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Allora Men's Shed Report

Since

- Men's Shed activities during the past year have been: • A 'thank-you' morning tea was held for all the generous community donors. A garage sale of donated goods to raise funds followed. Members participated in the Sports Club social bowls nights and assisted the Bush Xmas committee by making stage sets, helping setting up and a cash donation.
- · Made up of generously donated prizes, the Group's major raffle was drawn on that Christmas night following extensive ticket selling. Members attended 'happy hours' at the Homestead socialising with clients.
- · In mid March a number of Members with partners enjoyed a camping weekend, which included some fishing, much 'socialising' and hospitality/ educational visits to Stanthorpe, Texas, Yelarbon and Inglewood.
- The last weekend in March saw a fiercely contested golf/ bowls day at the Sports Club to aid the Group's coffers. The protagonists were staff of Komatsu

Forklifts and the Joe Wagner Group. Prizes and hijinks were a'many and both groups swore to return next year to continue the competition. A great time was had by all and the sponsors, participants and organizers are heartily congratulated.

- Props were made for the most successful Anzac stage show and Men's Shed participated in the Anzac Day with both cooking the BBQ and marching as a group in the parade. They were again cooking to help the Show Society catering for the Allora Auction.
- · Campers from the Group were once again on the road in June visiting Pittsworth and Toowoomba Men's clubs for the exchange of ideas and recreation. A Trail Ride Club outing in the Allora district was the next catering function. Cut-outs of Mary Poppins were supplied for the Allora

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Allora Men's Shed Inc. new Executives: Left to right Stuart Campbell (Secretary), Trevor Shields (President) and Keith Ritchie (Treasurer).

celebrations of Jumpers and Jazz.

Election - President: Trevor Shields; Vice President: Andrew Cave; Secretary: Stuart Campbell; Treasurer: Keith Ritchie; Vice Treasurer: John Henry. Committee Members are: Rex Rigbye, Ivan Kotsoupolas and Glen Miller. Promo - Community men considering a life after retirement (or before) are urged to come along to the old Fire Station, 80 Herbert Street, Allora on either Thursday or Saturday mornings. For more information please ring President Trevor 0401 018 450 or Secretary Stuart 4666 3499.

WATTLES MATCH D Sunday, 16th August Wattles 'Warriors' **V** Highfield 'Eagles'



Game Times

at Platz Oval, Clifton

'Mark Philipson's Wilsonton Betta Home Living' 'Toowoomba Toyota' RESERVE GRADE.1.30 pm

Match Day Raffles by Wattles Ambassador Alana Frizzell PLUS...

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Letters to the Editor...

Dear Editor.

A town meeting was held regarding Grainx. There are two camps, those for and those against. Both sides have valid opinions, but we have to accept that Grainx is here to stay. There is nothing the residents/rate payers/renters of Allora can do. However, compliance with health and environmental regulations must be enforced so that the noise and dust impregnated dangerous chemicals disturbing and destroying the environment are eliminated. If you care contact the council to push it to compliance completion.

Name supplied.

Dear Editor.

Tucking my car safely away this writer decided to attend the meeting called by the Southern Downs Regional Council on shank's pony. This event was to see how many votes were at risk come the 2016 Council elections! On the way from my home I stood to admire the most tranguil of scenes around the Victory War Memorial. Not a sound or dust laden wind was to disturb this special and beautiful place. However Council has it in their sights as a moveable certainty, to take it to another location of their choice.

Then the Grainx monster was to wreck the silence. Standing for minutes of screeching noise, watching the dust fly and the very ugliness of this badly sited health monster the council approved of in stark contrast to the War Memorial, showed the humbuggery of gobbledegook! The subsequent "LOOKING AT" plans of the never never, the apologist council stated over and over its right to be there, contrasted wildly with the Victory War Memorial's for not its history, but for what they could sell it for!

Two of the councillors present had been the dissenting voices for the removal of fluoride from town water supplies, so the health of rate payers is not on their minds be it grain dust or anything else! With council's obviously eloquent but empty words let the people be heard! Pack up Grainx and relocate!

Melba Morris.



