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LEFT: The lucky 2014 group of key holders including winner, Tayne Reedmann (also pictured above).

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Dear Editor,

As a recent arrival to Allora according to those who were born around abouts, my almost a quarter of a century does qualify surely to comment on the changes to Allora's grocery shopping changes. From the ugly duckling that served so well in 1992, has emerged a superior shopping venue that will fulfil Allora's community needs for years to come.

Grocery shopping locally is wise. This writer welcomes the faith I.G.A. have invested in our town, and wish them all the very best in a grocery world that is quite frenetic in places.

Melba Morris, Allora

The Editor,

Re: Vote Catching - I was talking to quite a lot of people and also to a councillor, and they all said the three councillors who said "No" to the budget are trying to score vote. But it will not work. Those councillors should be looking for a job as they will not be in council next year.

John Salalta, Glen Aplin

Free Tax Help now available in Warwick

Volunteers trained by the Tax Office are now available in your area to help low income earners prepare their tax returns. Tax Help is a free and confidential service provided by volunteers in a community centre in your location. This service, now in its 27th year of operation, is delivered by a network of 1200 volunteers in over 800 centres nationally. In 2010, over 58000 people nationally were assisted; including people from non-English speaking and Indigenous backgrounds, those with disabilities and young people lodging a return for the first time. This year, Tax Help will be available by appointment at **Lighthouse Community Centre, 37 Guy Street, Warwick, phone 4661 8211**, appointments from Monday, 3rd August. Lighthouse Community Centre is open from 9.00am to 1.00pm, Monday to Thursday.

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4. The Research Vessel Investigator recently discovered underwater volcanoes. Which Australian city are they nearest to?
5. What is Moore's law?

Answers in Classifieds pages

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Day	Forecast	Min/Max
THU	Mostly Sunny. Cool.	7 19
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SUN	Mostly Sunny. Cool.	6 22
MON	Morning Clouds. Cool.	11 22
TUE	Sunny. Cool.	3 16

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As a winter treat, Allora Landcare Group had a working bee to mulch the planted area around the car park on Forest Plain Road. Thanks to a grant from the Southern Downs Regional Council, the group was able to purchase 10 metres of forest mulch that will weed -proof the gardens planted three years ago with the invaluable assistance of students of Allora State School. The trees and shrubs have thrived but the weeds have done so too. This mulch will put the garden to bed for winter and allow the plants to take off in spring, further enhancing the entrance to our precious Allora Mountain Flora and Fauna Reserve.

We must express our gratitude to Ted Cowley and his tractor, which allowed us to finish in one hour a job that would have taken three hours at least.

The group is also very grateful for the ongoing support and assistance that it has received from the Council over the years and particularly for this latest grant that will help with the maintenance of an increasingly popular destination for locals and visitors.

Allora Landcare Group received a significant boost to our weed control efforts on Allora Mountain from the Green Army, a

Federal Government initiative sponsored by Condamine Alliance. A group of young people reported for work over a 2-week period and helped us cover a large area, cutting and poisoning a variety of noxious weeds. This is one of our ongoing and never ending tasks. With their youthful vigour, they also shored up the slopes on the road up to the reservoir with rocks scavenged from the surrounds. This work will assist in stabilising the slopes in the event of any future heavy rainfalls. We are ready for the rain now, so let it happen!

Wattles Soldier On for Service Men & Women

While junior rugby league in its purest form was on display at Clifton's Platz Oval on Saturday July 18th when the Wattles Warriors faced up to the Stanthorpe Gremlins in the Round 10 Warwick & District Junior Rugby League Under 16 fixture, there were significant values also on display, endearing the teams to onlookers not just as players but also respecting young men.

