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THURSDAY, 24th MAY 2018



Rotary Hosts Australia's Biggest Morning Tea

Last Saturday, 19th May, Allora Rotary held their Australia's Biggest Morning Tea at Shann's place, located in the main street of Allora. Entertainment included the Allora State School Band, The Saxy Lady and the Warwick

Ukelele Band (Wuppies). Over 50 locals and visitors attended the successful event, raising over \$500 for the Cancer Council for cancer research, support and prevention. Everyone had an enjoyable time in great sunny weather.

ABOVE: The "Wuppies" entertain the crowd.

RIGHT: Guest speaker Gay Skuse



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Letters to the Editor...

Dear Editor,

This week (National Volunteer Week, 21 to 27 May 2018) we're saying a huge thank you to the people who take action and make our country a happier place.

Volunteering happens in all kinds of ways. Like the simple act of sharing a social media post about supporting newly-arrived migrants which, when thousands of others share, can have a huge impact. Other kinds of volunteering require a bigger commitment, like driving elderly isolated people to regular medical appointments and social outings, and can have a profound effect on the lives of individuals.

At Australian Red Cross, volunteers are a lot like our engine room; they support communities when natural disasters hit, make daily phone calls to isolated people, greet customers to our shops, donate blood, and fundraise for us. This week we're celebrating not just our volunteers in Queensland, but everyone who takes action to make our society stronger, more connected and supportive.

Thank you for your generosity and making Queensland and Australia a better place. Find out more about volunteering at redcross.org.au/volunteer

Leisa Bourne

Director, Red Cross in Queensland

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A massive crowd of bargain hunters at last year's Allora Community Auction.

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Allora Community Auction

Something for everyone... Allora Showgrounds 8.00am, Sunday, 10th June.

The best little town on the Downs will come alive with bargain hunters at the 43rd Allora Community Auction.

Approximately two hundred volunteers from thirty local charities will work together booking goods in, assisting the auctioneers and feeding the crowds. The hours worked by charity members are added up and the profits are divided accordingly with about forty percent of total sales going to the charities.

Throughout Sunday numerous auctioneers will work throughout the day with three operating at a time.

In conjunction with the sale there will be many market stalls offering a variety of goods.

Bookings are already open for both market stalls and items for auction.

To book a market stall call Kobi Horan on 0427 100 210 or email allorashowsociety@gmail.com. Stall holders must show current public liability

insurance.

Those wishing to volunteer please send an email to allorashowsociety@gmail.com with your preferred times so that you can be placed on the roster.

To book your items in for auction call Kobi Horan on 0427 100 210, but hurry as numbers are limited. Items will be received 8.00am - 4.00pm Friday, June 8th and 8.00am - 2.00pm Saturday, June 9th. Bidding cards will be available from the auction office from 6.00am Sunday (ID is required). Minimum bid is \$5 and payment for auction goods to be made by cash, cheque or Eftpos (fees apply). Please note that dogs are not allowed on the grounds.

The auction will be held at the Allora Showgrounds on Sunday, 10th June, beginning at 8.00am and organisers are expecting a huge crowd of sellers, buyers and families enjoying a great day out. So come along grab a bargain (or just browse the items on offer) and support our local charities.

WEATHER FORECAST

Day	Forecast	Min/Max
THU	Mostly Sunny. Cool.	9 22
FRI	Afternoon Clouds. Cool.	10 21
SAT	Mostly Cloudy. Cool.	11 19
SUN	Mostly Sunny. Cool.	11 21
MON	Morning Clouds. Cool.	9 22
TUE	Mostly Sunny. Mild.	9 24

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Allora's First Policeman: Robert Grayson (1831 – 1888) Acting Police Sergeant at Allora 1864 to 1870

Robert Grayson was born in Lurgan, Armagh, Ireland on 30 January 1831. He married Ellanor Allen at Seagoe, Armagh, Ireland on 11 November 1854 and six months later, on 21 April 1855, they embarked at Plymouth on the Cambodia for Australia; arriving in Moreton Bay in the Colony of NSW on 30 July 1855.

