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CLAIRE ROSEMARY SCHOFIELD: Born December, 1932 - died March 28, 2015. Wife, Mother, Grandmother, Sister, Cousin, Aunt and Friend.

Obituary - Claire Schofield: Former Allora community volunteer and friend to all

CLAIRE ROSEMARY SCHOFIELD was born in December, 1932, and spent her early years in the inner suburbs of post-Depression Sydney.

Having lost her mother in tragic circumstances when she was four, and with a father ill equipped to raise a daughter on his

own, she was raised by her grandmother.

Late childhood brought a change of circumstances and a new family environment when Claire went to Chatsworth, a sheep station near Crookwell in Southern New South Wales. There with her aunt and uncle and cousins Cecily, Peter and Jane, she forged a bond that would last a lifetime.

Claire's father, Ray, then re-married and started a new family in Sydney. And Claire left Chatsworth with mixed feelings and much regret. But this was unwarranted as Ray's new wife, Barbara, loved Claire as her own and she finally got the stable family life for which she had longed. Three siblings soon followed – Jill, Penny and Phillip.

This move to Sydney had brought an outgoing young woman to Laurence St in Pennant Hills, just opposite to the Schofield household, where four young men were setting out on life's adventures.

Claire's way of introducing herself to the Schofields was to chop down a tree that accidentally fell onto the telephone wires and cut off the phone service. Very quickly, four young men arrived and cut up the tree and restored the phone service.

From that moment onwards, she became a regular guest at the Schofield house. After a while, Claire and Ron developed a close friendship and romance was in the air.

Claire's first job was at one of the CSIRO research centres. On hearing about the job interview, her uncle Cecil from Chatsworth offered to write a reference. Not knowing the importance of the signature at the bottom, she submitted the reference at her interview; and was immediately asked "when would you like to start". Cecil, it turns out, was a director of the CSIRO. This new job separated Claire and Ron and a long distance romance ensued.

They married in April, 1955, and set up house in North Ryde, where their first child Sue was born. They later moved to a small cottage in Pennant Hills had two more children, Janine and Robynne. Her childhood experiences had led Claire to want a large family raised in a rural setting, so she and Ron purchased five acres of land at Glenhaven where they carved a home out of rugged bushland. But the small community was growing and Claire got involved in community activities with great gusto.

She started a library at the local school, she was the Brown Owl for the local Brownie Troop, she was the manager of the girls' basketball team, a regular at the local Parents and Citizens meetings, and editor of a local Lapidary Club magazine. During all of this, she still had time for two more children, Richard and Suzanne.

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One of the skills Claire had acquired was photography. Consequently every family event, holiday and sporting activity was captured on film and printed for inclusion in a photo album. This enthusiasm for recording her young family's growth would continue for many years to come, as Claire became a well-respected and widely published author. Claire and Ron set their sights on a more rural setting to escape from the rat race. Claire inherited some land in Tahiti, which she promptly sold, so the family moved to the country and a property named "Koorani" in 1971. It was quite an adjustment for everybody, but here was a chance for Claire to teach her children all of the skills she had learned on Chatsworth. Despite hard times, Koorani provided what Claire and Ron had wanted; a place to raise the kids in a wholesome environment where everyone could contribute. Claire loved the granite country. She was an exceptional cattlemaster, although she quickly gave up the horse for the motorbike. She would ride around the paddocks on a regular basis, making sure everyone was happy and healthy, particularly during calving season.

But farming can be very seasonal work, and when times got tough, Claire took a job as the Librarian at Bundarra Central School. Now Claire was never backward in coming forward, and when she saw the meagre resources available to the students at Bundarra, she set about researching the local history and eventually published the book "Bundarra – Stepping Stone of the Gwyder". Of all her publications, this is the most widely circulated and is still on university reading lists. Her publications included; Bundarra – Stepping Stone of the Gwyder, Master of Coraki, Schofields at Eastern Creek, The Shaping of Hornsby Shire, Bombala – Hub of Southern Monaro, The Dream of the Blacksmith, Old Totty and Australian Wooden Toys.

After barely surviving the Beef Slump in the late 1970s, Claire, Ron and Sue (the only child still at home) moved to "Peel Valley" at Woolomin near Tamworth. The beautiful lush green property on the edge of the Peel River was soon plunged into drought and a trying time followed. By 1986, after Sue had married and left home, Ron and Claire were done with the rural way of life. They sold the property, hitched up the caravan and

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hit the road. They had a short stay in Sydney and eventually settled on the Central Coast of New South Wales at Point Clare. Ron built and installed wardrobes and Claire collected examples of early wooden toys. This collection would expand over the years and soon become one of her passions. From Point Clare it was off to Allora in Southern Queensland.

