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THURSDAY, 17th APRIL 2014





# ALLORA ANZAC DAY COMMEMORATIONS

The Allora Anzac Day Commemoration Committee invites the community to take part in the following services to commemorate the sacrifices made by the fallen in all wars and to remember those who fought for peace and freedom.

5.30 am - Dawn Service at the Allora War Memorial Garden.

Followed by a gunfire buffet breakfast in the RSL Hall. \$10.00 per head. Community most welcome.

9.30 am - Memorial Service at the Allora Cemetery.

10.30 am - Parade to form up on Herbert Street (Between Commercial Hotel and Council Office).

10.45 am - Parade March Off.

11.00 am - Commemorative Service at the Allora Cenotaph.



This will be followed by a luncheon in the RSL Hall. All members of the community are very welcome. The cost is \$5.00 adults, \$2.00 children.

The R.S.L. requests that Ex-Service personnel wear medals and they extend an invitation to their families, as well as public bodies, to join them in the procession.

"LEST WE FORGET"

Rory, Bernadette and Hugh McCabe 'piping off' the march.

# **Palm Sunday March**

Witness, commitment, faith, hope and love are all words that can best describe the band of fellow ecumenical Christian souls who publicly processed to celebrate Palm Sunday in Allora on 13th April.

The ranks of the faithful were diminished this year, possibly due to the inclement weather, but the will and faith were still paramount – and Col Gay's dependable 'trailing' bus was a refuge for the less able.

Differently from other years, the assembling for the March was at the Allora Homestead, so that all clients could feel an involvement in the celebration. After march leader John Agnew

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Rory, Bernadette and Hugh after the march.

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commenced proceedings with bible reading, prayer and song, the assemblage proceeded to march to Stuart Henry Park, musically lead by the McCabe family pipers in Scottish attire. Rory and Bernadette McCabe have led this march for 13 years and despite now living in Toowoomba, they faithfully return

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each year to Allora. And not only for Palm Sunday as they also play annually at the Allora Anzac Day Dawn Service. This year is special for them and us. as 5 year old Hugh McCabe complimented his parents and this community participating in the march in full clan dress. playing his very own bagpipes. Well done Huahie!

Following readings, hymns of joy and prayers by all the clergy of Allora at the olive tree memorial site, many of those followers enjoyed a basket lunch and fellowship at St David's Anglican Church Hall.

Stuart Campbell

# NO PURING. VISITORS ARPARK 123

John Agnew, Dot Free and Jean Pattison in the front row of the march.

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#### **WEATHER FORECAST** Day Forecast Min/Max THU Morning Clouds. Mild. 23 Mostly Sunny. Cool. 8 23 Mostly Sunny. Cool. 10 23 SUN Mostly Sunny. Mild. 24 9 MON Mostly Sunny. Mild. 23 8 TUE High Level Clouds. Mild. 9 23

# Letter to the Editor ...

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#### Oakey High School Celebrates Fifty Golden Years

In January 1964 the current Oakey State High School at 1 Campbell Street, Oakey, opened for enrolments, and past students and P & C members have combined to ensure that the school's Golden Jubilee will be marked in fine style on Saturday 17th May 2014.

More than two years of planning and preparation for the celebrations will soon culminate in a weekend to remember, but in the meantime organisers are still endeavouring to spread the word about the reunion in an effort to find as many past students and staff as they can.

In addition to celebrating fifty years of the current high school, the reunion will also include the 252 students who attended Oakey State School's secondary department which operated from 1960 to the end of 1963 to ensure that they feel part of the story of secondary education in the Oakey district.

Organisers are keen to hear from those who are interested in attending the reunion to ensure that everyone who returns to Oakey High will have a memorable experience. They can contact the school by phone on 4691 4100 from 22nd April (when school returns after the holidays) or they may email the. principal@oakeyshs.eq.edu.au. More information can be obtained from the school website at oakeyshs.eq.edu.au then search reunion.

For past students, staff and community members who wish to attend the Reunion Dinner in the evening, prepayment is required to ensure a ticket for this event for catering purposes. More detail about this part of the reunion celebrations can be obtained from the website or the school.

Some past students have been endeavouring to locate former classmates of their graduating years and are now looking forward to reconnecting at Oakey High on May 17th.

Joanne Evans

Oakey State High School P & C Assn

# Allora & District Historical Society savs Thank You

The success of this year's Demonstration & Display day was due not only the amount of time and effort that the members

put in, in the months leading up to the day, but to all the other people who contributed in some way.

This year with the theme the "Timber Industry" we had a large number of exhibitors showing their collections, demonstrating their skills and selling their timber craft. The Allora and District Historical Society thank them for coming along to make what was a very interesting and informative day.

The day started early for Steve Lehmann who travelled from Ipswich with his extensive range of axes. Steve and his wife Maree arrived at the gates at 6.30am to set up. Other exhibitors were Ken and Louise Greisbach from Nobby who displayed the workmanship of a wheelwright. Local man Keith Wilson who was busy during last year making 105 wooden carwheel spokes took the time to show his craft. We were again pleased to have Trevor Shields showing his bush chairs and the art of whittling. The Warwick Shire Woodcrafters had a wonderful display of their woodwork. Thank you to Ken Petersen from the group who set up a display of many types of wood. Of particular interest was the Chain Saw sculptor demonstration by Brian Conroy and the portable saw mill by Barry Dwan.