Shortly after their arrival, Grayson appears to have joined the NSW Police and became stationed in Warwick. Warwick had been established as a place of Petty Sessions in 1847 with John Hunt appointed as the Clerk of Petty Sessions and Thomas McEvoy as the Chief Constable. The Court was held fortnightly with the local squatters as Justices of

the Peace. Prior to 1864, all police in Queensland, except for those in the District of Moreton Bay (Brisbane and Ipswich) were administered from Sydney.

On 7 February 1857 Grayson purchased land in Warwick (Allotment 2, Section 37) where he likely resided.

At the first sale of land in Allora on 5 March 1860, Grayson purchased Lot 5 Section IV for Francis Kates who at the time was the tutor at Rosenthal Station. Kates did not open his store in Allora until 1863. Kates was either land speculating or had made his plans to move to Allora at the end of his teaching contract.

In August 1861, Robert Grayson purchased allotments 4 & 5, Section VI (IGA Corner). He was at this time District Constable for the Warwick Police District and responsible for the area outside the Warwick Municipal area. He

was regularly called to Allora, particularly during shearing season at Goomburra (November to February). Following a serious threat to the life of John Holmes, the licensee of the Dalrymple Hotel, for refusing to serve drinks on a Sunday, the citizens of Allora petitioned the NSW Colonial Secretary in 1862 for a constable to be stationed in the town but this request seems to have been ignored.

With the commencement of the "Police Act of 1863" on the 1 January 1864, Constable Robert Grayson was sworn in to the Queensland Police Force on that day and on 1 September 1864 he was posted to Allora as Acting Sergeant.

He established a police barracks and lock-up in Yap Yan's Cottage and by 1866 had built a house on his own land at the corner of Herbert and Warwick streets where he

resided with his family until 1 August 1870 when he was promoted to sergeant at Warwick.

Some of his sons and daughters were among the first pupils to attend the Allora State School when it opened in 1867. The school buildings and the courthouse were opened on the same day in March 1868.

At Warwick Sergeant Grayson was appointed inspector of slaughter houses and cattle intended for slaughter on 1st October 1870 and rose to the rank of Sub-Inspector by the time he retired in about 1884 after 20 years of service.

Tragically on 7 July 1888 he

went missing when returning home at about 11 pm. No trace of him could be found even after extensive searches including dragging and dynamiting pools in the Condamine River. His body was found floating in the river near Queens Park on 17th – 10 days after his disappearance. He is buried in the Warwick cemetery.

Robert and Ellanor Grayson had 14 children and many of their descendants reside in Warwick today. No photo of Robert Grayson has so far been located.

Trevor Neale
Allora Historical Society



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New Helpline to Assist Centrelink Scam Victims

Centrelink has launched this Monday a dedicated scams helpline to assist clients who have fallen victim to fraudsters or identity thieves posing as departmental staff.

Scammers use many tactics to extract money or personal information from unsuspecting victims and impersonating Centrelink's employees is one method that is sadly becoming more common.

The Department of Human Services received more than 1270 calls for help in the past six months from people who had either lost money, or had passed on sensitive personal information that might be used to steal their identity.

The new helpline is there to provide advice and assistance to clients on what steps they need to take next to protect themselves from further financial loss.

That can include increasing the security and identity verification settings around their Centrelink accounts, or referring them to external agencies which specialise in assisting scam victims.

The launch of the helpline also coincides with the start of Scams Awareness Week and serves as a timely reminder to all welfare recipients about the need to remain vigilant when contacted by people asking for money or personal information such as bank account details.

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission's

Scamwatch service received almost 33,000 reports of threat-based impersonation scams in 2017 where people claimed to be from a variety of government departments. Over \$4.7 million was reported lost and more than 2800 people gave their personal information to these scammers.

The methods used by scammers are many and varied and include contacting people by phone, email, text messages, or even through social media accounts.

One current Centrelink-related scam involves a caller who claims to work for the agency and is seeking to recover a debt.

The caller is aggressive and tells the victim that their benefit will be cut off within days if they do not pay up.

Pension recipient Rosa was a victim of the scam. She was told she needed to pay a \$300 penalty and would lose her pension if she did not pay.