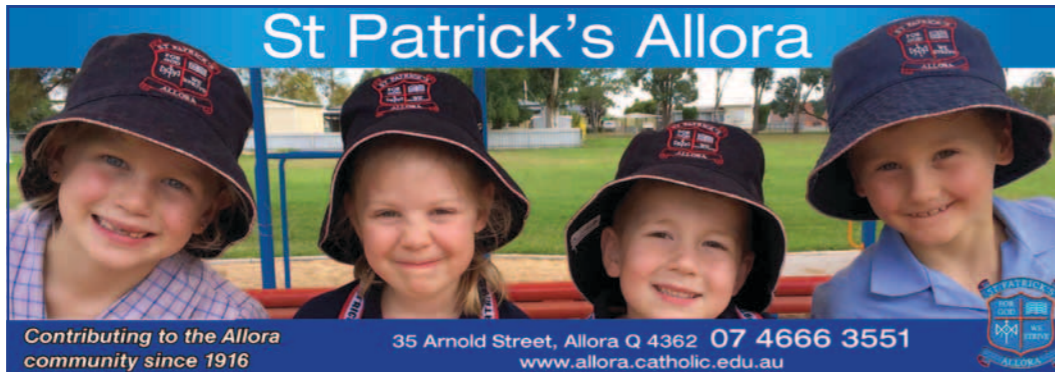
Under the organisation and guidance of Wattles Under 16 Coach Grant Lollback, the club that centres on the Allora-Clifton area of the Darling Downs, the rugby league homes of the likes of Shane Webcke & the Platz brothers, Lew & Greg, the Wattles Warriors arranged a special day of commemoration & fundraising in support of the 'Soldier On' charity.

'Soldier On' supports Australian service men and women who have been wounded, physically or psychologically in contemporary conflicts. This includes conflicts after 1990, as well as serving members who were wounded in training or other exercises and individuals working for other Government agencies.

In a day that was a great showpiece for junior rugby league, both clubs put on some entertaining footy for the crowd that gathered to watch all on offer in the Under 7, 8, 10, 12, 13, 14 & 16 grades.

The Gremlins led the Under 14 match 16 - 14 but stepped up to the plate in the second stanza to eventually win 38 - 14 over a gallant Wattles outfit.

The 'Soldier On' Under 16 encounter was in every respect a tough but fair game frosted with sportsmanship & skills. Wattles emerged 20 - 18 winners in a hard fought contest. Both teams played in camouflage design jerseys especially crafted for the day, and made available for all players involved by some most generous sponsor donations.



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Lieutenant Colonel Steve Stockley from 1 Oakey Army Aviation Base attended the event, along with Allora RSL Sub-Branch Vice President Lieutenant Commander Sarah Turner RAN Retired, and made official presentations of the commemorative jerseys to both teams. He also presented post match awards, including 'Best & Fairest Player' trophies to Nick Van Der Poel (Wattles) and Reagan Sullivan (Stanthorpe) and medallions to all players involved.

Lieutenant Colonel Stockley commended both clubs on their participation and support of 'Soldier On', the players & all

WATTLES MATCH DAY!

Sunday, 2nd August

Wattles 'Warriors'
v Oakey 'Bears'
at Platz Oval, Clifton



Game Times

'Berghofer Cup' 2nd Division10.30 am
(Millmerran 'Rams' v Oakey 'Bears')
'Mark Philipson's Wiltonton Betta Home Living'
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'Toowoomba Toyota' RESERVE GRADE.1.30 pm
'Hutchies Cup' A GRADE.....3.00 pm

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Wattles Soldier On team. Photo © Leeanne's Photography.

connected with arranging the event, especially organizer Grant Lollback, "Soldier On is about Australians coming together to show their support for our physically and psychologically wounded".

Thanks to the support of the Australian public, those that work within 'Soldier On' strive to enhance recovery, inspire communities and empower Australia's wounded, giving those who have served our country the dignity they deserve and the chance to do and be whatever they choose.

The very special day in the Wattles calendar included a giant multi-draw raffle also for the benefit of 'Soldier On', as will a portion of proceeds gathered from the sale of commemorative jerseys ordered for those other than the players.

Event organizer Grant Lollback was more than impressed with the funds raised, \$3,300 to be forwarded to 'Soldier On' including a \$300 donation by the Stanthorpe Junior Rugby League Club.

Wattles Junior Rugby League Club President Paul Duggan rated the day a great success and a day his club will recall with great pride. "We are so very grateful to all who supported the cause by sponsorship, donation or purchase of raffle tickets and jerseys in recent weeks and game day, and the efforts and performances of the players involved, such wonderful ambassadors for the game."