There would be no demonstration day without



Kook. Rain, shine or not the best of health could not dissuade Kook from showing a collection of engines. We thank Mark Grosskopk for organizing like-mined collectors of engines and coming along to Allora.

Regular exhibitors, Zane and Lesleigh Hoey, were joined by Milton Rippingdale with his collection of bridles and halters. The Spinners and Weavers were again a welcome addition to the attractions of the day. This year Phil Devereax was the resident shearer with off-sider, Danny Aspinall.

The Warwick and District Country Music Club were all set up and ready to entertain our visitors by 10 o'clock. A very significant acknowledgment was made before the band took to the stage. President Allan Darr announced the naming of the area adjacent to the Old Shire Hall Building, "The Pat and June Lawson Courtyard". The Historical Society wanted to show their appreciation of the valued contribution that both Pat and June have made over many years. Pat was Treasurer for 24 years.

Everybody enjoyed great music till 12 o'clock when during the lunch break, the Minister of Agriculture, John McVeigh was welcomed by the Allora & District Historical Society, President Allan Darr. John was most appreciative of the invitation to visit Allora and enjoyed all the displays and the chance to talk to people during his time here. Showing their support to the Historical Society were Southern Downs Regional Councilors, Deputy Mayor, Ross Bartley, Vic Pennisi, Glyn Rees and Denise Ingram.

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Local Allora man Trevor Shields in the process of making novelty earrings of a particularly peculiar variety. *Photo courtesy Joan Wylde.* 

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A new feature this year was the Poetry Reading during the lunch hour. Tom Harris from Toowoomba acted as MC as well as reading some of his own poems. The crowd enjoyed poems by Olive Shooter, Graham Kirkland, and Lawrie Herron. Thank vou to those wonderful poets.

This year we missed Allora's renown announcer, Barry Geitz. We know that Barry was wishing that he could have been able to attend the day and tell the stories of all the farming equipment on display and being demonstrated. We thank

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Graham Berry for carrying out that role this year.

Judy Barnett had her milking cow as well as piglets, chickens and ducks. Everybody loves to see the baby animals. Thank you Judy for taking the time to help make our day.

This being the third Demonstration and Display Day, we acknowledge the support that the Rotary Club offer every year. The Rotary members volunteer their time to run the BBQ. We



Denyse Back's grandparents Bill Budd and Minnie Weber's wedding in 1925. Photo courtesy Denyse Back

Looking Back...

**PHOTOS** 

I have been searching for a long time for

a photo of one of Allora's earliest houses,

that of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Weber in

Forde Street. At the Historical Society

Open Day on Saturday, Denyse Back,

from Dalby, a great great-granddaughter

of the Weber's, produced three photos of

Frederick Weber bought two 1 acre blocks

of land at the northern end of Forde Street

in Allora's first land sale in 1860. At some

stage he built a small house on one of the

blocks. Frederick died in 1877 and his

wife Christina lived in the house until her

death in 1896. Their son Henry built and

lived in the house next door which still

Frederick Weber's small house was lived

in, in later years, by one of Allora's real

characters, Charlie Bishop, and his lady

friend Sis Sergeant. Charlie had served in

France with the 15th Battalion. He

survived the war only to suffer "severe

stands at 66 Forde Street.

the house in various degrees of clarity.



Weber Budd is the little boy on the left in this photo which would have been taken about 1930. Photo courtesy Denyse Back

Frizzell 138. W. P. Cooper 122 and J. C. Erhardt 272. Cr. H. S. Warfield.

chairman Allora Shire Council, declared the Allora golf links open. Mr. W. A. Deacon M. the last season. Mrs. C. A. Stav and T. opening foursomes

the effect that Colin Laws, an ex-Queensland representative and interstate player, has been elected coach for the season by the Allora Rugby League.

# Allora's Past 100 years ago April 1914

#### **Traffic Cases**

At the Allora Police Court yesterday before Mr. J. S. Berge, Police Magistrate, two cases for offences against Council's by-laws were heard. One defendant pleaded guilty to a charge of driving without lights after sunset. In extenuation he said that he lived out in the country and that he had expected to be home before nightfall but had been unexpectedly delayed. A fine of 2/6 with 3/6 costs was imposed. A similar plea was entered on a charge of having ridden a bicycle on a footpath within the town area, the excuse being in that case was that he found the road so rough that he had taken refuge on the footpath. The fine inflicted was 6/6

Colin Newport

England when waiting to be returned to Australia. Charlie worked as offsider to Gus Kaiser

cerebral concussion" in an accident in

on the sanitary cart and wore an old army greatcoat that would have stood up by itself had he taken it off. The local lads would give him a hard time at the pictures of a Friday night and he would open the coat to reveal a tin sheriff's badge.

The old house was still "standing" when Charlie was moved to spend his last days at the "Eventide" aged home at Sandgate in the mid 1960's. The block was later cleared to build "The Homestead" in 1979.

# Allora's Past 75 years ago April 1939

# **ALLORA NEWS**

Counting has been completed in the triennial Allora Shire Council elections, but votes are subject to a recount. H. S. Warfield was returned as chairman, unopposed. The candidates who have been provisionally elected are: Division 1, R. W. Brown 597, G. H. Ruhle 420 and R.

346: Kennedy Division 2, R. W. Baker 120; Division 3, J. E. Nussey 319, A. R. Dougall 289 and B.

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Axe man Steve Lehmann at the Historical Society's Display & Demo Day.

