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Allora Butchery Wins Gold at **Regional Competition -**

At the recent AMIC Outback Region 2011 Sausage King & Butcher's Choice Competitions, local Allora Butchery staff members took out a multitude of awards for their high quality sausages and prepared meal products.

The competition was held on Saturday, 19th February at Chinchilla, in conjunction with the Melon Festival.

In the Sausage King section of the competition, Grant Lollback and the boys received awards in the following categories:

- Gold Traditional Australian
- · Gold Gourmet (Pork, Mango & Macadamia) This winning flavour combination was the invention of 14 year old Mitchell Lollback.
- Gold Poultry (Chicken Tandoori)
- Silver Traditional Pork
- · Bronze Open Lamb (Lamb, Sundried Tomatoes & Cracked Pepper)

Melissa Ziser also showed up the competition, winning awards for the following products in the AMIC Butcher's Choice Competition:

Value Added Meat Product -

- 1st Malibu Chicken
- · 2nd Cold Thai Beef Salad
- 3rd Sundried Tomato & Pistachio Lamb Rump Wet Dish -
- 1st Caramelised Onion & Red Wine Lamb Shank
- · 2nd Chicken, Spinach, Fetta & Pumpkin Cannelloni

Melissa's Caramelised Onion & Red Wine Lamb Shank dish had previously won in the state competition last year and has backed up and won again this year in the regional competition. Altogether, there were 314 entries in the Outback Region competition which covered butcher shops from Warwick to

Allora Butchery continues to create new and exciting dishes for next year's competition.

WEATHER FORECAST								
<u>Day</u>	Forecast	Min/l	<u>Max</u>					
THU	Morning Clouds. Mild.	13	26					
FRI	Mostly Sunny. Warm.	14	28					
SAT	Breaks of Sun Late. Warm.	15	28					
SUN	Morning Clouds. Warm.	14	30					
MON	Storms Late. Broken Clouds. Warm.	15	31					
TUE	Morning Clouds. Warm.	15	29					

Grant Lollback and his professional team of Allora butchers stormed the competition at the recent AIMC Sausage King Competition with their tantalising array of gourmet sausage products.



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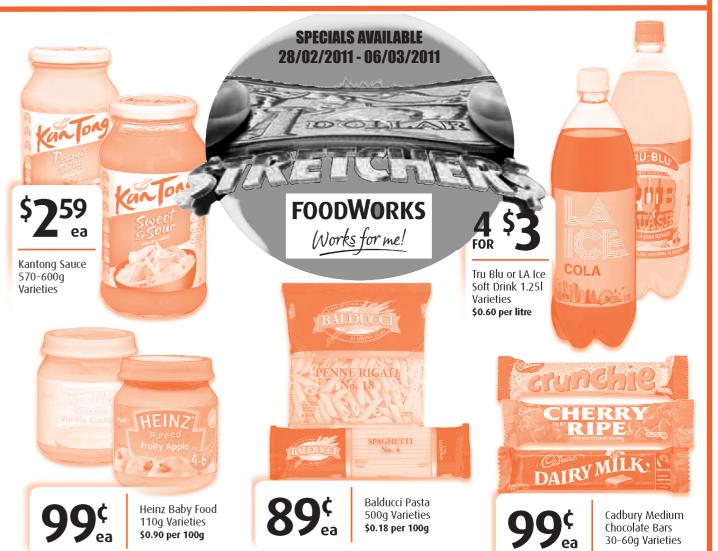
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BAD JOKE OF THE WEEK

A group of hikers were being led through the wilderness by a guide. On the third day, the hikers noticed that they had been traveling in circles.

"We're lost!", One of the hikers complained. "And you said you were the best guide in the United States."

"I am", the guide answered, "But I think we may have wandered into Canada."

Southern Downs Mayoral Flood Appeal assists 29 residents with \$32,000 worth of grants in Round 1

The Southern Downs Mayoral Flood Appeal is still open for donations as applications are called for Round 2 assistance grants. Southern Downs Mayor Ron Bellingham is delighted this week to have authorised approximately \$32,000 worth of assistance grants from the Southern Downs Mayoral Flood

Twenty-nine residents were given grants of varying sizes to help them recover from flood damage under Round 1 of the

"It's been wonderful to see people across the Southern Downs pull together for local flood victims by donating money to this Appeal, and I'm delighted to see the money put to good use to help locals," the Mayor said.

Monies granted so far have helped replace toys for a little girl with disabilities; school uniforms for a flood affected family; a motorised scooter for an elderly resident; carpets, kitchen and other appliances; and provided many other forms of flood recovery relief.

Cr Bellingham said there were still many people who need

"I wish to clarify that the Appeal will remain open for donations and assistance applications until the end of February," he said. "I urge community groups and individuals to continue to raise money and donate."



Next SATURDAY, February 26, 7.00pm at St. David's Hall, ALLORA

A Gospel Medley of sight and sound for believers (with the best band in the land)

But first of all at 6 pm a FELLOWSHIP TEA and Breaking of the Bread (Bring a plate of food to share)

But wait there's more... at 4.30pm the Leaders and Preachers Workshop (last month we had the Theory. this month we have the practical)

See how these Christians love one another More details on 4666 3343

World Day of Prayer

The world Day of Prayer is observed on the first Friday in March. This worldwide movement is a Fellowship of Prayer and Christian Worship which involves 170 countries. It began in

This year the service has been organised by the people of Chile, a country we heard a lot about in 2010, with their earthquake, tsunami and coal mine disaster.

The Republic of Chile has an area of 756,950km², a length of 4,780km from Peru to Cape Horn, and an average width of 200km. Eighty percent of the country is mountainous, in the east the Andes over 6,000 m high; a depression in the middle; and the ancient Coastal Range, up to 1,500m.

It has a population of 17 million, the majority of Chileans are of mixed Spanish and indigenous descent.

Allora's World Day of Prayer Service will be held at the Scots Presbyterian Church, Jubb Street, at 9.30 am on Friday 4th March, and all are welcome.