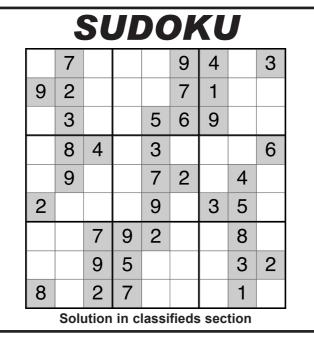
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Allora community have their say on GrainX operations

Members of the Allora community turned out in force to a public meeting hosted by Southern Downs Regional Council on Monday in Allora to discuss issues and concerns about the operations of local business. GrainX.

Southern Downs Regional Council's Mayor, Cr Peter Blundell was joined by councillors Denise Ingram, Jo McNally and Neil Meiklejohn, and Council's Chief Executive Officer, Mr David Keenan, along with other council staff to hear and address the community's issues.

The Mayor and staff from Council's Planning and Environment Department outlined the process currently underway to address the environmental issues about dust and noise arising from operations at the GrainX site.

Residents expressed frustration at the process, and fears about health effects associated with the grain dust was among the list of concerns raised.

Cr Blundell said there was a lot of emotion in the room, but the meeting provided residents with an opportunity to air their arievances.

"It's really good to hear feedback directly from the community about the issues and concerns they have with GrainX.

"We want to assure the community that Council is working through a process with the operators of GrainX to address compliance with the environmental requirements and to resolve the issues associated with the dust and noise." said Cr Blundell

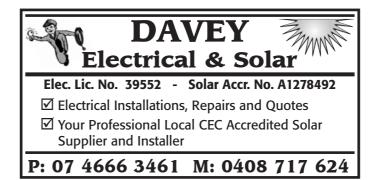
An Allora resident presented the Mayor with a number of written complaints about the GrainX operation from residents who were unable to attend the meeting.

"These complaints will be considered and responded to. We are keen to take on board the community's concerns, and will take the information gained from the meeting back to the operators of GrainX when Council meets with them this week," he said.

Council representatives met with the operators of GrainX on Wednesday, 12 August 2015.

WEATHER FORECAST

Day	Forecast	Min/I	Max
THU	Mostly Sunny. Cold. Crisp.	6	16
FRI	Sunny. Cool. Crisp.	3	19
SAT	Early Fog Followed by Sun. Cool.	3	18
SUN	Breaks of Sun Late. Cool.	7	20
MON	Scattered Showers. Broken Clouds. Coc	ol. 7	19
TUE	Sunny. Cool. Crisp.	6	19



Looking Back...

Allora's Past 25 years ago August 1990

Allora Pony Club

A special meeting was held to organise the 25th Year Celebration of the Club. It was proposed that a family fun day be held at the Allora Show Grounds on Saturday, 10th November. The day was to include novelty horse events and athletic events followed by a family barbeque and Bush Hop. Interested people were to contact Judy Kirkland, Lesley Telford or Carmen Batterham for further information.

Allora's Past 50 years ago August 1965

Snowy Mountains Trip

The first Allora State School Snowy Mountains trip took place in the August holidays in 1965. There have been plenty of trips since but the first one was a little different. It was made up of Allora students from Grades 8 and 9 (There being no Grade 10 at that stage) plus a few others to make up the numbers. It was planned by Secondary School staff members

Robyn Look, Graham Dorman and Jan Wessling and included primary school teachers Marie and Elaine Hutley and Trevor Wessling. The trip was made at the time when the Snowy Mountains Scheme was still under construction and this was central to the Snowy Mountains section of the trip. The group stayed in the staff barracks and ate in the staff canteen. As well playing and tobogganing in the snow, the group went on a boat trip on Lake Eucumbene, visited an underground hydro-electric power station and saw various sites relevant to the Scheme. The group then stayed in Canberra and visited the usual sites of the Mint, the War Memorial and the embassies. They had morning tea at Parliament House as guests of Reg Swartz, Member for the Darling Downs. Mr. Swartz had connections to the Allora district, being an officer in the 2/26th Battalion in which a large number of Allora men served. The last night of the trip was spent in Sydney, at a hotel in the middle of Kings Cross. The back windows of the hotel looked out on the dingy back lanes and the front door, on the sights and sounds of



Allora State School Snowy Mountains trip in 1965: Back from left - Elaine Hutley, Bill Hall, Marie Hutley, Greg Smith, Carol Geaney, Maria Cavanagh, Margaret Donegan, Daphne Lechner, Barbara Gwynne, Perry Pascoe, Greg Patterson, Ian Hamill, Graham & Peter Dorman. Front - Robyn Look, unknown, Jan Wessling, Doug (bus driver). Photo courtesy Pam Pierce.



a district that was probably just starting to boom with the first of the American troops on R & R from the Vietnam War. The students wandered around that night in groups and took in the sights.