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thank them and the CWA ladies who conduct a food stall every

year. The CWA donate half the proceeds to the Historical

Society. The dampers were perfect and we have Murray

Sondergeld to thank. Thanks also to Mark Pillar, Bee Keeper.

All the Allora and Historical Society members contributed in

some day. We thank the many people who may not be

members but were willing to offer their time to help out.

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Linda Newport admires the photogaphic display inside the Warwick Street Museum. Photo courtesy Joan Wylde.

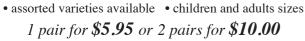
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# **BAD JOKE OF THE WEEK**

A professor was giving a big test one day to his students. He handed out all of the tests and went back to his desk to wait.

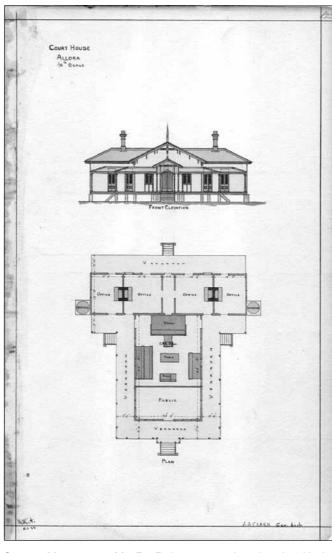
Once the test was over the students all handed the tests back in. The professor noticed that one of the students had attached a \$100 bill to his test with a note saying "A dollar per point."

The next class the professor handed the graded tests back out. This student got back his test, his test grade, and \$64 change.

### Allora's Second Court House

This article compiled by Trevor Neale was written in response to the Allora & District Historical Society's request for the history of houses in Allora and in the farming community. Do you know the builder of your house. Some of the eaqrlier well known builders and carpenters in the Allora area were Edward Anderson, James Dougall, Joseph Sharpe, Sharpe & Leggatt, Henry Weber, Harry Weber, W G Gillam, Geaney & Gillam and H W Stay. Herbert Blanch was building in the area in the 1960s. The Historical Society would like to record the history of your house.

The Government Gazette of 3 May 1884 invited tenders for the erection of a new Court House at Allora. The design of the Court House is shown below.



On 30 May 1884, Mr R. Robertson acting for the Under Secretary and the Department of Public Works and Mines accepted the tender of Michael T. O'Brien for the sum of £896. The Warwick Examiner and Times on Saturday 7 March 1885 reported the opening of the new Court House as follows.

#### The New Court House at Allora

The new Court House at Allora was officially opened on Thursday last [5 March 1885] and was thus occupied as a hall of justice for the first time. The building is commodious and well finished. It is built of pine with a hardware frame. At the back of the Court House there are four rooms for the use of the officers of the Court. Ample provision has been made for the holding of district courts, in the shape of accommodation for jurors and other necessaries of the court. The place is well ventilated and neatly finished throughout. The offices behind the Court House will be used as a magistrate's room, a clerk of petty session's room, a room for the senior officer of police; and for one room no purposes as yet been assigned. Before the sitting of the Court commenced on Thursday morning, a



This photo shows the official opening of Allora's second court house in Raff Street in 1885. The materials from this building were used in the 1930's to build the house in Drayton Street that Gay and Heather Neale and family lived in.

meeting of magistrates was held, presided over by the Police Magistrate in addition to whom there were present-- Messrs. F.C. Easton, Thomas Kennedy, H. Thompson, and H. K. Alford. On enquiry it was found that the whole furniture of the Court House consisted of a table which had done duty for a number of years, and four cedar chairs long in use. The magistrates carefully considered the various articles required to furnish the Court House, the Magistrate's room and the office of the clerk of Petty Sessions, and that a requisition for the necessary articles should be forwarded to the proper authorities for procuration.

After nearly 60 years of service as a court and police station, Government land auctions, and many political rallies, the Department of Public Works issued plans for a new (third) court house for Allora on 8 February 1939. The Courier Mail reported on

29 December 1939 that "the frame of the new court house was up and the previous building had been moved back". During the early 1940's the building was purchased by Robert Neale who dismantled it and recycled the timber to build a house at 44 Drayton Street. The ornamentation on the front upper roof of the Court House has been reused on the eastern and southern side of the house at 44 Drayton Street as have the pine 8" chamfer and 6" internal lining boards and the cedar windows, doors and fascia boards.

The house was purchased by Gay Neale from his uncle prior to his marriage to Heather Reppel in 1947. The house remains in the family to the present time.

The first Court House which was built in 1866. It was sold to the committee of the Allora School of Art in 1884 for £14 and removed to 27 Drayton Street where it served as a library and lecture venue for over 80 years and then a scout den. It now houses part of the Allora Historical Society collection.

Trevor Neale



Photo of new Court House Allora c. 1912.

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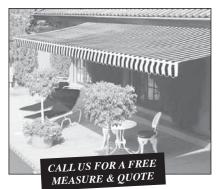
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BELOW: Son & wife of the late Vince Bermingham, John and June Bermingham after unveiling the 'Hall of Fame' tribute to Vince Bermingham that will take it's place in the Allora Regional Sports Museum. (Inset) Allora Regional Sports Museum 'Hall of Fame' inductee the late Mr. Vince Bermingham, sportsman extraordinaire.



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# **VINCE BERMINGHAM**

John Vincent Bermingham was born 1907 to John Thomas Bermingham and Margaret Ryan.