Claire became active in the community through the Neighbourhood Watch, the Friends of Glengallan, and the Allora Action Association.

Claire had always been troubled about her mother's death. She never understood why her mother would leave her all alone. And so she explored the meaning of life. She developed a skill for reading the runes; and she helped others who were also searching for answers or could not find their way.

The house at Mt. Marshall near Allora was a large, sprawling homestead on a five-acre lot and Claire finally had somewhere to make toys and put on performances. This let her realise one of her dreams of being a performer and puppeteer. And thus "The Gnomery" was born and became Claire's passion for many years, until they eventually moved from Allora to Glenfield Grange Retirement Village in Toowoomba. Although downsized, "The Gnomery" never really died and Claire would go to the Highfields Pioneer Village where she had a small toy shop and put on performances for visitors. Claire had been born with a small defect in her heart, which did not become apparent until her adult years, but it led to an ever decreasing blood flow. Thinking more about others than herself, she postponed surgery until her children were grown, and in 1977 she had open heart surgery to correct a hole between the chambers of the heart. Recently her heart began to fail again, and she needed surgery to help one of the valves work properly. All went well, but the heart was weak and the other valve failed. This required a second operation. Claire fought valiantly to recover from two operations, but she slipped away quietly and peacefully three days later.

(Courtesy 'The Toowoomba Chronicle' & Glyn Rees)

WEATHER FORECAST			
Day	Forecast	Min/Max	
THU	Sunny. Cool.	4	16
FRI	Partly Cloudy. Cool.	5	18
SAT	Mostly Sunny. Cool.	11	18
SUN	Mostly Cloudy. Cool.	12	18
MON	Afternoon Clouds. Cool.	12	20
TUE	Scattered Clouds. Cool.	12	20

Letters to the Editor...

Dear Editor,

In the lead up to April 25 I must admit that personally, I was most unsure about focus that was being placed on it being 100 years since the creation of the ANZAC story. I was worried that a "festival air" was being created. Indeed, would we turn what should be a sombre commemoration into a celebration? I really shouldn't have worried.

From the dawn service at Scots College on Friday morning, to the commemorative concert at the Allora Hall on Saturday evening, the ANZAC Day events that I attended this year were somehow more moving than ever. Every speech I heard reinforced the necessity of, learning the lessons from conflicts across the ages as well as the futility of war and the incredible loss and suffering that accompanies it. At the same time a heartfelt recognition of the service and sacrifice given by those called to serve their country. The importance of the recognition of that service was certainly evident by the numbers in attendance at the various events across the region. In short, the time and effort given by those responsible for organising this year's program was staggering, and deserves the highest praise. I would like to make special mention of the concert organised by the Allora community, held on Saturday night and Sunday afternoon. The work and research that went into this amazing musical history of Australia's involvement in armed conflict since the First World War was astounding. The skills and talents of the Allora community resulted in an absolutely first rate performance that played in front of two full houses. There can be no doubt that this event laid even further claim that indeed, Allora is the best little town on the Downs!

Having attended the Warwick Chamber of Commerce's Business After Hours at the Warwick TAFE, it was reassuring to hear of the programs being offered by that institution, and the active role that is being taken to ensure TAFE's continuing relevance and place in the community. As was pointed out that night, it is perhaps too early to assess the new State Government's position in regard to TAFE's place in education, however we need to ensure that the importance of this facility to our community is well recognised and promoted.

Regards,
Cr. Peter Blundell

To the editor,

Re: National Volunteers Week

In celebration of National Volunteer Week, St John Ambulance (Qld) wishes to thank all of its members for their continued support and dedication to Queenslanders in need.

More than 1,860 volunteers each year provide about \$4.6 million of vital services to local communities across Queensland through Event Health Services and Social Services programs.

Our Event Health Services donate their time to local events across Queensland, ranging from small school events to large music festivals and concerts and providing emergency medical service care at major stadiums, treating almost 17,000 casualties each year.

Social Services volunteers travelled more than 540,000 kms last year, ensuring the disadvantaged have access to safe, affordable and assisted transport options. Silver Cord Service volunteers made an average of 87 calls per day to provide vital friendship and security calls to isolated members of our community and our Health Care volunteers donated closed to 20,000 hours to assisting patients and their families in hospital.

