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THURSDAY, 6th AUGUST 2015



St Patrick's, Allora Year 6 students, Imogen Philp, Anna Morris and Matthew Higgins proudly sporting the blue, green and red of the new St Patrick's, Allora Sports Houses: Hughes, Lynam and Rynne.

The more things change, the more they stay the same.

In this, the year of the Anzac Centenary, the community of St Patrick's, Allora is busily planning for a Centenary celebration of their own. 2016 marks one hundred years of schooling for the St Patrick's Parish and it seems that the more things change, the more they stay the same!

It's a great time for sharing memories – the old buildings, the school balls, the different nuns and teachers over the years... but it seems that sport has always played a huge part in the culture of the school.

In the living memory of the past-pupils and parishioners, the Sports Houses at St Pat's have undergone at least three name changes with perhaps the most significant occurring just this year. During the 70's the red and white,

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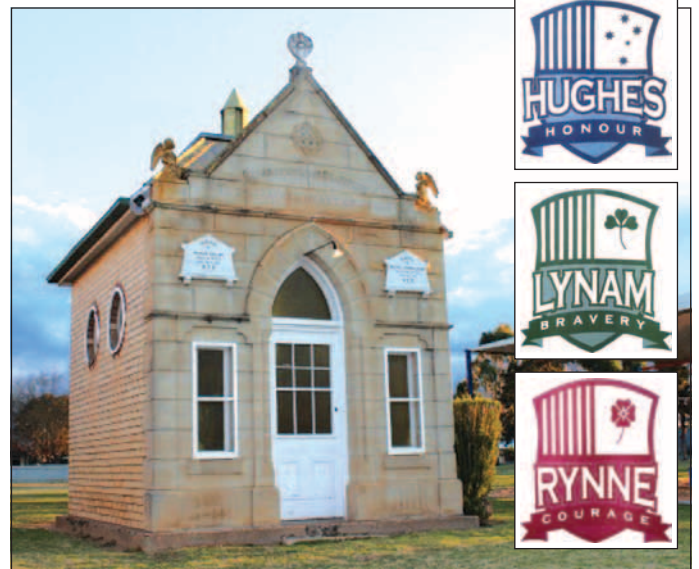
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Waratah did battle with the green and gold, Wattle. This soon gave way to Wombats and Koalas in the 90's but in 2014, outgoing Principal, Margaret Grew, saw the move of the Year Sevens to high school as the perfect time affect change in the proud sporting tradition of the school. So, after great debate and much research, 2015 sees not only a change to the names, but also two houses becoming three!

Seeking the input of the school families and parishioners, it was local history buff and parent, Phill Higgins who provided what seemed to be the perfect dovetail solution in this special centenary year: The surnames of the WWI fallen from the St Patrick's Parish, immortalised in the unique Shrine which is built on the school grounds.

With the help of the local Historic Society, the decision was made to name the new houses Rynne, Hughes and Lynam.

The following Sporting Creed has been developed, along with a torch, to be read out by and handed on to one of the current families before each major sporting event so that the significance of the names is always remembered and that their fighting spirit lives on.

ST PATRICK'S SPORTS CREED

Today we battle on the sporting field under the banners of Hughes, Lynam and Rynne. May we do honour to these families, (as well as to the Collins, Morrissy, Dunne and Warfield families) whose sons left Allora to fight in WWI and never returned. May we compete in a spirit which shows our respect and gratitude for their sacrifice. We thank them today and always that we can play, learn and grow in a peaceful community.

St Patrick's, Allora extend an open invitation to their School Centenary Celebrations, 12th March 2016. For more information contact Carmel: cowleys3@bigpond.com or phone 0427 136 570

Letters to the Editor...

The Editor,

Members of Allora and Clifton Communities -

The Parish Council of Allora and Clifton Anglican Churches are very pleased to announce the appointment of Reverend Bev Thorogood as a locum for St David's and All Saints churches for the next 3 months. Bev will be conducting Eucharist services at both churches from Sunday 26th July at 8am, All Saint's and at 10am St David's. Parishioners are strongly encouraged to support the appointment of Rev Thorogood at these services. We look forward to seeing you all in Church to show your support for the future of the Anglican churches within your communities.

Blessings,

Allora and Clifton Anglican Parish Council

Dear Editor,

Watching the Sunday Night Story on channel 7 recently where the population of Norfolk Island were outraged by the Australian Government's plans to change the governance of their Island,

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was typical of the power without glory stance that abounds right down the line to end trust in Governments.

There appears to be a similar arrogance in decision making right here in tiny Allora. The fate of the War Memorial on Darling Street is still under a cloud of supposed indecision. The great difficulty of saving this heritage treasure is time apparently. Time to ponder, time to confuse and time to pounce when the price is right! The Southern Downs Regional Council is so overworked that another month will be required to announce their decision!

There is only going to be one result in the end tis plain to see. Less work for the mowing brigade and more money for the council coffers!

Melba Morris, Allora

Council to hold open meeting about GrainX operations following community requests

Southern Downs Regional Council will hold an open meeting at the Allora Community Hall on August 10, 2015 at 3:00pm, in response to requests from members of the community to discuss issues surrounding operations at GrainX.

In 2011 GrainX commenced operations on site in Allora, and subsequently there have been ongoing complaints made about noise and dust arising from these operations.

Southern Downs Regional Council's Mayor, Cr Peter Blundell said Council understands the issues that Allora residents have with the operations of GrainX.

"All residents in Allora are welcome to attend this open community meeting, and we will have Councillors and Council staff on hand to respond to residents' questions and concerns," said Cr Blundell.

For further information, please contact Council's Environmental Services team on 1300 MY SDRC (1300 697 372).

WEATHER FORECAST			
Day	Forecast	Min/Max	
THU	Morning Clouds. Cold. Crisp.	3	14
FRI	Sunny. Cool. Crisp.	2	18
SAT	Sunny. Cool. Crisp.	2	19
SUN	Sunny. Cool.	4	19
MON	Sunny. Cool. Crisp.	3	20
TUE	Sunny. Cool.	7	21



Allora Senior Citizens Board - Jackie Robertson (Treas.), Joan Barnett (Pres.), Shann O'Connell (Sec.)

