jools Holland quits Squeeze. | |
| | 1983 - Paul Simon weds Carrie Fisher. | |
| | 1985 - Madonna weds Sean Penn on her 27th birthday. | |
| | 1986 - "Papa Don't Preach," goes #1 for | |

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New Tourism Strategy is a positive change

Recently, at the Warwick Golf Club, Team Tourism consultants Jennifer Houiellebecq and John Alwyn-Jones presented an extremely comprehensive tourism strategy to tourism operators, industry representatives, the community and Council members. "It is a time of change for tourism at many levels and I understand that there will be some confusion," acknowledged Southern Downs Regional Council Mayor, Cr Peter Blundell.

Events Calendar

2012

- August -**
- Sat 18 Allora Schools: Allora's Big Family Bush Dance (for RSL & AMSG)**
- Sat 18 Toowoomba Hospice Charity Race Day**
Clifford Park Race Course, 3.30pm
- Sun 19 Wattles v Brothers**
Platz Oval Clifton
- Sat 25 & Sun 26 Spiritual Weekend - Psychic Readings Etc.**
at Allora Playgroup Building, Warwick St. Allora
- September -**
- Sun 9 Reppels B&B Create Your Own Hat**
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- Sun 9 St Pat's Parish Thanksgiving Celebration For Sisters of St Joseph**
St Patricks Church, 11.00am
- Fri 14 Allora Diggers Youth Disco**
Allora RSL Hall, 6.30pm - 9.30pm
- Sat 15 Allora State School Spring Fair**
Allora State School, 9.00am - 2.00pm
- Fri 28 - 1 AMSG Fund Raiser Progressive Campout**
Various camping locations from 28 Sep - 1 Oct
- October -**
- Sat 6 High Tea Fundraiser**
Allora Community Hall
- Sat 13 & Sun 14 Open Garden Fundraiser**
118 Ryan Road, Allora, 10.00am - 4.00pm
- Fri 19 St Patricks Parish Fete**
St Patricks School Grounds
- Fri 26 Anglican Parish Fete**
St David's Church Grounds, 4.30pm
- November -**
- Sat 3 Allora Daylily Expo**
Allora RSL Hall
- Tue 6 Allora Swimming Club Melbourne Cup Luncheon**
Railway Hotel Allora
- Tue 13 Late Night Christmas Shopping Sale**
Allora Pharmacy
- December -**
- Sun 16 RSL Mega Christmas Cent Sale**
Allora RSL Hall, 2.00pm

IMPORTANT INFORMATION - Clients wishing to include their events in the *Events Calendar*, must book a display (boxed) advertisement for the event in *The Allora Advertiser*, sized at least 2 column x 8 cm. Clients will then automatically receive, as a bonus, a calendar entry. These entries will be in a 2 line format as above, starting in bold with date and event, followed by venue and time.

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"The Regional Tourism Organisation is working hard on the merger of Toowoomba and Golden West, the South Burnett, and the Southern Downs and Granite Belt Tourism Association, so it is a particularly appropriate time to assess what we are doing at a local level," he said.

It is important to understand that the Strategy takes a holistic view of tourism across the Southern Downs, and that the structural reform suggested is only a part of this exciting strategy. Ultimately, it needs to be considered in its entirety; for the benefits it proposes that will increase visitation, spend and yield across the region for the entire year; and not for the implications it holds for individual organisations. It is essential that we are able to look past subjective opinions and emotional attachments.

The Mayor further explained that this strategy will take tourism to the next level, building on the hard work and dedication of our Local Tourism Organisations to date.

"It is important to look at what will drive visitation to this region most effectively into the future. Although the suggested structural reform is only part of the complete picture contained within the strategy, it is important to clarify that it will deliver a better experience for visitors. It will also ensure the continuation of events and the growth in opportunity to market existing brands, and will also ensure the increased role and relevance of industry subgroups.

This strategy offers us the opportunity to comprehensively address membership of tourism bodies and the subsequent issue of participation in marketing initiatives. The outcome of this will be the delivery of fairer and more equitable arrangements to everyone across the region, and improved visitor experience. This in turn will encourage them to spend more time and money in the Southern Downs."

"Change is challenging and at times it can be uncomfortable, but trying to resist change is like trying to hold your breath...if you succeed, you die!" said the Mayor.

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Seniors Week gets into gear!