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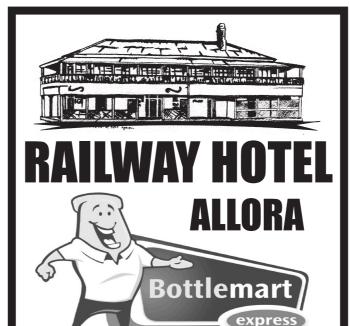
"Every dollar donated to this Appeal will go towards helping deserving local people."

So far an impressive \$73,098.57 has been donated to the Appeal. Further donations can be made at any Warwick Credit Union branch, as well as the Stanthorpe branches of the Queensland Country Credit Union and Suncorp Bank.

Cr Bellingham called for people still needing financial assistance to recover from the floods to apply to the Appeal under Round 2 assistance grants, which close on 28 February 2011.

Application forms are available at www.southerndowns.gld.gov. au or from the Warwick Credit Union, Warwick Daily News or Stanthorpe Border Post offices.

Applications are subject to eligibility criteria and are reviewed by an independent committee to ensure all recipients meet the criteria



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Ecumenical Study Programme - Lent, 2011.

These regular prayer/study groups will again be held, beginning on Thursday, 10th March. The study as usual features the Gospel readings for the 6 weeks leading up to Palm Sunday on April 17th with the annual Procession of Witness. These programmes are an initiative of the Ecumenical Group and are open to everyone. It is not necessary to have an affiliation with any Church group. Just come along and join in spirited discussion and fellowship. Group 1 will meet at St.David's Hall on Thursdays at 1.30pm. Group 2, St. Patrick's Meeting Room at 7.00pm and Group 3 also at St. Patrick's Meeting room at 10.00am on the Fridays following. Please consider coming along. You will be most welcome.



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Terry Doyle Honoured With Shield Award

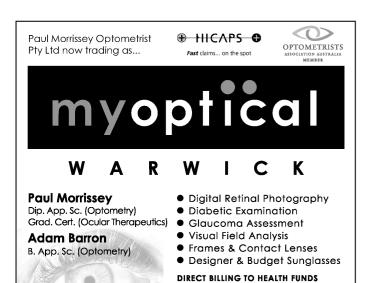
While victory will be the top priority this Saturday evening when Wattles run on in the "A" Grade clash for the "Barrett Family Shield" against Warwick at Father Ranger Oval, all players taking part in the pre-season tradition will be eligible to win the inaugural "Terry Doyle Memorial Medallion".

A former Wattles "Warriors: RLF Club" President, Terry Doyle needs no introduction in the Central Downs and Warwick area. his contribution to rugby league in the area significant. Terry was Secretary of the Wattles senior club from 1994 to 1998, and Presided over the club in 1999, 2000 and 2005. He was presented with "Life Membership" of Wattles in 2000 in recognition of his many years of dedication to the organisation. Terry lost a battle with cancer in July last year, but the memory of his dedication and contribution will live on in Wattles history, and through awards such as the medallion named in his

The "Barrett Shield" was a special event for Terry, his obvious links with the Wattles teams along with close ties with the Warwick "Cowboys" Club and the Warwick rugby league community.

The "Terry Doyle Memorial Medallion" has came into being after the Wattles committee look to further recognize Terry's contribution to their club and local rugby league in general. The Warwick "Cowboys" RL Club also welcomes the award recognizing the "Best & Fairest Player" in what is a very special event on the local sporting calendar. The medallion will be presented annually at full time after the Wattles versus Warwick pre-season "Barrett Family Shield" clash.

Glyn Rees



ALLORA ANGLICAN ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of St. David's Anglican Church Allora-Clifton Parish was held last Sunday and after the reports were received the following were elected office bearers for the coming twelve months.

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Churchwardens: Jim Corby, Allan Darr and Ashley Gillam. To the Parish Council were elected Stuart Campbell, Errol May, Margaret Darr, Paul Stace, Henry Bracey, Arleen Breeze, Philip Lack and Andrew Gilmore. On the Council also are Parish Nominators Andrew Balmain, Ann Campbell and Barbara Corby, as is Synod Representative Olive Shooter.

The newly formed Ministry Team which promotes, encourages and oversights, spiritual development and social activity within the Church are Barbara Corby, Linda Sharman, Andrew Balmain and Allan Darr.

It was noted that a monthly youth group called the Pizza Fellowship had had a first meeting as had the Leaders and Preachers Workshop and Fellowship Tea open to any and all from other church groups.

Holy Communion is now on Tuesdays at 10.00am freeing up our clergy for more involvement in scripture within the schools on a Wednesday.

The Clifton Church Hall has had electricity connected and the connection to the sewer, with plumbing and drainage completion, is underway. This much needed meeting room and hall space is well on the way to being finished.

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Events Calendar

	<u>2011</u>
March -	
Sun 13	Wattles vs. Newtown
	Platz Oval Clfton
Sat 26	Wattles vs. Souths - Ragh Family Shield
	Platz Oval Clfton
Sat 26	Wattles Flood Relief Day
	Platz Oval Clfton
April -	
Sat 2	Wattles vs. Valleys
	Platz Oval Cifton

Sun 3 Wattles Jockeys Day - City vs. Country Platz Oval Clfton

Scope Club Afternoon Tea Sat 9 Allora Community Hall, 1.30pm Wattles vs. Oakev **Sun 17**

Platz Oval Clfton

May -Sun 15 Wattles vs. Highfields Platz Oval Cifton

Fri 27 St Patrick's Rattle of the Brains Trivia Night

Allora Community Hall

Wattles vs. Dalby - Rod Frahm Memorial Shield **Sun 29**

Platz Oval Clfton June -

Sun 12 Wattles vs. Pittsworth Platz Oval Clfton

Sun 26 Wattles vs. Gatton Platz Oval Clfton

July -**Sun 17**

Wattles vs. Goondiwindi Platz Oval Clfton

Wattles Race Day Sat 30 Platz Oval Clfton **Sun 31** Wattles vs. Brothers

Platz Oval Clfton

August -

Sun 14 Wattles vs. Warwick - Legends of League Day Platz Oval Cifton

October -

Wattles Banquet Sat 8 Platz Oval Clfton

Mon 31 Allora Swimming Club Melbourne Cup Calcutta

Railway Hotel Allora

November -

Allora Swimming Club Melbourne Cup Tue 1

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION for the inclusion of calendar entries - Clients who advertise their events in The Allora Advertiser in a display (box) advertisement sized at least 2 column x 8 cm, will 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, and venue and time. For those clients who phone to place their entry in the calendar prior to advertising, the entry will be included as date claimer only, until the advertisement is booked.