The fifth of seven children, Vince attended primary school at Greenmount followed by two years at the Warwick Technical College. Vince claimed he couldn't bat or bowl and wasn't much better at swimming but enjoyed football of any description.

After his father passed away in 1937, Vince played football, boxed, farmed and finally met a young lady through the local church. In 1941 when aged 34, Vince married a young lady from East Greenmount, Miss Julia Culhane. The couple had two daughters, Margaret born in 1942 & Patricia born in 1944.

Vince can be considered unique in the sporting world, tasting success at significant levels, reaching achievements from simple sporting beginnings from a time when you made your own opportunities. From the crisp clear air and fertile flowing fields of the Darling Downs area of Greenmount, Vince Bermingham scaled the dizzy heights of his chosen sport to compete with the best the world had to offer

> After playing rugby union and rugby league in humble beginnings in rural backdrops. Vince played rugby union for Queensland, and eventually Australia.

On returning home to the family farm after finishing his schooling, Vince was much happier and felt life had a purpose.

Vince claimed he played his first game of senior football aged thirteen or fourteen, and only many years later commented that no one would give him the ball. But at least he was allowed to play, when a team was desperate for numbers or just tired of him asking to play. The Bermingham family enjoyed football days, sometimes all, sometimes just the men... lunch's packed, box's to sit on, people to meet

Vince and his brothers Tom and Jimmy were very competitive amongst themselves and grew heartily from the abundance of hands on farm work to be done, that was in so many ways considerably more physical than today.

In the early 1900's Victorian Rules or Victorian Football was still the main game in some areas in Queensland but rugby union was rearing its head and gaining popularity. It was known as the Northern Rugby Union later to be titled the Queensland Rugby Union . With the arrival of rugby league, the two sports enjoyed varying popularity levels, one generally dominant over the other. This pattern continued throughout Vince's life, the changes of code dominance caused by anything droughts to wars, trends in primary production, population changes and industrial development.

Brothers Tom and Jimmy were both better natural footballers but didn't they yearn for farming or football. Vince remained on the farm and played football, the first team photo he appears in is Greenmount Football Club of 1924 aged 17. Vince had become interested in fitness and did a lot of reading on the subject, he also took up boxing and running.

Later in life Vince had a local friend and blacksmith. Abb Breese, fashion a crow bar from a

# Events Calendar

### 2014

April -Sat 26 Allora Men's Shed Meeting Old Fire Station, 80 Herbert St., 9.00am May -Allora Scope Club Inc. Annual Afternoon Tea Sat 3 Rugby League - Wattles V Highfields Sun 4 Platz Oval, Clifton Allora State School Chaplaincy Dinner Tue 6 Allora State School Hall, 6.30pm Fri 9 Allora QCWA International Day - Vietnam St. Andrews Hall, Allora Fri 9 Goomburra Hall Trivia Night Goomburra Hall Victoria Hill Hall Cent Sale Fri 16 Victoria Hill Hall, 7.00pm Rugby League - Wattles V Pittsworth **Sun 25** 

& Millmerran V Pittsworth (C Grade) Platz Oval. Clifton

Fri 30 St.Patrick's School Trivia Night Allora Community Hall

June -

Allora R.S.L. Winter Markets

Allora R.S.L. Hall

Mon 9 **Allora Community Auction** 

Allora Showgrounds

Sat 14 Rugby League - Wattles V Southern Suburbs Platz Oval. Clifton

Anglican June Afternoon "Hats Galore" St. Davids Hall. Allora

Rugby League - Wattles V Gatton Sat 28 & Millmerran V Gatton (C Grade) Platz Oval. Clifton

July -

Sat 12 Rugby League - Wattles V Valleys

Platz Oval. Clifton

Sun 27 Rugby League - Wattles V Warwick & Millmerran V Warwick (C Grade) Platz Oval. Clifton

August -

Sun 10 Rugby League - Wattles V Dalby & Millmerran V Dalby (C Grade)

Platz Oval, Clifton

September -

Allora R.S.L. Spring Markets Sat 6

Allora R.S.L. Hall

October -

Allora High Tea Fund Raiser

Allora Community Hall

St Patricks Parish Fete

St. Patricks School Grounds, 5.00pm

December -

Allora R.S.L. Christmas Markets Sat 6

Allora R.S.L. Hall

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cart axle. He had a lot of postholes still to dig and thought this would

The future rugby union hardman's first studded football boots were lace up work boots with leather tags, which comprised several leather discs of different diameters secured by a nail which was bent over in the soul.

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# Chaplaincy dinner only three weeks awav

On Tuesday 6th May, it's time again for the Chaplaincy dinner in the Allora State School hall.

Chaplaincy dinner is one of our opportunities to celebrate and support the great work done by our own school chaplain John

John has been with us for a number of years and has become a key member of the school community. He will be speaking on the night about the challenges and rewards of helping young people to face life with hope and confidence.

We will also be hearing from Rodeo Cowboy Chaplain and champion athlete Chris Meyer. Chris has his own experiences of "life in the ring" to share.

Of course, our own talented students will be presenting musical items on the night.

It will be a time to enjoy good food and entertainment, knowing that it goes to support a worthy cause.

Tickets of \$10 per person / \$30 per family cover the cost of a 3 course meal and there will be opportunity on the night for free

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Vince would say "if you are good enough you where old enough". Later in life this became "if you are good enough you are young enough , and no one's business". A lot of people lost bets on how old he was during his career . A match program listed Vince being aged 23 years, when he was actually thirty.