Allora's Past 75 years ago August 1940

Allora Defence League Nineteen members of the Allora Sub-Branch of the R. S. S. I. L. A. paraded on Sunday at the Allora Show grounds on the occasion of the first exercises of the Soldiers' Defence League. Lieutenant R. W. Brown is officer in charge and Mr. S. G. Brown is second in command. It is the intention of the League to have wooden rifles manufactured for the purposes of drill, and orders have already been made in this direction. The members are to meet at the Allora Show Grounds every Sunday for training to fit them for service in case of national emergency.

Allora's Past 100 years ago August 1915

Patriotic Procession

On Friday night the votes were counted in

the Queen of the Day competition, and Miss Ruby Marshall was declared winner of the contest by a majority of 136 votes. Yesterday the patriotic procession was marshalled by Messrs. A. Hamilton and J. Mason, being headed by the Queen of the Day seated on a decorated dais on the motor car of Mr. J. T. Sharpe, the Queen being attended by four little girls dressed as ladies-inwaiting.

At the memorial to the fallen soldiers of the Boer War which was adorned with wreaths, each unit of the procession saluted, the salutes being acknowledged by the Chairman of the Shire Council and Private J. Paterson, a wounded soldier newly returned from the Dardanelles.

Colin Newport



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Quarter Final success in Debating!

Congratulations to the Year 9 students from Allora State School who won their quarterfinal debate in the Queensland Debating Union, Toowoomba Region, 2015 Competition on Wednesday July 29. The topic for this guarter final debate was 'that the Government should not give or provide financial support to commercial sporting teams (including sponsorship and stadiums)' with Allora debating the negative side. The Year 9 team, with Shae Erhardt as first speaker, Ella Gartery as second speaker and Marv Higgins as third speaker, presented a solid case to come away with a win against

Assumption College. Kaitlyn Bott assisted the team as time keeper for the evening.

In 2015, 23 Year 9 teams have been battling it out to get to the finals of the Toowoomba debating competition. During the season, our talented team won their first debate against Pittsworth State High School with the affirmative side of topic

- 'that we should allow rural and regional residents to use bait on their properties without requiring approval'. They also won their second round debate 'that Australians should be banned from staying and defending their properties in a natural disaster' against Toowoomba State High School and the final round debate against Toowoomba Grammar School 'that we should ban public speeches and appearances by anti-vaccination advocates'.

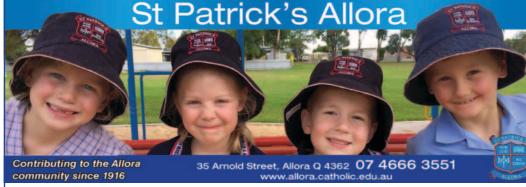
The team was one of four Year 9 teams across the Darling Downs to reach the semi-finals which were held on Wednesday August 5 at St Joseph's College in Toowoomba. This was a short preparation debate where the students are only given the 'secret' topic one hour



Shae Erhardt, Ella Gartery, Mary Higgins and Kaitlyn Bott.

beforehand. Allora, with the negative side of topic 'that sporting scholarships should be banned', was up against Fairholme College. All girls performed well on the night but the adjudicators awarded the debate the affirmative side. I would like to congratulate this team on their efforts and making it through to the semi-finals.

Robyn Westerman



Enrolments for 2016

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ALLORA ANZACS REMEMBERED – A PROJECT BY THE ALLORA HISTORICIAL SOCIETY

WARRANT OFFICER JOHN "TOBY" MASON

We have been telling the stories of those men from the Allora district who were killed in WWI. Today we tell the story of one who came home. We would like to thank Trevor and Shirley Mason for the opportunity of reading the diary of Trevor's grandfather, John "Toby" Mason.