The scammer then convinced Rosa to buy \$300 worth of iTunes gift cards and rang her back the next day to get the electronic codes required to redeem them online.

The new helpline number is 1800 941 126. It is only open to Centrelink clients who are currently receiving a welfare payment.

For more information about scams and how to avoid them, people can also visit humanservices.gov.au/scams.

Presbyterian Mens Breakfast Guest Speaker: John Thomo

Our next Allora Presbyterian Men's Breakfast speaker on 26th May is John Thomo from Stanthorpe, a serving police officer.

He writes introducing himself: "I have been married for 21 years, I have four kids between 12 and 19. I have been and currently am a police officer and have been for 16 years. I was raised in a religious family, one of five children. My father died when I was 5. Our mother was a praying woman and that's why I am alive today. From 17-19 years of age my life was a blur of drinking and so on. I started to

re-attend church but didn't really get serious until about 10 years ago after watching a DVD. Since then I, when the spirit moves, minister to people I come in contact with." We've been really encouraged by the calibre, and variety of life experiences of men which have spoken over the last 10 years at our monthly Men's Breakfast and believe that John Thomo will interest and challenge all who come along to hear him. There is no cost and a cooked breakfast is supplied. 7.20am, Allora Presbyterian Church, Jubb St Allora.

Looking Back...

Allora's Past 50 years ago May 1968

R.S.S.A.I.L.A.

Girl in a Million Quest

A Barbeque will be held at the Allora Showgrounds on Saturday, 8th May, to support Miss Carol Henry, who has been chosen to represent the Allora Sub-Branch of the R.S.L. in the Queensland R.S.L. Girl in a Million Quest. FUN and GAMES for EVERYONE
A. B. Nielsen Hon. Sec.

Allora's Past 100 years ago May 1918

Obituary

The death occurred in Allora of Mr. William Naish at the age of 80 years. Mr. Naish was born in Wiltshire, England, and came to Australia at the age of 19 on the sailing ship "Mary Pleasant", arriving in Moreton Bay in August 1857. He first worked on Pilton Station before trying his luck on the alluvial diggings in the New England district. After working as a cedar cutter on the Richmond River he came to Allora in 1866. He followed the occupations of shearing in the summer and fencing in the winter, principally on Talgai Station. It was while fencing on Talgai in about 1886 that he found the fossilised cranium of an aborigine which has since become known as the "Talgai Skull". When it was first examined by scientific staff it was considered to have been about 12,000



William Naish.

years old, and then, the oldest human relic found in Australia. About five years ago Mr. Naish, although severely crippled, led Professor Edgeworth David of the Sydney University to the exact spot that he had found the skull some 30 years previously. Mr. Naish who leaves a widow and nine children, was buried in the Allora cemetery.

Soccer Match

The Allora Soccer team met the Spring Creek team on Saturday last and an interesting game eventuated. The match was played on the Allora school ground and attracted a good number of spectators. The game resulted with 4 goals to Spring Creek and 2 to Allora. The Spring Creek team was by far the most superior and was well deserving of victory.

Allora's Past 125 years ago May 1893

Bank Restructure

A large number of those interested in the reconstruction scheme of the A.J.S. Bank attended a meeting in Kelley's Hall on Saturday afternoon. Mr. J. J. Banks was elected to the chair. Mr. H. de B. Anderson, the manager of the local branch, very lucidly explained the proposed scheme of reconstruction, clause by clause. Mr. James Dean of Barnes, Archibald & Co. proposed the

following resolution: "That this meeting views with pleasure and satisfaction the scheme of reconstruction that has been proposed." The resolution was seconded by Mr. Milkins and carried unanimously. Mr. Anderson thanked those who had extended their sympathies during what had been to him a trying time. The proceedings then concluded.