Without the continued dedicated and committed St John Ambulance (Qld) volunteers, these services would simply not be available.

The drive, passion and commitment our volunteers possess ensures St John (Qld) continues its 130 year promise to all Australians – dedicated to helping people in sickness, distress, suffering or danger. Whether it is a deployment to cyclone ravaged towns, waking up to provide advanced medical assistance at ANZAC Day dawn services, lending a helping hand to those in distress or simply reaching out to the elderly through our Community Services – St John is there at a community's greatest time of need.

Queensland is a safer and better place thanks to our volunteers. We wish to thank them for their hard work and commitment to the wellbeing of others, and look forward to another successful year in the community.

Yours sincerely,
Noel Gillard
CEO - St John Ambulance (Qld)

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Photography Group's Smoke Art

At its April Meeting the Allora Photography Group's members enjoyed an enthusiastic gathering in which some new members were welcomed and several upcoming events were discussed.

A fun exercise during the evening was an introduction to "Smoke Trails" guided by Linda Coombs.

This produced some great results, a modest example of which is provided here.

Subject for the month was "Low Key" - this brought out some most imaginative and creative images.

Some showed a great deal of mood in low light situations; others used a somewhat literal or humorous approach.

Congratulations to Jennifer who had never attempted low key before, yet won everyone's vote for favourite photo of the night. Her picture is now the Facebook page cover photo for the month.

The May meeting was held on Wednesday, 13th May, and the group next meets on Wednesday, 10th June, 7.00pm in the Library of the Allora State School, cnr. of Raff & Warwick Streets, Allora. All welcome. Enquiries may be directed by email to alloraphotographygroup4362@gmail.com, or phone secretary Karen 0419 340 430.

Joan Wylde



A modest attempt at "Smoke Trail" photography captured by Joan.

**ALLORA'S ANZACS REMEMBERED:
A project by the Allora Historical
Society**

ARTHUR ALBERT CHARD

The Chard family arrived in Australia in 1852. They first worked on Maryvale Station before coming to work for Mr Green at the Goomburra Station. In 1872 they selected a farm on the Goomburra Exchange land. Albert Arthur Chard was one of ten children of parents, Thomas and Elizabeth (nee Siebenhausen) Chard. He was just over 18 when he enlisted in the A.I.F. He was engaged to be married to Annie Morris. Annie was only 16 at the time. Three of Albert's brothers had married three of Annie's sisters. He listed his brother Sam as his next of kin. On the 13th September 1915, Arthur signed his form Albert A Chard and was given the Reg. No. 2162. He was assigned to the 14th Reinforcements 5th Light Horse Regiment. Albert was one of seven lads who boarded the midday train at

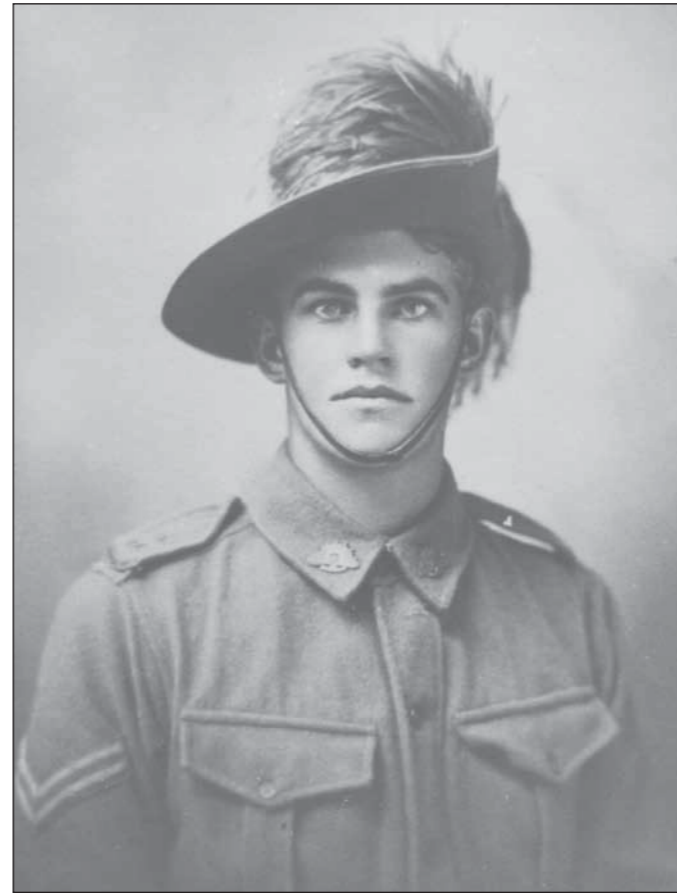
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Allora that September 1915. Some were returning to camp prior to customary leave prior to embarking for active service and others were new recruits. A large gathering at the station gave three hearty cheers as the train moved out. Albert had been in active training for some time before he came