Allora Senior Citizens

Allora residents old and new have stepped up to ensure the Allora Senior Citizens Club continues as a valuable and much loved community resource with a new board installed at the Club's AGM on July 17, 2015.

President Joan Barnett, Vice-President Ann Grimes, Secretary Shann O'Connell and Treasurer Jackie Robertson are looking forward to continuing and enhancing the clubs' association with the Allora community with membership open to all residents 50 years and over.

Current activities including Monday and Friday Cards and the '6 Handed Euchre' Tournament held on the 4th Tuesday each month, with visitors attending from Warwick, Clifton and Toowoomba, will continue as usual. Membership is a fantastic \$5 per year and the club's premises, including the well-equipped commercial kitchen, remains available for use by the community and for private hire for meetings, weddings, parties etc.

The Board invites suggestions for suitable activities or events and would be most keen to hear from anyone who could assist with the setting up and running of various daytime groups such as cooking, arts and crafts, singing, dancing etc.

The Club's next general meeting will be held at 1.00pm, Monday, 17 August and all interested parties and prospective members are invited to attend.

For all enquiries call Shann O'Connell on 0478 637 604 Monday to Friday 9.00am-7.00pm

It's on for Young and Old! Seniors Month: Southern Downs Style

August is a busy month if you're a Senior living on the Southern Downs! Seniors Week will be celebrated in Queensland from August 15 - 23 this year with the theme 'It's on for Young and Old', and is an opportunity for residents of all ages to join together and celebrate the contribution of older people in our community.

Southern Downs Regional Council's Mayor, Cr Peter Blundell said in recognition of the growing support and interest by the Southern Downs community in holding seniors week events, Council has designated August as 'Seniors Month' on the Southern Downs.

"Over the last few years, there have been so many events offered by community groups and clubs, that they spanned well over three weeks, so it seemed fitting to dedicate August as 'Seniors Month' in our region.

"This year, there's another jam-packed calendar of events and activities being held throughout August including art exhibitions and demonstrations, military memorabilia displays, fashion parades, music performances galore, morning teas and luncheons, euchre, orienteering, and much more... something for everyone," he said.

Residents will be spoiled for choice with two seniors expos to be held across the region this year. The 9th Annual Seniors Leisure & Lifestyle Expo will be held in a new location at the Warwick Senior Citizens Hall, corner of Guy and Albert Streets, on August 20 from 10am - 2pm.

A 'Preparing for the Golden Years' expo will be held at the Stanthorpe RSL, 46 Marsh St on August 24 from 10am - 2pm and will showcase Government, non-Government agencies, service clubs and associations that provide services to the over 60's.

"These expos are a wonderful opportunity for groups and services to provide information for people over 55 to live a vibrant and active life in their community," said Cr Blundell.

It's on for Young and Old, so get out and get active this Seniors Month. Check out the full Southern Downs Seniors Month calendar of events on Council's website www.sdrcl.qld.gov.au, or pick up a copy from Council's Libraries or Community Contact Centres.

EXPOS! | Info on Senior's Services & Programs | Fitness | Entertainment | Field trips | Art/Craft | Health | Demonstrations

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Letter from the Publisher

Computer control and digital imaging have changed printing beyond recognition in only a few years. They have laid waste carefully honed skills and wiped out whole sections of the print industry. The Allora Advertiser as publishers and printers has also experienced the loss of these skills.

However, we see more positives than negatives in our small print business and with our changes to digital printing we have gratefully experienced the groundswell of community support.

In a commemorative year we have spent the last six months publishing stories and articles 'Lest we forget' provided by families and individual researchers. The Allora Advertiser also does not want to forget. We recognise the contribution of many community members namely Glyn Rees, Colin Newport, Lyn Wright, and the volunteers who write on behalf of their sporting organisations and their community groups. These community members help to develop or research those stories which make up the cultural fabric of the 'Best Little Town on the Downs'. We salute you.

Note from the Editor

Does your organisation wish celebrate the good stuff? We can all be aware of the things or events that have a negative impact on our small community or organisation but always celebrate the good stuff; it is worth it.

Do you wish to recognise the contributions of those volunteers who with no expectation of recognition for their commitment go about supporting their group of choice? The Team at the Allora Advertiser will be only too happy to publish your article.



From One Allora Lad to Another

On a recent overseas holiday, Peter Gordon took a turn off the beaten track to pay tribute at the graveside of a fellow Allora-ite whom he had never met. Inspired by the recently published Allora Historic Society's stories of Allora's WWI fallen, Mr Gordon learned that Jack Rynne was buried in a war cemetery in Haifa and made the decision to visit the young Allora lad's grave whilst he was there. This picture (above) shows the

Allora Advertiser, with Rynne's photo and story, placed at his graveside.

Mr Gordon's emotional connection with the Allora Advertiser goes back to his days as a delivery boy when his father, John Gordon was proprietor and he deemed this special edition, "a most appropriate gift from home". (Coincidentally, Peter and his trivia team are pictured on the same page.)

"It was a special moment," Gordon said. "I'm sure that Rynne would have been chuffed to know that the people of his home town remembered him and still honoured his sacrifice."

ALLORA ANZACS REMEMBERED – A PROJECT BY THE ALLORA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Henry Dickey was an accountant with the Australian Bank of Commerce. He had worked in various branches including Allora, Killarney and Warwick and was known as a popular officer who always took an interest in the social affairs in the many towns in which he lived. Henry's father, James Hemphill Dickey, had also been a bank officer. He had been associated for 30 years with the Australian Joint Stock Bank which became the Australian Bank of Commerce. He was manager at Allora for several years and retired soon after leaving Allora.

Henry was working in Allora when he enlisted for active service on 23rd October 1914. The form states that he had been born in Gladstone and was 33 years and 5 months when he signed his attestation papers. Henry William Hemphill Dickey, Regimental No. 264, was initially assigned to 5th Light Horse Regiment A.I.F. He was discharged on 27th October 1914.

A second attestation paper was signed on 9th February 1916 in Brisbane. This form gives Henry's birthday place as Roma and he is now 34 years 10 months. His father, now living in Sydney, is listed as next of kin. The reason for his previous discharge may be seen in the fact that he answers, "Yes", to the question, "Have you ever been rejected as unfit for His Majesty's Service. If so on what grounds?" – his answer is "Yes, hernia".