Colin Newport

Events Calendar

2018

- May -**
Fri 25 **St. Patricks P&F Rattle of the Brains Trivia Night**
 Allora Community Hall, 6.15pm
- Sat 26** **Wattlers Ladies Day**
 Platz Oval Clifton, 4.00pm
- June -**
Sat 2 **An Afternoon with Norma O'Hara Murphy**
 Warwick Senior Citizens Hall, 11.00am
- Sun 10** **Allora Community Auction**
 Allora Showgrounds, 8.00am
- Sat 16** **St. David's June Afternoon (A Country Garden)**
 St. David's Hall, 1.00pm
- September -**
Sat 1 **Allora State School Spring Fair**
 Allora State School Grounds
- Fri 21** **St. David's Street Stall**
- October -**
Fri 12 **Anglican Parish Allora Clifton Fete**
 At All Saints Clifton
- Fri 19** **St Patrick's Parish Allora Fete**
 St Patrick's Church and School Grounds 5.00pm

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.

Coordinated 1080 Baiting for Wild Dog, Fox & Feral Pig in June

Council will undertake a further round of coordinated 1080 baiting throughout the region in June as part of its wild dog, fox & feral pig baiting program. For more information please contact Council pest management officers on 1300 MYSDRC (1300 697 372). The dates are as follows:

- NORTH**
 Wednesday 13th June 2018
- 8am Goomburra Hall (Inverramsay Rd, Goomburra)
 - 10am Maryvale, North Branch Road (near Cunningham Highway)
 - 11.30am Freestone, Jack Smith Gully Road, Water Reserve (windmill)
 - 1pm Upper Swanfels, Bill Mosely's gate 'Mooroolin', Top Swanfels Rd
 - 3pm Junabee Memorial Hall (Junabee Rd)

- Thursday 14th June 2018
- 7am Willowvale / Bony Mountain (corner Wheatvale and Lawler Roads)
 - 10am Greymare Hall, Greymare
 - 12pm Karara, Fearby's Gate (Opposite 'Beress' Grid)
 - 3pm Leyburn, Leyburn Forestry Road (near Police Station)

- SOUTH**
 Thursday 14th June 2018
- 7am Braeside (Coochie Rd turnoff, New England Hwy)
 - 9am Dalveen (Old Stanthorpe Rd, near 'Brooklands')
 - 12pm Risdon/Murray Bridge (Cnr of Derreen & Wildash School Rds)
 - 3pm Killarney (602, Spring Creek Rd, The Falls)
- Friday 15th June 2018
- 7am Eukey (RFS Shed)
 - 9am Wallangarra (Saxby-Reid Rd)
 - 11am Mingoola (Glenlyon Dam Rd, past caravan park entrance)
- Friday 15th June 2018
- 8am Goldfields (Cnr Coldfields & Inverary Rd)
 - 10am Pikedale (Cnr Springdale Rd & Pikedale Lane)



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1. If something is incandescent it is glowing, but there's something special about what's causing it. So what makes an incandescent object glow?
2. How heavy is the average adult human brain? Is it a) about 500 grams, b) one to two kilograms, c) two to three kilograms or d) about five kilograms.
3. How many types of photoreceptor cells are there in the human eye?
4. Which of the following does the *Camellia sinensis* plant give us: white tea, black tea or green tea?
5. Rank the following in terms of longest to shortest pregnancy: brushtail possum, African elephant, blue whale, chimpanzee, mouse.

Answers in Classifieds pages

Originally published in *Science by Email*. For more CSIRO Double Helix science visit doublehelix.csiro.au or call 02 6276 6643.

SDRC encourages all landowners to take advantage of this opportunity to control invasive pests. Coordinated 1080 baiting is the most economical way of achieving effective control of pests across a large area. Non-participation by landholders in baiting programs is the biggest barrier to achieving effective control. The baiting service for landholders does not incur a cost and a great deal of effort

is focused on achieving high participation rates amongst landholders. Please note the following requirements when using the 1080 baiting program:

- Landholders must give 72 hours' notice to owners of all neighbouring land.
- Landholders are responsible for supplying their own meat which must be approximately 250 grams for dog baits and approximately 500 grams for pig baits.
- Landholders can have someone else pick up their baits for them but must supply an "Authority to sign" form filled out on the day. If they don't have one they can contact council on 1300 697 372.

SDRC sewer relining works commence in Warwick

Southern Downs Regional Council has engaged a contractor to reline sections of Council's gravity sewer main network. The relining work commenced in Warwick on Wednesday, 16 May. Where required, the work involves contractor staff accessing private properties to reline damaged or at-risk sections of Warwick's gravity sewer network. Residents will be given at least 24 hours' notice before contractors enter their property to commence the works.

