



Above: Aperitif Jazz Band entertained at the Jazz and High Tea at Goomburra Hall.

Jazz and High Tea at Goomburra Town Hall

The sounds of cool, hot or mellow jazz always heralds the beginning of the Jumpers and Jazz Festival in the Warwick area, and none more so than in the Goomburra Valley, when

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Left: Scotty the Rag Doll Piper stood at the entrance to the Goomburra Hall.

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RIGHT: The Goomburra Town Hall was packed for the Jazz and High Tea Event in July.



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songbird Terri Welles and the musically talented 'Aperitif Jazz Ensemble' combined to thrill an audience of over 100 people on July 20th at the Jazz and High Tea function at the Goomburra Town Hall. 'Scotty', the Rag Doll Piper stood at the entrance to greet guests, and Chinese lantern decorations, vintage tea sets and tiered cake stands created a great atmosphere inside the old wooden hall.

The success of the afternoon was due in large part to the great efforts put in by the Hall Committee and their volunteer helpers, who cooked (some for several days prior to the day), decorated and set tables, served the guests, and carefully cleaned and packed away the china for next year's event.

Scotty the Rag Doll Piper was the last to leave, and we are pleased to say he has dried out after experiencing a little damp 'Highland' drizzle during the afternoon.

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Enrich turns one

The Condamine Alliance Enrich project's first birthday was celebrated with birthday cake in Allora last week (30 July). Since the project began, 2286 extra native plants have been added to the Condamine catchment landscape and eight landholders have become involved.

Jayne Thorpe, Condamine Alliance Manager-Biodiversity and Enrich Project Leader, said the five year project was making good progress.

"It is really exciting to see the project take off and more landholders want to become involved because of the many benefits of improving native habitat on their land," Mrs Thorpe said.

"As well as 2286 native plants, in the past year we have also managed weeds, feral animals and fire across 1950 hectares and created agreements to allow natural regeneration of 112 hectares of native bush land," she said.

"Now is an ideal time to celebrate what's been achieved so far and thank everyone for their commitment and participation."

Local landholders involved in the Enrich project attended the event to share their experience and what has occurred on their properties since they joined.

The project aims to improve biodiversity at select locations throughout the Condamine catchment.

Landholders in these locations receive assistance to revegetate, control weeds and feral animals, plan for fire management and monitor improvements in flora and fauna.

Experienced contractors are undertaking the work in consultation with participating landholders.

The project is supported through funding from the Australian Government's Clean Energy Future Biodiversity Fund.

Landholders who would like to know if they are eligible to join the project are invited to contact Alex Kennedy on 4620 0119.

Breakfast with the Birds

on Allora Mountain



Sunday, 18th August, 8.00 am



with local ecologist Greg Ford
 Co-author of "Birds of the Darling Downs:
 a land manager's guide."

Condamine Headwaters and Allora Landcare groups invite everyone to enjoy a 2 hour stroll through the natural bush on Allora Mountain with Greg Ford, Ecologist and bird expert.

He will help us identify the birds and other animals we see on the mountain. He will also discuss the significance of Allora Mountain Reserve for biodiversity in the Southern Downs.

We will meet and be starting the walk at the Reservoir. There is road access through the Refuse Transfer Station or walking access from the carpark at Forest Plain Road (opposite Pursehouse).

A free breakfast of tea (and coffee) and damper will be available to warm us up for the walk.

Please RSVP to assist with the catering to
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Celebrating the first birthday of the Enrich project are Condamine Alliance Director George Smith, Project Leader Jayne Thorpe and Deputy CEO Penny Hamilton

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Condamine Alliance Enrich Project Leader Jayne Thorpe presents Deuchar landholder Dawn Heath with her special property sign to commemorate her participation in the Enrich project.

Letters to the Editor...