Private H. W. H. Dickey, Regimental No. 327, was assigned to the 3rd Machine Gun Company A.I.F. He embarked from Melbourne on the 16th August 1916 aboard SS "Orantes" and disembarked in Plymouth on 2nd October 1916.

'Harry' Dickey wrote to the manager of the Australian Bank of Commerce in Allora when he was in camp on the Salisbury Plains. He reported that all was well and that he had had an exceptional trip over. He had been able to do some sightseeing in London and was much impressed. A report in the Allora Guardian says that his many Allora friends will be pleased to hear that Private Dickey is in such good health and spirits.



Henry Dickey at the oars of a boat on Dalrymple Creek in 1910. Photo taken by Jim Patterson.

Henry trained with the 4th Reinforcements at the Australian Machine Gun Training depot until 10th March 1917 when he proceeded overseas to France ex Folkestone. He was taken on strength with the 3rd Machine Gun Company in the field on 1st May 1917.

Henry was at the front for a period of five months before he was killed in action in Belgium on the 20th September 1917.

Mrs. Dora H. Hall of Pennant Hills, Sydney, had advised Base records that following the death of her father, she was Henry's next of kin. A Base Records query to her regarding nearest blood relations was dated 7th March 1921. On receipt of her reply, Base Records forwarded Henry's medals to her.

In an obituary it was reported that Miss R. McIntosh, Pratten Street, Warwick had received melancholy information that Private Henry Dickey had been killed in action and that much sympathy would be felt for his sister. He was liked by all for his good character and manly qualities.

Looking Back...

Allora's Past 25 years ago August 1990

Rifle Shooting

Three generations of the Gartner family will this week compete in the 100th Queen's Prize at the Belmont Rifle Range. Percy Gartner, who won the Queen's



Private Thomas Arthur Muir.

Photo courtesy State Library of Queensland.

Prize at Enoggera in 1963, will be joined by his son Greg and grandson Matthew in this year's event. It is the 43rd consecutive year in the event for Percy who has represented Queensland 10 times and represented Australia against New Zealand. Percy is a member of the Allora Rifle Club. His father Percy senior was also a member of the same club.

Allora's Past 50 years ago August 1965

Pre Wedding Evening

Will be held in the Nobby Hall on Friday, 13th August, in honour of the approaching marriage of Miss Val Breeze to Mr. Bobby Telford. Crescendos Orchestra Euchre Ladies please provide.

Allora's Past 75 years ago August 1940

Farewell

A large number of residents of Allora and district attended a public farewell to Corporal Arthur Muir in the Allora Shire Hall. Corporal Muir, who served in the last war, is a son of one of Allora's oldest pioneers, Mr. T. Muir who has been very prominent in Allora's public life. He is attached to the Postal Corps and is now on final leave. Mr. H. Warfield, Chairman of the Allora Shire Council presided, and

on behalf of the public of Allora wished their guest the best of luck in every way. He remarked on the fact that Corporal Muir had already served in one war in which he had a good record, and was now going to another.

(Mr. Thomas Muir died in Allora on the 19th May 1945, but shortly before his death he heard the news for which he had been waiting for many months – that his son Sergeant Arthur Muir had reached England safely after being a prisoner of war in Germany for about 4 years)

Allora's Past 100 years ago August 1915

Forest Springs School of Arts

The following tenders have been received for the erection of a School of Arts at Upper Forest Springs:

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(The Forest Springs Hall was built by Harry Weber and Harry Blanchard. It was demolished after being damaged by a storm in the 1970's. A tennis court was built on the site with the insurance money)

Colin Newport

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Start of August offensive by Allies. Australian forces at Lone Pine, Australian Light Horse at The Nek and NZ forces at Chumuk Bair, all on the same night. Taken and lost a number of times.

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Blue Care warning – attempted fraud against clients

Blue Care Executive Director Robyn Batten has warned against giving out personal and financial information over the phone.

Blue Care has received reports that someone impersonating a Blue Care worker has made phone calls to Blue Care clients asking for their personal bank details.

"The clients knew to end the calls and reported it to our staff immediately, however it is important all our clients and wider community are aware of these calls and take all precautions," Ms Batten said.

"Several clients have been contacted in the past few days in the Wynnum area of Brisbane and now Toowoomba by someone asking for their personal and bank details.

"We are reminding our clients and the community to please not give your personal details to people you don't know.

"If you get a call from someone claiming to be from your bank or any other organisation, don't give them your details. Instead, end the call, and then call the organisation in question to check it is really them calling.

"If you think that you've accidentally given out too much information check your bank statements carefully, and if you see anything unusual please contact the police, as well as your bank, credit card provider or super fund immediately."

Blue Care has reported the phone calls to the police and Scamwatch, run by the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC).



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Council encourages residents to use MY SDRC app

Southern Downs Regional Council's Mayor, Cr Peter Blundell is reminding residents of the benefits of using the MY SDRC app, which offers greater efficiencies in reporting issues and lodging customer requests with Council.

Council received the June Executive Performance Statistics at its General Meeting today and were pleased with the continuing increase in the level of usage of the app, with 494 users, up by 52 from last month.

The Mayor encouraged more people to download the app and start accessing the benefits.

"Along with the 'Fix It' tool, which enables residents to lodge and track their customer requests, the MY SDRC app provides users with access to the latest Council News, the ability to contact Councillors at a touch and access to Council's contact information.

"Additional features include an Alerts page, an extremely useful tool which can provide information in a disaster event, details on available Council jobs and quick access to Council's social media.

"The app not only provides residents with a 'one stop shop' access to basic Council information, but also keeps people up to date on what is happening in our region.

"Council is happy that so many people have decided to use the app, and we would strongly encourage more residents to make use of its many features," said Cr Blundell.

The app is available for both Android and Apple users and is free from the Play Store and App Store. Simply search for MY SDRC and install.

For enquiries please call 1300 MY SDRC (1300 69 7372).