In Vince's playing days there was no insurance or professional teams, to provide players with a form of security, but that was life. Some years the challenges of farming didn't allow for a great deal of football.

The tough, skilful prop forward is the 288th player to don 'Wallabies' colours as an Australian rugby union representative.

Vince played three rugby union Tests for Australia, two against New Zealand in 1934 and another in 1937 against South Africa.

He also represented Queensland in rugby league, touring New South Wales in 1941, was a Queensland State Champion heavyweight boxer and a State wrestling champion.

While playing in the Clifton & District Rugby League in the late 1920's & early 1930's, Vince was considered an outstanding forward in both club and intertown representative matches. The promising forward headed to Toowoomba playing rugby union with & Captaining the G.P.S. Club, and in 1933 was selected in the Queensland team to tour New South Wales. The "Bananalanders" as Queensland were referred to in the press were defeated 23 – 12 by New South Wales, Vince Bermingham rated one of the best forwards.

After a win apiece in the Interstate series of 1934, the rubber finished even after Queensland and New South Wales played out an 8 all draw at the Sydney Cricket Ground in what was the 125th contest between the two States, with "powerfull front-row man Vince Berminham very prominent".

Vince wore Queensland colours again in the 1935 & 1936 interstate rubbers, and was part of the Queensland campaign in 1937 that New South Wales won, but Vince's outstanding form saw him recalled to the national side. In total Vince Bermingham played 26 matches for Queensland rugby union teams over a six year period, regarded as one of team's best forwards for the large majority of matches played. Commentators actually referred to Vince as the "Madsen" of Queensland rugby, a comparison with legendary tough rugby league forward Mick Madsen.

Vince debuted for Australia in what was the 'Diamond Jubilee Match' at the Sydney Cricket Ground on August 11th, 1934 in Australia's 25 – 11 victory over the New Zealand 'All Blacks' with 33, 304 in the grandstands. The result was the most severe defeat of New Zealand by an Australian team to the time, the 'All Blacks' manager Mr. A. Geddes remarking that it was the best Australian side in the last 30 years. A second Test 3 – 0 victory saw Australia take possesion of the Bledisloe Cup for the first time. A team mate in that Bledisloe Cup winning 'Wallabies' side was none other than Sir Edward 'Weary' Dunlop, the renowned Australian surgeon known for his leadership while being held prisoner by the Japanese during World War II.

In 1937 Vince was selected for Australia for his third and final Test, which resulted in a 5 – 9 loss on a boggy Sydney Cricket Ground against a machine like South African 'Springboks' side.

While Vince may have scaled to the dizzy heights of rugby union, his boxing interests were never out of mind. In 1937 the opportunity to fight for the Queensland Amateur Heavyweight boxing title arose. While playing for the Australian Rugby Union side, in that final Test against the Springboks, a brawl erupted in a scrum and Vince lent a hand. That hand was grabbed and bitten by giant South African prop forward Farnie "Boy" Louw.

The finger was splintered without breaking the skin and never set long enough to mend. The Heavyweight title fight was brought forward to September 21st and the following day the press reported Vince Bermingham won the Queensland title by employing an unusual mauling tactic for the first three rounds. Had the finger injury been known before the fight the Greenmount farmer would have been denied the opportunity to won the State boxing title.

Throughout Vince's lengthy sporting career he refused to tour due to his farming responsibilities and his ailing parents. Vince had become more interested in the problems affecting the dairy industry and was regularly attending industry meetings.

He continued to play both rugby codes along with many others, Jack Gallagher, Eddie Brosnan, Jeff Horan and the Phelan brothers Max & Brian to mention a few local names.

Toward the end of Vince Bermingham's rugby union career, he was being spoken of as a future rugby league 'Kangaroo', however to achieve this he had to have a successful appearance for Queensland.

Many years of representative rugby league in the famous Bulimba Cup competition resulted in a call up to the 1941 Queensland team to tour New South Wales. However, during a spiteful Bulimba Cup match prior to the State team embarking south, Vince was involved in an altercation and was dismissed from the field, a situation he long believed was a set up. A



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fortnight later the Queensland Rugby League team gathered and dressed for the official team photographs. While the Queenslanders waited to take the field, team Manager Herb Steinohrt was called aside by officials. Vince was then called aside and presented with a telegram stating "Vince Bermingham was never to represent Queensland or Australia in rugby league due to his conduct two weeks earlier". And so the door closed to end a promising representative rugby league career.

Vince was becoming more involved in the dairy industry and the bigger picture of decisions made by government departments and there effects on other primary industries that on which the dairy industry relied.

In 1951 tragedy struck the Bermingham household when Vince's wife Julia lost her gallant battle with cancer.

While playing with All Whites Rugby League Club in Toowoomba, Vince was training under local boxer, footballer and professional foot runner Joe Whittle. Vince knew International league player Mick Madsen through his All Whites involvement, and Joe Whittle's brother Gordon was a rugby league 'Kangaroo' tourist. There was no escaping the influence of football for Vince. Joe and Sally Whittle had a daughter June, who may have known as much about football as Vince, and they started going out together. Vince and June were married January 1955, and had four children, Gabriel, John, Peter and Danielle

In the late 1950's Vince became a Queensland selector and travelled throughout southeast Queensland looking at footballers, often accompanied by close friend Jock McKendry from Allora, who later became a selector himself.