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REMINDER - please get your NYW nominations in as soon as possible and let's recognize the good work that our young people do in the community

WHAT IS NATIONAL YOUTH WEEK (NYW)? NYW is a joint Commonwealth, State, Territory and Local Government initiative which promotes a positive profile of young people in the community. It is an opportunity for young people across Australia to participate in community activities, highlight their issues and concerns, and express their ideas and opinions.

The overall theme for NYW is: Celebrate and recognise the value of all young Australians to their communities and the 2011 slogan is: 'Own It.'

In theme for this year's NYW celebrations Community Development Services (CDS) in Partnership with Southern Downs Regional Council (SDRC) and Headspace Southern Downs are holding 2 awards nights (one in Stanthorpe and one in Warwick) to recognise and celebrate the contributions of young people in our community. Please note that for the purpose of application, a young person is aged between 12 and 25 years of age.

Who can be nominated? Any young person that has made a contribution to the development of the community and the people in it can be nominated. The purpose of the awards is to thank and celebrate the young people who give their time and energy to individuals or the community.

How do you prepare a nomination? When filling out the nomination form, it is important to provide specific examples of how the nominee's contribution(s) has been outstanding. In addition to providing a list of appointments or positions held by the nominee, it is helpful to include examples that best show how the nominee has gone above and beyond what could be reasonably expected of someone in a similar position. In preparing the nomination, time should be devoted to considering why you think the nominee's service and achievements are outstanding and worthy of recognition through the National Youth Week Awards.

How are nominations assessed? Nominations will be assessed by a panel comprising of representatives from CDS, SDRC, Rotary, GBSS, and a Youth Council representative. The panel will take into consideration the quality, impact and results of the nominated person in assessing the nomination. The results and outcomes achieved by the nominee may not necessarily be that of high achievement but that of contribution to the betterment of the community, or a sector of the community.

Is it necessary to provide referees? Yes, the names and address of individuals who would be in a position to comment directly on the nominee's achievements should be provided. As a general guide, two referees are required for each nomination. How are recipients told of their award? Recipients are advised in writing of the offer of an award. The names of successful nominees will be published in the Border Post and the Free

Are the nominators advised? Nominators are advised of the outcome of their nomination approximately one week after the



Wattles Barrett Shield skipper Aaron Scheid admires the "Terry Doyle Memorial Medallion" with team mate Brady Glass, to be presented for the first time this Saturday evening. The Medallion, in honour of former Wattles RLF Club official & Life Member Terry Doyle, will be presented annually to the overall "Best & Fairest Player" in the Barrett Family Shield pre-season trial between Warwick and Wattles.

See story on page 5.

notification of the nominees.

Award categories -

Sporting

Community Volunteer

Young Change Makers

Disabilities

Indigenous

Nomination guidelines -· Nominations for the awards will be accepted from any member of the community

· Each nomination must have referees to be contacted by the judging panel

Music

· Trainee of the Year

Apprentice of the Year

Customer Service Award

· Young Person of the Year

Nominations will only be accepted on the nomination form

· Information to support your nominations such as letters of support, photos, newspaper articles should be attached.

· A panel comprising of representatives from CDS, SDRC, Rotary and GBSS

· The panel will take into consideration the quality, impact and results of the nominated person in assessing the nomination. The awards will be celebrated at an awards night at the Stanthorpe Civic Centre on Friday 1st April 2011 and at the Warwick Town Hall on Friday 8th April 2011. Awards Night tickets are \$5 per person, available from Community Development Services - Stanthorpe (Rebecca Schroder) & Warwick Town Hall Youth Office - Warwick (Bonita Tyler). Nominees will attend free. Tickets will not be available at the door. A light supper will be supplied. There will be a gold coin donation concert to follow the event. Both are drug and alcohol

Certificates will be awarded to all verified nominees in each category. We are currently seeking awards from local businesses and organisations for the selected winners of each

Closing date for nominations is - 5.00pm, Monday, 28th February 2011. For more information contact Rebecca Schroder, PH: 4681 0925, Email: ydw_cds@halenet.com.au or Bonita Tyler, PH: 4661 7166, Email: bonita.tyler@ southerndowns.gld.gov.au. Nomination forms are also available from: Southern Downs Regional Council Website, Granite Belt Website & headspace Southern Downs Website.

This event is sponsored by: Community Development Service Stanthorpe, Southern Downs Regional Council, Department of Communities and Headspace Southern Downs

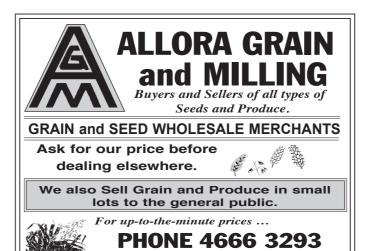
Allora State School Launch 2011 **Tipping Competition**

Allora's many knowledgeable footy tipping experts will have their chance to test their rugby league nous again in 2011 with the Allora State School "Footy Tipping Competition" commencing on Friday March 11th with the opening Round of the National Rugby League season.