SOUTHERN DOWNS REGIONAL COUNCIL OPPOSES COAL MINING

At its July 2015 General meeting, Cr Jamie Mackenzie moved that Council accept the declarations presented to him and Cr Ross Bartley at a Goomburra Hall community meeting on Saturday 25 July 2015. The declarations by the community are that roads in Goomburra, Berat and Allora are coal mine and gas field free.

In accordance with a previous community meeting resolution, Council resolved in January 2015 to universally oppose coal seam gas, oil and coal mining in its prime tourist, rural lifestyle and productive agricultural areas.

"The last thing we want is an Acland coal scenario on the upper east side of the Southern Downs" Cr Jamie Mackenzie said. "Why not protect Goomburra? Outside of this hall is some of the most scenic and productive country in the Southern Downs Region."

"Council does not approve coal mines. That is a State Government responsibility" Jamie said.

"Just like the Scenic Rim Regional Council in 2012, we took the message in January this year to the State Government on behalf of the region that alarm bells are ringing about the potential impacts of resource sector development on the 'right to farm', slippage, amenity, the road and rail network, fragile underground water supplies and on the environment."

"In my view, there needs to be a balance between economic development and preserving the environment" Jamie said.

"We all would like to see the mining sector develop in appropriate parts of Queensland and for agriculture to prosper" Cr Mackenzie said. "The Darling Downs Regional Plan goes some way to separating mining, agriculture and urban centres but it is almost impossible that the two can co-exist on the Southern Downs."

"Unlike Central Queensland, the Southern Downs Region features comparatively dense rural settlement so mining would be on someone's door step. The Southern Downs' clean air, fabulous vistas and top quality agricultural land makes it prime tourist country, a great place to live and has important agricultural qualities" Cr Mackenzie said "so I am not sure how a coal mine can be compatible."

"Council also resolved to halt any permits for resource sector development on its road reserves and other lands in its control" Cr Mackenzie added.

Jamie's experience in rural planning, tourism, government and legal matters, as a regional Councillor, 4th generation resident, beef cattle producer, ratepayer and self-employed town planning consultant can be seen on his website: www.jamiemackenzie.com.au

?? CSIRO Double Helix Quiz ??

1. What is SCUBA an acronym for?
2. What is a neutrino?
3. What chemical is pearl mostly made of? Is it a) calcium carbonate, b) sodium chloride or c) carbon?
4. What is the name of the supercontinent which is believed to have slowly split to form Laurasia and Gondwana about 180 million years ago?
5. What is the scientific name for a cat?

Answers in Classifieds pages

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Council goes 'Casual for a Cause'

Residents will start to see Southern Downs Regional Council Administration and Library staff dressing casually, with Council recently adopting a new 'Casual for a Cause' initiative which will start on the first Friday in August.

Southern Downs Regional Council's Chief Executive Officer, Mr David Keenan said there are a lot of not for profit organisations doing great work in our community and Council wanted to make it easy for staff to show their support through a coordinated donation program.

"Staff based in our administration centres and libraries are encouraged to dress down on Fridays and make a gold coin donation to help local not for profit community groups in our region.

"Council's field staff are welcome to make donations too, however for their safety they will be asked to continue wearing their full uniform and associated personal protective equipment. "Council staff will be encouraged to nominate not for profit organisations active in the Southern Downs to be added to the donation list, and one group will be selected each month to be the recipient of the staff donations.

"A notice will be placed at Council's Community Contact Centres and Libraries each Friday promoting to the public the not for profit organisation that will receive the donations during that month," said Mr Keenan.



Fire trail commissioning drive on Saturday July 18, 2015.

Southern Downs completes construction of strategic fire trails

Southern Downs Regional Council, in conjunction with the Queensland Fire and Emergency Service (QFES) and Rural Fire Service Queensland (RFSQ), has completed construction of 22 kilometres of strategic fire trails within the region. Southern Downs Regional Council's Mayor, Cr Peter Blundell said Council had been successful in receiving \$42,400 in funding under the Queensland Disaster Mitigation and Resilience program in 2014 for fire trails project.

"These newly completed fire trails are primarily situated in the Braeside area of our region. They will facilitate access for fire-fighting personnel and resources to areas of strategic importance during fire-fighting operations to protect local



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communities, property and infrastructure from the spread of bush fires.

"The new fire trails have successfully broken down what was a very large and generally inaccessible area into smaller more manageable blocks, which will help fire-fighters to control fires in days, not weeks, as has been the case in the past," Cr Blundell said.

A commissioning drive was undertaken on Saturday July 18. Council's Disaster Management Coordinator, Mark Saunders said that a number of different appliance types travelled the breaks.

"All of the fire-fighters involved in the commissioning drive were happy with the result and believe it will be a big help in providing access into this area to combat bushfires, said Mr Saunders.

Council spent approximately \$50,000 last year supporting RFSQ operations at the Ballandean fire which burnt approximately 5000 hectares.

Mr Saunders went on to say that the establishment of fire trails offers a range of benefits to the community.

"Fire trails provide a more effective and safer means of access for fire-fighters to combat a fire which, in turn, helps prevent the spread of the fire and minimises the damage caused.

"Volunteers don't need to be out fighting the fires as long, so they can get back to their employment sooner, and employers don't have employees away from the workplace for prolonged periods.

"Land owners are likely to incur less damage to fences, stock, feed and infrastructure, and fewer resources will be required to fight a fire, resulting in a reduced cost to the community in general," he said.

The completion of this project has been made possible through the collaborative efforts of a range of stakeholders including Council, QFES, RFSQ, local Rural Fire Brigades and property owners.

The newly constructed fire trails do cross private land and are not open to public use.

The Strategic Fire Trails project is a joint initiative of Southern Downs Regional Council, the Commonwealth Government and the Queensland Government.

Town Crier bellows for world glory

Dalveen's Bob Townshend will be one of five Australian Town Criers amidst a field of 25 Criers from around the world, to compete in the Central Otago World Town Crier Tournament in September. The tournament, which runs from 24-30 September, is being organised by Central Otago's town crier Paddy-Ann Pemberton. It will be the first time the event has been hosted in New Zealand.

Twenty colourful and flamboyant criers who hail from England, Wales, Canada, USA, Australia and other parts of New Zealand, will deliver three competition cries over the course of the week in Alexandra, Roxburgh and Cromwell.