Dear Editor,

I would like to, through you, thank all the locals and Shire Residents that use The Allora or Goomburra (Forest Springs) Waste Facilities. You are all truly great people, The Best on the Downs! I have been simply humbled by your response since the news that I didn't get the Contract to run these Facilities any more. I have really only had two responses from all you good people. That is either speechless shock and disappointment or sheer disgust and outrage, which is still the case a month on. My holiday is now over and have to get back into reality unfortunately. All though I don't miss working weekends I miss your lovely faces and the chats and enjoyed my time thoroughly with you all and took great pride in how our Waste Facilities

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Allora Rugby League Reunion Reminder

All those associated with the victorious Allora St. George Cup winning team in 1963 and all past players, officials and supporters of the Allora Rugby League Team 1918 - 1966 who wish to attend the celebration and club reunion luncheon are requested, please, to advise The Secretary of the organizing Committee Mrs. Marge Phelan, 4 Gordon St, Allora 4362 (phone 4666 3860) by Monday, 11th August, so catering numbers can be finalised. The luncheon will be held in the Allora Community Hall on Saturday, 17th August, commencing at 11.30am.

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looked and operated. I have made some great friendships over this time and had many a good laugh with you all. I do wish the new Contractor all the best for the future to keep ours as "The Best Little Dump on the Downs". Thank you all.

Sincerely yours,
 Darren Powell, aka, "Forest Dump" and his family.

Weapons Licence Course

Clifton Benchrest Shooters Union Inc will be conducting another Weapons Licencing course for people who are interested in acquiring a Weapons Licence. This safety course is a requirement of Weapons Licencing for you to be able to obtain this Weapons Licence.

The course will be run in the next few weeks at the Laurie Bowe Rifle Range at Leyburn. The cost of the course is \$100.00 per person and take one day to complete. Juniors can attend and apply for a Junior licence and minimum age is 11 years old. Morning tea will be supplied but you will need to bring your lunch. If you would like to book a place in this course or want further information, please call Gordon Turner (President) on 0418 877 525 to secure a position in the course.

Events Calendar

2013

August -

Sat 17 Allora RSL Spring Markets

Allora RSL Hall, 8.00am start

Sat 10 Senior Citizens Concert

Allora Senior Citizens

Fri 30 The Great Gatsby & Gangsters Ball

Allora Community Hall

September -

Sat 7 Wattles RLFC Annual Banquet & Presentation

Allora Community Hall

Sat 14 Allora State School Spring Fair

Allora State School grounds, 9.00am - 2.00pm

Sat 28 Golf Bowls Day - Great Endeavour Rally

Allora Sports Club

October -

Sat 12 High Tea Fundraiser

Allora Community Hall

Fri 18 St Patrick's Parish Allora Annual Fete

Church and School Grounds commencing 5pm

Sun 27 150 Years - Roseneath Cottage - Open Garden

62 Warwick Street, 10.00am-4.00pm

November -

Fri 1 Anglican Parish Allora/Clifton Annual Fete

St David's Church Grounds, 4.30pm

December -

Fri 6 Allora Blue Care Boutique Christmas Market

Allora Blue Care Boutique, 8.00am - 12 noon

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April -

Sat 12 Allora & District Historical Society Display & Demo Day - Historical Society Building, Cnr.

Forde & Warwick Sts.

May -

Sat 3 Allora Scope Club Inc. Annual Afternoon Tea

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If people wish to contact The Allora Advertiser and discuss their particular needs, please feel free to do so. Ph 4666 3128.

Looking Back...

Allora's Past 25 years ago August 1988

Special Guest

Brisbane Bronco's coach Wayne Bennett will be the special guest at this Saturday's "Back to Allora" celebrations. The former Allora resident will lead the tree planting ceremony in the bicentennial grove. Spokesperson for the Allora Bicentennial Committee, Mrs. Geraldine Ashton, said that over 1000 former Allora residents and visitors were expected to join with local residents to celebrate the day.