Seniors Week is here and "Living and Loving Life" is what Seniors Week 2012 is all about! While Seniors Week officially runs from 18 - 26 August, the Southern Downs Community has embraced the celebration heartily, so much so, that in our region Seniors Week is nearly three weeks long, with events running from 10 - 30 August.

"Southern Downs Regional Council is a strong supporter of the many valued and talented seniors who reside and contribute to the quality of life in our Southern Downs communities," said the Mayor, Cr Peter Blundell.

"This year Council has organised the collation of a Seniors Week calendar of events, which we are very proud to say includes 39 events and activities being held throughout our region," said the Mayor.

"Community groups, clubs and organisations are offering fishing, friendship, art, learning, craft and exercise opportunities, concerts, movies, music and much more," he added.

"Seniors Week provides our Seniors with the opportunity to get out and about and truly embrace 'Living and Loving Life' during August on the Southern Downs and I encourage everyone to be a part of the celebrations," Cr Blundell said.

To get your copy of the 2012 Seniors Week Calendar of Events, call in to Council's Customer Service Centres in Stanthorpe or Warwick, or download a copy from Council's website at www.southerndowns.qld.gov.au and click on Seniors Week.

Opening of Warwick's New Pound Facility

The Southern Downs Regional Council's new pound facility in Warwick was officially opened by the Mayor, Cr Peter Blundell on Monday 13 August 2012 at 11.00am. The new facility was constructed for temporary housing of Warwick's lost or abandoned dogs and cats. With twenty holding pens and full security and camera surveillance, it is a modern and well appointed facility. Local builders, Matthew Collins Builders (MBC) were engaged to construct the new facility following the completion of a very competitive tender process. Including design, construction, fit out, drainage, camera surveillance, security system, roadworks and concreting of footpath and pathways, as well as security fencing and landscaping, Council has invested \$450,000 in community animal management. The building was handed over in April/May this year and has been operating as the main animal pound since then.

"The new facility is a huge improvement and provides an environment which is more animal friendly," said Ken Harris, Director Planning & Environment.

"All the animals are well looked after with staff attending every morning, 7 days a week, to check on the animals, feed them and clean the pens," he said.

The building will also be connected to Council's main computer systems and will act as an operating office for Council's Local Laws Officers. This will allow Council officers to check animal registration details without having to ring or call in at the main office.

Quotes have also been requested for fence repair work for the animal holding yards. This will complete the improvement work and provide good holding areas for impounded stock. Other works completed by Council include concreting of the footpath in front of the animal drop off boxes to provide all weather access to the boxes.

For more information contact Council's Environmental Services section on telephone 4661 0300.



Sootie's Feline Facts...

No. 14: SCENT MARKING - "Aaaah, the cat really loves you, look at it rubbing its head against you, that's so sweet!". Actually, when a cat rubs its head against you, it is marking you with its scent gland (behind its ear).

Encore Performance at Warwick Library

Following on from the successful Jumpers and Jazz week launch of the Rose City Writers book, Amongst the thorns, Southern Downs Regional Libraries are pleased to be hosting an encore performance of poetry and prose by these local authors.

To celebrate the National Year of Reading and the National Reading Hour, the Warwick Library will be hosting a morning tea and spoken word performance on Tuesday 28th August at 10.30am.

"Everyone is welcome to come and hear talented local writers read excerpts from their own work and share morning tea," said Sheila Stebbings, Manager Community Development.

"Amongst the thorns sold out in its first print run and the success of its release is really sparking interest in our local community," she said.

"We would love to see people come along to this special performance especially if they are interested in joining the Rose City Writers, interested in writing, or interested in hearing some of the work of our local talent," Ms Stebbings added. Copies of the 2nd print run will be available for purchase on the day.

For further details regarding the event contact the Warwick Library on 4661 0342.

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FAST FRENCH BEAUTY SHOWS HER RACY FORM AT 2012 LEYBURN SPRINTS

An 86-year-old French automotive beauty that can outrun a modern sports car will be one of the stars of the 17th annual historic Leyburn Sprints on the Queensland Darling Downs next weekend. The 1926 Amilcar AC has run a quarter-mile sprint in almost 13 seconds flat and holds lap records for its class at three Australian racing circuits. The Amilcar chassis is French, the bespoke bodywork Australian and the 2.0 litre supercharged AC six-cylinder engine English.

