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It's the Annual Allora Golf and Bowls Day on Saturday 2nd April at the Allora Sports Club.

The theme this year is Doctors and Nurses. Proceeds will go to the "Mental Help Charity". 11am hit-off for golfers with 1pm start for everything else.

How are you at barefoot bowls, trivia or wheel barrow racing? Loads of prizes to be won with first being a \$260 Flight Centre Voucher.

\$30 per ticket includes green fees, nibbles and dinner. Extra \$10 if playing golf.



Tickets can be pre-purchased or paid for on the day. RSVP by 26th March to the Allora Sports Club, via facebook event page or phone Amber on 0432 649 470.

WANTED - Gum Leaves



Here are the spiny leaf insects (or Phasmids) that need to crunch on the Cadaghi Gum Leaves. These stick insects are about 3 months old and will only live for another 5 months.

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The Heavy Horse Festival Now to be an Annual Event in Allora

Darling Downs Heavy Horse Association Inc. committee wishes to say a very big THANK YOU to everybody who has supported our inaugural event. Special thanks to the Allora Show Society for the use of their wonderful facilities.

The Allora Community, Businesses, Volunteers, Sponsors, Visitors, Exhibitors and Participants all went above and beyond to make the Darling Downs Heavy Horse Festival an overwhelming success!

Clint Kenny, President



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Matilda Brand (9 years old) from Allora rode Maggie and performed well including 2nd in Led Class and 1st in Junior Handlers competition.



The Concourse d'Elegance competition - Clare Gorwyn (left) on Sonny with Kate Stewart (right) from Uralla on Franklin, originally from Glengallan.



Winner of the Supreme Led Exhibit - Robyn Chapman from Tarampa on 2 year old "Belleview Royal Butterfly".

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Mandatory rainwater tanks for Southern Downs

From 1 July all new residential and commercial buildings within the reticulated water network will be required to have a rainwater tank installed as part of the build.

Mayor of the Southern Downs Regional Council Vic Pennisi said the initiative would shore up an additional water supply for urban users in times of drought.

“Long term water

security remains high on Council’s agenda and we are committed to ensuring our community is better prepared for the challenges of dry times ahead.” Mayor Pennisi said.

“Rainwater is perfect for non-drinkable purposes such as gardening, laundry, home cleaning, car washing and topping up your pool.

“The mandatory installation of rainwater tanks is one of several solutions to assist in water security and will relieve pressure on potable water supplies.”

The tank requirements for new residential properties will be:

- Roof collection area – Collect water from at least 50% of the roof area or 100m2 (whichever is lesser)
- Must be plumbed to services – Toilets, washing machines and at least one outdoor tap
- Have a minimum capacity of 5,000 litres (1,100 gallons)

The tank requirements for new commercial



properties will be:

- Roof collection area – Collect water from at least 50m2 of the roof area
- Plumbed to services – Toilets (50m2 per pedestal) and outdoor taps
- Minimum capacity – 1,500 litres per required pedestal

The approval of mandatory rainwater tanks will be issued as part of the overall plumbing approval process for new residential and commercial buildings. In considering the location of tanks, applicants are advised to check the location of Council sewers, storm water and water mains on the allotment.

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MaryLou Gittins OAM

Growing up in a small western town MaryLou saw a lot of people helping each other in many ways to support their community. It was a natural progression in life for MaryLou to become involved in a range of groups from local kindergarten to state natural resources.

MaryLou became involved in the Landcare area holding positions at local, regional, state and federal levels. Currently she has the honour of representing the Condamine Region and chairing Qld Water and Land Carers Group which is state-wide. This gives MaryLou the voice to represent volunteers and land managers from on-ground community groups

who endeavour to look after our environment.

The Gittins moved to the Goomburra Valley in 2007 from Victoria Hill. It is only in the past four years that MaryLou has become involved in the Goomburra Town Hall which is an icon to the area. The locals over the past 116 years have built a great community and we're sure the great work will continue with the help of volunteers like MaryLou Gittins.

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Expanded Services For Domestic Waste

Southern Downs Regional Council will expand its delivery of roadside waste collection services, with an additional 1225 residential collection points from 4 April 2022.

New access to Council’s full suite of domestic waste services will initially be offered free for three months to the eligible properties before compulsory waste management charges are applied, effective from 1 July 2022.