Allora's Past 50 years ago August 1963

PUBLIC NOTICE

Facts concerning the proposed Water Scheme for Allora from the Chamber of Commerce

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Allora's Past 75 years ago August 1938

Wheat Crop

The prospects for the wheat crop in the Allora district are good. The wheat is mostly in ear. The Allora district is one of the oldest wheat growing areas in the State, wheat having been grown here for 60 to 70 years. It is still being grown in the heavy blacksoil paddocks without the use of fertilizer. This year some of the farmers are experimenting with fertilizer in the lighter soil and the crops are responding well.

Goomburra Farewell

The residents of the Inverramsay and Goomburra districts bade farewell to Mr. and Mrs. J. Sparksman in the Goomburra Hall and presented them with a wallet of notes.

Allora's Past 100 years ago August 1913

Vaccination Matters

Comments by "The Angel"

Nearly 100 persons have been vaccinated in Allora since the smallpox scare started last week. On Wednesday there was a hiatus in Dr. Pain's vaccine supply and on Thursday there were 20 to 30 people waiting at the surgery for a fresh supply. It is good to see such a positive response to a perceived crisis. More than 100 years ago there were people who argued against vaccination, not one of those people is alive today.

About 40 years ago there was a similar smallpox scare in Allora. We had no doctor then but nearly every child was vaccinated by local residents who knew how to do the job. There are several old people alive today who carried vaccination matter around between two pieces of glass and vaccinated children. Some of the bigger girls at school started in with a needle and vaccinated each other. It is just as well that we now have a doctor to look after that and the day of the amateur vaccinator is past.

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Great Gatsby and Gangster Ball

The Allora RSL in conjunction with the Allora State School and St Patrick's School, Allora will be hosting the "Great Gatsby and Gangster Ball" at the Allora Community Hall on the evening of Friday 30th August. All the funds raised from the event will be split equally between the three organisations

The Ball is an opportunity to transcend time, back to the roaring twenties, a time of Gatsby, gangsters, flappers, prohibition, gambling and all that jazz!

The Community Hall doors will open at 6.30 pm, the Ball underway at 7.30 pm until 11.30 pm. The licensed "Prohibition Bar" will be open to serve refreshments and soft drinks, and supper will be provided. Themed dress is optional but encouraged, pre-bookings are essential and can be made at Allora Pharmacy, with admission prices \$10.00 adult, \$5.00 child and \$30.00 for a family.

Live band Sunrise Road will entertain throughout the evening, providing plenty of opportunity for the odd Tango & Charleston. Adding to the atmosphere of the evening are mock gambling tables to test your luck.

There will also be a photographer on hand to snap you at your 'Roaring Twenties' best.

At the end of the most devastating of wars, the 1920's brought a period of great optimism and progress. For many Australians, the "roaring twenties" was a time for breaking out, of questioning and changing old values and behaviour and enjoying the good life. This "good time decade" brought many changes including technological advances, the economy strengthened, the barrier of isolation began to break, communications improved and the population grew.

The decade was coined the "roaring twenties" given the affluence of many and the introduction of jazz music, new fashions, motion pictures, wireless and motor cars. Jazz music came from the United States and along with it came some of the atmosphere of America in the 1920's.

That atmosphere will be alive and well at the "Great Gatsby and Gangster Ball", and adding to the festivities, if you are out and about on Friday afternoon late keep an eye out for the gangster vehicles getting around Allora's streets. Locally based

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vehicles will be on the streets, images of the era with Lincolns, Packards & Cadillacs with the likes of the Capone's, Dillinger's, Australia's own Squizzy Taylor & Snowy Cutmore on board. Or perhaps the notorious yet mythical "Goatee" Frizzell, who is said to have provided Allora with its own mobster experience. A tall leering figure was "Goatee" with a penchant for the Charleston, who boasted a trademark goatee beard and haunted the Railway Hotel and the bank opposite.

Lets not forget the 'Flappers', who in the 1920's were a "new breed" of young women who wore short skirts, bobbed their hair, listened to jazz, and flaunted their disdain for what was then considered acceptable behavior. Flappers' behavior was considered outlandish at the time and redefined women's roles, but they can rest assured they will be more than welcome at the Allora Community Hall on the night of the Ball.