Corporal Albert Arthur Chard.
Photo courtesy Paula Simmich.

back to Goomburra on leave prior to leaving for the front. On the 26th November 1915 the Allora Guardian reported that a representative gathering of residents from all parts of the district attended a farewell dance for Albert. It was said of Albert that 'camp life agrees with him as he is looking fit'. Mr J E Nussey congratulated him on coming forward and volunteering for active service. He said that Albert was the first native born Goomburraite to go to the front, he being the youngest son of an old and respected family of the district. Albert was presented with a handsome morocco leather wallet as a token of the people's esteem.

Albert arrived in Egypt in March 1916. Although very young, he must have shown leadership qualities as he was promoted to Troop Sergeant with the 4th Camel Regiment in Abbassia. After several months and a change of posting, Albert marched out with the Camel Brigade on 26th November 1917 to join the 18th Company 4th Battalion. He was killed in action on the 4th December 1917. The last entry on the Casualty Form – Active Service reads –

10.12.17 Burial Report – GSW Killed in Action Buried on 4.12.17 near Hill 265, Jaffa, Buried by (Chaplain) C.Scott-Little C.F., in Camel Brigade Cemetery of 6 graves – 100 yards north of isolated tree on West side of small hill. (Peg Cross and name).

The Field Service form confirmed the above details, listing Albert as a member of the 4th Anzac Battalion 1st Camel Brigade with the rank of Sergeant. He died near Hill 265, Jaffa, Palestine, Turkey Asia. This form was signed by the Officer in charge of O.C. Australian Records in Cairo on 11th March 1918.

Sam Chard received a letter from Base Records asking if there

19th May 1915
Death of Private John Simpson Kirkpatrick.

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was 'any nearer blood relations than his to Albert. He replies that their father and mother are dead and that an older brother had left home at the time of Albert enlisting and his whereabouts unknown. Sam says that he had received all of Albert's property from Head Quarters and that he wished to still do. Albert's medals were forwarded to Sam in 1922.

In January 1920 Sam was advised of the exhumation and re-interment of his brother's remains. Albert is now buried in Ramleh Military Cemetery, 12 ½ miles South East of Jaffa on Railway to Jerusalem, 10 miles east of the sea.

On the home front the Allora Guardian printed the following news item "Word has been received, that Sergeant Albert Arthur Chard was killed in action on Palestine on December 4th. Sergeant Chard enlisted from Allora on 13th September, 1915, and had been in the firing line for about 20 months before receiving the fatal wound....."

Albert's sister Edna, received a letter from John B Ghest, Bgde. H.Q. in Palestine. This letter was printed in the Allora Guardian. He expresses his sympathy from 'a pal, and one who thought a whole lot of your late brother, Albert'. He had known Albert for 'quite a long time, and was with him up in Abbassia and he was most popular with all hands'. John Ghest goes on '...it was the noblest of deaths. I tried to make his grave look as nice as possible in the short space of time I had, but I am sorry I was unable to procure a photo of it, but trust some day I will again be up there, when I can do so'. John also lost another friend as well as two brothers. He tells Edna that he opened a parcel that she had sent to Albert and shared the contents with two other friends.

Allora Guardian November 1918 -This article titled "Off to Camp" reveals the patriotism of men in Australia. Albert's brother Charles and Percy Ford's brother are reported to be leaving shortly for camp after enlisting for active service. "One cannot but admire the patriotic spirit of these two men, who are both married, and more so seeing that a brother of each man has given his life for King and Country".

Paula Simmich author of the Chard Family History book wrote that Albert left behind a bereft fiancé who never married and a family who sorely missed their younger brother.

Lyn Wright

Looking Back...

**Allora's Past 25 years ago
May 1990**

Charity Cabaret

More than 300 people attended a charity cabaret organized by Patrina Mortimer in the Allora Community Hall. The night raised in excess of \$4,600 to aid the western Queensland flood victims and Mrs. Mortimer said that the night was such a success that she planned to organize another one. Entertainment for the night was provided by local group, the Music Makers, who performed a floor show and provided the music. Merv and Julie Parmenter from the Commercial Hotel supplied a delicious smorgasbord meal.