It came to the Bermingham family's notice five years ago that Vince would play football at the coast under an alias on some of these outings.

Vince believed football was therapeutic for communities, bringing different people's backgrounds together to forget about work and problems for a short while.

In 1959 Vince reformed the Greenmount Football Club for one last hoorah. A constitution was drawn up, meetings held and so started the Northern Downs Rugby League Competition which also included teams from Cambooya, MacLagen, Quinalow, Blackbutt and Crows Nest.

Reliable sources have Vince still playing fixture football in the early to mid 1960s, having his last game of social football in 1969 for "Newtown Officials" against "Falconer Ford Staff" at the age of 62. Vince didn't make it to the dairy for two days after.

But the Vince Bermingham legend wasn't complete just yet, the Bermingham family adopted the Wattles Rugby League Club, with everybody doing their bit, and Vince always available to coach when required. He was President of the Wattles Club in 1973 & 1974, eventually recognised with Club Life Membership. June Bermingham and Sally Whittle spent many hours on the Wattles' Women's auxiliary and tuckshop, Sally also earned the honour of Life Membership for her years of service. Joe Whittle was also a regular, picking up the rubbish around the ground, washing out dressing sheds, arranging the pre-home game set up including mowing and marking the field. Wattles Rugby League Football Club maintain the memory of their former

President with the presentation annually of the Vince Bermingham Memorial Trophy for there Under18 Best & Fairest Player.

Vince & June's sons John and Peter Bermingham did what most of the young footballers did by playing their own game and then sitting on the bench for later games.

Vince had become the Chairman of the Downs Coop Dairy Association UNITY, holding the position for twelve years. He was also a member of the board for Foley Bros. Distribution Company in Brisbane, the Board of the Downs Coop Dairy Association and the board of the Queensland Dairyman's Organisation for many years.

Vince was a regular in court fighting for or against legislation that affected the dairy industry. He was the instigator of the farmer's festival now known as Farm fest and he pushed for the state of the art powdered milk plant at Unity and had achieved the transportation of chilled fresh milk in chilled tankers with relay drivers into Darwin. Unity was winning awards worldwide with its cheeses and yoghurt and was exporting butter and powdered milk into many countries.

Of Vince and Junes children, Gabriel has a son, John has one daughter and 3 sons, Danielle has two sons, and Peter was tragically killed at Finnie railway crossing in Drayton on his way to football on a Saturday.

Vince has nine grandchildren, four of which play football and he has two great grandsons, age 4, and two great granddaughters, age 10 and 12.

Vince Bermingham's legacy lives on but not just for football. He was instrumental in starting indoor bowls at Nobby and he cleared the site for St. Josephs Catholic Church in Greenmount with his own tractor and blade. He also helped fetch the ant bed from Leyburn which was used to make the tennis court at Greenmount State School and he instigated a scheme through the Downs Dairy for the transport by rail of hay during drought for dairy farms financed through the factory. He was also instrumental in the free milk to schools program, and he instigated Farmpack Insurance for farmers.

Vince's family are still uncovering achievements that he never spoke of. The great sporting hero and primary producer ended a very busy but enjoyable life in 1983 at the kitchen table in the company of wife June and son John talking football, falling asleep mid sentence.

Nobody knows how many games of either code of football he actually played, nobody knows how many fights he had or fights he stopped or started. Nobody knows how many broken bones or dislocations he had. The gentleman farmer from Greenmount met Premiers, Prime Ministers and high court judges in his ventures fighting for the rights of those in rural industry.

While he didn't tolerate rudeness or disrespect, Vince had immense time for young rural industry beginners and would pass on what he knew to anyone he could help, He acknowledged effort and recognised most farmers who need help, don't ask for it.

The Allora Regional Sports Museum is so very honoured to have a sportsman of the calibre of Vince Berminham joining the other esteemed identities in the "Hall of Fame".

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Glyn Rees

### Alpha Course News

The Alpha course which is being organised by the Allora Churches Together continues on Tuesday, 22nd April, in the Allora State School Old Assembly Hall (beside Catering Block) with a shared finger food tea at 6.30pm. The Program will begin at 7.00pm. Finishing at approximately 8.30pm with tea and coffee. The title of the video for this week is "How can I resist evil?" Everyone is welcome.



# Wattles Retain Ryan Shield

Outstanding halfback, Wattles & the Toowoomba Rugby League 'Player of the Year' in 2013 Matt Duggan masterminded yet another Wattles 'Warriors' win on Sunday at Platz Oval. The Brothers 'Leprechauns' succumbed to the might of the National Farmer's Warehouse 'Warriors' 40 – 20, the home side pocketing

the prestigious 'Dan Ryan Memorial Shield' as an additional reward. The trophy was born in 2005 after the passing of outstanding rugby league player Danny Ryan. Sunday afternoon's success is the second occasion

player Danny Ryan. Sunday afternoon's success is the second occasion Wattles have had the honour of securing it in their trophy cabinet, their previous win last year in 2013.

Dan Ryan was a talented and highly regarded rugby league player for both the Brothers (formerly All Whites RLF Club) and Wattles, across the 1960's

#### Allora CWA notes

The April meeting of the Allora CWA was a quiet affair with only 11 members present as the holidays took people away. It was good to see Vivienne Deacon standing in for Olive Shooter as president.

The members had been very busy on Saturday at the Heritage Day where the scones and cakes were very popular. Congratulations to the Historical Society for organising such an interesting day.