Relining a sewer main extends the life of the infrastructure for up to 50 years, deferring the cost of full replacement of the mains, while addressing water inflow into the sewer network. In the coming weeks, 1.5kms of Warwick's sewer main will be relined, while 3.5kms of sewer main relining has already been completed in Stanthorpe.

Residents are encouraged to locate their Overflow Relief Gully (ORG) on their property to ensure it is not obstructed. An ORG can vary in appearance. The above picture shows the standard modern ORG design. Generally, they are 100mm to 150mm in diameter with a



A standard modern Overflow Relief Gully.

plastic or metal alloy grate and a concrete surround. They are installed close to the external walls of the home.

Sewer main relining involves steam curing of the PVC liner located in the main. Residents are reminded not to be alarmed by any visible steam. Steam is a normal part of the relining process. Contractors and SDRC staff will be aiming to minimise disruptions to residents while completing these works.

If you have any questions regarding these works, please contact Logan Carrie on 1300 MY SDRC (1300 697 372).

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Wattles Overwhelm Oakey Bears on All Fronts

The Wattles Warriors claimed victory in all grades at Platz Oval on Sunday against the Oakey Bears in near perfect weather conditions for a day out at the footy. Wattles' coach Travis Burns sang the praises of all three of the Warrior's teams, "the result's an indication of how healthy the club is currently."

While Burns felt his A Grade charges were flat on the day with a number of point scoring opportunities going begging, he was pleased with yet another National Farmer's Warehouse Wattles win in the Hutchinson Builders Too-woomba A Grade premiership further reinforcing the green and gold hold on second place on the competition ladder. The top grade mentor was also



Wattles Junior Warriors played Suburbs JRL on Saturday at Platz oval,

Clifton. U11s and U14s Girls Leaguetag both had bye games.

Clifton Upholstery and Allora Pharmacy U7s played two teams. Tries were scored by Joseph, Thomas, Jade, Michael, Dustyn, William, Jake, Nathan, Jackson, Billy and Hayden.

A strong performance in defence from our Steele Rudd Servo's Under 8's team this week. Solid tackles from Archer, Jonte and Jack helped keep us in good field position when we were in attack. Good metres were made with the ball from James, Hugh and Bailey. Douglas scored his first ever try. Go Warriors!

Wattles Dalrymple Landscaping and Haulage U9s. It was a good game all round from both sides. Try scorers were Orry 1, Sienna 1, Billy 1 and Zac scoring 3 tries. The Warwick Pizza Hut player of the match went to Zac. Great effort Wattles!

Wattles Warriors Black Toyota Under 10's. Report to come (leave out if I don't receive it) Great game of football from Rylan for Tyres U12s. They all played a good defensive and attacking game. Try scorers were Hamish, goal 1, Jack, Brock S, and Brock W with 2 tries, Sam 2 tries, goal 1, and Jackson and Billy J both kicked a goal. Great job boys, special thanks to the Under 11's that played up a grade, Billy P, Atticus, Seth, Lewis and Charlie, great effort. Clifton Real Estate U14s. It was a high scoring, fast paced game that left the boys hopeful. Points scored against

them were earned by errors for the boys to learn from. The U13/14 is looking better with every week that passes. Try scorers were Jamie, Ashley P, Liam M, Ashley G and Darcy. Goals were kicked by Reuben and Lachlan who kicked 4 goals.

Ruhle Developments U17s Girls Leaguetag. Reagan scored in the 10th minute. Great attack by Wattles, Reagan scored again 2 minutes later. Suburbs kick off and Sophie caught the ball to score under the posts and converted her try. Great run from Reagan offload to Sophie to score another try. Reagan scored another great try under the posts. In the second half Sara scored a try in the opening minutes. Other try scorers in this half were Lacey, Reagan, Jo 2, Sophie who also kicked 2 goals. Sara scored and kicked a conversion and a penalty goal. Captain this week was Lacey. Go Wattles!

