



Semi Finals of the Under 18 Regional Championships will kick off this weekend at Scully Oval in Tamworth.

If you are in the area we encourage you to support what should be a great competition with the finest young footballers out to impress for the Tom Nelson Shield.



Congratulations to the Central Coast Storm who have won their Semi Final and have advanced through to the Quarter Finals in the Harold Matthews Competition. CC Storm is a joint venture between Melbourne Storm and Country Rugby



### Development Officer of the Week

Congratulations to Laurie Taylor who ran a holiday Kids to Kangaroo Clinic at Toukley for 60 kids - using CRL and ARLD staff, Storm players, local league development officers and club volunteers. When we all work together there is always success !!



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## Round 1 Under 18 Regional Championships Results

Pioneer Oval- Parkes  
Saturday 18th April  
Central Hunter Power 32 defeated  
Greater Southern Redbacks 20  
Oxley Pioneers 28 defeated Northern  
Thunderbolts 14  
Western Rams 32 defeated Newcastle  
Rebels 30



Southern Stingrays drew Bidgee Bulls 26 all  
Sunday 19th April  
Central Hunter Power 321 defeated Bidgee Bulls 22  
Northern Thunderbolts 34 defeated Southern Stingrays 22  
Newcastle Rebels 20 defeated Oxley Pioneers 18  
Western Rams 50 defeated Greater Southern Redbacks 14  
Semi Finals will be played at Scully Park in Tamworth on Saturday 25th April 2009.

### Tribute to John O'Toole CRL Life Member

John O'Toole's long and remarkable years of service in Phillip Street came to an end in late 2008 with his decision to step down as a member of the NSW League's Club Board for 2009. Mr O'Toole had been a member of the Board in an unbroken period from 1967, contributing strongly to our Club's stability and success throughout that period. His Board membership was one of the many stands of a notable career in and around Rugby League and in wider community service- a contribution sustained for more than 70 years.

John O'Toole has been a committed Rugby League man all his life. Upon his return from overseas wartime service he played rugby league for Bathurst Club from 1946 to 1950. His years of administrative involvement in the game began with his appointment as club secretary in Bathurst and subsequently secretary of Western Division in the Country Rugby League. In 1955 Mr. O'Toole was appointed secretary of the CRL. It was the beginning of a long and successful tenure for John who led the secretaryship (the title changed in later years to general manager) until the end of the 1990 season. While secretary of the CRL he negotiated a sponsorship for country football with Caltex which would last for 30 years- the longest-ever sponsorship arrangement in Australian Rugby League. In 1956 he became a member of the Australian Rugby League, a position he would hold until 1992. In that period of change and challenge for the game he served under five difference ARL Chairmen (H."Jersey" Flegg, Bill Buckley, Kevin Humphreys, Ron McAuliffe (interim), Ken Arthurson). But even with his broader national and international obligations in the ARL role, John's commitment to rugby league in country areas never wavered- and he delighted in successes of teams from the bush and those occasions when country men were selected in State and Australian teams. His enthusiasm for the cause was palpable year after year when Country teams came to town to do battle with Sydney. John O'Toole's career in Rugby League and Club administration is dotted with countless highlights, many of which are listed here:

- Member of the NSW Rugby League General Committee, representing Country, from 1952 to December 2008
- Life Member: Australian Rugby League, NSW Rugby League, Country Rugby League, Bathurst Rugby League, Newcastle Rugby League.

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### Country V City Ticketing

Please be advised tickets are on sale NOW for Country V City in Orange on May 8th with kick off at 7.35PM. Tickets are available through Ticketek.

The game will be General Admission, with Adults \$25 Concession/Child \$15 and a family for \$55.