“By expanding our designated waste collection area and delivering roadside collection to more eligible properties, all ratepayers ultimately benefit as more households will have access to a dedicated recycling bin and we can rescue more recyclables from our landfill and increase its lifespan.”

Eligible residents receiving the new service within the expanded DWCA will be notified by mail this month.

The new bins will be delivered to eligible properties towards the end of March, with each residential dwelling within the DWCA receiving one 240L general waste (red lid) bin to be collected weekly and one 240L recyclables (yellow lid) bin to be collected fortnightly.

THIS IS GOING TO AFFECT YOU

PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT HAVE YOUR SAY

INTENSIVE ANIMAL INDUSTRY (SHEEP AND CATTLE FEEDLOT - 1,000 SCU OR 6,000 SSU)

Where: McDonnell Rd and Glengallan Rd, Mount Marshall

On: Lot 80 M341425 and Lot 87 ML111

Approval sought: Development Permit for a Material Change of Use

Application reference: MCU02334

Make a submission from 14 March to 4 April 2022

Building Height	Setbacks	Site Coverage
> N/A	> North: 1,000m > East: 100m > South: 800m > West: 70m	> 1.0%

For further information and to view a copy of the application, contact:

- > The Assessment Manager
- > Southern Downs Regional Council
- > www.sdrcc.qld.gov.au
- > 1300 697 372

Submissions can be made to:

- > Southern Downs Regional Council
- > PO Box 26 Warwick, Qld 4370
- > mail@sdrcc.qld.gov.au

In the event of a public meeting, public notification requirements are in accordance with the Planning Act 2016

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Support Needed For Queensland Flood Victims



The Queensland Country Press Association (QCPA) along with The Allora Advertiser has joined forces with Vinnies Queensland to support thousands of Queenslanders affected by the recent floods.

This record event has seen homes destroyed, possessions washed away, lives put on hold and even tragedies.

Queensland Country Press Association president Carlo Portella said Queenslanders have always come together to help one another, no matter what the crises.

"Whether it is floods, bushfires or cyclones, help is always at hand," Mr Portella said.

"I encourage all Queenslanders to try to help those less fortunate by contributing to the St Vincent de Paul Society Flood Appeal.

"The devastating floods in south-east Queensland and New South Wales have seen many people left devastated and in great need of our help.

"A simple monetary donation, no matter how small, will help put the lives of those affected on the path to recovery."

Vinnies Queensland CEO Kevin Mercer said,

"We welcome the support from the Queensland Country Press Association and their community, as we work together to help flood-impacted Queenslanders rebuild their lives."

"All funds raised through our Flood Appeal will provide immediate and long-term support to people in need – no matter how long someone's recovery journey takes, we'll be there to lend a helping hand."

Please show your support by donating to the QCPA/ Vinnies Flood Relief Appeal at: <https://bit.ly/vinniesqldfloodappeal>

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For further details contact Secretary Queensland Country Press Association: admin@qcpa.com.au or mobile 0439 377 52



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Get together a team of six players (try to find the smartest ones) and book in for a night of hilarious fun.

\$15 each person with good prizes - 1st \$180, 2nd

Book your team for the Trivia Night on Saturday 2nd April from 6 o'clock.

Phone Goomburra Hall volunteer on 0429 642 092 or goomburratownhall@outlook.com.au

Congratulations to the Heavy Horse Committee on a great weekend enjoyed by all.

The Southern Downs Poultry Club gives special thanks to the Darling Downs Heavy Horse Committee for allowing the Club to run the Canteen which was well supported by the crowd.

Also a big thanks to all the wonderful volunteers who did a top job and to those people who donated goods.

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The committee have decided to introduce a new

feeder section with classes for feeder steers and heifers with a weight range from 280kg to 400kg.

Cattle will be judged then offered for sale on Friday.