U16 Hamblin Builders had a good win beating Suburbs 29-12. While the score board indicated a good result the effort was a tail of two halves with the boys putting in ordinary first half with plenty of errors and penalties affecting our game plan. Our second half was a lot better with more composure and respect for the ball shown. Hunter was best on ground with outstanding defence and very strong attack rewarding him with 4 tries. Other players to turn in a good all round game were Rylan, Travis, Will, Clayton, Darby and Wes. This weekend will be a super Saturday with Juniors playing followed by the Seniors at Platz oval, Clifton.

Chrissy Peardon

important victory. Wattles have banked 14 premiership points after winning over Oakey on Sunday and so continue having a firm grasp on the second rung of the premiership ladder, trailing competition leaders Valleys Roosters due to 'for and against' given Roosters also have 14 points. Oakey showed why they are

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considered a force to be reckoned with in 2018 in the opening stages of the game, a game that featured two former NRL players in Wattles' Travis Burns and Oakey forward Mark Tookey.

Tookey, a former Warwick Eastern Suburbs junior, played 191 first grade games for the South Queensland Crushers, Parramatta Eels and New Zealand Warriors before heading for the British Super League.

Bears back-rower Josh Stanton put first figures on the scoreboard after claiming a try after just four minutes of play to allow Oakey an early lead. The thirteenth minute saw halves Travis Burns & Matt Duggan weave some magic to send second-rower Ty Gardner through a gapping corridor to score and give Wattles a marginal lead.

Wattles were struggling to achieve momentum for the initial half hour of play, errors on both sides causing frustration.

Exciting young fullback Andrew Richardson added to the home side total with a touch down in the 27th minute.

Richardson has been a regular on Wattles wing this year, but he is a capable fullback as was proven again against the Bears. He was called to fill in at Wattles last line after regular fullback Jackson Green suffered a training injury early in the week.

Eight minutes out from half time back-rower & Toowoomba representative Mitch Koina snatched a vital four-pointer to stretch the Warriors lead to 18 - 4.

A 37th minute Oakey 60 metre intercept by aspiring young talent and Western Mustangs player Wally Peglar kept the Bears in touch trailing

Wattles 10 - 18 at the break.

Winger Nick Van Der Poel scored an exceptional try in the 49th minute beating defenders in a race for the tryline, tackled just short of the tryline but momentum seeing the ball forced to add to his team's total.

Fellow young gun Will O'Gradey thrilled supporters after charging from a scrum win 25 metres out from the line, bumping off tackles and winning the race to the tryline in a show of great strength.

The O'Gradey touchdown in the 56th minute sealed the match for Wattles then leading 30 - 10.

When a Matt Duggan pass fell in 'no man's land' in the 63rd minute in form bookend Dylan Wilson was on hand to gather and drag defenders eight metres to score.

Talented Oakey centre Josh Robinson snared a try to make up some ground on his opponents thirteen minutes from full time.

Andrew Richardson scored his second try of the match to have the home side ahead 42 - 14 in the latter stages, Oakey forward Josh Stanton also touching down in the final seconds for his try double in the game.

The win over Oakey has Wattles well positioned with the Madsen-Rasmussen Trophy final in the near future, but it came at an injury cost with player/coach Travis Burns, hooker Liam Ross, forward Harry Fulwood and bench utility player Mark Gordon all under a cloud for this weekend's TRL match of the



Wattles winger Nick Van Der Poel is try bound against the Oakey Bears on Saturday at Platz Oval. Photo courtesy Braydyl Pix

round against the Warwick Cowboys, and a few others regular starters with niggling concerns.

Sunday's game was Gordon's second start for Wattles this season after rejoining the club a month back. A former Toowoomba Newtown junior and Queensland Under Age representative, Gordon has also turned out for Easts Tigers in Brisbane and Canterbury Bulldogs SG Ball & Under 20 teams in Sydney, and was a member of Wattles 2015 TRL premiership winning side.

Wattles 42 (Andrew Richardson 2, Ty Gardner, Mitch Koina, Nick Van Der Poel, Will O'Gradey, Dylan Wilson tries; Matt Duggan 7 goals) Oakey 18 (Josh Stanton 2, Wally Peglar, Josh Robinson tries; Dylan Adamson goal)

Reserve Grade - The Garth Lonergan & Michael Crank coached Railway Hotel Wattles reserve grade side bounced back from their hard fought loss to the Pittsworth Danes in their last outing to climp back in to the winners circle after overwhelming the low on the competition ladder Oakey Bears 60 - 0.