Prizes will be awarded for the best dressed couple, male, female & family at the "Great Gatsby and Gangster Ball". The 'Last Gangster Standing' raffle will also be drawn with first prize of \$1,000. Tickets in the raffle are currently available at Allora Pharmacy at \$20.00 each.

Mark your diary everyone, out with the pork pie hats guys and cloche hats for the girls, this is a night not to be missed.

For more details contact Sarah Turner on 0402 823 815.

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a very animated summary and plenty of rebuttal. In the 2013 Year 10 competition, 18 teams from across the Darling Downs have been battling it out to get into the finals. Only 4 teams now remain and will debate in the semi-finals to be held at St Joseph's College this week. Allora will be debating the Glennie School with a 'secret' or a short preparation topic, where the teams are given the topic one hour beforehand. Thanks must go to Mrs Melissa Gartery for lots of hard work in coaching the team this year and to Mrs Michelle Smith for her assistance in preparing our team for last week's debate. Best wishes to the team for this next exciting round. The Year 9 Allora team also made it through to the quarter finals last week, with the affirmative side of the case 'that the school curriculum should include compulsory education on outback Australia'. The Year 9 team, Ella Harrison, Sally Higgins, Henry Gartery and Arien Westerman, were one of 26 teams in the Year 9 Toowoomba debating competition this year and among the 12 other teams that made the quarter finals. In a very close debate Allora lost by one point to Warwick State High School, who were the Grand final winners in the 2012 Year 8 competition. Congratulations to these students on a very fine performance.

Robyn Westerman
Head of Department (Curriculum)

**Classic Cycle Frostbite Rally Earns
Key to the Door**

Local group Chairman Gary Smith couldn't have been happier with what was the 21st Historic Motor Cycle Club of Queensland Warwick Area Frostbite Rally held recently at the Allora Showgrounds. Two days of motorcycle rallies by enthusiasts and a collection of magnificently restored vintage & veteran machines had the Showgrounds & Allora's streets humming in time with classic motorcycle history.

Rally Saturday saw 140 classic cycle enthusiasts settle into the Allora Showgrounds accompanied by over 100 motorcycles, from across Queensland and New South Wales, as far afield as Newcastle & Rockhamton.

With registration completed, riders set off on a social trek through the Allora district surrounds before heading back to the showgrounds for a night of live music, movies and the cutting of the Frostbite Rally's 21st birthday cake.

After a hearty country breakfast riders headed off on another rally on Sunday morning before event presentations after lunch.

The weekend Rally, set in Queensland's colder climes, has earned its title as all attending generally wake Sunday morning to a frost and generous ice coating around the Showgrounds camping area. While Sunday morning was a little more temperate this year, "a minus seven temperature made everyone's day a few years ago" according to Group Chairman Gary. The sub zero temperature that day spelled doom for one intrepid rider's Velocette LE, alias the 'noddy bike' formerly ridden by British police officers. The water cooled 200cc motor froze solid, cracking the cylinder head.

While the 2013 Rally is the 21st such event over the past 22 years since the first Frostbite Rally gathering of historic motorcycles at Leslie Dam in 1992, "the Rally wasn't held one