The ladies of the Allora Red Cross taken in 1917. From the Weber album.

**Allora's Past 75 years ago May
1940**

Wedding Bells

On Wednesday May 1, two of Tully's most popular young folk, Mr. Thomas Cavanagh, fifth son of Mr. & Mrs. J. Cavanagh of Allora, and Miss Mary Carmel Keane, eldest daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Owen Keane of Lecarow, County Mayo, Ireland, were wedded in the bonds of holy matrimony. The ceremony took place in St. Clare's Roman Catholic Church and was solemnised by the Rev. Father J. Hogan. (Cairns Post 18th May 1940)

**Allora's Past 100 years ago May
1915**

Paddy's Market

This afternoon the member for Cunningham, Mr. Francis Grayson M. L. A. will officially open 'Paddy's Market' organized by the Allora branch of the Red Cross. The response to the appeal of the members to this project has been amazing, and is a practical proof of the

town and district's sympathy to our heroic soldiers who have so nobly fought and been wounded in service of their King and Country. We are confident that everyone will want to come and then buy the wonderful things on sale. The choice array of sweets has never equalled before in Allora. The general stall with garments for all, art stall with a unique collection of paintings, books, etc., refreshment stall with sandwiches and homemade cakes, and the provision stall with produce, dressed fowls and fresh pork will cater for all tastes. The school stall will have an alluring display of toys and dolls, the flower stall a choice array of flowers and pot plants and a real live coffee stall where customer will be served sausages, hot pies, potato chips and the most excellent tea and coffee.

In the evening there will be competitions including hat trimming for men, nail driving for the ladies and a shooting gallery. This will be followed by an auction where fowls, ducks, geese, turkeys, calves, goats, pigs, produce and firewood can be bought.

**Allora's Past 150 years ago May
1865**

LAND SALE

A sale of Government land situated near the Allora reserve was held here on Monday last. There was a good attendance, and all the lots put up were sold, several bringing a pretty high figure. One purchaser was offered £50 on his bargain directly the sale was concluded. The following are the purchasers and the amount paid by each:

- Lots 1 & 2, 90 acres, £134, C H. Green & Co.
- Lots 3, 4, 5, 104 acres £332/10/0, Henry Black
- Lots 6 & 7, 97 acres, £97, Ewan McMillan
- Lot 8, 50 acres, £50, P. Flemming
- Lots 9 – 15, 326 ¼ acres, £566/3/0, C. H. Green & Co.
- Lot 16, 35 acres, £140, Alex Shannon
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The total sum realised was £2,174/8/0 exclusive of deed fees. (Warwick Argus 24th May 1865)

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Christian Unity

Each year the week before Pentecost is set aside as a special week of prayer for Christian unity. This year the dates are 17th - 24th May. The combined churches of Allora will celebrate this event with an ecumenical service at the Uniting Church at 7.00pm, on 24th May - Pentecost Sunday.

Events Calendar

2015

- May -**
Fri 29 **St. Patrick's School Trivia Night**
Allora Community Hall
- Sat 30** **Golf/Bowls Fun Day - Great Endeavour Rally**
Allora Sports Club
- Sat 30** **Allora Mens Shed Meeting**
Allora Mens Shed (old fire station), 11.30am
- June -**
Sat 13 **St. David's Guild June Afternoon**
Sat 27 **Allora Mens Shed Meeting**
Allora Mens Shed (old fire station), 11.30am
- July -**
Sat 4 **Wattles v Warwick**
Platz Oval, Clifton
- Sun 19** **Meet The Makers**
R.S.L. Hall, Allora
- Sat 25** **Allora Mens Shed Meeting**
Allora Mens Shed (old fire station), 11.30am
- August -**
Sat 29 **Wattles v Pittsworth**
Platz Oval, Clifton
- Sat 29** **Allora Mens Shed Meeting**
Allora Mens Shed (old fire station), 11.30am
- September -**
Sun 13 **Allora P-10 State School Spring Fair**
Allora P-10 State School, 10.00am - 3.00pm

IMPORTANT INFORMATION - Clients wishing to include their events in the *Events Calendar*, must book a display (boxed) colour advertisement for the event in *The Allora Advertiser*, sized AT LEAST 2 column x 4 cm. Clients will then 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, followed by venue and time.