As part of the tournament, Bob must have a "home cry", a piece of prose or verse extolling the virtues of the Southern Downs and he is keen for budding writers to pen him something spectacular in a new competition, open to residents young and old.

"I would love to invite people of the Southern Downs to have their words spoken on a world stage," he said. "I am looking for an engaging, humorous or serious piece of between 100 and 120 words about the Southern Downs."

Those wishing to submit an entry for Bob's home cry competition and be in the running for prizes of Southern Downs gift hampers, should send their contributions to admin@destinationssoutherndowns.com.au or drop them in to either the Warwick or Stanthorpe Visitor Information Centres. Entries close on Friday August 21, with winners announced the following week.

Fully attired in his regalia, Bob plays an impressive role in events across the region and also undertakes historic CBD tours, which engender a great response from visitors and locals. The tours offer a unique opportunity to learn about Warwick's rich history and its beautiful architecture.

Events across the region, looking to add the majesty of a town crier to their program, should contact the Destination Southern Downs team for details on how Bob could assist their event.



Bob Townshend in action at the recent Jumpers & Jazz Festival. Photo courtesy of Izelle Barnard

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DSD tick of approval for Jumpers & Jazz

With the success of Warwick's Jumpers & Jazz in July being lauded across the region, the board of Destination Southern Downs has echoed the sentiments, acknowledging that tourism events like Jumpers & Jazz bring significant and immediate financial gain and social enjoyment for visitors, residents and businesses in the region.

Board chairperson Corinne Butler said the community is fortunate to have such a talented group of event organisers, energetic volunteers and fantastic artists that have grown this event into what it is today.

"Tourism is a positive industry, we look to it for enjoyment, fun and relaxation and Destination Southern Downs looks forward to next year's event with this same positive drive," she said. Festival organisers Tracy Vellacott and Karina Devine are calling on interested residents, community organisation representatives, business operators and festival stakeholders to attend next week's Jumpers & Jazz wrap-up and review meeting.

"We'd love the chance to hear from the public on what they consider went well and what could be improved," Mrs Vellacott said.

The meeting will be held at 5.30pm on Tuesday 11 August 2015 at the Warwick Art Gallery Studio (enter via the loading dock door), Albion Street, Warwick (RSVPs to 4661 9073)

With Jumpers & Jazz under their belt, the board of Destination Southern Downs will now turn its attention to providing more expansive direction and management to the tourism industry throughout the Council region. Immediate projects include the development of a marketing strategy, development of a membership structure and prospectus, along with improved e-communication with industry and consumers.

WEAPONS LICENCING SAFETY COURSE

Due to the increased demand, Clifton Shooting Club will be running a Weapons Licencing safety course for Cat A & B (rifle) which is the basic rifle Licencing. The course will be held on the Sunday, 6th September, at the Laurie Bowe rifle range, Rosenthal Boundry Road, Leyburn. The cost of the course is \$110.00. Juniors over the age of 11 years are welcome to attend. We would require you to be at the range by 7.30am for a 8.00 am sharp start.

Also on that Sunday afternoon, we will be conducting a Cat H (Handgun) Licencing safety course, the cost of this course is also \$110. This course will start at approximately 1.00 pm.

If you require any further information or would like to book a position please call Gordon on 0418 877 525.

New novel follows two soldiers' intertwining fates in WW1

In 'The Last Chapter,' Eleanor Collins' historical fiction story follows events stemming from wartime encounter.

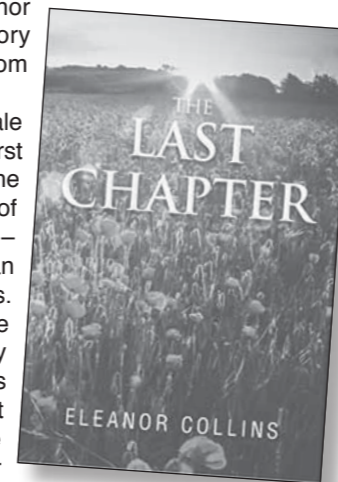
Author Eleanor Collins tells a tale of historical fiction set in the First World War. In July 1916, in the closing hours of the Battle of Fromelles, two enemy soldiers – one German and one Australian – face each other in the trenches. Only one man can survive. "The Last Chapter" (published by Partridge India) traces the lives of these two men and the impact of their life-and-death struggle on four generations of their families, culminating in the dedication of the War Graves Cemetery at Fromelles in 2010.

The Australian soldier, Thomas Stanwell, is the son of wealthy English parents. He travels the world, and after falling in love with an Australian girl, Morag, he sets up home in Sydney. When war is declared, he enlists in the 56th Battalion and sails for Europe. Somewhere on the battlefields of France he disappears. His family waits in vain for a message from him, but none ever comes. His son, Edward, has only faint memories of him. In 2007 Edward's grandson, Tom, learns of the discovery of a mass grave in Fromelles. Edward hopes that he might at last have news of his father. Tom travels to Britain to see what can be discovered about his great grandfather's disappearance and soon finds himself working in the Centre for Battlefield Archaeology at the University of Glasgow.

The German soldier is Karl Schuster. Having enlisted in Prince Rupert's 6th Bavarian Reserve Regiment, he fights for the Kaiser, believing Germany will win the war, but after the Armistice in 1918, he returns home to Augsburg in Bavaria, defeated and dispirited. Karl marries Margarete and struggles in post-war Germany to bring up his children. The Nazi Party rises and Karl watches as his son, Franz – along with most of Germany – becomes enthralled with Adolf Hitler and the prospect of Germany returning to its former glory. Ninety years later, Franz's granddaughter finds a small parcel which reveals the fate of Thomas Stanwell. Suzanne sets out to trace Thomas Stanwell's relatives. Her search brings unexpected results, and soon, out of the horror of war and death, there comes a new beginning.

Eleanor Collins is a retired schoolteacher with a deep love of history, especially the history of the First World War. She has travelled extensively and taught in England, Scotland, and Australia. "The Last Chapter" is her first novel.

"The Last Chapter" By Eleanor Collins is available at Amazon and Barnes & Noble.



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Council introduces new online cemetery booking system for local funeral directors

Making a funeral booking at Southern Downs Regional Council's cemeteries is about to get easier for local funeral directors, with a new online cemetery booking system soon to be introduced.