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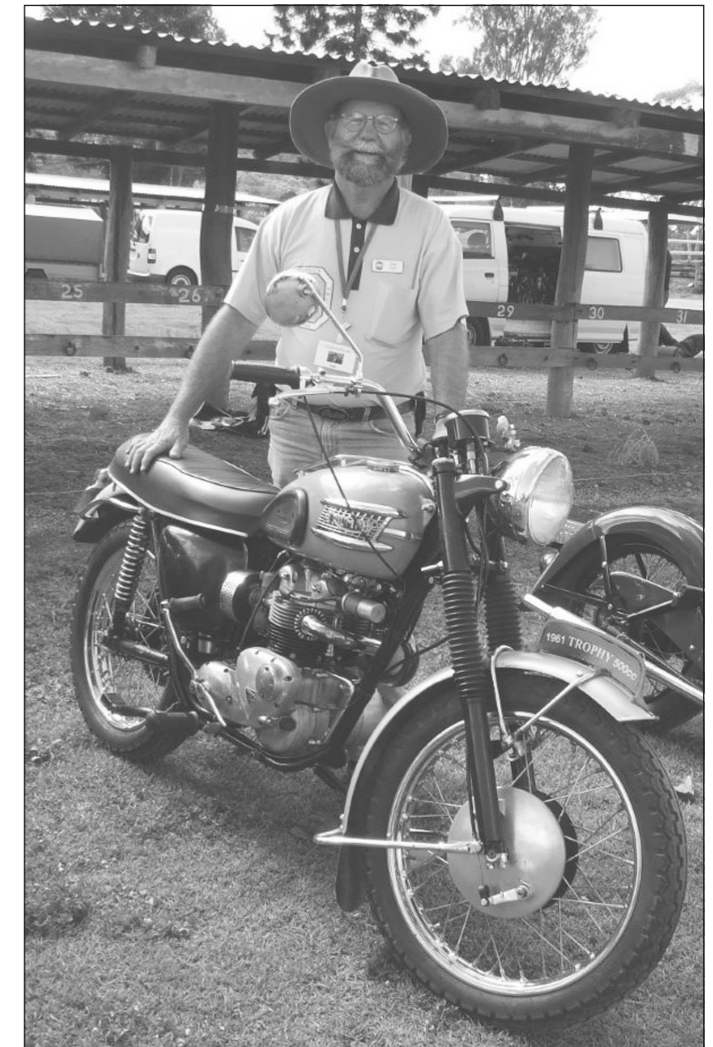
Allora State School Debating Team - Year 9 (Sally Higgins, Ella Harrison, Henry Gartery and Arien Westerman).

Semi-final Success

Congratulations to Allora State School's Year 10 debating team who have made it through to the semi-finals of the Queensland Debating Union, Toowoomba Region, 2013 Competition. The Year 10 team, Darcey Liesegang, Jack Bannister and Erin Weier, presented a very solid case to come away with a narrow win against Fairholme College last Wednesday night in Toowoomba. Allora had the affirmative side of the topic 'that we should reduce prison sentences in exchange for completion of education qualifications'. Jack Bannister delivered some strong points to open his team's case, Erin Weier spoke very clearly and deliberately as second speaker and Darcey Liesegang finished with



Allora State School Debating Team - Year 10 (Jack Bannister, Darcey Liesegang and Erin Weier).



Historic Motor Cycle Club of Queensland Warwick branch Secretary Glen Reid with his 1961 Triumph motorcycle at the recent Frostbite Rally.

year due to problems acquiring insurance". "We held it at Leslie Dam for the initial couple of years, before changing to the polocrosse grounds", and while Gary points out the venues

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were fine, "I had been involved with the Allora Heritage Weekend in its early years, and thought the Allora Showgrounds would suit the Frostbite Rally". With the majority of those attending the Rally camping, and the cooperation of the Allora Show Society, the Showgrounds are an ideal venue. The HMCCQ consists of fourteen Areas: Brisbane, Burnett, Dalby, Fraser Coast, Gladstone, Gympie, Ipswich, Kingaroy, Pine Rivers, Rockhampton, Sunshine Coast, Tamborine Mountain, Toowoomba and Warwick. The Warwick Branch forming in 1991 after a branch at Stanthorpe dissolved. The

HMCCQ have over 1050 members across their branches, and when one considers each member has at least two motorcycles and some as many as fifteen, there are quite a collection of motorcycle marvels having new life breathed into them across the membership area.

Glyn Rees

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Wattles Bottle Up Struggling 'Bears'.

Saturday's Toowoomba Rugby League final fixture round results saw Wattles victorious in all grades, the First & Reserve Grade teams hoisted into the 2013 TRL finals series commencing this weekend. It's been an amazing transition for the Wattles club, a 'rags to riches' rise across the season, the first grade team locked into second place on the ladder with 25 points, and reserve grade in clear fifth place on 20 points. We don't need reminding that our A Graders last year finished the 2012 season with a single draw against Warwick, and no winning results, 12 months latter we are at the opposite end of the ladder.