The Warriors entertained their home crowd running in eleven tries, the luckless Bears unable to make an impression.

Wattles' man of the match five-eight Josh Henry showed his class throughout and was a constant problem for the Bears, as he found and created gaps in the defence and shone in his playmaker role.

A Henry break on half way in the opening minutes of the second half resulted in a gem of a try to Mitchell Duff.

Henry burst through hot footing it upfield before offloading to Duff on the fly 25 metres out to score.

Relative new face & outside back Andrew Peters impressed co-coach Michael Crank with his attitude and gutsy input.

Coaches Lonergan & Crank couldn't be happier with the result, "once again everyone stepped up to the mark for a home game, the massive positive was that we held the opposition scoreless after putting plenty of work into our defence at training the previous week."

The mentors were concerned though about the the team's less than 60% completion rate.

After mighty mobile front-rower Mitchell Duff crossed the line for Wattles initial try after just four minutes, the parade for touchdowns was frequent and regular.

The scene was set for victory after the home side ran in five tries to lead 30 - 0 at half time.

Centre Nick Morris bagged a hat trick of tries for his effort across the eighty minutes of play, while Mitchell Duff, Josh Henry and winger Blake Lollback all post a double each of four pointers.

The winning result has Wattles sitting in third place on the TRL Toowoomba Toyota Reserve Grade ladder with eleven points, "but everything aside" said coach Lonergan, "the team are now focused on another mighty home ground challenge against Warwick on Saturday."

Wattles 60 (Nick Morris 3, Mitchell Duff 2, Josh Henry 2, Blake Lollback 2, Tom Morris, Dale McAntee tries; Tom Morris 8 goals) Oakey 0

Under 18 - Wattles Under 18 side continue to hone their potential with Sunday's 34 - 24 win over Oakey a positive indication of better things to come.

It was the Wilson & Rigby Smash Repairs/Willet Electrical Warriors second win of a season that has had its frustrations.

Coach Shaun Henry was more than pleased with the efforts of his side that led 14 - 12 at half time after a tough first stanza tussle.

Wattles scored three tries to the Bears two in the first half through five-eight Tyler Gillam and a double by centre Matthew Christensen.

The Bears held a 12 - 10 lead with the halftine hooter about to sound, before Christensen underlined his try scoring ability to add to his side's total.

While the Bears snatched back the lead within the first minute of the new half to be ahead 18 - 14, Wattles sent the ball wide for winger Wes Lasserre to score and level the scoreboard ledger 18 - 18.

Halfback Travis McDougall commanded plenty of attention from the opposition due to his playmaking role, and after a well placed kick he regained possession to send Lasserre away for a second Wattles try in the space of three minutes.

Will 'o' wisp fullback Cahal Davis added two further tries to the Wattles total in the final ten minutes of play, and while Oakey touched down to

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Giant forward Will O'Gradey taking on former NRL star Mark Tookey (19) at Platz Oval on Sunday. O'Gradey posted a 'Man of the Match' performance for Wattles against the Oakey Bears. Photo courtesy Braydyl Pix

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Christensen were among the Wattles players to shine, while coach Henry rated highly the efforts of his young Under 16 players Declan Sullivan, Darby Peardon & Travis McDougall. Wattles 34 (Tyler Gillam, Matthew Christensen 2, Wes Lasserre 2, Cahal Davis 2 tries; Tyler Gillam 3 goal) Oakey 24 (Tyson Klingberg, Hector Hilberto, Cooper Prosser, Connor

Boney tries; Dylan Crump 4 goals). Wattles will step out on Platz Oval this Saturday to face one of their bigger challenges of the year in the local derby against the Warwick Cowboys. Wattles senior club Ambassador Erin Glass has invited all the hardworking footy women who volunteer so much to the Wattles and Warwick clubs to Wattles 2018 Ladies Day coinciding with with the Warriors verses

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Glyn Rees

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