Council's Manager Community Facilities, Mr Michael Bell said that the online cemetery booking project came about after it was identified that funeral directors were making bookings with Council through a manual system that was labour intensive and presented some time limitations.

"The manual system meant that if grieving families approached a funeral director on a Friday evening or on the weekend, they could not make a cemetery booking until the Monday.

"Many families were left feeling uncertain about their funeral arrangements, adding pressure at a difficult time, particularly where those families were arranging for family members to attend from interstate.

"The new online system will allow the funeral director to identify immediately what booking times Council has available at a cemetery, and then reserve a time on the spot.

"It is hoped that the new system will give families a lot more certainty around planning funeral arrangements for their loved one," said Mr Bell.

Mr Bell went on to say that the new system is expected to create a number of efficiencies.

"The online system will reduce the amount of paperwork required for cemetery bookings, and allow Council staff to process requests out in the field, instead of waiting until they get back into the office," he said.

Council's Information Services and Technology Manager, Cassie Martinez said her team recently provided training to two local funeral directors, Warwick Funerals and Carnarvon Funeral Services, who were said to be 'over the moon' with the new online cemetery booking system.

Other funeral directors will come on line with the new system over the next couple of weeks.

BAD JOKE OF THE WEEK

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Homelessness Prevention Week: 3-9 August 2015 - Australia steps up to end homelessness

Communities across Australia are showing how they are stepping up to end homelessness during Homelessness Prevention Week. Community organisations, governments, schools and individuals are all uniting to raise awareness of homelessness.

Homelessness Prevention Week 2015 shows that people who are homeless are ordinary people, who have experienced extra-ordinary circumstances, and need support while they rebuild their lives. (See attached information).

Homelessness Prevention Week encourages the community to step up to make a difference in the lives of Australia's most vulnerable. Hosting awareness and fund raising events, or signing up to be 'a champion of homelessness' are ways Australians are 'stepping up'.

"It is heartening to see the number of community members who are taking this step up to end homelessness, when it appears the Federal Government is stepping down." CEO of Homelessness Australia, Glenda Stevens said.

Recent research by Homelessness Australia showed that the community believes solving homelessness is the responsibility of all members of the community, as well as governments.

In 2014-15 the Federal Government has made a number of decisions which have had a detrimental impact on homelessness services, and the people they support.

These include the defunding of all homelessness and housing peak bodies, lack of indexation for homelessness services funding and the Federal Government's apparent desire to shift responsibility for homelessness and housing to the states/territories.

Homelessness services play an essential role in reducing the affects of homelessness. Services provide support such as accommodation, meals, counselling, advocacy, laundry and bathroom facilities, material aid and brokerage that enables people to get back on their feet.

Opposition leader Lawrence Springborg stated: "Queensland is one of only two states in Australia not to have signed up to the latest agreement, jeopardising \$57 million in Federal Government funding to support our most vulnerable Queenslanders."

"The only new conditions that the Federal Government has placed on the funding is that priority be given to homelessness programs focused on domestic and family violence and youth homelessness and that the Queensland Government be clear and transparent about how funds are spent."

Read more about Homelessness Prevention Week: www.homelessnessaustralia.org.au/index.php/events/hpw/hpw-2015

See the events being held during Homelessness Prevention Week: www.homelessnessaustralia.org.au/index.php/2015-events

For further information contact: Glenda Stevens, CEO, Homelessness Australia, 0405 900 360

The facts:

- On any given night, 105,237 people are homeless
- 254,001 people received assistance from specialist homelessness services in 2013-14, an increase of 4% from 2012-13. Almost half were young people under 18 years of age and alarmingly 41,000 were children under 10.
- Each day, 399 new clients will seek help from a homelessness service and 423 people will be turned away.

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Foodbank comes out fighting for Australians in need: Major food brands sign up for Food Fight Campaign

Foodbank, Australia's largest food relief organisation, is today launching its largest ever campaign, Food Fight, to help feed the thousands of Australians that go hungry every day – and those in need are not just who you'd think.

Low income families are the biggest group seeking food relief. The latest Foodbank Hunger Report shows that 516,000 Australians now rely on food relief from Foodbank's agencies each month, with over a third of recipients being children. As food insecurity in Australia continues to worsen, demand for food relief is outpacing supply. Each month over 60,000 of the Australians seeking food relief are unable to be assisted. Over two thirds of agencies supporting low income families are unable to meet the full demand for food relief.

Food Fight is the result of a partnership between Foodbank and some of Australia's most iconic household brands including Kellogg's breakfast cereals, Helga's and Wonder White, SPC baked beans & spaghetti and Ardmona tomatoes, Primo Smallgoods, Moccona and Harris coffees and Vetta Pasta. Throughout the month of August, when a Food Fight product is purchased, a food donation will be made to Foodbank to help fight hunger in Australia.

"During the month of August, Foodbank is asking the public to buy a Food Fight product and join the fight against hunger in Australia. The products involved in the campaign can be used to make simple, nutritious and economical meals that the whole family can enjoy - so let's come out fighting to end hunger in Australia!"

Jason Hincks, Chief Executive Officer of Foodbank Australia, says, "The Australians going hungry aren't just on the street, they're in your street. According to the majority of welfare agencies, low income families, single parent families and the unemployed are most in need of assistance."

Jason continues, "It's great that so many are coming out to support the Food Fight campaign. We couldn't provide the vital service we do without the help of the food industry, our ambassadors and also volunteers who work tirelessly at the frontline."

To show your support for the Food Fight campaign, visit your local supermarket and purchase a Food Fight item. For further information, or to find out how to become a Food Fighter, visit www.foodbank.org.au.

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Leslie Park, Warwick, 10.00am to 2.30pm
 - Fri 14** **BNW Accountants Allora Visit**
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 - Mon 17** **Allora Senior Citizen General Meeting**
Allora Senior Citizens, 1.00pm
 - Fri 21** **BNW Accountants Allora Visit**
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 - 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
 - Fri 16** **St Patrick's Parish Fete**
St Patrick's School Grounds
- November -**
- Sat 14** **Warwick Uber Markets**
Leslie Park, Warwick, 10.00am to 2.30pm
- December -**
- Sat 5** **Creekside Carols & Markets**
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 - Sat 16** **Allora & Dist. Historical Society Display & Demo Day**
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Council on track to debt reduction

Southern Downs Regional Council is on track with a long term financial plan to decrease Council's level of debt.