The Wattles Junior Rugby League Club extend a sincere vote of thanks to the wonderful business houses that donated prizes that allowed the 'Soldier On' Multi-Draw Raffle to be such huge success - Allora News, Allora Pharmacy, Allora Post Office, Amy's Country Care-Allora, Bellingham & Co - Warwick, The Blue Cow Hotel - Allora, Bunnings - Toowoomba, Café Jacqui's - Warwick, Danny Lyons Sports - Warwick, Eggcettera - Allora, Frog & Swallow Café - Allora, Harvey Norman - Warwick, Percy's Fruit Market - Warwick & Allora, Ranbuild -

BAD JOKE OF THE WEEK

John's dad picked him up from school to take him to a dental appointment. Knowing the parts for the school play were supposed to be posted today, he asked his son if he got a part.

John enthusiastically announced that he'd gotten a part. "I play a man who's been married for twenty years."

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The Wattles Under 16 team would sincerely like to thank the following jersey sponsors for their Soldier On Fundraising game: Jake Ranger - Clifton Upholstery; Jackson Free - Woobry Transport; Jack Hayes - Applegum Inn, Toowoomba; Lachlan Sheppard - White's Garage, Allora; Brock McKavanagh Crofts - Cookhaul, Allora; Michael Kelk - Railway Hotel Allora & Allora True Value Hardware; Blake Lollback -4362 Therapy, Allora; Gus Somes - Jack & Shelley Duggan, Pilton; Stewart Henderson - Eagle Boys Warwick; Ben Duff - Duff Hay Sales; Nic Van Der Poel - Full Circle Farms; Brenton Thorne - Video Ezy Warwick; Thomas Duggan - Peter Stewart Automotive, Warwick; Codie Prendergast - Jenco Feeds & Seeds, Allora; Rory Moat - Allora Independent Steel, Hendon; Cahal Davis - Rose City Constructions; Darcy Brady - Luke Townsend Farrier; Lachlan Henry - Stu's Earthmoving Repairs & Maintenance; Michael Lassere - Bull & Barley Inn, Cambooya; Jackson Blake - Eastwell & Sons Transport; Paden Murphy - Newcomm Pty Ltd; Hayden Aspinall - Willett Electrical, Allora; James Gilmore - Allora Butchery.

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ANZAC STORY

This is a story about two soldiers who enlisted in Allora on the same day, with two entirely different eventual outcomes. David Sinton and John Douglas fronted the Allora recruiting centre on the 18th October 1915. Major Charles Deacon was the Attesting Officer and Dr. Francis Pain was the Examining Medical Officer. John Douglas was issued the Regimental No. of 1911 while David Sinton was issued No.1913. Both were allocated to No. 7 Squadron, No. 2 Remount Unit. Their job was to look after the horses of the Australian Light Horse. David Sinton was a married man with seven children. His eldest son, Rolland, was already serving in the Middle East. He

gave his age as 49 years 9 months, but had been born at Goomburra on the 22nd January 1861 and was actually 54 at the time of his enlistment.

John Douglas was a single man and gave his age as 42 years. He was born in 1877 so he was aged 38 at the time of enlistment. Both men embarked in Sydney on the ship R. M. S. "Orantes" on the 20th November 1915 bound for Egypt. They must have stuck together because both were charged on the 15th February 1916 for "Disobedience of Camp Orders by being found in the native village of Gura" for which they were admonished.

On the 17th March 1916, Mr. James Douglas received the following telegram from Base Records regarding his son: "Dear Sir, I regret to advise you that No. 1911 Private J. Douglas has been admitted to 3rd General Hospital, Mudros West, on the 9th March 1916 with haemorrhoids, mild, and in the event of further information coming to hand, you will be promptly notified". (I hope that he wasn't woken up in the middle of the night to receive that news)

Rolland Sinton had enlisted in the 2nd A. L. H. on the 21st August 1914 and had served at Gallipoli where he was promoted to sergeant. He returned to Egypt in November 1915 where he met up with his father.