"In its heyday it was running about 20 psi (supercharger) boost and methanol (fuel) and was making about 260 horsepower," says owner Andrew Wilson, a Brisbane plumbing contractor.

"It's detuned now but still scares the hell out of you."

The Amilcar will be the oldest in a field of around 190 historic, classic and high performance cars lining up for the popular time trials in the tiny former gold town 220 kilometres southwest of Brisbane.

The entry list spans eight decades and includes other European and British thoroughbreds such as MG, Auto Union, Sunbeam, Jowett and Alfa Romeo and rare Australian-built racing marques Elfin, ASP, Bolwell, Centaur, Skelta and Bowin.

Australian enthusiasts' love of a good Ford- Holden battle will be fed by the entry of four pre-1972 V8 muscle cars, a Holden HT Monaro, Ford Falcon XY GT, Ford Mustang and South African-developed Ford Capri Perana.

Wilson's low, black Amilcar two-seater was built in Victoria in the mid-80s from parts collected over several years. It was a purpose-built track machine, but the next owner converted it for road use and successfully contested several targa rallies.

Wilson bought it a couple of years ago and now competes in as



Andrew Wilson's 1926 Amilcar AC (Cordell Sanders photo)

many historic events as possible.

Old it may be, but it drives like a more modern machine, he says.

"It's not like driving an old car. It's very rigid, steers directly and has hydraulic brakes.

"It's got an Alvis 12/50 four-speed non-synchro gearbox, 18 inch wheels and skinny tyres.

"It likes the wet and when it rained at Leyburn on the Saturday last year we were able to be up with some of the faster cars."

The Amilcar is still road-registered and Wilson recently took it for a spin to the Gold Coast.

"It certainly got some looks!"

The Sprints celebrates the running of the 1949 Australian Grand Prix on a nearby ex-war-time airstrip.

Normally a quiet village comprising only a few houses, post office, general store, RSL club and historic hotel, Leyburn comes alive for the Sprints as competitors and spectators set up for the weekend in the campground, in residents' front yards

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 The event is community-run: local organisations man the gates, cook the food and deliver firewood to the campground and share in the weekend's proceeds.
 The Sprints also has nominated Ovarian Cancer Australia and RACQ Careflight Rescue as its official charities for 2012. Competition start at 8am on Saturday and Sunday. Adult entry is \$15 per day or \$25 for the weekend. Children under 14 are admitted free.
 The Leyburn Sprints receives funding through the Events

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• PUBLIC NOTICES •

REMINDER: ALLORA AMATEUR SWIMMING CLUB INC. ANNUAL MEETING, Monday 20 August, at 7.30pm, Railway Hotel. Continuing and new members most welcome.

GOOMBURRA RAILWAY CENTENARY CELEBRATION - 100 years since the opening of the Goomburra Railway Station. Celebrate at the Goomburra Town Hall in conjunction with the Southern Downs Steam Railway, Sunday 19th August, from 10.30am to 2.30pm. Lunch \$10 each. View old video footage, read some of our history, hear from Old Rail Historian on the day. Phone Margaret for bookings 4666 6058

ALLORA LANDCARE GROUP WILL MEET on Thursday, 16th August, in the Blue Cow Hotel, Allora, at 7.30pm. This will incorporate the AGM before the usual business meeting. All welcome.

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Wattles went down in the semi 16-6. I would personally like to thank Troy Gillam for his tireless work with the team throughout the year and Shane Meara for joining the coaching panel midway through the year and giving valuable input. I would also like to thank the team for their behaviour throughout the year and I feel privileged to have been a part of their football lives. **U13 Superior Silage** - Although the Wattles under 13's were defeated by Stanthorpe 42 - 6, they played their best game of the year and are to be commended for their positive attitude and team spirit. They showed plenty of spark in attack, using the full width of the field and this paid off early in the game, with great backline movement getting Jake Ranger over the line. Nick van der Poel converted with a fantastic kick from the sideline.

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The Wattles boys should hold their heads high as every player was committed in trying to shut down the two point scoring Stanthorpe players who have been very hard to contain every time we have played them.

The halves combination of Blake Lollback and Nick van der Poel combined really well and lead by example. Charlie Dennis played his best game of the season as he was very strong in defence.

Thomas Duggan was ever consistent in both defence and attack. I am very proud of how the boys have developed as individual players but even prouder of how they stuck together as a team and never gave up during a tough season.