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

Denise Scott headlines witty wintery event

What a coup! Denise Scott, described as a consummate storyteller and comedian and multi-award winner, is headed to Jumpers and Jazz! With her crochet hook packed, Scotty will wow her audience in a warm and witty afternoon of hilarity on Sunday, 19 July.

Jumpers & Jazz Festival organiser Tracy Vellacott said that whilst this is traditionally a women's event, she expects some blokes won't be able to resist the fun or getting an insight into the female psyche through this very funny lady.

"We're not sure whether it will be an afternoon on sex, death and crotchet or a ride from delivery room to empty nest, but it will be hilarity all the way," Mrs Vellacott said.

"Since the inception of this event three years ago, we've laughed with and been inspired by world-record holder and author Kim Morrison, shared letters and secrets with Ruby Slipperz, and we've been dressed for success by Rita Noon.

"This year, we thought we needed to laugh... a lot and who better than one of Australia's foremost comedienne, who just happens to be a crotchet freak! When we happened upon a FB

post of Denise's, where she confessed to her passion for crotchet, we knew she was our girl!"

Denise Scott first started working as a professional actor and comedian nearly thirty years ago, but it has been in the last decade or so that Scotty has gone supernova - winning awards, selling out theatres, appearing on high-rating TV shows and writing two popular memoirs. Fittingly, 2013 was all about touring for Denise, hitting the stage with her dear friend Judith Lucy in *The Spiral*. Their stand-up-slash-book-tour debuted at the Princess Theatre during the Melbourne International Comedy Festival and went on to sell well over 30,000 tickets across Australia.



Denise Scott

Scotty has been and remains a favourite guest on many of Australia's favourite TV shows, including *Spicks and Specks*, *The Project*, and *Talkin' 'bout Your Generation*, in addition to starring as Trish Gross on Channel 7's high-rating drama *Winners & Losers*.

Last year saw Denise return to the stage once more with a new, BARRY AWARD-WINNING solo show, *Mother Bare*, at the Adelaide Fringe, the Melbourne International Comedy Festival, the Sydney Opera House and the Brisbane Powerhouse.

Tickets for an Afternoon with Denise Scott can be secured online at www.warwicktickets.com.au.



Allora Cricket Club Break-up

The Allora Cricket Club held their end of year break up on the 24th April 2015 at the Allora Sports Club. Thanks to those who came along



Allora Cricket Club Members: Back L-R: Scott Sparksman, Andrew Petersen, Mitchell McLennan, Kris McLennan, Neil Masters (Patron). Front L-R: Aaron Vietheer, Jarrod Vietheer, Cameron Masters, Nick Morris, Allan Shanks and Michael Laughren.

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for good night.

Our thanks go out to Laurie Ward for mowing and keeping the cricket grounds up to date. It has looked great! To Robyn and the staff at the Railway Hotel for helping out and allowing us to see our raffle tickets there each week. To the Allora Advertiser for printing the cricket results for us each week, and to the players who have helped out with selling tickets of for filling in for games when needed.

A huge Thank you to all of our sponsors and the donations throughout the 2014/2015 season. It is all very much appreciated so thank you.

The Award Winners for the season were: -

Most Runs: Mitchell McLennan

Most Wickets: Matthew Kiernan

Most Catches: Nick Morris

Most Ducks: Brodie Frizzell

Best bowling figures for a game: Michael Laughren

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Wattles Toast 1970's Players

Wattles 50 Year celebrations will be at the forefront yet again on Saturday when the club that has existed since 1966 toast their players of the 1970's. The 1970's was a rich year for the 'Warriors', their initial first grade premiership in 1970, a reserve grade flag in 1976, Under 18 premierships in 1976 & 1977 and Under 16 Grand Final wins in 1974, 1975 & 1977.

Wattles 50 Year celebrations will go national as a result of journalist Fiona Deadman and her crew from Channel 9's 'Maroon Zone' visiting Platz Oval on Saturday to highlight what is a very historical year for the Wattles 'Warriors' and indeed rugby league on the Central Downs area. While Wattles ran on for their first season as a club in 1966, the game of rugby league has existed in the local area since 1918, that formation meeting of the Allora Junior Boomerang Club convened in Andronico's Olympia Cafe, the building now forming part of Allora True Value Hardware.

The 'Maroon Zone' team will also visit the Allora Regional Sports Museum to soak up the local player achievements, rugby league history & sporting identities of the region, the Wattles & rugby league feature to air in June.