All Junior competitions (Paraders, Stud Cattle

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11.00am Pet Parade	Prime Cattle Presentations
	Stud Cattle Young Paraders & Judges
	6pm Stud Sheep Junior Judging

FRIDAY NIGHT

5.30pm Junior Rep Touch Competition	7.30pm Crosscut Saw Team Events
6pm Trotting 1st Heat	
6.15pm Trotting 2nd Heat	7.50pm Trotting Final
6.30pm Show Opening	8.05pm Helly Hoops
6.45pm Carey Brothers Lucky Ball Drop	8.15pm FMX Chaos Motocross Spectacular
7pm Trotting 3rd Heat	8.40pm Fireworks
7.15pm Scots PGC Pipes & Drums	9pm Open Demolition Derby

SATURDAY

7.30am Show Jumping and Horse Ring Events	2pm Sheep Shearing Finals
8am Stud Cattle and Stud Sheep Judging	2-3pm Meet and Greet
9am-2pm Poultry Judging	Warwick Showgirl and Rural Ambassador & Warwick Rodeo Queen
1pm Animal Nursery Daily Feeding Times	
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SUNDAY - Free Entry for Everyone
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Horses, Horses and More Horses

Entries for all horse events are taken on the day. Keep your eyes on the main rings and out in Evans paddock to see the amazing horses from around our region and beyond. Warwick Show brings out the best!

Sheep

Woolly sheep have already been selected for the 2022 Warwick Show shearing competition.

With classes ranging from Novice to Open and including a Ladies class and a Quick Throw, the competition caters for shearers and 'rousies' of all levels of experience.

Schools

Schools Displays are always a hit with the children and families.

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The Spectacular Darling Downs Heavy Horse Festival



Creating a lot of interest was the Furphy Tank which used to carry water to farm animals and to fight fires.



Committee member Peter Lowry with visitors from Townsville Barb Field (centre) and Kirra Williams from Norblack Park Clydesdale Stud in North Queensland. They made the special trip just to visit the Festival in Allora.



ABOVE: They come in all sizes - this miniature born on January 1 this year is owned by Katy Driver and led by Talhia from Brisbane.

LEFT: The hard-working bullock team

Shirley Cornhill, Guest judge - Ridden Concours d'Elegance won by Robyn Chapman riding Shire mare 'Southern Cross Red Diamond'



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Downs Polo To Start In April



Successful Polo player Jack Mantova who started his career in Clifton.

The Downs Polo Club based in Clifton will start season 2022 with the revival of the Eagers Shield Downs Fixtures first played in 1958. The winning team that year was West Haldon Whites with players Dave MacGinley, Joe Macginley, Herb Cook, Pat O'Sullivan and Hoey Cook.

This year the Shield will be played over two weekends on 2nd and 3rd April and the following weekend 9th and 10th April.

The tournament has a history of being hard fought and difficult to win.

A number of the players who started their careers on the Downs have progressed to playing in many countries all over the world with some of the families playing

into their 3rd and 4th generations. Other Polo events to put on your calendar -

- Downs Low Goal 23rd & 24th April
 - Downs Shield Annual Tournament 4th & 5th June
 - Cooke O'Leary 16th & 17th July
 - Silvershop 23rd & 24th July
 - Sapphire Shield 30th & 31st July
- Catering will be available on all weekends.

The Downs Polo Club invites any past players, spectators, potential players - in fact anyone interested to come along to the Clifton Recreation Grounds to enjoy some top class action.

It's Soon To Be - No Hair Nathan



Will we recognise Allora's local Barber Nathan after this Saturday?

The Clippers come out and the hair and beard will be gone. The cutting starts about 11.30 with a fun "no-hair" party afterwards. Everyone's welcome to The Allora Barbershop near PL Travers Park.

It's all for a good cause - Nathan is raising funds for Cure Cancer. Goal is \$3,000 and you'll be able to donate on the day.

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Australian Beef partners with Brisbane Broncos



Australian Beef has announced an official partnership with the Brisbane Broncos, highlighting the essential role Australian red meat plays in high-performing athletes' diets on the national stage under a new partnership deal delivered by Meat & Livestock Australia (MLA).

MLA's purpose is to foster the long-term prosperity of the Australian red meat and livestock industry by investing in research and marketing activities.

Australian Beef's partnership with the Brisbane Bronco's, the number one football club for viewership in Australia, will provide brand integration and content opportunities that demonstrate Beef's essential role in a healthy diet. The partnership will highlight how Beef powers the club's elite athletes and provides a compelling consumer proposition that

can be delivered through multiple media touchpoints.

For the 2022 and 2023 seasons, Australian Beef is a Platinum Partner of the Brisbane Broncos NRL and NRLW teams. The partnership will provide access to the Broncos playing group, creating opportunities for content production that reinforces beef's role in helping you perform at your best, community education programs and business development opportunities for Australian Beef into the food service channel.