The "Competition", while providing an ideal opportunity to settle debates over who can boast the superior league know how, and perhaps win some great competition prizes, also serves to fund the Allora State School midyear excursion to Canberra. Past tour itineraries have included visiting Sydney, but last year the students took in the attractions of the national capitol after heading to the high country and New South Wales snow fields. Tobogganing at Perisher Valley was a memorable experience for all on the six day tour, before heading to Canberra. Along with tours of the magnificent Australian War Memorial and paddle boat rides on Lake Burley-Griffin, Allora Year 10's also visited the National Art Gallery, Government House, Yarralumla, the Electoral Education Centre, the National Film & Sound Archive, Institute of Sport, as well as a tour of the magnificent Floriade. Aside from other activities, while visiting Parliament House, the students and staff are traditionally afternoon tea quests of local Federal Member for Maranoa, Mr. Bruce Scott. The annual tour is a special educational experience for all the



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students who attend, and has been a regular Year 10 event now over many years.

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The students of the current Year 10 class are busy with numerous activities as they fund raise themselves, though out the year to offset costs of the tour so as to limit expenses to their families.

The Allora State School Footy Tipping Competition was been organized to assist with fundraising for the school excursion over the past four years.

In this coming 2011 NRL season competition, tipsters have the opportunity of tipping across the 26 competition rounds, as well as the three State of Origin matches and the Australia versus New Zealand ANZAC Test on May 6th. Tipping competition winners are announced on September 5th, with cash prizes for first, second and third places. Those cash amounts are dependent on the number of tipsters taking apart in the competition. This season we will see additional incentives with prizes given for the "Highest Tipping Points" for the month, and also prizes for tipsters correctly nominating a full eight match

Looking Back...

Chinese in the Allora District

The Chinese race was represented in the Allora district from at least the early 1860's. James Power was reported to have been buried at Old Talgai after being drowned in the 1864 flood in Dalrymple Creek, while trying to deliver rations to the Chinese shepherds. Numerous gold licenses were issued to Chinese miners on the Talgai Goldfield from the mid 1860's.

The best known Chinaman in the Allora district would be Yap Yan who was the cook at Samuel Gordon's Princess of Wales Hotel in the 1860's. Yap Yan's cottage, on the corner of Drayton and Forde Streets, was used as Allora's first police station, court house and council chambers. Yap Yan's meat cleaver can be seen at the Allora Museum to which it was donated by Miss Minnie Clarke. granddaughter of Samuel Gordon, and one time licensee of the Princess of Wales Hotel.

In June 1893, "John" the local Chinese market gardener, had his garden flooded out for the third time that year. He is reported to have lost hundreds of lettuce.

celery and other plants. "John" was described in the Allora Guardian in not too politically correct terms as, "quite a superior specimen of his class, being civil, obliging, and honest to a degree seldom found in the heathen Chinee". The Chinese market gardens were on the creek just to the east of the town and adjoined Gordon's slaughter yards.

In 1895 Samuel Crookey must have backed Jimmy Ah Foy and Ah Chung to grow tobacco on his Hendon farm. A mortgagee sale is advertised whereby Mr. Crookey offered for sale, the Chinamen's share of the tobacco leaf.

The debt problem worked both ways because the market gardeners regularly advertised for the recovery of unpaid debts. Two of these in the later 1890's were Gee Gin and Cee Dee.

An unfortunate happening occurred in 1902 when Gun Lin was arrested for vagrancy and sentenced in the Allora Police Court to one month's jail in Boggo Road. He had apparently been indulging heavily in the use of opium and committed suicide the next day.

In the same year, Sun Wai Kee opened a small general store in Drayton Street. He advertised kippered herrings 7½ d. a tin. iam 31/2 d., tomato sauce 8 d. and

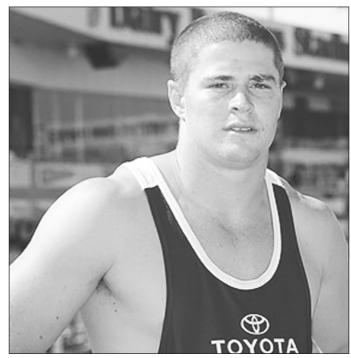
Bamboo Furniture, very cheep. He must have gained a fair trade because he was still advertising in 1907. In the meantime Joy Foo advertised for the recovery of his lost horse in 1904.

After winning prizes at the Allora Show in 1911, Ah Dick tended his market garden until his death in 1917. He must have had a well set up operation because his sale included a 4 H. P. Hornsby benzine engine, 3-inch centrifugal pump and piping, iron water races, horse, plough, spring cart, etc.

I am informed that a Chinese market gardener operated in Allora into the early 1930's and delivered his vegetables around the town. He may have lived in the Church of England cottage between the Sunday school and the creek. The shoulder yoke used by the Chinaman to carry two kerosene tins of water for his garden can also be seen at the Allora

None of the above Chinese is recorded as having been buried in the Allora cemetery. The only Chinese person known to be buried in the cemetery is Harry Jong, who with his wife and family. lived in Allora in the 1940's.

Please visit our web site www.allora-and-district-historical-society-inc.com



Allora State School past student and current Penrith "Panthers" National Rugby League five-eighth Travis Burns will be a guest weekly tipster for this years Allora State School Tipping Competition.

round correctly.

A progress chart will be on display at Beetle & Sue's Allora True Value Hardware, and periodic updates of competition leaders will appear in the Allora Advertiser and Allora State School Newsletter.

Allora State School has an impressive history regarding rugby league, perhaps their most famous league son's Fred and Colin Laws. Fred Laws played 32 matches for Queensland from 1927 to 1935 against New South Wales, New Zealand and England. Fred also took the field in six test matches for Australia from 1928 to 1934, including Kangaroo Tours to Britain in 1929/30 and 1933/34.

Colin also represented Queensland from 1928 to 1931 turning out in twelve matches, also against the might of New South Wales. New Zealand and England.

The Allora State School can boast an amazing sporting record, with Australian netball team member Laura Geitz and current Queensland "Reds" and former Wallabies rugby union prop Greg Holmes both past students.