Toby was a senior N. C. O. in the 3rd (Darling Downs) Light Horse when he enlisted in the A. I. F. on the 28th September 1915. He was married to Catherine (nee Geitz), had six young children, and was aged 36. He was allocated to the Veterinary Section of the Australian Light Horse.

He joined as a private, quickly rose through the ranks and was a sergeant when he was attached to the Sea Transport Section. He embarked on the "Barnuga" in Sydney bound for Egypt on the 20th October 1916. The ship berthed at Pinkenba in Brisbane and took on frozen meat, Red Cross goods and 300 horses. Toby was involved in looking after the horses which were in stalls below the deck. By the time they reached Colombo (Sri Lanka) on the 17th November it was very hot and the horses were getting 'particular hell'. Six of them had gone down and had to be taken on deck. One had to be put down, the only loss that Toby records in his diary for the trip.

The ship arrived at Suez on the 3rd December 1916. Toby records that they had trouble in unloading some of the horses. One jumped onto a lighter moored alongside the wharf and had to be recovered. Over the next seven weeks Toby visited various places in Egypt. I would imagine that he was tending to the horses and waiting on transport home. At one stage in his diary he records hearing the artillery going off along the Suez



Warrant Officer John "Toby" Mason. Photo courtesy Trevor & Shirley Mason.

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Canal.

He visited the Pyramids, the Virgin Tree, The Needle and the Sacred Well. He was arrested by the Military Police while wandering around Cairo but managed to get himself dismissed and receive a leave pass. Toby met up with several Allora district men in Egypt including Bill Shannon, Alex Crisp, Albert Chard, Ned Bourne and John Bell. He also visited Maurice Dougall who was in hospital in Abbassieh.

On the 22nd January 1917 Toby Mason embarked on the H. M. S. Euripides at Suez. The ship was loaded with 317 wounded troops bound for Australia. By this time Toby had been promoted to the rank of Warrant Officer. He was appointed temporary Regimental Sergeant Major for the voyage and was detailed to police duties. When the ship arrived in Colombo Toby was on police duty in the town and on guard duty at night. Men were sliding down the ship's ropes to get ashore.

The "Euripides" arrived in Sydney and the men disembarked on the 21st February 1917. Toby arrived at Wallangarra by train the next day. He was discharged from the Sea Transport Section as of that date but his diary records wages paid up to 16th July 1917 when he may have received his final discharge. Trevor remembers his father, Ken, getting up early in the morning to do the milking at Spring Creek and finding Toby at the wood heap. He would walk the six miles from Allora, or sometimes catch a lift with Les "Butch" Lancaster when he came out to the slaughter yards. John "Toby" Mason died at the age of 75 and was buried in the Allora cemetery on the 8th December 1954.



In Memoriam -

MRS. MAUREEN SHEARING

Submitted by grandson, Matthew S.

My grandmother, born Maureen Margaret Peckman, was born on the l6th of December, 1944, in Lithgow, N.S.W., and grew up in a family of talented Scottish ex-pats.

Her father was a master carpenter and clock repairer. The handyman for the Lithgow City Council, he was a gifted tradesman and held in high regard. Maureen's mother spent most of her life working at the Litfigow Council Library, eventually taking over as Curator. She was also a talented dressmaker, renowned throughout the town, and she supported many local events with her famous cooking.

Maureen was an A Class student, excelling in Visual Arts, English and Maths. She was also a talented athlete, standing out in both school athletics and hockey. She left school in Year 10 with many commendations.

My grandmother had a great fascination with diamond prospecting and made regular trips to the Airlie Mountains throughout her teenage years.

She gave her life to Jesus in 1959 at a Billy Graham crusade, and spent much of her time thereafter involved in prison fellowship and ministry.

For anyone that knew her for a length of time, you'll know that Maureen had a deep love of Ford cars. After leaving school, she initially got a clerk's job at the local Ford dealer, and eventually oversaw all operations at this office. She continued to collect Fords throughout her life.

In 1963, Maureen met her eventual husband, Ian Shearing, at a local dance. They dated for two years and were married on April 3rd, 1965. Ian and Maureen settled in a family home near Bathurst and began building their life together. They had two children, David, born 1966, and Susan, born 1971. Before long, they'd purchased several houses in their local village of Georges Plains.