The 2nd Remount Unit was demobilized on the 3rd May 1916 and Privates David Sinton and John Douglas returned to

Australia on the 31st May 1916 on the "Seang Bee". The unit was disbanded on the 19th June 1916.

John Douglas re-enlisted on the 16th October 1916 in Mackay with the new Regimental No. 6315. He was allocated to the 18th Reinforcements of the 26th Battalion. He joined the battalion in France on the 7th July 1916. He served in France and Belgium for the next 12 months and received gunshot wounds to the head in France on the 28th June 1918. Private John Douglas died in the 5th Casualty Clearing Station on the same day and was buried in the Drouy British Cemetery, 10 miles from Amiens.

David Sinton died in Allora at the age of 81 and was buried in the Allora Cemetery on the 7th July 1942.



Private David Sinton and Sergeant Rolland Sinton in Egypt 1916.
 Photo courtesy Rob Sinton.

STRETCHER BEARER'S IN WW1

As an addition to the information provided in the article about Dorothy Haig's tree in the Jumpers & Jazz display, the research team at the Allora Historical Society have come across four soldiers from Allora who served as stretcher bearers in WW1. There are links between all of them. Leslie Frederick Claude Masters, Michael Joseph Hassett and Henry Gartner were all born in Allora. Les Masters, Mick Hassett and Daniel Brodie Davis all enlisted in or from Allora, Dan Davis in Allora, and Les and Mick enlisted together in Toowoomba, both were assigned to the 6th Field Ambulance.

Les Masters, Harry Gartner and Dan Davis were all awarded the Military Medal for "Bravery in the field" while serving as stretcher bearers, Harry with the 15th Battalion and Dan with the 31st Battalion. Privates Harry Gartner and Daniel Davis were killed in the action that led to their being awarded the Military Medal.

Looking Back...

Allora's Past 25 years ago July 1990

Shire Clerk Retires

Allora Shire Clerk, Mr. Lex Ellwood, retired in July 1990 after 35 years in the job. Mr. Ellwood became Allora's second Shire Clerk in 1955 when he took the reins from foundation Shire Clerk, Mr. Andrew Hamilton. Mr. Ellwood said that he was retiring from the council and leaving it in its best financial position since he had been appointed Shire Clerk. The Allora Shire Council ended the 1989-1990 financial year with a credit balance of \$350,000. As well as serving the Allora Shire Council, Lex Ellwood served with distinction as secretary of the Allora and District Hospital Board, Allora State School P. & C. Association, was a foundation member of Allora Rotary, a member of the Allora Sub-Branch R. S. L.

and many other Allora organizations.

Cattle Sales Resume

Weekly cattle sales resumed in Allora in July 1990 after a more than five year break since regular sales ceased in 1985. The manager of the selling agents Dalgety-Winchcombe FGC, Mr. Rod Turner, said that the Allora district was renowned as a top cattle fattening area and the high cost of freight to Toowoomba was the primary reason for the reintroduction of cattle sales in Allora. Allora livestock salesman, Mr. Glen Whitton, said that he was confident that sales would benefit local producers and attract new buyers.

(Regular cattle sales in Allora commenced in 1897 when Patrick Donovan sold cattle in John Basford's Commercial Hotel yards. In July 1904 H. & C. Deacon held their first regular sale in Collins' yards adjoining the Club Hotel. When the hotel burned down in 1916, the yards were taken over by Deacon & Co. who were later

joined by Donovan & Son, and the two firms shared the yards for more than 50 years. Donovan's sold fortnightly and Deacon's monthly. H. W. Stay held his first sale in new yards built adjoining Dalrymple Creek Park in August 1913. H. W. Stay & Sons held monthly cattle sales until 1974 when they were bought out by Deacon & Co.

The old saleyards were closed when the new Allora Shire Council built municipal yards were opened in 1975. Deacon & Co. and Donovan & Son were the selling agents. Donovan's were bought out by Primaries Mactaggarts in 1976 and sold in Allora until concentrating on sales in Warwick in 1979. Toowoomba firm, A. M. L. & F. started an agency under local manager, Harry Rubie, in December 1978 and E. J. & M. A. Nolan, with Jim Leeson as auctioneer, began selling in Allora in January 1979.