In response to calls from the community for Council to clarify details of its debt, a report was tabled at Council's General meeting today, and provided an analysis of Council's currently held debt and the areas that it is funding.

The report also summarised details of a \$14 million debt inherited from the Warwick Shire and Stanthorpe Shire councils at the time of amalgamation.

Southern Downs Regional Council's Mayor, Cr Peter Blundell said that although Council is carrying a current debt level of \$29.9 million, there is good news on the horizon.

"This debt can be managed. As we promoted in Council's recent budget, we have developed a long term financial plan for the coming ten year period.

"If Council continues to focus on and operate within the scope of the long term financial plan, then we will be on track to achieve a significant reduction in the level of debt to \$10 million at the end of the ten year term," said Cr Blundell.

Finding Hope for Australia's Missing Persons

The Salvation Army is calling on those who have lost contact with the people closest to them to connect with its Family Tracing Service as part of national Missing Persons Week (2-8 August).

This year's theme "follow your instincts" aims to dispel commonly held views and misconceptions within the community around missing persons, such as the idea there is a 'right' time to search for a missing person and that people 'choose' to go missing.

"There is never a right or wrong time to search, people have to do it when they can cope with the outcome whatever that might be," the Special Search Team Leader of The Salvation Army's Family Tracing Service, Maria Merle said.

"Some people have a strong belief that the missing party might want to cease contact with them but that is not always the case."

Operating in Australia since the 1920s, The Salvation Army Family Tracing Service has a long and proud history in reducing the emotional trauma that families and communities face when relatives go missing. The Salvation Army Family Tracing Service has a 75% success rate in locating missing relatives and on average they reunite 40 families each week.

Around 38,000 people are reported missing every year in Australia. Most of these are found, however of these 1,600 will still remain disconnected from their families and loved ones. It's also estimated a further one-third of a million are affected in some form or another from someone declared missing within the Australian community.

Maria says The Salvation Army Family Tracing Services is one of the oldest and most trusted family tracing services in Australia. The service also plays an advocacy role.

"If the relative is located then mediation is provided, as needed for reconciliation and additional support if offered for people whose relatives cannot be found," Ms Merle said.

"The Salvation Army also run 'special search services' on behalf of the New South Wales and Queensland State governments for adults who were separated from their families as children through adoption, foster care or being placed in children's homes."

The Salvation Army's Family Tracing Service has networks in over 100 nations, registers over 2,000 new searches each year and has located thousands of missing persons across the country.

To find out more about The Salvation Army Family Tracing Service please visit the website at salvos.org.au/familytracing or call 02 9211 0277



Allora Golf Notes

A significantly reduced field of 9 golfers contested the Duck Run last Friday in near perfect conditions. The winner was Rod Simpson with 19 points on a count-back from the ever improving Whit. Both pin shots were won by Kel. Sunday we played for the Railway Hotel Monthly Mug, a much sought after and prestigious trophy. Thanks to Robyn for her continued support of the Golf Club. Winner of the Mug was Adam May who unselfishly abandoned his babysitting duties to play golf. We haven't seen much of Adam lately but he certainly made up for his absence, shooting an incredible 2 over par 70 with a 62 net. Adam holds the course record for Allora Golf Club members at two under par. In his current form, this record is under threat. Runner up was Aaron. Pin shots went to Matty; Adam; Moba; Aaron and Chad (2). The first round of the Matchplay Championship was also played in conjunction with the Monthly Mug. There were some very interesting matches played and everyone had a great time playing this very intense "one on one" event. Results were: Aaron d Jimmy (3 and 1); Moba d Matty (5 and 4); Adam d Chad (2 and 1 – great effort Chad under the circumstances); Jack d Wayne (1 up); John E d Garth (20th hole) and Lindsay d Tommy Brown (19th hole). Remainder of the first round draw is John S (struggling pensioner) V Max; Kev V Rod (struggling B grader); Gene (the beachcomber) V Tommy Bartholomai and Kel V Ray. Second round matches already determined are: Lindsay V Aaron (replay of last year's final); Moba V Jack and Adam May V John E (crikey). The Duck Run is on again next Friday from 2.00 PM. New golfers are most welcome. Only \$5 to play. Next Sunday will be a stroke event with the trophies donated by Tommy Brown. Thanks Tommy and great to see you back at the club after a few months absence. Matchplay matches will again be played in conjunction. Special thanks to the boys who have been working on the greens (Kev, Max, Jack et al). Considering the time of year they are in great shape, weed free and playing beautifully.



Ciesiolka Leads Warriors in 82 Point Romp

On what was a day they would rather dispatch to their forgettable memories, the Oakey Bears suffered four significant losses at the hands of the Wattles Warriors and the Millmerran Rams at Clifton's Platz Oval yesterday afternoon. Wattles top grade outfit posted one of the clubs highest winning results when they overwhelmed the Bears 82 – 1 before the match was called off in the 44th minute of the A Grade clash, the Warriors doing their 'for & against' equation a power of good and consolidating their position at the top of the 'Hutchinson Builders' Toowoomba Rugby League ladder. Wattles led 76 – 1 after running in thirteen first half tries against the hapless Bears who emerged after the break with nine players, the match was called off after an Oakey injury saw their line up reduced by one more. Wattles five-eight Brodie Ciesiolka ran in four touch downs to add to his impressive season total and was among Wattles better performers in a very one sided encounter, back-rowers Harry Fulwood & Jason Bradfield also shining in the Warriors success. The match was not yet sixty seconds in play when Ciesiolka took a pass from halfback Matt Duggan from the scrumbase & sliced through untouched galloping forty metres to score first points of the match. Fifteen minutes ticked by with Wattles running in five more tries through Ciesiolka, Matt Duggan, Michael Duggan, Jason Bradfield & Corey Blades to lead 36 – 0, the Warriors appearing unstoppable.