Maureen took over the local general store and turned it into a successful enterprise. After a few years, they sold their properties and purchased a dairy in nearby Millthorpe. While Ian worked on their dairy, Maureen was employed at a local business as a pay clerk. Due to the worsening situation for dairy operators in NSW, they turned their sights to QLD. They both soon travelled to QLD, searching for suitable land, and fell in love with the Al|ora District. As fate would have it, there were two suitable properties for sale in the fertile Goomburra Valley. Wasting no time, they rushed home to Millthorpe, sold their property and shifted their lives to the Darling Downs.

Maureen began work in Warwick as a talented, artistic Ticket Writer for businesses in 1978, as well as teaching at the local TAFE. While working, she also studied Accountancy and Law externally through Edith Cowan University. In addition to all of this, she took on a job for Corrective Services in 1982, working weekends.

Evidently, this still wasn't enough to keep her busy! In 1983, Maureen moved to a full time role at Scots PGC College, eventually becoming the Assistant Bursar. In 1985, she became a qualified Justice of the Peace and, in 1988, she joined the Army Cadets. She soon rose to the rank of Lieutenant and eventually achieved the Captain's role. Maureen was soon running the whole Warwick branch of 17 ACU. She dedicated herself to her Cadet Unit, seizing the opportunity to guide adolescents in not only army-related issues, but general life principles as well.

Around 1999, she left Scots PGC College and took up a position at Warwick

?? CSIRO Double Helix Quiz ??

- 1. Which common ingredient in cooking is also known as sodium chloride?
- 2. Traditionally speaking, what do you do when you break a furcula?
- 3. True or false? Butterflies need heat from the Sun to fly.
- 4. Which planet has a year that lasts 88 Earth days?
- 5. Which was invented first? Was it a) the refrigerator,b) blender, or c) microwave oven?

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Main Roads in Contract Oversight. While settling in at Main Roads, Maureen became Secretary of the Allora Show Society. She then became Treasurer, and continued in this role until her passing. She was also the Secretary of the National Party branch in Stanthorpe. You may be wondering how Maureen accomplished all of this. We witnessed it daily and wondered the same thing. Her capacity and ability to juggle numerous roles at once seemed almost super-human!

All of this is what my grandmother regularly performed, but it was not who she was. Indeed, if you analyse external achievements alone, it would be very hard to determine what Maureen was really like. When thinking of one word to sum my grandmother up, the concept that kept coming to mind was 'justice'. She had an almost indelible sense of what was right, and would do her utmost to ensure that not only she, but also others, lived up to that standard. There were never any half measures, nor any shortcuts with her. If she knew that someone was being wronged, she would go out of her way to ensure that they were protected from this wrong. This would almost always cost her time, energy and sleep but, in her mind, there was never a question of whether or not to help.

While this in itself was admirable, what made her all the more admirable was the potency and sharpness of her intellect. Conversations with my grandmother never involved small talk. They were, for example, in-depth discussions on a current political issue or some challenge to think deeply and develop yourself.

For over 20 years, Maureen worked with Corrective Services as a Community Service Officer. This involved weekly contact with those who had been given community service sentences, or were out of jail early due to a community service pledge. She put aside every Saturday to drive into Toowoomba and support those who were in trouble with the law, mentoring many and trying her utmost to instil into them life lessons that would keep them out of trouble in the future. It was much more than simply a job for her, as these were people that she genuinely saw as needing help. It would have been against her nature, against who she was, not to do everything she could for them. From her colleagues at Main Roads, I'm told that my grandmother was someone held in high esteem throughout the workplace. Her work ethic was apparently an example to everyone, and the standard that she held herself to, from nine to five, was inspiring.

For her cadets, Maureen was a firm but fair leader. She continually organised trips to enrich their time in the unit, from excursions to the Belmont Shooting Range to weekend long bivouacs.

Even her personal vehicle choices were made with her cadets in mind, as finding adequate transport to ferry them around in was a constant challenge for her. Wednesdays with her cadets were a highlight of her week, and she often told proud stories about her cadet's achievements.