The group is now busy organising the International Day to be held at 1.30p.m on May 9th.

This will be held in the Uniting Church Hall and the selected country is Vietnam. Lesley Telford will be guest speaker and will share her travel experiences. Both Allora schools are taking part in the international competitions and entertainment has been organised by International Officer Margaret Phelan.

This is also the day for the CWA cookery, craft, floral art and photography and all entries need to be at the hall at 9 a.m. for judging. There will be afternoon tea, a raffle and a door prize and entry will be \$10.

Olive Shooter has volunteered to hold a floral art session on Tuesday 29th at 9 a.m. in the CWA hall to demonstrate the art and to assist anyone interested in entering the competition.

The 2014 Annual General Meeting will be held on the 18th of July at Clifton while the Border Division Competition Day will be in Killarney on the 26th May. Winners from Allora will take part in this to try to move through to the State competition.



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Danny played for All Whites from Under 16 grade, through Under 18 to eventually play A Grade in from 1961 – 1964. In 1965 he joined the Eastern Suburbs 'Tiger's' in the Brisbane Rugby League competition, and at season's end returned to the Darling Downs to Captain/Coach the Wattles first grade side.

In 1972 he returned to All Whites as Captain/Coach, a role he continued in 1973 & 1974, finishing his career having played 113 games in All Whites colours. In the 1972 Toowoomba Rugby League Grand Final, Dan broke his ankle early in the game but played on until full time.

Dan Ryan was known as being a true gentleman off the field, but as tough

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as nails on the paddock.

Dan would have been impressed by the standard of rugby league played on Sunday for the prestigious shield named in his honour, Wattles dominating the first forty minutes scoring five tries to one to lead 30 - 6 at the break, the signs ominous for the forthcoming second half. But when the home side went off the boil for much of the second stanza Brothers lifted to the occasion, their defence holding Wattles to two tries, while they managed three touchdowns themselves.

Matt Duggan was in sensational form and an ever present danger with the ball in his hand, his kicking game exceptional, while new comer & centre Jamie Dodt, a former Toowoomba Rugby League 'Player of the Year' in 2010, won plenty of respect out wide. It was a Dodt line break & fifty metre gallop that resulted in Garth Lonergan's try in the 45th minute.

The 'Warriors' were without eight regular first graders due to injury, work & weddings, and while short many of their big guns it allowed young up and comers Garth Lonergan, Alex Griffiths & Dale McAntee to make A Grade debuts, McAntee's try in the 28th minute was a gem, while Griffiths impressed with a strong all round game.

Young winger Jimmy Johnson has yet to play a handful of first grade games, but showed his invaluable reliability yet again.

Wattles were scoring at a point a minute for the first eighteen minutes of the match, after tries by five-eight Brodie Ciesiolka, hooker Liam Ross & centre Jamie Dodt, before Brothers halfback Matthew Cottee touched down to halt the 'Warriors' onslaught. Ciesiolka's try was a classy individual effort, stepping through the defence from 25 metres out, while Liam Ross dived over in a classic dummy-half try after Matt Duggan and fullback Jackson Green took play to the Brothers try line.

The home side scored twice more before half time through winger Dale McAntee & centre Joel Koina, McAntee seizing on a moment with Brothers players focus taken by a fracas after Wattles Matt Duggan was upended in what appeared an illegal lifting tackle. McAntee set his sights on the uprights and weaved and stepped running a forty metre arc through the defence to score in his A Grade debut. Garth Lonergan came off the bench, also making his top grade debut a memorable experience after running off a Jamie Dodt pass to score. Brodie Ciesiolka scored his second and Wattles final try in the 66th minute, just reward for an inspiring performance.

The match was a test of Wattles depth, Coach Luke Duggan impressed by the club talent on the rise. "We got the result we wanted" said Duggan, "but I was disappointed with our enthusiasm". "I thought our defence was soft and our attack lacked punch, so we need a rethink before we meet Valleys in our next outing."

Brother's second half showed plenty of grit as their reserve bench numbers eroded, but they lifted towards the end of the second stanza, snatching two tries in the final ten minutes, but it was a case of to little to late.

For loval Brothers front rower Ricky Davis a win would have been the ideal result to celebrate his 100th game for the 'Leprechauns', but nevertheless he was among his side's better performers.

While Brothers are yet to post a win in the TRL 'Hutchies A Grade Cup', Wattles continue on their winning way with four wins from four starts sitting on the top rung of the competition table.

There are no Toowoomba Rugby League fixtures this weekend being Easter. Wattles 40 (Brodie Ciesiolka 2, Jamie Dodt, Joel Koina, Dale McAntee, Liam Ross, Garth Lonergan tries; Matt Duggan 6 goals) defeated Brothers 20.

With the Easter break all but upon us, there are no TRL fixtures next weekend, the 'Warriors' taking on the Valleys 'Roosters' at Herb Steinohrt Oval on Sunday April 27th.Reserve Grade:

After a blazing start to the 2014 season by Wattles 'Railway Hotel, Allora' Reserve Grade side where they posted a sensational performance going down by just 10 - 16 to a Queensland Police representative team in the preseason, Wattles still aren't in step since the Toowoomba Rugby League fixtures commenced four weeks ago.

The 'Warriors' finished second to Brothers 28 - 18, still searching for that elusive first win of the season.