Another former student is current Penrith "Panthers" National Rugby League five eighth Travis Burns. Travis has also played with the Cronulla "Sharks", Manly "Sea-Eagles" and North Queensland "Cowboys". A former Inglewood and Wattles Juniors player, he graduated to Wattles senior club (Under 17) in 2000, making his "A" Grade debut in 2001. Travis has played 93 NRL matches, 21 with the "Panthers", along with their 28 - 22 pre-season trial win over the Newcastle "Knights" last

Travis is keen to help out his former school, and will offer "Trav's Top Tips" for weekend NRL games each week in the Allora Advertiser. The tips are there to help out the inexperienced Allora State School Tipsters, or those who can't make up their mind, right from the "Panther's" mouth, a man who's in the action week in week out.

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Mr Harris said that apart from working dogs, all other dogs must be registered under new regulations in the Animal Management (Cats & Dogs) Act 2008.

"There has been some confusion over what defines a working dog. and the simple answer is that it's basically a dog employed by a primary producer, as defined under the Act," Mr Harris said.

"So, a business guard dog, a pig dog, or a dog that is living on a farm and used for ratting, for example, do not meet the definition of a working dog under the Act."

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STOP PRESS!! - ADDENDUM TO "Wattles to Classy for Tigers in Season Opener" story at right: The Wattles "A" Grade side to contest the 2011 Barrett Shield is: 1. Dale Dempsey, 2. Aaron Hooper, 3. Russell McMillan, 4. Tim Hentschel, 5. Chris Oliver, 6. Robert Woodbridge, 7. Dean Cubby, 8. Brady Glass, 9. Liam Ross, 10. Jason Nightingale, 11. Jake Dingle, 12. Brenden Wilson, 13. Aaron Scheid – 14. Xavier Manley, 15. Matt Tuiono, 16. Josh McIntosh, 17. Michael McCarthy, 18. Matthew McCarthy, 19. Luke Baker, 20. Mark Duggan. Coach: Ken Riddiford.

Wattles to Classy for Tigers in Season Opener

Wattles representative back Brenden Wilson relished a move to the forward pack in Saturday evening's pre season trial against the Southern Suburbs "Tigers" at Clive Berghofer Stadium, running in three tries in his side's 34 - 18 win. The Wattles fullback of many seasons, the club's 2009 "Player of the Year" and Toowoomba Rugby League "Top A Grade Try Scorer" that same year, appears to have cemented a place in the Warriors back row on his form against Souths. Wilson's four pointers were all crowd pleasers, the first in the 29th minute a display of his obvious pace over 80 metres to the line. His second touchdown in the 64th minute after a 75 metre gallop. and his third, the final Wattles try in the latter stages after winning the race to a Dean Cubby chip ahead to touch down and seal the result.

Coach Ken Riddiford was more than happy with his side's first start, "there wasn't a player that anyone could say played poorly, the team playing well above expectations. Their defence was awesome, in attack, they can and did score from anywhere

While Riddiford sang the praises of all his charges, team skipper Aaron Scheid was sensational, his defence a feature, after missing the 2010 season with injury. Scheid appreciated getting a game under his belt and arresting the psychological demons associated with the injury and long layoff. Virtually back to his imposing best, the lock forward who made his "A" Grade debut for Wattles against Newtown in April 2004, will lead the "Warriors" as they pursue the prize of the "Barrett Shield" this Saturday night. Five-eighth Rob Woodbridge was another to shine, back in green and gold colours after a decade, his organizational ability invaluable as he laid on opportunities for his outside backs. Another to impress is former Mt Isa Bulls back Dale Dempsey. Dempsey will be one of the quickest players in the TRL in 2011, the Wattles fullback starring for the Outback Queensland Under 20 representative side last vear.

Wattles points came from tries by half Dean Cubby, winger Chris Oliver, Dale Dempsey and Wilson's hat trick, while Chris Oliver kicked four goals. Dempsey scored in the opening minutes running off five-eight Woodbridge before cruising away on a 45 metre gallop to the try line. Oliver showed plenty of raw pace as he scooped up a "Tigers" spilled ball and accelerated 80 metres to score and have Wattles ahead 16 - 6 at that stage. Forwards Scheid, Brady Glass & Jason Nightingale were proving more than a handful for Souths with their relentless line charges, and veteran outside back Russell McMillan showed plenty of spring in his step as he regularly made ground running the ball, as did fellow centre Tim Hentschel. Former Brothers back Dean Cubby was very sharp in attack, and crossed for his initial try in the "green & gold" after combining with Nightingale and talented eighteen year old back-rower Jake Dingle.

Wattles led 10 - 6 at halftime as a result of the Dempsey and Wilson tries and a Chris Oliver goal, before touching down for five second half four pointers to reach their winning total.

It seems a reasonable assumption that the "Warriors", with their defensive discipline, natural ability and speed, should win more games this year than last season's wooden spoon result. Riddiford has the luxury of Matt McCarthy, who was on Toowoomba representative duties on Saturday, and former long serving Brisbane Western Districts & South East (Brisbane) Division representative centre Glen McMillan to come into the

Wattles have one final hit out prior to running on against the Pittsworth "Danes" at Pittsworth on March 6th in the initial round of new season TRL fixtures, that being the Barrett Family Shield against Warwick next Saturday.

Riddiford is still juggling his line-up to settle on his best combination for the start of the season, but gives an assurance the "Warriors" will be a force to be reckoned with in the

traditional pre-season clash with Warwick at Father Ranger

Saturday's encounter with South's saw eight players wear the Wattles senior club "green & gold" colours for the first time in wingers Aaron Hooper & Chris Oliver, fullback Dempsey, off the bench former Wattles junior Michael McCarthy, and Warwick based former South West Division junior representatives Matt Tuiono, Walter McIntosh & Josh McIntosh. Home grown talent Mark Duggan became the fourth brother in a family whose name is synonymous with Wattles to play "A" Grade when he ran on prior to half time.

Michael McCarthy is back in Wattles colours for the first time since 1997 when he was in the Under 13 line up. When pressed as to why the Toowoomba Soccer Association 2009 "Leading A Grade Goal Scorer" and 2005/06 Toowoomba Cricket Association/Chronicle All Star team member had found his way back to Platz Oval, the casual reply was "I've always wanted to play (rugby league) again and Dad (Wattles

committee member Steve McCarthy) got excited when I said I'd play this season." "I wanted to have at least one season and a chance to maybe play with (brother) Matt, and I just enjoy the club atmosphere, I have so many mates at Wattles".