MLA Managing Director, Jason Strong, said MLA was thrilled to have Australian Beef as an official partner of the Brisbane Broncos, embracing the opportunity to showcase Aussie beef's nutritional credentials.

"Australian beef is packed with natural protein, so partnering with the Brisbane Broncos is a

great fit to demonstrate the important role nutrient-dense Australian red meat plays as part of a healthy diet," Mr Strong said.

Brisbane Broncos CEO Dave Donaghy said: "We are really excited to be welcoming Australian Beef to the Broncos family - they are a quality brand with a great reputation across the community."

Brisbane Broncos Head of Performance Dave Ballard

said: "It's awesome for our players to be powered by Australian Beef both on and off the field. Good nutrition and a balanced diet are key for elite athletes so having Australian Beef as a partner will give us the edge we need every week in the NRL."

(editors note - after Broncos victory last Friday this partnership could be a win win for both sides)

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Barrett Family Shield Returns to Wattles Cabinet

It may have been rampaging forward Jordan Crocker's debut turn out in the Wattles Warriors green and gold, but the former Redcliffe back-rower stamped his authority on the game with a 'Man of the Match' performance and a key role in Wattles twelfth Barrett Family Shield success.

The A Grade match was preceded by a minute's silence and commemoration for recently passed former Wattles player and 1970 premiership winning team member Trevor Gleeson.

On the back of a mighty display by their powerhouse forward pack the 'Stillwater Pastoral Company' Wattles Warriors A Grade side proved more than a match for neighbouring traditional foes the Warwick Cowboys on Saturday night, winning the 30th Anniversary Barrett Family Shield 24 - 12 in front of one of the biggest crowds seen at Clifton's Platz Oval.

Crocker was presented with the 'Terry Doyle Memorial Medallion' for his efforts by former Wattles President Jack Duggan.

Player coach Travis Burns donned the 'Number 6' shirt and impressed in a season opening display despite the Southern Downs worse kept secret that he had retired.

The Warriors were keen for a positive start to the playing year, and to make up ground on their opponents who have enjoyed finishing in the Barrett Shield winners circle on 17 occasions since the trophy was introduced in 1993.

Wattles can now boast a dozen wins including Saturday evening's 30th Anniversary Shield, the award presented by Barrett family members Dominic Barrett, Dayne Barrett and Glen Hamblin.

It only took five minutes after the kick off for Burns to slice through the defence on a twenty-metre gallop and create the



Barrett Family Shield Player of the Match Jordan Crocker receives the Terry Doyle Memorial Medallion from former Wattles President Jack Duggan.

framework for a try by second-rower Ryan Duggan to have Wattles ahead 6 - 0.

Mitch Koina backed up with a second home side four-pointer thirteen minutes later for Wattles to emerge 12 - 0 leaders in the hotly contested clash.

While looking at taking a handy lead in at half time, the Warriors let their guard down allowing Warwick's quicksilver Toowoomba representative centre Mitch Watson in for a much-needed touch down.

Home side enforcer Brendan McBride was a thorn in Warwick's side all game and cashed in with try to increase the advantage to 18 - 6 ten minutes into the second stanza.

Wattles forward pack claimed the fourth and final green and gold try twenty minutes from full time when Jordan Crocker crashed over to excite the huge home crowd given the 24 - 6 lead.

Wattles had other scoring opportunities in the corners but desperate Cowboys defence kept the score difference at bay.

When slick finisher Jake Speed snatched an intercept thirty metres out from the Wattles try line he made it count to have Warwick trailing 12 - 24.

The scoreboard remained unaltered for the final ten minutes, and despite the tough going on field, Wattles deserved the honours and silverware on the night.

Wattles 24 (Ryan Duggan, Mitch Koina, Brendan McBride, Jordan Crocker tries; Matt Duggan 4 goals) defeated **Warwick 12** (Mitch Watson, Jake Speed tries; Michael Bloomfield 2 goals).

Railway Hotel, Allora Reserve Grade - On Saturday evening's form Wattles certainly look capable of revisiting Grand Final day as they did last year.

Reserve Grade co-coach

Garth Lonergan found it a challenge to single out his top players in the dominant 32 - 4 winning result.