The Wattles team list reads well when considering ability, but Coach Glen McMillan had to contend with the loss of seven of his stable to A Grade on

The return to the green & gold ranks of powerhouse forward Justin Van Der Poel was a shot in the arm for Wattles 'Reggies', his defence rattled many an opponent in the butcher's stripes.

McMillan was impressed with Van Der Poel's efforts in his first match of the fixture season, while he also heaped praise on back-rower Alex Morris and lock Mark Duggan. Morris & Duggan provide reliability week in and week out, with their never say die attitudes. Morris, the quiet achiever, pocketed two very deserved tries, the first six minutes from half time when he ran on to a pass from clever playmaking five-eight Josh Henry. He was back exerting downward pressure on the ball in Brother's ingoal nine minutes into the second half, to keep his side in the game trailing 10 - 22 with 26 minutes until

While Brothers led 16 – 0 at the 24 minute mark, and 16 – 6 at halftime, both teams levelled off in the second stanza with two tries apiece, Josh Henry setting sail on a jinking run from ten metres out and snatching the final Wattles four-pointer in the shadow of full time.

Brothers 26 defeated Wattles 18 (Alex Morris 2, Josh Henry tries; Joel Stower 2, Brodie Frizzell goals).

Under 18 - The smiles on the faces said it all as the Wattles' 'Allora Foodworks' Under 18 side left the field on Sunday after collecting their second successive win of the four week old TRL fixture season. Coach Shaun Henry possibly had the biggest grin of all, his charges beating Brothers 38 – 28 hot on the heels of belting the Gatton 'Hawks' last week 32

"It was a great effort by all involved" said the Coach whose focus is now firmly on the Valleys 'Roosters' on the weekend after Easter.

Wattles' front-row enforcer Harry Fulwood was among his side's best players, his determined charges and defence work rate at the foundation of the winning result. Lock-forward Max Somes continues his purple patch of form, impressing across the park against Brothers, and adding another try to his season total of seven tries from four matches. Fellow front-row bookend Mitchell Duff was voted 'Player's Player' for his efforts in the engine room, while hooker Jake Christensen topped the tackle count for the second week in succession.

Coach Henry is still experimenting with positions in the team looking for the most effective mix, but gave deserved praise to dedicated bench player Ben Genrich on Sunday, "Ben just keeps improving each week."

Wattles ran in seven tries to Brother's five, home side centre Jack Rubie thrilling the crowd and coaching staff with his eye catching acrobatic touchdown.

Wattles 38 (Jake Christensen 2, Nick Morris, Jack Rubie, Mitchell Duff, Max Somes, Neil Ranger tries; Joshua Sharman 4, Nick Morris goals) defeated Brothers 28.

Wattles take on the Vallev's 'Roosters' in Toowoomba at Herb Steinohrt Oval on Sunday, April 27th, the A Grade clash the 'TRL Hutchies Cup' match of the

On behalf of Wattles President Aaron Scheid, his committee, players, officials, sponsors and gallant Wattles supporters, I would like to wish our readers a very Holy, happy & safe Easter weekend. Drive carefully & may all your eggs be big'ns!

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After a great season, which did see the young Rascals side win a game in the elimination final, the players gained a huge amount of experience in all the aspects of cricket. The key areas the juniors experienced, who were mostly in their first outdoor season, were batting with a mate out in the middle against 11 players, bowling multiple overs in 40 degree heat, watching fluff roll across the field, the pressures of fielding and wicket keeping and how much fun it really is when out in the field- regardless of the score.

The Awards: Most Improved Batter - Tom Morris; Most Improved Bowler - Liam Duncan; Training Award - James Moore; Captains Choice Improvement - Paul Christensen: Batting Average - Patty Geyle 16.17; Bowling Average - Nick Van Der Poel 19.81; Most Dismissals - Jake Christensen 13; OZ Day 'Best Blue Cow' Award - Jamie Holmes; Most Runs -Brad Johnson 157; Most Wickets - Joe Morris 13; Pride of Ducks Award - Simon Moore 6 (1); Player of the year - Joe Morris 14 points.

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The end of the first season is now past, and a further thankyou is most definitely required for all the people who helped with the little things throughout the year- for only those who do the little things realise how important they really are. These little things include- driving the players out to every game, square leg umpiring, scoring of the games, setting up and cleaning up each game, bringing the BBQ and equipment to the Australia day games, printing the article each week in the Allora Advertiser, parents buying the equipment for the players and washing the stains out of the shirts each week.

Thank you to everyone involved in this new cricket team. Next season is not too far away and the rascals will be ready and looking to climb the ladder!

Brad Johnson



# **Central Downs Football Trials**

The Central Downs Junior Rugby League trials have been scheduled for Monday April 29 at Platz Oval. The long standing Under 35 and 43 kilogram carnivals have been the

commencement of representative football for many young players in the region. The trials commence at 4.00 pm.

The under 35 carnival will be hosted by Balonne Barwon during the first week of the mid year holidays. Wynnum will be the venue for the under 43's a week later. To be eligible to play at Wynnum players must be under 35 kgs at the start of the carnival and be born in 2004 or 2005. To play at Cunnamulla players must be under 43 kg and be born in 2002 or 2003.

Long serving coach of the 35's Neil Wilson has retired after 19 years service to Central Downs. This year Ian Brady will coach the 35's with support from Cameron Hamblin and Roy Nott. The 43's team will be coached by Peter Cavanagh.

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For information on Baptism, Weddings and other church enquiries, phone 4666 3377.

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