McCarthy has been practicing goal kicking prior to his return to League, and reaped the benefits on Saturday when he booted five goals from five attempts, before filling a wing position for a ten minute spell in "A" Grade.

Wattles 34 (Brenden Wilson 3, Chris Oliver, Dean Cubby, Dale Dempsey tries; Chris Oliver 4 goals) defeated Southern Suburbs 18 (Mark Cecil, Mone Laketi, Rob Gilligan tries; Mark Cecil, Jay Marshall, Ron David goals). Wattles: 1. Dale Dempsey, 2. Aaron Hooper, 3. Russell McMillan, 4. Tim

Hentschel, 5. Chris Oliver, 6. Robert Woodbridge, 7. Dean Cubby, 8. Jason Nightingale, 9. Liam Ross, 10. Brady Glass, 11. Jake Dingle, 12. Brenden Wilson, 13. Aaron Scheid - 14. Michael McCarthy, 15. Luke Baker, 16. Matt Tuiono, 17. Xavier Manley, 18. Walter McIntosh, 19. Josh McIntosh, 20. Mark Duggan. Coach: Ken Riddiford.

"Spirited Comeback" - Wattles also claimed a confident 30 - 18 win in the Reserve Grade clash over Souths. Justin Van Der Poel, Xavier Manley and Rob McIntosh among the many to stand out. Sturdy five-eight Rob McIntosh crossed for the first of his two tries in the 15th minute to level the scores at 6 all. The "Tigers" kicked back to lead 12 - 6 at the break, and touched down again minutes into the new half to lead by 18 - 6. With the signs looking ominous, the "Warriors" found another gear, and when Mark Duggan and Xavier Manley scored to see the scoreboard again locked, this time at 18 all, Wattles were taking a firm hold on the game. Rob McIntosh combined with Manley before embarking on a stepping weaving rum that presented his second try. Fullback Justin Van Der Poel sealed the result when he scooped up a lost South's possession before sprinting 30 metres to score under the posts. Coach Tony Francisco, who took the field from the bench, was more than happy with his team's effort, coming back as they did to

Wattles 30 (Rob McIntosh 2, Justin Van Der Poel, Xavier Manley, Mark Duggan tries; Michael McCarthy 5 goals) defeated Southern Suburbs 18 (Brenton Neuendorf, Paul Masters tries; Ian Thompson 2, Josh Klein, Breton Neuendorf goals).

Wattles: 1. Justin Van Der Poel, 2. Damien McDonald, 3. Michael McCarthy, 4. Walter McIntosh, 5. Ian Brown, 6. Robert Mcintosh, 7. Mark Duggan, 8. Luke Whitton, 9. Josh McIntosh, 10. Todd McGrady, 11. Dave Muller, 12. Ashley Muller, 13.



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Wattles "A" Grade side that defeated Southern Suburbs 34 - 18 at Clive Berghofer Stadium on Saturday Back: Ken Riddiford (Coach), Robert Woodbridge, Russell McMillan, Jake Dingle, Brenden Wilson, Aaron Scheid, Jason Nightingale, Brady Glass, Charlie Waters (Assistant Coach). Front: Aaron Hooper, Dean Cubby, Chris Oliver, Tim Hentschel, Liam Ross and Dale Dempsey. Absent were bench players Michael McCarthy, Luke Baker, Matt Tuiono, Xavier Manley, Walter McIntosh, Josh McIntosh and Mark Duggan

Corey Wright - 14. Matt Tuiono, 15. Drew Wilson, 16. Xavier Manley, 17. Travis Downey, 18. Tony Francisco, 20. Max Angel. Coach: Tony Francisco.

"Stirring Comeback, Falls Short" - Souths won the Under 18 match 34 - 24, back-rowers James Johnson & Jason Wilson along with prop forward Matt Cowley shining in an impressive first hit out for the Wattles colts. The "Tigers" hit the ground running as the match kicked off, scoring in the opening minute through their fullback Brendon Cubby to take a 6 - 0 lead. That set the trend for the first sixteen minutes of play, a shell shocked "Warriors" desperate as the "Tigers" raced to a 28 – 0 lead. Wattles staged a gallant comeback over the remainder of the match, scoring 24 points through four tries to one by Souths. Ryan Grady ran from dummy-half to score to get Wattles on the scoreboard in the 23rd minute, before an Anthony McIntosh cross field kick was gathered by lock forward Jason Wilson before diving over for a try. Wattles trailed 12 -34 when Josh Henry crossed twice in succession to see his side finish ten points behind at full time. Coach Wally McIntosh was very satisfied with his side after their first game of the year, the team showing plenty of promise in a gritty fightback.

Southern Suburbs 34 (Dennis Melville 2, Dylan Collins 2, Brendan Cubby, Adam Waters tries; Brodie Ciesiolla 5 goals) defeated Wattles 24 (Josh Henry 2, Jason Wilson, Ryan Grady tries; Anthony McIntosh 2 goals, 2 field goals).

Wattles: 1. Anthony McIntosh, 2. Harley Beckhouse, 3. Ashley Dempsey, 4. Zack Seeman, 5. Ryan Lewis, 6. Josh Henry, 7. Alex Morris, 8. Aaron Beckhouse, 9. Michael Duggan, 10. Matt Cowley, 11. James Johnson, 12. Jack Sharpe, 13. Jason Wilson - 14. Harry Bridges, 15. Ryan Grady, 16. Dominic Hanson, 17. Carl McIntosh, 18. Sharnn Reardon, 19. Tim Sharpe. Coach: Wally McIntosh.

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Warriors Primed to Retrieve Shield

Wattles "Warriors" A Grade Coach Ken Riddiford will have his side focused this week in preparation for Saturday evening's 2011 "Barrett Family Shield" clash with traditional local foes, the Warwick "Cowboys". Riddiford is still quietly grinning after Wattles ran over the top of Southern Suburbs, 34 - 18, last weekend in the club's initial new season outing. The win, Wattles first in "A" Grade since finishing ahead of Oakey on April 24th last year.