It's been quite some years since 'green & gold' jerseys have been in action on Clive Berghofer Stadium for an A Grade TRL finals series, but Wattles reserve grade made the 2011 preliminary final only to lose 36 - 14 to Valleys and be denied a Grand Final appearance.

Back to the weekend just gone... the 'Warriors' didn't appear as sharp as they did the previous weekend against the Pittsworth 'Danes' when we won 48 - 12 over the fellow top five club, but Saturday's outing "was still a win" according to Coach Luke Duggan, "we're heading in the right direction".

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Bear's Bare Brunt of Casual Warriors

Classy back Brandan Purcell starred in the 'National Farmer's Warehouse' Wattles' A Grade sides 48 - 20 victory over the Oakey 'Bears' at Oakey on Saturday, the clever five-eight collecting the Toowoomba Rugby League 'Hutchies Cup' as player of the match for his efforts.

Purcell was a late starter for Wattles this season, signing mid year after a stint with Brisbane club East's Tigers, and proving to be quality bench resource given his ability as a utility player. With the loss of regular pivot Ryan Duggan with a neck injury in recent weeks, Purcell has filled the crucial void admirably. On Saturday he scored Wattles first points of the game with a try in the 15th minute, after hooker Liam Ross was denied a four pointer earlier running from dummy-half close to the line only to have the ball roll loose after being hit in a hefty tackle. Given the home side 'Bears' had only registered two wins across the 2013 season and appeared struggling just to complete their fixture commitment, they provided some stern opposition for the 'Warriors'. Many of the Oakey players had earlier played Reserve Grade or Under 18, and they appeared to be feeling the pinch when Wattles lock Aaron Scheid scored after a strong Mitch Hannant charge.

The 'Warriors' were hardly looking enthusiastic, and as the match clock touched 25 minutes 'Bears' winger Zac Knox touched down to put the home side on the scoreboard, Wattles holding the lead 12 - 4.

Wattles second-rower Kim Phoenix steamed in to score adding



Wattles front-rower Mitch Hannant is airborne as he charges through a gaping hole in the Oakey 'Bears' defence last Saturday in the 'Warriors' 48 - 20 win at Trevor Michelborough Oval, Oakey.

to Wattles total, and five minutes later his team mate Xavier Manley, snatched a ball from the heavens as he intercepted a 'Bears' pass and galloped up field. The big man was eventually caught by the scrambling 'Bears', but the damage was done and Aaron Scheid took the pill next and ran wide around the chasers before cruising in behind the uprights to score his second try of the game, the 'Warriors' then leading 24 - 4. Fullback Joel Koina had kicked his fourth consecutive conversion by that stage, kicking them from around the ground, on his way to booting a perfect 8 from 8 goals. Wattles Allora based early season skipper second-rower Glen McMillan came off the bench just prior to half time, his first touch of the ball in A Grade since suffering what appeared a

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season ending knee injury early in the year, and impressed Coach Duggan.

Inside the final two minutes of the first stanza centre Matt McCarthy embarked on a winding run through some scattered 'Bears' defence to score from twenty metres out to allow the 'Warriors' a 30 - 4 half time lead.

Oakey kicked off the second half with a much needed try in the 44th minute, scored by former Wattles forward Ashley Evans, racing through a yawning gap from 15 metres out, reigniting the Oakey side of the scoreboard. Evans was running in the centres on Saturday, and was among his team's better performers.

The home side try that had Oakey trailing 10 - 30 nudged the 'Warriors' in to gear and in the space of nine minutes Tim Hentschel touched down twice, and Joel Koina ran an inside line to take a Brandan Purcell pass and touch down under the cross bar. Leading 48 - 10, the 'Warriors' threw out the anchor somewhat, Oakey snared another try through bench player Reece Benson after 'Bears' had been hammering Wattles red zone for a hectic three consecutive sets.