For her children, Maureen inspired them to be who they are. It's easy to see, if you meet Susan or David, the value that they place on those around them. This is something ingrained from watching their mother in action. Those values have also trickled down into the next generation, and define much of who her grandchildren are as people. Grandma was fiercely loyal and deeply affectionate towards her family. Nothing was too much hassle, and I cannot count the vast number of mornings that she left early to take me to school in Warwick, and then stayed late to pick me up from after-school-sport and

Events Calendar

<u>2015</u>

		2015				
	August -					
	Fri 14	BNW Accountants Allora Visit				
		Allora Advertiser Office				
	Mon 17	Allora Senor Citizen General Meeting				
		Allora Senior Citizens, 1.00pm				
	Fri 21	BNW Accountants Allora Visit				
		Allora Advertiser Office				
	Sat 22	Toowoomba Hospice Race Day				
Clifford Park Race Course, 3.30pm till late						
Fri 28 BNW Accountants Allora Visit						
Allora Advertiser Office						
	Sat 29	Wattles v Pittsworth				
		Platz Oval, Clifton				
	Sat 29	Allora Mens Shed Meeting				
		Allora Mens Shed (old fire station), 11.30am				
	Septembe	er -				
	Sat 5	Rock 'N' Roll Night - 60's/40's Dance				
		Goomburra Hall, 6.30pm				
	Sat 12	Warwick Uber Markets				
		Leslie Park, Warwick, 10.00am to 2.30pm				
	Sun 13	Allora P-10 State School Spring Fair				
		Allora P-10 State School, 10.00am - 3.00pm				
	October -					
	Sat 10	Allora High Tea				
		Allora Community Hall. 2.00pm				
	Sat 10	Warwick Uber Markets				
		Leslie Park, Warwick, 10.00am to 2.30pm				
	Fri 16	St Patrick's Parish Fete				
		St Patrick's School Grounds				
	Novembe	r -				
	Sat 14	Warwick Uber Markets				
		Leslie Park, Warwick, 10.00am to 2.30pm				
	Sat 28	Christmas Candle - Helen Earley Ensemble				
		Allora P-10 State School Hall, 7.30pm				
	Decembe	r -				
	Sat 5	Creekside Carols & Markets				
		Dalrymple Park, Allora				
	Sat 12	Warwick Uber Markets				
		Leslie Park, Warwick, 10.00am to 2.30pm				
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Sat 16 Allora & Dist. Historical Society Display & Demo Day Warwick Street Museum, Allora.

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cocurricular events. In all, she spent seven years taking both myself and my sister Katelyn daily to and from school. We'd always know when she'd arrived, as she'd be beeping the horn the moment she turned down the driveway. And if we were late, there'd be no words of reprimand... just a quick, disapproving glance! That was all the motivation we needed not to be late again! That was the kind of person she was, bringing out the best in you! Christmas was one of Maureen's favourite times of the year, and one of the things that now, for us, will never be the same. Grandma didn't believe in buying single gifts - her presents only came in bundles! To this day, I do not know how she found the time, but there would always be a huge collection for everyone in the family, especially her grandchildren. The joy on their



faces as they opened their presents was palpable. I sincerely believe that giving gifts away to other people was her favourite thing.

And that pretty much sums up her life of giving. Whether it was to her Cadets, Corrective Services, the Show Society, The National Party, Shut the Gate, The Cobra Club or to her friends and family, she found great joy in giving to other people.

In her final weeks, she was still worrying and fretting over other people. My brother Josh had just moved into Toowoomba and, two nights before her passing, while lying in a hospital bed, she was asking many questions to determine if there was anything that he needed. But that was typical of our grandmother - no thought for herself.

On Friday, 3rd July, she went to be with Jesus, surrounded by her family. The gap that she left in our world is something that will never be filled, but there is a comfort in knowing that we will see her again. Her passing is not so much a time of mourning, as a time of celebration - a celebration of the way she touched our lives, built us as people and personified her unique brand of selflessness; a celebration of the memories created with her, and the joyful, funny, amazing times that we had with her.

And it's a challenge to all of us to be a little more like her; putting others first and giving more than we take. In the end, I think she'd say that that was the best way we could honour her memory.