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By the thirty minute mark and yet another five tries later Wattles dominance was becoming somewhat alarming holding a 64 – 0 lead with another ten minutes to play until half time. Winger Jimmy Johnson took a great high ball in goal as the Bears applied some pressure in the 35th minute, and in a determined effort took the ball into the field of play. Centre Brenden Wilson took the ball from dummy half and set sail for the tryline almost 100 metres away, racing through the defence eventually scoring despite the non stop chase by Oakey fullback Dylan Adamson. With Wattles leading 70 – 0 with two minutes until half time, Oakey's hooker, a former Wattles player of a few seasons back, kicked a field goal to bring the Bears side of the scoreboard to life. The Warriors weren't quite finished though for the initial 40 minutes, a short kick-off regathered by front-rower Eugene Seddon and a burst through would be defenders saw ball arrive in the hands of Brodie Ciesiolka for yet another try and a half time lead of 76 – 1 in favour of Wattles. While the Bears started the game with a full compliment of seventeen players, they emerged for the second half with just nine running on. Wattles representative winger Michael Purcell gathered the ball from the kick-off and sprinted through the opposition to score in the opening minutes. An injury to an Oakey player halted the game momentarily and with the Bears numbers reduced to eight, Referee Bell had no choice but to call the game off in the 44th minute. Wattles 82 (Brodie Ciesiolka 4, Corey Blades 2, Jason Bradfield 2, Michael Purcell, Brenden Wilson, Joel Koina, Matt Duggan, Michael Duggan, Ryan Duggan tries; Matt Duggan 12, Michael Purcell goals) defeated Oakey 1 (Chris Oliver field goal) **Reserve Grade** - Wattles 'Railway Hotel, Allora' Reserve Grade team returned to the winner's podium thanks to a convincing nine tries to three success over the Oakey Bears, 46 – 16. The Warriors wasted no time assuming the upper hand when after just three minutes lock forward Matt McCarthy ran on to a pass from hooker Liam Ross on the halfway line, bursting through the defence and racing away to score under the posts. The Bears took advantage of some soft home side defence to score and trail 4 – 6, but Wattles retaliated immediately with winger Will Duff taking a perfect Tim Hentschel cut-out pass and racing away to score in the corner. When centre Dale McAntee ran on to a pass by five-eight Mark Duggan and sprinted away to score, the stage was set for a dominant Wattles win. Tries by Jared Petersen, another by McCarthy, fullback Ben Oakman & halfback Laurie Byrne saw Wattles canter in at half time leading 34 – 4. Oakey emerged and stacked on two vital touchdowns early in the second half, but the Warriors were back in stride by the

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twelfth minute when McAntee crossed for his second try followed by a Garth Lonergan touchdown that sealed the victory. A beaming Coach Terry Bermingham was very happy with his sides efforts, "we were a little flat in places and defence average at times but on the whole everyone did their job". Dale McAntee was Wattles outstanding player, also collecting Player's Player honours. "He had a great running game and was in everything" said the Coach. Matt McCarthy stamped his authority on the game in his usual manner, that featured some fine attacking runs, while Jared Petersen & Jason Nightingale played well with a strong defensive games leading by example. Wattles 46 (Dale McAntee 2, Matt McCarthy 2, Ben Oakman, Will Duff, Laurie Byrne, Garth Lonergan, Jared Petersen tries; Brodie Frizzell 4, Dale McAntee goals) defeated Oakey 16. **Under 18** - Coach Mick Ryan considered is 'Allan & Debbie

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2. A neutrino is an elementary particle that lacks an electrical charge, does not interact with mass, and can easily pass through ordinary matter.
3. a) Pearl is mostly made of calcium carbonate.
4. Pangaea is the supercontinent that split into Gondwana and Laurasia.
5. The scientific name for a cat is *Felis catus*.

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1. Underwater Breathing Apparatus.
2. A neutrino is an elementary particle that lacks an electrical charge, does not interact with mass, and can easily pass through ordinary matter.
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Wattles reserve grade forward Brady Glass strides through a gap in the Oakey Bears defence in his first match in the green & gold for the 2015 season.

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catch and set sail upfield, beating three defenders and outpacing chasers to score an eye-catching try.

Somes & back rower Max Rubie had been outstanding in defence in the opening minutes as Oakey applied pressure, Somes' try turning the game in the very early stages.

The opening try was a great confidence booster for the lads in green and gold, and their backline flexed resulting in Josh Sharman crossing for two tries in the space of four minutes, allowing the Warriors an 18 - 0 lead after fifteen minutes.

Fullback Joe Morris scored on the back of a sharp Jake Christensen twenty metres dummy-half dart, and repeated the dose minutes later running on to a Dalton Nielsen pass, the big centre busting the defence before a thirty metre gallop to

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set Morris on his way. It was Christensen again minutes prior to halftime embarking on a 25 metre scoot before a long pass landed on Sharman's chest for him to run in his third try of the first half. With Wattles leading 34 – 0 after the second half restart Christensen was rewarded when he took a quick tap and

Tough 19 year old A Grade back-rower Harry Fulwood was among Wattles star performers in the top grade side's 82 – 1 walloping of Oakey at Platz Oval on Sunday.

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scrambled over to score. Hooker Christensen certainly had Oakey's measure, playing key roles in Wattles next two tries scored by halfback Tom Morris & Max Rubie, before snatching a second four pointer for himself. On the back of two penalties against Oakey Tom Morris split the defence and sent five-eight Henry Gartery in to score, before Paul Christensen claimed his side's final try three minutes prior to the fulltime hooter. Jake Christensen's efforts were rewarded with Player's Player honours and Wattles Player of the Match points.

Wattles 66 (Josh Sharman 3, Joe Morris 2, Jake Christensen 2, Max Somes, Henry Gartery, Tom Morris, Max Rubie, Paul Christensen tries; Tom Morris 9 goals) defeated Oakey 0. The Millmerran Rams maintained their unbeaten 2nd Division fixture record with a 64 – 0 victory over Oakey. Wattles head west this Sunday taking on the Goondiwindi Boars in all grades at Gilbert Oval. The Millmerran Rams meet the Boars in 2nd Division kicking off at 10.30am, before Wattles take on Goondiwindi in Under 18 at 11.50pm followed by Reserve Grade at 1.30pm and A Grade at 3.00pm.

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