Nolan's ceased selling cattle in Allora at the end on 1984. Elders AML Estates and Deacon & Co. carried on until regular sales ended in March 1985).

Colin Newport



Donovan & Son's last sale in the old yards in 1974. Some of those who can be seen in the photo are Ernie Waldron, Dick Sparksman, Brian Smith, Barry Donegan, Ted Long, Malcolm Fisher, Henry Smith and Errol Mahony (auctioneer). Photo courtesy Jan Hoey



A Dalgety Winchcombe sale in the Municipal Yards in 1990. Photo courtesy Jan Hoey

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Fri 31 **BNW Accountants Allora Visit**
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August -

Fri 7 **BNW Accountants Allora Visit**
 Allora Advertiser Office

Sat 8 **Warwick Uber Markets**
 Leslie Park, Warwick, 10.00am to 2.30pm

Fri 14 **BNW Accountants Allora Visit**
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Fri 21 **BNW Accountants Allora Visit**
 Allora Advertiser Office

Sat 22 **Toowoomba Hospice Race Day**
 Clifford Park Race Course, 3.30pm till late

Fri 28 **BNW Accountants Allora Visit**
 Allora Advertiser Office

Sat 29 **Wattles v Pittsworth**
 Platz Oval, Clifton

Sat 29 **Allora Mens Shed Meeting**
 Allora Mens Shed (old fire station), 11.30am

September -

Sat 12 **Warwick Uber Markets**
 Leslie Park, Warwick, 10.00am to 2.30pm

Sun 13 **Allora P-10 State School Spring Fair**
 Allora P-10 State School, 10.00am - 3.00pm

October -

Sat 10 **Allora High Tea**
 Allora Community Hall. 2.00pm

Sat 10 **Warwick Uber Markets**
 Leslie Park, Warwick, 10.00am to 2.30pm

November -

Sat 14 **Warwick Uber Markets**
 Leslie Park, Warwick, 10.00am to 2.30pm

December -

Sat 5 **Creekside Carols & Markets**
 Dalrymple Park, Allora

Sat 12 **Warwick Uber Markets**
 Leslie Park, Warwick, 10.00am to 2.30pm

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April -

Sat 16 **Allora & Dist. Historical Society Display & Demo Day**
 Warwick Street Museum, Allora.

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Wattles Fill Driver's Seat on TRL Premiership Table

For the second successive week the Wattles Warriors have got out of jail due to a slow finish, and in what was almost a mirror image of their 36 – 30 win over Valleys last week, they held out a late challenge on Saturday evening at Dalby to finish ahead of the Dalby Diehards 34 – 30.

The result that saw both sides touch down for six tries apiece, allowed Wattles the two vital premiership points and retention of the Rod Frahm Memorial Cup they won last year.

The prestigious trophy is contested annually between the Wattles & Dalby clubs, Rod a former Wattles player, A & Reserve Grade Coach, committee member, generous sponsor & Life Member along with his wife Mrs Janette Frahm, as well as being a member of the Toowoomba Clydesdales Board.

With just eleven minutes remaining on the match clock the Warriors appeared coasting with a lead of 34 – 16 and well on their way to taking the lead of the 'Hutchies Cup' Toowoomba Rugby League A Grade premiership. In recent weeks while Wattles have been listed at the top of the ladder due to for & against, they have been locked with Highfields on 24 competition points apiece. After the dust settled on last weekend's matches the top five teams are Wattles (26), Gatton (24), Highfields (24), Pittsworth (20) & Dalby (19), with Warwick (18) & a hopeful Valleys (15) enduring weekly challenges as they try to make up ground and earn a berth in the approaching finals series.

Highfields sat out the Round 17 bye this past weekend, so Wattles only needed to win over Dalby to assume sole ownership of the top slot on the ladder.

Coach Luke Duggan was just glad to get away with the win, "always good to get a win in tough conditions."

Hooker Michael Duggan & mobile prop Chris Warden impressed throughout, while backs Joel Koina & Corey Blades were a constant danger with the ball in their hands.