Allora Golf Notes

A good turnout for the Duck Run on Friday. Winner was Errol May, fresh from his trip away. Runner up was

Jack Fulwood. Sunday we played for trophies provided by Tommy Brown and what fantastic trophies they were. Thanks again Tommy. A great roll up of 20 players hit off on a beautiful Allora winters day. Winner was Jack with a net 64 from Adam Cummins. Balls went to Matty May, Lindsay May and Rod Simpson. Tommy kindly put pin shots on 9 holes and they were won by Chad (2); Kev (2); Adam (2); John Sparksman; John Meddleton (good to see you back John) and Lindsay. Next week is the Jenco Monthly Medal.

First round of the Matchplay Championship was completed. John Sparksman d Tom Bartholomai (3 and 1); Kel d Ray (19th hole) and Rod d Kev (2 and 1). Two second round matches were also played. Lindsay d Aaron (4 and 3) and Adam d Jack (20th). Remaining second round matches need to be played by 23 August. They are John Ellwood V Adam May and Kel V Rod. John Sparksman gets a bye through to the third round.

Working bee at the club this Saturday starting at 9.00 AM.

Wattles Belt Boars for a Twelfth T.R.L. Win on the

Trot

After toughing out a close first half, the 'National HARIORS ARRIORS Farmer's Warehouse' Wattles Warriors A Grade side lifted a gear to reveal some

sparkling form and overwhelm the Goondiwindi Boars 48 - 18 at Goondiwindi's Gilbert Oval on Sunday.

The Matt Duggan masterminded winning result has Wattles remaining at the head of the 'Hutchinson Builders' Toowoomba Rugby League top grade premiership ladder ahead of fellow top five performers Highfields, Gatton, Pittsworth & Dalby with just three fixture Rounds remaining before the finals series commences.

Wattles raced to a 12 - 0 lead by the seventh minute due to tries by five-eight Brodie Ciesiolka and winger Michael Purcell. Outstanding young forward Harry Fulwood laid the foundations to open Wattles points account in just the first minute, before halfback Matt Duggan put Ciesiolka through a big hole thirty metres out from the tryline and away to score.

It was that man Duggan again who floated a gem of a ball to fullback Corey Blades chiming in to the backline, Blades sending flying winger Michael Purcell away to score untouched in the corner.

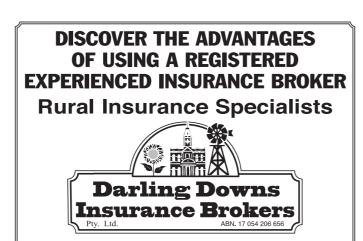
After a brisk start the Warriors suddenly had a challenge to contend with when the home side Boars snatched two tries in the space of five minutes to trail 8 - 12 seventeen minutes out from half time. The slick Goondiwindi backline boasted an abundance of ability and speed as Wattles were made aware, winger Quindon McIntosh and centre Harold Brown those to breeze in for tries.

The Boars responded to their enthusiastic home crowd support with minutes ticking by before the half time hooter, however the Warriors dug deep to withstand four sets of tackles close to their tryline before the Boars erred and the pressure released, Wattles leading 12 - 8 at the break.

A Goondiwindi error running the ball out from the second half restart saw Wattles forward Jarred Bradfield snare possession before fullback Corey Blades touched down for a try.

Minutes later a bust by front-rower Eugene Seddon paved the way for Michael Purcell's second try, hooker Michael Duggan & centre Joel Koina involved in the lead up, before the Boars hit back with a near length of the field intercept touchdown to trail 12 - 24.

Matt Duggan hauled two defenders over the tryline with him to score after fooling opponents with a clever dummy, the outstanding playmaker endured plenty of second half attention by the defence. Soon after prolific try scorer Ciesiolka helped



70 GRAFTON ST. WARWICK Wattles ease ahead to lead 36 - 18, the Boars having rolled in

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another try in the 67th minute to stay in touch with the reigning premiers.

Wattles capitalised on a penalty in the final stages with Matt Duggan finding an avenue through the home side defence to send front-rower Aaron Scheid in to score.

With five minutes remaining seasoned centre Brenden Wilson sealed the game when ran onto a great Corey Blades pass to race away and score for the Warriors to assume their winning total

Wattles Coach Luke Duggan was happy with his side's efforts in what is always a tough away challenge against Goondiwindi, and is now focusing on meeting second on the ladder Highfields next week.