With two minutes on the time keeper's clock at Oakey's Trevor Mickelborough Oval, home side halfback Aaron Blades intercepted a Wattles' pass and cantered sixty metres to score and thrill the 'Bears' legion of supporters.

While fulltime signalled they end of a tough footy year for the 'Bears', it hails the beginning of a hectic finals series for Wattles top grade side, in one of the competition's closest finishes in years.

In the wrap up the enthusiasm level seemed low for those in green & gold, Wattles having numerous opportunities to advance their scoreboard total that weren't converted into points. The side also felt the loss of A Grade regulars, fullback Jackson Green, centre Brenden Wilson, winger Robbie Moore and at late notice half back Matt Duggan, due to injury or work commitments.

Fullback Joel Koina was rated among Wattles better performers, as was lock Aaron Scheid who got through a hefty work load, and scored two tries, while A Grade rookie Brodie Sharman rated highly with Coach Duggan.

Wattles were focused on finishing the season with a confidence

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boosting win over Oakey, and they were successful, snatching the premiership points and finishing the 2013 season in second place on the competition ladder. While it was a win, the 'Warriors' were far from the side that dispatched the Pittsworth 'Danes' a week earlier.

Frustrated Coach Luke Duggan thought it was "a little disappointing his side allowed Oakey as many points as they did, and it was frustrating that we didn't build on things we have been working on". Having said that he is happy Wattles have finished high on the ladder, and is now focused on the TRL finals series that commences next weekend.

The top grade mentor appears to have all available hands on deck when he names his side for this week's Major Semi-final on Sunday against the Pittsworth 'Danes'. Ryan Duggan will be the only absentee from the team rough sheet, still suffering affects of his injury.

Wattles 48 (Tim Hentschel 2, Aaron Scheid 2, Joel Koina, Brandan Purcell, Kim Phoenix, Matt McCarthy tries; Joel Koina 8 goals) defeated Oakey 20.

Wattles will take on the Gattton 'Hawks' on Sunday in the Toowoomba Rugby League A Grade Minor Semi-Final at Clive Berghofer Stadium commencing at 2.30 pm, it's a must win for the 'Warriors' on their way to the Grand Final

Glyn Rees



Wattles A Grade five-eight Brandan Purcell was the proud winner of the Toowoomba Rugby League "Hutchies Cup" in Saturday's Wattles v Oakey fixture at Oakey. Wattles Vice-President Don Scheid & A Grade Coach Luke Duggan are on hand to offer the 'Warriors' congratulations.

Stuey & Brodie Run in Hat Tricks

Wattles prolific point scoring fullback Brodie Sharman and talented lock forward Stuart Bougoure scored their team's six tries between them on Saturday against the Oakey 'Bears', a hat trick each that helped steer their 'Warriors' colts outfit to a 32 – 24 victory. The Phil Sharpe coached Under 18's have finished the season in seventh place on the Toowoomba Rugby League 'Hutchinson Builders' Under 18 ladder, with sixteen competition points from eight wins after 17 games.

They have finished the season strongly with consecutive wins over Pittsworth and now Oakey, alas they have missed the finals series for this year.

The home side 'Bears' got off to a great start on their turf, their winger Charlie Adams raising plenty of cheers from supporters when he scored in the second minute. It was to be a rewarding day for Charlie, scoring three tries and kicking three goals for a personal total of 18 points from the Oakey total of 24.

Wattles initial points came five minutes later when Stuart Bougoure took the ball from dummy-half Nick Morris, beat two tackles and charged over scoring to the right of the goal posts. Nick Morris' successful conversion locked the scoreboard at 6 all.

The 'Warriors' weren't finished though, soon after the restart halfback Tom Henry fired a perfect ball putting fullback Brodie Sharman through a hole in the 'Bears' defence to touch down for Wattles second try within four minutes. It was that man Bougoure again minutes later running widely off the end of the backline to score another try, the 'Warriors' then leading 16 – 6. Oakey responded though and crossed twice before half time to level the ledger at 16 all at the break.