Dalby were playing for a third successive win and a need to lock themselves more securely in to the top five, and showed they are more than capable of being among the finals contestants at the business end of the season.

Former Wattles premiership team bookend of last year Pat Manley put first A Grade points on the scoreboard just minutes into the game, but first half tries by fullback Corey Blades, outside backs Joel Koina & Cameron Moodie had the Warriors taking an 18 – 10 lead in at half time.

Blades touched down for Wattles initial try after nine minutes showing many of his abundant skills as he weaved his way around defenders resulting in Wattles drawing level with the home side 6 all.

Fullback Blades was key to Wattles second try, set in motion by Matt Duggan before linking with classy centre Joel Koina who sprinted down the sideline to score.

Diehards bench player Brent Hunt crossed to keep the Dalby side in touch, trailing 10 – 12 midway through the half.

Six minutes prior to half time Matt Duggan linked with Koina yet again in a slick backline play that resulted in flying threequarter Cameron Moodie flashing over to score.

Just minutes after the restart precise playmaker Duggan fired a perfectly timed cut out pass to his brother lock forward Ryan Duggan who eased through the line to add another four-pointer.



Allora Golf Notes

What a great roll-up on Friday for the Duck Run – 20 golfers. There were some amazing scores in as well, testament to the condition of the course. The winner with 24 points was Matty Hagenbach in a count-back from his playing partner and drinking buddy, Jamie Mutch. Pin shots went to Rod Simpson and Garth Simpson. Actually Garth also shot 24 points but went home empty handed following the count-back. For his trouble he lost 3 shots off his handicap. Garth took this set-back with his usual good grace.

With drizzly rain falling on Sunday, the competition was cancelled. Next Sunday we will start the Match play. Good news on our friends from Latvia. They are hoping to be back in Australia in October and look forward to playing plenty of golf at the Allora course.

The Warriors appeared to be gaining momentum leading 22 – 10, but the Diehards former Wattles forward Will Manley ran in a try to have Dalby maintain an arm's length reach from the competition leaders.

It was only minutes later though that experienced forward Glen McMillan proved to strong for would be defenders claiming a fifth try for the 'Green & Gold' army and a 28 – 16 lead with around twenty minutes remaining. Wattles try trio of Joel Koina, Corey Blades & Matt Duggan mixed it yet again in the 62nd minute, Koina breaking away down the right side on a thirty metre gallop before finding Blades in support who offloaded to Duggan for a ten metre cantor to touch down.

Leading 34 – 16 Warriors fans could be excused for thinking their team was on the home run to a comfortable win, thoughts they shared last week as well.

But when hooker Tom Boland crossed Wattles try line to motivate the Dalby half of the scoreboard, it signalled the start of a last ditch fight back for the Diehards who so desperately needed the win.

Two more tries in Dalby's ten minute desperation dash had the score at 34 – 30, just a try off the points when the full time hooter sounded.

Wattles were without a few key players including injured hooker Mark Gordon, winger Michael Purcell who was on Torres Strait Islands on representative duties with the Queensland Outback team and forwards Dylan Ebneter & Aaron Scheid who were absent interstate.

Former Australian Under 20 Wallabies rugby union representative Michael Bermingham, a key member in last year's Wattles A Grade premiership winning side returned to the league field on Saturday to bolster the line-up against Dalby.

'Big Red' ran on early in the season for Wattles before heading to Brisbane to play rugby union for the Brothers club, but of late he has been dealing with a bought of injury.

Wattles 34 (Corey Blades, Joel Koina, Matt Duggan, Ryan Duggan, Cameron Moodie, Glen McMillan tries; Matt Duggan 5 goals) defeated Dalby 30.

Wattles were short of troops across all grades on Saturday, including key players absent due to injury or commitments and it had a telling affect on performances, the Under 18 side playing the majority of the game with eleven men which eventually increased to twelve. The 'Railway Hotel, Allora' Reserve Grade side's winning run since the start of the second Round ended abruptly when Dalby's top of the table side won 32 – 18, Dalby again on the winner's podium at the completion of the Under 18 match winning most convincing over the 'Allan & Debbie Smith's Toowoomba & Oakey Foodworks' Warriors side 72 – 8.