While the off field celebrations will involve endless recollections of tackles made, yards gained, goals kicked and tries scored, on field the 'Warriors' will do battle with the Goondiwindi 'Boars', who are returning to Platz Oval for the first time since 2012. Since then the 'Boars' played seasons in the Border League (2013) & New South Wales Group 21 (2014) competitions.

While Goondiwindi may have only two wins under their belt so far this season, accounting for Brothers 18 - 16 and back in Round 3 they toppled the Oakey 'Bears' marginally 34 - 32, they cannot be taken lightly.

Wattles nonchalant approach to last weeks clash with Oakey saw them drop a game, one that shouldn't have got away despite the absence of a myriad of their stars. The 'Boars' pose a similar danger this Saturday if the 'National Farmers Warehouse' A Grade 'Warriors' start the game in a canter.

Wattles are huddled in fourth place on the 'Hutchinson Builders' TRL Premiership ladder and a loss to the 'Boars' could see them tumble from the top five.

Against Oakey the 'Warriors' were without established first graders Aaron Scheid, Dylan Ebnetter, Joel Koina, Robbie Moore & Mark Gordon who were all members of the 2014 Premiership winning Grand Final team, along with Toowoomba representative back Corey Blades & Nathan Schwerin.

Wattles 50th Anniversary '1970's Celebration' day on Saturday will see the clubhouse at Platz Oval open until late and entertainment by leading local artist Nash!

If you are a Wattles player, official, committee member or supporter of the

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1970's and would like some further information about the day, contact President Aaron Scheid (0458 204 550) or Secretary Joanne Frizzell (0407 121 633).

Matches commence on Saturday at: 2.00 pm - 2nd Division (Millmerran v Goondiwindi), 3.20 pm - Under 18 (Wattles v Goondiwindi), 4.45 pm - Reserve Grade & 6.10 pm - A Grade.

The Battle With the Bears

They may have been languishing at the base of the TRL competition ladder last Saturday morning but later that day the Oakey 'Bears' posted a scorching performance on their home track of Trevor Mickelborough Oval to halt the Wattles 'Warriors' recent 'purple patch' winning 48 - 36.

Wattles may have been sitting in third place after four previous consecutive wins over Warwick, Souths, Valleys and Dalby but the 'Bears' served notice to all that they have the goods when they headed to the half time break leading 36 - 10 over the wayward 'Warriors'.

Oakey front-rower Tristan Passman took full advantage of a Wattles error on the opening minutes to score, and while Wattles levelled up at six all minutes later when winger Jimmy Johnson won the race to a cross field bomb, Oakey then unleashed their match winning fire power.

The 'Bears' stacked on another thirty points by the 30 minute mark, before Jordan Henry scored after handy lead up work by Cameron Moodie & Matt Duggan to have Wattles trailing 10 - 36 at half time.

Matt Duggan, Brod Koina & Michael Duggan ran in vital tries in the first 15 minutes of the second stanza for the 'Warriors' to trail 28 - 36. Further tries by Jordan Henry & Brenden Wilson kept Wattles in the game but the 'Bears' had done enough to secure the premiership points despite Wattles winning the second stanza 26 - 12.

For Coach Luke Duggan the result was "very disappointing, we didn't turn up ready to roll that's really all that can be said, plenty of things to work on" this week before we take on Goondiwindi.

Matt Duggan was named Wattles' Player of the Match after a classy performance, while back-rower Jason Bradfield & hard running young forward Harry Fulwood also impressed in the 'green & gold'.

Oakey 48 defeated Wattles 38 (Jordan Henry 2, Jim Johnson, Matt Duggan, Brod Koina, Michael Duggan, Brenden Wilson tries; Matt Duggan 5 goals).

Reserve Grade - The Terry Bermingham coach Wattles 'Railway Hotel, Allora' reserve grade side showed plenty of staying power to claim their third victory of the season when they finished ahead of Oakey 38 - 22 on Saturday. Outstanding lock forward Matt McCarthy was almost unstoppable against the Oakey 'Bears' defence, and captured a hat trick of tries for his efforts.

The scoreboard was locked at 16 all at half time, halfback Mark Duggan putting winger Brodie Frizzell over to score on the end of a long cut out pass for Wattles first points in the opening minutes of the game, before elusive lock McCarthy scored twice late in the half to have his side well in the contest.