This weekend will be a significant challenge, "Barrett Shield" clashes breeding a special intensity as the two neighbouring clubs battle it out for what is always a fiercely contested title for local preseason supremacy.

Warwick has had the better of results in recent seasons, with four consecutive wins since 2007. They have won the coveted award ten times since its inception in 1993, while Wattles can boast seven successes. The trophy was shared in 2000, the award's only drawn result. Wattles went down last year on home turf at Platz Oval by 38 - 6, when Warwick "Cowboys" star front rower and former Queensland "Rangers" representative Cameron Mulcahy claimed a hat trick of tries as he spearheaded a "Cowboys" victory. While Riddiford is quietly planning Wattles name returning to the trophy, club President Barry Glass would like

nothing more than to see the award return to Platz Oval, to what many consider is its "home".

The "Barrett Family Shield" concept was born at a Wattles Rugby League Club committee meeting in 1992 when club Secretary of the time and father of current President Barry Glass, Peter Glass suggested that a perpetual trophy be introduced for the annual pre-season trial between the neighbouring Wattles and Warwick clubs. Wattles then President Mary Hamblin (nee Barrett) offered a trophy in the Barrett Family's name. The Barrett name is synonymous with rugby league throughout the South West Queensland region. The family has very strong rugby league links in the Southern Downs area, their roots with the Warwick and Wattles Rugby League Football Clubs.

The Barrett brothers, Tom, Leo, Ron and John played with the famous Collegians Rugby League Club of Warwick. Tom, who sadly passed away in 1996, also played a season with Wattles. Life members Mary & Alwyn Hamblin can boast their four sons. Paul, Glen, Cameron and Darren all having worn Wattles colours in "Barrett Family Shield" contests. John Barrett served as a Queensland Rugby League Director from 1994 until 2009,



Barrett family members (back) John Barrett, Ron Barrett and Leo Barrett, and (front) Mary Hamblin and Joan Bourke with the coveted Barrett Family Shield at Platz Oval last year. The Wattles "Warriors" will take on the Warwick "Cowboys" at Father Ranger Oval on Saturday, contesting the Shield for the 19th time.

Chairman of the QRL South West Division over that time, former Manager of the Australian Rugby League Kangaroos. and recently named a Life Member of the Queensland Rugby League. The Barrett family's links at the games higher levels continue with Leo's daughter Jo Barrett a member of the Australian Women's Rugby League team. Frank Barrett. youngest son of former Wattles player, the late Tommy Barrett, is a former Balmain "Tigers" and Newcastle Knights player. Frank was the Executive Manager - Media & Communications with the Newcastle Knights until last week, when he took over as the General Manager of Communications with the Melbourne Storm.

Current and former National (Australian) Rugby League players Kirk Reynoldson, Tony Duggan, Travis Burns, Frank Barrett, Jordan Atkins, Michael Coorey and Simon Scanlan have all appeared in Barrett Shield matches.

2011 will see the 19th contest for the Barrett Shield, this year hosted at Warwick's Father Ranger Oval, the first match played at the venue since it suffered due to floods in January. Matches kick off at 4.00 pm - Under 18, 5.30 pm - Reserve Grade and 7.00 pm "A" Grade (Barrett Family Shield).

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Sincere Thank You...

ALFRED ROWLAND CLIFFORD WEBB - 15/11/1929 - 14/02/2011 Sadly, Alf (Spider) passed to God and Eileen's care. A requiem mass was held at St. Patricks Catholic Church and a memorial service was held at the gravesite, at the North Rockhampton Cemetery. Sincere thanks to Fr. Terry Hickling and Fr. Burns as well as the St. Patricks Parish ministers, Cathryn McGrath, Joyce Gibson, Ann Balmain, Jackie Gallagher, Colleen Mitchell, Helen Smith, Kay Mullins, Kate Gordon, Mary & Ron Smart, for your care and concern, not only now but across the years.

The family would also like to thank Dr. Kay Ellis, nurses and staff at the Allora Nursing Home, Blue Care and the "Homestead" as well as those special members of the Allora community who have walked the journey with Alf. Last but not least, a special thanks to Denise Dalgliesh and her staff as well as Alf's drinking cronies at the Blue Cow - you always made him feel included. Thank you all and please remember him in your prayers.

Alf Webb's familiy

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Bon Voyage...

Very Best Wishes to Sean Coker, Codi Hughes and little Ivy for a happy & successful future with your relocation to the west. Thanking you for your efforts and support in recent years. Glyn Rees, President - Allora Cricket Club Inc.

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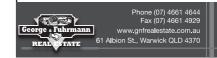


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Allora Bowls Notes -

Coming Events - A very successful morning of bowls took place on Sunday morning at the Allora Bowls Club. A visiting group of Warwick

RSL bowlers were joined by Allora club members for a barbecue breakfast followed by bowls. By all reports and judging by the roll up a great morning was had by all. A big thanks to all those that contributed of their time in making this morning work so well and in helping keep our visitors entertained. Please remember that our Bowls Club Annual General Meeting is to be held on Monday 28th at 7.00pm.

A special meeting held recently discussed options open to the club and it was decided to continue to remain as an affiliated club. It was pleasing to see a renewed interest in club affairs and with this in mind we would like to invite all members and non-members to come along to the meeting.

Also coming up is a partners golf/bowls day put on by the Constable and Medleton families to be held on Saturday 26th February with golf starting at 3.00pm followed by a barbecue and night bowls. For any interested parties please contact Jon Constable or John Medleton to nominate your team. There will be a barbecue and bar facilities on offer to our visitors. Any bowls club members who can help at either of these events please let us know.