Capable utility player Alex Morris filled a winger spot against Warwick and "was one of our best" according to Lonergan, "while returning veterans Tim Hentschel and Aaron Scheid impressed in their first game back for a number of seasons".

"The win is a great way to start the year, but we still have plenty to work on as we head in to Round 1 and our clash with Valleys."

Wattles 32 (Alex Morris 2, Josh Henry, Tim Hentschel, Declan Sullivan, Dale McAntee tries; Tom Morris 2, Lachlan Henry 2 goals) defeated **Warwick 4** (Logan McGrady try).

Black Toyota, Warwick Under 19 - Warwick 40 (Isaac Wickham 2, Jeffrey Ross, Morgan Byrne, Jayden Tucker, Luke Bradfield, Nick Carrie tries; Jayden Tucker 3, Morgan Byrne, Nick Carrie goals) defeated **Wattles 6** (Bailey Steel try; Jacob Meddleton goal).

Wattles now have time on their hands to hone their act before going head to head with the Valleys Roosters on Sunday April 3rd at Platz Oval, with the Roosters tipped to feature heavily in this year's premiership.

Glyn Rees



Wattles skipper Travis Burns accepts the 30th Anniversary Barrett Family Shield after Saturday 24 - 12 defeat of Warwick by Glen Hamblin, Warwick captains Sam Broomhall & Michael Bloomfield, Dayne Barrett (rear) and Dominic Barrett.

Old Machine Recovered

A machine brought new to the Allora district 144 years ago has been recently recovered from a property at Mitchell. Old-history enthusiast, Peter Cummings, found the Richard Hornsby & Sons portable steam engine embedded in the mud on the banks of Womalilla Creek on the Myall Downs property at Mitchell. It had lain there for ninety-two years after being originally being used to drive a water pump on the property.

Following up on the clue of the serial number '3192' stamped on the fire box of the machine, the Lincolnshire Archives in England which hold the records of the Hornsby company were contacted, but due to them being digitised at the time they were unable to be accessed. The Antique Machinery and Restoration Society of Queensland then made direct contact with 93 year-old Ray Hooley, author and Rushton & Hornsby historian. It was found that the steam engine was sold in 1877 to Robert Cooke in Queensland, Australia. Darling Downs newspapers of the time report the arrival of the machine at the Hendon railway station in November of that year. It was used to drive a portable wheat thresher and was one of only three such machines on the southern Downs at the time. It was reported to have been a huge improvement on the horse-works previously used to drive the wheat threshers.

Robert Cooke had come to Queensland in 1863 from Devonshire in England. After gaining 'colonial experience' at Mt. Abundance in the Roma district and at Felton Station he came to the Allora district in 1866 and set up as a butcher supplying meat to the workers building the railway line from Toowoomba to Warwick. In 1872 he was a junior



Recovery and transport of the Hornsby & Sons portable steam engine. Photo courtesy Peter Cummings.

partner with Francis Kates and James Dougall in the Allora Steam Flour Mill.

Robert Cooke bought a farm to the north-west of the town of Allora in 1877 which he called "Hillside" and added to over the years. In 1880 he bought land at Upper Pilton and built up a large land holding there.

From advertisements in the Allora Guardian newspaper Robert Cooke's interest seemed to shift from the growing of crops to the raising of sheep and cattle. The steam engine and wheat thresher must have been sold and the steam engine ended up in the Mitchell district.

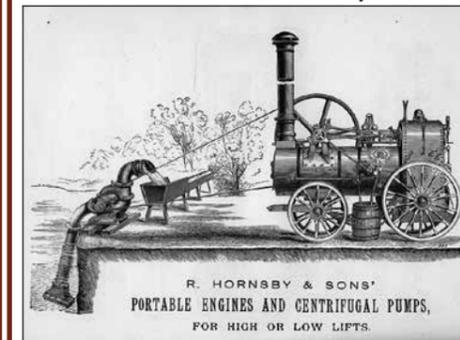
After recovering the machine from its muddy resting place, Peter Cummings



The old engine on the banks of Womalilla Creek where it was found. Photo courtesy Peter Cummings.

transported it to the Council depot in Mitchell where it was steam cleaned and placed in storage. Peter said that he hopes to eventually future-proof and display the old engine.

Colin Newport



An illustration of the Hornsby engine and water pump (as used on Myall Downs) from Hornsby advertising material.