Wattles snatched the lead just after half time when Braydon Gibbs scored after some sharp lead up work by Dale McAntee & Liam Ross. While Oakey levelled the ledger when former Wattles back Gary Hooper touched down, Wattles eased in to top gear with three tries that took them to victory by winger Brodie Frizzell & Matt McCarthy, before McCarthy sent fullback

McAntee on a 90 metre gallop to the try line with five minutes remaining. Evergreen front-rower Jason Nightingale lead by example in the pack and received Player's Player honours, well supported by Hakan Mackenzie, while hooker Tom Henry also impressed throughout.

Coach Bermingham was more than happy when the full time hooter sounded, "we managed to get the win, we made it hard for ourselves but our second half was much better than our first." Bermingham also praised the efforts of Millmerran 'Rams' winger Braydon Gibbs who helped fill Wattles numbers, Gibbs pocketing a try after playing a full game for Wattles affiliate club the 'Rams'.

Wattles 38 (Matthew McCarthy 3, Brodie Frizzell 2, Dale McAntee, Braydon Gibbs tries; Brodie Frizzell 3, Dale McAntee 2 goals) defeated Oakey 22.

Under 18 - After a closely fought out first half that saw the 'Allan & Debbie Smith's Toowoomba & Oakey Foodworks' Wattles Under 18's trailing Oakey 14 - 16 at the break, the 'Bears' with the edge in numbers slid away to a 36 - 26 win. Coach Mick Ryan was 'proud as Punch' of his young side, "the boys played extremely well only having twelve players on the paddock for the first half, before an injury prior to half time saw our numbers reduced to eleven. Everybody on the team gave 110% for that first half, and we took the lead in the 2nd half before easing off a bit and Oakey capitalised."

Mick heaped praise on his young 'Warriors', "everybody who played can hold their head up because they played extremely well, I was really happy with the big effort put in especially in such tough circumstances."

And what about the mighty Millmerran 'Rams' who hung the 'Bears' out to dry winning overwhelmingly 62 - 0 to continue their undefeated run.



Wattles Under 18 halfback Tom Morris takes the ball to the line against the Oakey 'Bears' last Saturday, his brother Joe Morris in support.

Way to go Rams

Coach Mick Ryan was more than proud of his 'Allan & Debbie Smith's Toowoomba & Oakey Foodworks' Under 18's, "they played extremely well only having twelve players on the field for first half, and an injury late in the half bought us back to eleven players".

"Everybody on the team gave 110% for that first half, we took the lead in the second half, but eased up a little and Oakey capitalised."

"Everybody who played should hold their head high, they played extremely well" said the Coach, "I was really happy with the big effort in especially tough circumstances."

Winger Max Rubie scored the 'Warriors' initial points after just four minutes, with lock forward Tim Duggan also adding a four pointer to Wattles total, but

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Oakey replied in both cases to have the scoreboard reading 10 all at the 20 minute mark. Rubie featured in a play moments before half time that led to a vital touchdown by centre Dalton Nielsen for Wattles to head for the break trailing 14 - 16.

After just five minutes of the new half five-eight Joe Morris darted from dummy-half to score under the uprights, and repeated the dose ten minutes later for the 'Warriors' to lead 26 - 16. Alas two Oakey tries in the space of five minutes saw the scoreboard again locked, this time at 26 all, and when 'Bears' front-rower Zane Sharp scored a converted try with minutes remaining Wattles sterling efforts with just eleven players at the end were denied.

Max Rubie's superb all-round game was rewarded when he was named Player's Player, and while all his team mates are worthy of mention, fullback Henry Gartery & five-eight Joe Morris were very impressive. Oakey 36 defeated Wattles 26 (Joe Morris 2, Dalton Nielsen, Max Rubie, Tom Morris tries; Tom Morris 3 goals).

2nd Division - Millmerran 'Ram's lock forward Jamie Meddings was in amazing form as he inspired his team mates to a 62 - 0 victory over Oakey on Saturday, and was named Player of the Match scoring five tries.

The 'Rams' remain undefeated with five wins from five games at the top of the Toowoomba Rugby League's 'Burghofer Cup 2nd Division' competition, form their Coach Chris Blinco is hopeful they can maintain.

Millmerran have scored an amazing 128 points in their last two games, finishing ahead of Dalby 66 - 4 in their previous outing followed by Saturday's 62 - 0 success over Oakey.

Millmerran 62 (Jamie Meddings 5, Alex Sinclair 2, Brent Hearn, Dean Twidale, Brayden Gibbs, Tom Halford tries; James Sinclair 9 goals) defeated Oakey 0.

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