Powerful runner Matt Burke burst through the defence minutes into the second stanza, Wattles having been under pressure trying to get out of their red zone before Burke scooted seventy metres when he was hauled down in a "Bears' tackle. Sharman was 'Johnny on the spot' at the next ruck scoring Wattles fourth try of the game.

Oakey were up to the task though, racing in a try to snatch the lead 24 - 22. With five minutes remaining in the game, Bougoure used his size and strength in a bullocking run to crash through the defence for another four points, Wattles back in the lead in the sea-sawing match 28 – 24.

With the ground announcer's finger about to push the button for full time, Brodie Sharman completed his second hat trick in as many matches, taking a pass and stretching out on a seventy metre sprint to the Oakey try line, evading tacklers as he went. Consistent performer Nick Morris joined Sharman & Bougoure to share Player of the Match points for the match.

Brodie Sharman has scored an amazing 21 tries & kicked 19 goals from just twelve games for a total of 122 points for the fixture season, a season that saw him make his A Grade debut aged 17.

Wattles 32 (Brodie Sharman 3, Stuart Bougoure 3 tries; Nick Morris 4 goals) defeated Oakey 24.

"We'd like to see a sea of Green & Gold at Clive Berghofer Stadium on Saturday & Sunday to cheer the 'Warriors' to victory" says Wattles President Aaron Scheid.

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"Reb" Rated a Little Ripper

Ian Elder came off the bench on Saturday afternoon for Wattles 'Railway Hotel' reserve grade side, achieving "Player of the Match" & "Player's Player" honours after a strong around performance in the 'Warriors' 22 – 10 success over Oakey. The win locked Wattles into the top five and launched a finals series campaign commencing next week.

Ian 'Reb' Elder is in his first season in the green & gold, the Oakey engagement his tenth match of the year.

Supporters will recall him in open space on his way to scoring a try in Wattles last home game win over the top of the table Pittsworth 'Danes', it might be his only try for the season, but it was a good'n.

Half back Mark Duggan and back-rower Jason Wilson also impressed in a match that served to open the door to the finals for a Wattles Reserve Grade side for the first time since 2011. Wattles scored first points against the Oakey 'Bears' when back-rower Alex Morris ran on to an inside ball from halfback Josh Henry to race away and score after seven minutes. Soon after it was Wattles again bothering the scoreboard attendant, Ross Hentschel breaking the 'Bears' line before offloading to Brady Glass who burst through to touch down, converting his own try to have Wattles leading 10 – 0 with twelve minutes gone.

Another four pointer came Wattles way midway through the half when Josh Henry threw a long pass that had winger Aaron Vietheer at full stretch to pocket before forcing the ball in the corner to have Wattles nudge further ahead leading 14 – 0. Aaron Cherry brought Oakey supporters to their feet when he put the 'Bears' on the scoreboard with a try five minutes prior to half time, Wattles ahead 14 – 6 at the break.

Powerful 'Warriors' centre Justin Van Der Poel proved to hot to handle for the 'Bears' defence after five minutes of play in the second stanza, scoring to have Wattles ahead 18 – 6. The home side hit back when former Wattles back & current Oakey halfback Chris Oliver slipped through from dummy-half keeping the 'Bears' in touch 12 – 18.

With just three minutes remaining Wattles wily player/coach Ross Hentschel took matters into his own hands, planting the ball for a try allowing the 'Warriors' 22 – 10 victory.

Wattles 22 (Aaron Vietheer, Justin Van Der Poel, Brady Glass, Ross Hentschel, Alex Morris tries; Brady Glass goal) defeated Oakey 10.

Wattles will take on Highfields on Saturday in the Toowoomba Rugby League Minor Knock Out Semi-Final at Clive Berghofer Stadium commencing at 4.30 pm, it's a must win for the 'Warriors' on their way to the Grand Final.

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