McClennan Blasts Endangered "Animals"

Allora medium pacer Kris McLennan made a miraculous comeback to the "Foodworks" Eleven on Saturday taking 6 wickets for 9 runs off eight

overs in his side's four run win over the Sovereign Hotel "Animals" at Warwick's Queens Park on Saturday. McLennan had not worn the Allora colours since late November at Wheatvale State School when the "Foodworks" side was well beaten by Wheatvale by 185 runs. McLennan sustained a broken bone in his hand soon after and has been unavailable to play until taking the field on Saturday. The Willowvale based 20 year old has been one of Allora's most consistent players since joining the club this season, and is a valuable addition back from injury as the finals approach. Aside from his six wickets for only nine runs, McLennan included five maidens in his eight overs, and then hit a vital 17 runs with the bat as part of Allora's 93 run total. Scott Sparksman, batting in the lower end of the Allora order, top scored for his side with an all important 22 coming to the crease with the score at 5 for 66. Brodie Frizzell batting at number three also hit 17, team mate Steve Hughes scoring 14 runs. Todd Jafdiga and Clayton Smith were the pick of the "Animals" bowlers taking 4 for 26 and 4 for 22 respectively.

"Animals", whose line-up includes Allora locals Brad Johnson and Aaron Simpson, reached a total of 89 with batsman Tony Munro top scoring with 35. The match could have gone either way, the "Animals" with overs to spare, until Allora's Jordan Henry took the final wicket off a Brodie Frizzell catch to dash the "Animals" hopes. Steve Hughes was impressive in the field taking two great catches, a screamer caught & bowled and another at short cover.

Aside from McLennan's outstanding performance with the ball, Lauchlan Hoey opened the Allora bowling finishing with the impressive figures of 2 for 27 off eight overs, while off spinner Steve Hughes took 1 for 12 and Jordan Henry 1 for 1 off his only over.

Allora batting: Luke Murdoch 5, Nick Morris 2, Brodie Frizzell 17, Kris McClennan 17, Steve Hughes 14, Brodie Ellery 4, Andrew Petersen 0, Scott Sparksman 22, Lauchlan Hoey 1, Justin Briggs 0, Jordan Henry 1 not out. Sundries: 10. Total: 93

Allora bowling: Lauchlan Hoey 8-1-2-27, Brodie Frizzell 4-0-0-7, Scott Sparksman 5-0-0-21, Kris McLennan 8-5-6-9, Steve Hughes 7-1-1-12, Jordan Henry .3-0-1-1.

Experienced Allora stalwart Andrew Petersen skippered the "Foodworks" line-up in the absence of regular team "Boss" Cameron Masters and representative all-rounder Adam May. Petersen said his side could have done with a few more runs,

but was happy with the effort and very pleased to have steered Allora back to the winner's circle after two recent successive defeats, with only three matches remaining before the Warwick Cricket Association reserve grade finals.

The Allora "Foodworks" side takes on WCA Reserve Grade competition leaders Wheatvale on Sunday at Queens Park (Turf) in Warwick. While Adam May is unavailable, the lineup will be boosted with the return of batsman Cameron Masters and 'keeper Aaron Vietheer. Allora have yet to register a win over Wheatvale this season, the last encounter at Allora Cricket Oval a cracker of a game with Allora scoring 290 in answer to Wheatvale's winning total of 332. Wheatvale's opener A.J. McQueen belted an outstanding century with 129 that day, his opening partner Paul Cantwell hitting a cracking 93. Allora's Cameron Masters thrilled the home crowd with 72, Adam May hitting 65 and Aaron Vietheer an impressive 52. It seems Sunday's encounter of the "top two" teams has the recipe for another gritty contest.

Players are required at Queen's Park at 12.15 pm for a 12.30 pm start.

The Allora team to play Wheatvale on Sunday is: Cameron Masters, Andrew Petersen, Luke Murdoch, Steve Hughes, Kris McLennan, Scott Sparksman, Justin Briggs, John Byrne, Lauchlan Hoey, Aaron Vietheer, Brodie Frizzell.

Allora Cricket Club raffle results from Saturday, February 19th at the Railway Hotel.

Prize winners - Allora Butchery Meat Tray: Heather Mole; Allora Butchery Meat Tray: Karen Seibel; Railway Hotel Dinner: Robyn Draper; Allora Foodworks BBQ Chook: Robyn Draper; Dwany's Allora News Lucky \$10.00 of Scratchies: Allan Hoey. Thanks again for everyone's support, and again special thanks to Robyn Miles (Railway Hotel) and Dave & Zita Dwan (Allora News).

WCA Senior Competition Points Table

Team	Played	Won	Lost	Bye	N/R B/P	Total Points
Reserve Grade						
Wheatvale	12	7	4	1	2	32
Allora	12	5	6	1	4	24
Killarney	12	2	9	1	1	9
Sovereign	12	2	9	1	0	8

Glyn Rees

Council backs State's Flood Fightback plan for sport

Southern Downs Regional Council is backing the State Government's Flood Fightback Plan for sporting groups after representatives from the Department of Communities met with Condamine River Sports groups last week. Under the Department of Communities (Sport & Recreation) Fightback Plan, help is available to assist sport and recreation clubs to repair or replace equipment and infrastructure which has been damaged in the recent flood events.

"It is not only flood damage that should be assessed," according Council's Greg Thouard who is responsible sport and recreational development.

"It is quite possible that damage caused by heavy rains during these events may also qualify for assistance," he said.

He encouraged all sport and recreation groups to re-inspect their equipment and infrastructure to assess any damage caused by the recent rain and flood events. The two areas of assistance that are available under the Fightback Plan are equipment and infrastructure. Equipment grants are available for up to a maximum of \$12,500 and infrastructure grants are available for up to a maximum of \$60,000

A meeting hosted by Cr Neil Meiklejohn was held last Tuesday evening for all clubs interested in the Fightback Plan. It was attended by Condamine Parks and Morgan Park user groups along with other sport and recreation groups active in the Southern Downs region. Cr Meiklejohn invited clubs to make submissions to the Department of Communities (Sport and Recreation) by contacting Jo Merrill at the Warwick office on telephone 4667 5100 or 1300 656 622. Additional information can be obtained from www.sportrec.gld.gov.au.

Applications for assistance close on 18 March 2011.