In a solid winning result for the Warriors Michael Purcell excelled as did back-rower Jason Bradfield, Matt Duggan & Joel Koina.

Wattles 46 (Brodie Ciesiolka 2, Michael Purcell 2, Corey Blades, Matt Duggan, Aaron Scheid, Brenden Wilson tries; Matt Duggan 7, Michael Purcell goals) defeated Goondiwindi 18.

Reserve Grade - Coach Terry Bermingham was more than happy with his 'Railway Hotel, Allora' Reserve Grade side after walloping a tough Goondiwindi Boars outfit 30 - 16 on Sunday.

"Goondiwindi gave no quarter, they are always a hard side at home and the score line certainly didn't reflect how the game was contested" said the Coach.

The Warriors stuck to their game plan and just kept grinding away to an eventual success that consolidated their fourth place on the premiership ladder.

Coach Bermingham praised his side's commitment, "everyone was keen, enthusiasm on high despite the lengthy road trip that doesn't help preparation."

Bruising front-rower Hakan Mackenzie received plenty of accolades for strong all-round performance, particularly his work in the middle, well supported by fellow bookend veteran Wattles hard man Jason Nightingale. Full back Dale McAntee was his usual outstanding self and played a big hand in the final result.

"The players really dug deep" smiled Bermingham, "big Justin Wade didn't take a backwards step all day, while Liam Ross was great out of dummy-half and Jake Smith continues to hone the standard of his game on a weekly basis.

Halfback Michael Duggan was sharp in attack as always, he & back-rower Nick Morris called up to first grade.

Wattles first points came after just three minutes of play when Hakan Mackenzie posted first points with a charging fifteen metre run to the tryline.

Team mates Dale McAntee & Jordan Henry collected tries to have Wattles ahead 18 - 0 twelve minutes prior to half time, but the home side snatched two valuable touchdowns within the space of three minutes to have Wattles 18 - 10 half time leaders.

The Boars scored more points immediately after the restart, but

Wattles responded with tries by winger Brodie Frizzell and McAntee in guick succession to lead 28 - 16.

A penalty to Wattles after a swinging arm on lock forward Jared Petersen saw McAntee successful with the goal attempt that saw his side achieve their winning total.

Wattles 30 (Dale McAntee 2, Brodie Frizzell, Jordan Henry, Hakan Mackenzie tries; Dale McAntee 4, Brodie Frizzell goal) defeated Goondiwindi 16.

Under 18 - It was a challenging day out for the Warriors colts against Goondiwindi after their high scoring success over Oakey last week, the 'Allan & Debbie Smith Toowoomba & Oakey Foodworks' Wattles side going down 70 - 18 on Sunday.

Coach Mick Ryan quipped "it was a bit of a tough day again." The young Warriors defence was suspect, their numbering up wanting allowing Goondiwindi overlaps of which they took full advantage.

Consistent performing hooker Jake Christensen earned the 'Player's Player" award again, closely followed by centre Dalton Nielsen & back-rower Max Rubie.

The Boars were leading 42 - 0 five minutes prior to half time, Wattles first points scored soon after due to a dummy-half dart by Christensen, on the back of a powerhouse left side run by winger Max Somes which saw him haled down fifteen metres from the try line.

Leading 42 - 6 at the second half restart, Goondiwindi added to their total with another try, but Wattles responded minutes later through Christensen who scored after a tremendous dummy half run from twenty metres forcing his way over wide out.

Trailing 12 - 60, the Warriors added a spectacular try when

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guick hands from a kick-off saw Max Rubie away on a seventy metre gallop to touch down ahead of determined chasers. Wattles lost their star hooker Jake Christensen injured fifteen minutes from full time.

Goondiwindi 70 defeated Wattles 18 (Jake Christensen 2, Max Rubie tries; Tom Morris 3 goals).

2nd Division - The Millmerran Rams ran in ten tries to overwhelm Goondiwindi 56 - 6 in the 2nd Division clash at Gilbert Oval on Sunday, the Rams led 32 - 6 at half time. The success continues the Rams unbeaten fixture record in the 2015 season. They are averaging an amazing 52 points a game and so far have scored 680 points to date this fixture season.

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