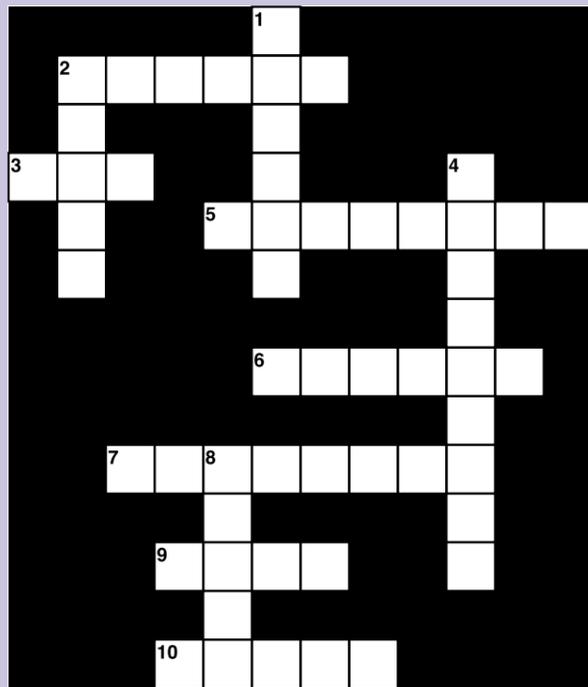


A portable steam engine (not the Hornsby in the story) and wheat thresher on William Deacon's farm in 1899.

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CROSSWORD



Jeremy's View

Footy Games

On Saturday William and I played footy at Redlands for Stanthorpe rugby league game. We played for the Gremlins and I am in the under 11s team. We played against the Clifton-Allora Wattles Warriors because Redlands didn't bring an under 11s team and the game was at the Crisp oval in Stanthorpe at 10.30am. The Gremlins have got all new uniforms this year and this was the first time we got to wear them. They are the same colours but a slightly different design. We played two 20min halves. During the first half I played the centre. And the second half I was the dummy half. The games don't get scored but I think the Wattles definitely won. William played in the under 8s and also in the under 9s and Mum and baby Amelia watched all the games. Dad couldn't make it because he was in Goondiwindi for work. After the footy games we went to a birthday party at the pool and then Mum played viola at Heritage Estate Winery so it was a big day.



Jeremy Lister, age 10

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WEEK EIGHT - Another great night at the Allora Sports Club night bowls competition. Thank you to players who substitute for team members unable to play. Had to laugh, Kris Wright played with Beers, Bowls and Bitches. The girls reckon Kris was the bitch! Star player this week was Jaqui who plays in Doesn't Matter with Bev and Roanne. Jacqui only started playing this season. She previously played ten pin bowling so has to adjust to the slower pace of the green. Well adjust she has – she claimed luck but classy is the word. So many great shots. See photos of Jacqui's great style and close shots.

Results:- 1. Do it Again 26 b Railway 5; 2. Generation Gap 16 v Phoenix Rising 12; 3. Fire Ants 11 b Gina's Babies 10; 4. What a Show 13 b Doesn't Matter 7; 5. Two Poc Crew 12 tied Stonecutters

12; 6. Pig Lures 27 b Beers, Bowls and Bitches 12; 7. Peaky Blinders 14 b The Three Stoogers ? (Sorry had a lapse)

This week's winners and losers were What A Show and Railway. Thank you to Tony Morris Tiling for your sponsorship.

The TCL toucher competition winners were Leanne, Andy, Moley, Ty, Aaron and Adelle. Thank you Leanne the sponsor.

Thank you to the sponsors of the raffle prizes – The Allora Sports Club, Allora Butchery, Railway Hotel and Percy Fruit. Winners were Ann, Moley, Gary, Leanne, Lyn P and David. The Jackpot is now \$120 after Cheree failed to find the Joker or Jack.

Nat was our button pusher this week. Thanks Nat and to all the players who volunteer along with Wendy and Bec at the bar.



Winner Of The Darts Competition

Last Friday the inaugural RSL Darts Competition was held with Warren Young taking out the winning prize presented by Secretary Doug Lansley. The competition will be conducted fortnightly at the Allora RSL Hall so if you're interested in joining pop along on Friday 25th March from 6.30pm.

Warren Young receiving the winners prize from Secretary Doug Lansley at the first RSL Darts night competition

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