U16 Carlowrie Park - A tough day for the previously undefeated Warriors who went down to a determined Gundi team in the major semi final.

The game started with some great defence from the warriors who put Gundi under a lot of pressure in their own 20m from the kick off. The pressure from the warriors led to a penalty being awarded to them and in the following play, Nick Morris dived over the line to score after 6 minutes.

Gundi rallied momentarily, getting close to our 20m line when they put a bomb up that was caught in goal, Brodie Sharman kicked for touch and found it, again Nick Morris was at his best drawing tacklers in and finding a free running Carl Christensen who scored out wide. Jeremy Wright was very good under the high ball and his defence was good today, he and Colin Chowns made many good try saving tackles throughout the game.

Jake Christensen, Brodie Sharman and Nick Morris all worked hard and went within inches of scoring, however the Gundi boys held firm. At the half time break, Wattles were in front 8-4. The 2nd half started with the Boars fired up and immediately put the warriors under pressure, crossing the line at the 7min mark to lock up the scores. Ball control let Gundi further add to their lead, scoring again 3 min later. Gundi kept fighting but great defence for Ben Comerford, Brodie and Jacob James held tight and prevented the opposition from scoring, however our discipline and ball control allowed them to get back into our territory again and they quickly crossed for 2 tries to take the score to 24-8.

Jacob James made a great tackle bust not long after. He was supported by Brodie Sharman which led to a Wattles try to take the score to 24-12 at the final siren.

Wattles best tacklers today were Nick Morris, Jacob James, Ben Comerford, Colin Chowns, Tom Henry and Jack Rubie all getting double figures, while Jacob Lousick, Jack Rubie, Brodie Sharman and Colin Chowns led the way with meters gained.

Try scorers were Nick Morris, Carl Christensen and Brodie Sharman

Wattles get another chance at Inglewood next week in the knockout final against Collegians to see who will play the Grand Final against the Boars the following week, the Club would love to see as many Wattles supporters make the effort to travel out to cheer on their team.

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Wattles JRL Presentation day

**will be held on Saturday, 1st September
PLATZ OVAL, DAVENPORT STREET, CLIFTON**

Presentation to commence from 4.00pm

Team Officials ask that all registered players muster at grounds from 3.30pm

Major Awards to be announced:

**Wattles JRL Player of the Year
Club Man of the Year.**

Individual team awards

We will also be welcoming into the Wattles family
NEW Life Members.

Wattles A grade players will be in attendance.

A BBQ will be in operation, all children will receive a sausage and drink.

Wattles Senior Rugby League will be operating the bar in the Clubhouse.

Team Photos will be available at presentation.



Allora Swimming Club

Allora Swimming Club will have its muster and first club night on Monday 8 October. All continuing and new members are welcome to become members of the Allora Amateur Swimming Club for

2012/2013 season.

The Allora Pool will open for the coming season at 10.00am on 22 September, the first Saturday of the holidays.

Many of the executive are prepared to continue in their current roles however some long serving, dedicated members will no longer be involved this year. Therefore, we are looking for people to be involved in the club to ensure its long, proud history in providing swimming opportunities for children in our district to continue. Any assistance, no matter how small, would be appreciated. Those retiring members are no longer able to provide an ongoing commitment to the club but are happy and willing to provide assistance and advice to new members who are prepared to assist in these roles.

The club's AGM was scheduled for Monday 6 August but was unfortunately unable to reach a quorum. **The meeting is now scheduled for Monday, 20 August, at 7.30pm at the Railway Hotel.** Your attendance would be appreciated. If you are unable to attend this meeting but would still be prepared to be involved in this committee and club, please contact current President, Roy Nott on 4666 2005.



Allora Golf Notes

Last Sunday we played a club trophy sponsored by Aaron Simpson in windy conditions. Winner of the day was Kev Harrison with a great score.

Runner up was Rod Simpson on a countback. Well done boys. Pins shots went to Jim, Max, Adam, Rod and also the eagle nest went off, well done to Neil Chandler. Must have been some shot in the wind. Most putts went to Kev who the all famous stubby holder.

Next week is the Monthly Medal. Thanks Aaron for the prizes. Don't forget the Duck Run is still on Friday and is still getting good numbers.

Don't forget your sand buckets and remember - to play is to live.