Millmerran were a class above Dalby in 2nd Division winning 62 – 4 scoring eleven tries to one to maintain their unbeaten fixture record in 2015.

Reserve Grade - While they endured a 32 – 18 defeat, Wattles 'Railway Hotel, Allora' Reserve Grade side performed well at Dalby on Saturday according to Coach Terry Bermingham, "it was a very tough game for us, & Dalby are a handy side with good structure".

Wattles had been undefeated since the competition turned in to the second Round, with the impressive array of scalps on their belts of Gatton, Warwick, Souths & Valleys. Their on field success elevated the Warriors to third on the 'Toowoomba Toyota' Premiership ladder, however the loss to the top of the table Diehards has seen the side awake on Sunday settled in to fourth place, a competition points behind Gatton and a point ahead of fifth placed Goondiwindi.

"We made a few minor errors in defence" noted the Coach, "and to their credit Dalby took full advantage".

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Ever reliable front-rower Jason Nightingale was at his usual best leading from the front while Liam Ross impressed with a strong all round performance at hooker. Rampaging centre Matt McCarthy harvested metres at will running the ball, a constant threat to the Dalby defensive line. While a Liam Ross dart from dummy-half resulted in the first points of the match at a 6 – 0 Wattles lead, the home side ran in three tries in just twelve minutes to lead 16 – 6. Two more touch downs post half time had Dalby holding a commanding 26 – 6 advantage with ten minutes remaining in the game. Wattles finally added to their points total when McCarthy burst through the line with Ross adding his touch with a ground making run. From the play the ball front-rower Michael Bermingham barged over to score and have Wattles trailing 12 – 32. The Diehards retaliated to add another four-pointer, but with full time approaching Liam Ross & Matt McCarthy combined running some handy angles that resulted in a McCarthy try under the uprights.

Dalby 32 defeated Wattles 18 (Liam Ross, Michael Bermingham, Matt McCarthy try; Dale McAntee 3 goals).

Under 18 - Wattles 'Allan & Debbie Smith's Toowoomba & Oakey Foodworks' Under 18 Coach Mick Ryan was aware it was going to be "a tough day with just 11 players to take the field and a 12th player backing up from 'C' grade ten minutes into the match", and it was, the young Warriors defeated 8 – 72. The Wattles players on the field defended extremely well, especially the forwards recognised the Coach. "It's a credit to those players who show up every week in short numbers and still give their best right to the end". Player's Player Max Rubie had his regular outstanding game, however given his contribution generally to the team effort he should feel comfortable should he retire from goal kicking.

"The team's ability to shift the ball wide is outstanding" said the Coach, "a hefty score against yes, but a good job on a hard day".

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There were no illusions as to whether Dalby meant business or not after they charged down a kick to score in the first minute of play. They led 20 - 0 after just eight minutes, and 38 - 0 at half time. In form back-rower Max Rubie scored under the posts immediately after half time to put Wattles on the scoreboard. It was that man Rubie again in the eleventh minute of the second stanza, beating defenders in the contest for a high ball and again touch down under the cross bar, Wattles trailing 8 -

38.

Wattles depleted state player wise and the quality of their top five placed opponents saw the home side ease away and score 34 unanswered points in the final thirteen minutes of play.

Wattles 72 defeated Wattles 8 (Max Rubie 2 tries).

2nd Division - Wattles 2nd Division affiliate club the Millmerran Rams added another success to their unbeaten 2015 record when they served up a 62 - 4 thrashing to the Dalby Diehards. In an amazing statistic the Rams are averaging 50.36 points a game undefeated in eleven fixture matches.

Millmerran 62 (Brent Hearne 2, Jamie Meddings 2, Tom Halford 2, Jai Klein 2, Alex Sinclair, Colin Dixon, Brandon Hinsley tries; James Sinclair 8, Steve Sauverain goals) defeated Dalby 4.

Wattles return to their home venue of Platz Oval this weekend hosting the bottom of the ladder Oakey Bears. It's an ideal opportunity for the 'National Farmer's Warehouse' A Grade side to consolidate their position at the head of the TRL 'Hutchie's Cup'

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