

## Where's Wolfie?

Manly Sea Eagles Star Dave "The Wolfman"

Williams has been visiting some Country Towns as part of a community visit. In the photo's below where do you think he has been?

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Congratulations to Country based ARLD Development Officer Dean Whymark is the proud father of a baby boy named Kade. Wacker's partner Bonnie gave birth Wednesday morning around 7:30 and both are doing well.



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## Armidale Rams don Pink Jerseys for Can Assist

On Saturday 31 July 2010 the Armidale Rams Rugby League Football Club donned pink jerseys in aid of the local Can Assist branch to help raise some much needed funds for members of our community suffering with cancer. All four teams wore pink socks and the A Grade team turned out looking resplendent in their jumpers until they hit the field where, on Friday night, over an inch of rain had fallen. Needless to say they didn't look pink for long but the boys played well and were proud to wear the one off jumpers. The jumpers were auctioned at a function that evening along with other donated sporting goods and memorabilia and electrical items. Fierce bidding saw the jumpers range in price from \$200 to \$460. At the end of the evening the Club was able to hand over a cheque for \$5000 to Can Assist. All funds are kept locally and used to assist cancer patients with costs such as accommodation while undergoing treatment, groceries, pharmaceuticals, electricity, phone and fuel. This is a huge achievement for a small sporting club with just on 100 registered players between all four grades and we thank all our players, supporters and of course our generous sponsors. Can Assist Armidale were very thankful for the donation and the great spirit in which the players competed for the coveted jerseys.



## Hobby Era Reunion

The Tumut Rugby League Old Boys and supporters Club believe the next Hobby Era Reunion will be the largest attended reunion for many years. The late John Hobby was Tumut's most successful playing coach with four successive grand finals, winning in 1970 and 1973. His successful 1971 winning side in its last challenge brought the Maher Cup back to Tumut by defeating Young. In the same year he led his team undefeated in the Group 9 competition only to lose the grand final to Wagga Kangaroos. Players from the 1971 Maher Cup winning side will be presented a medal on the night. The reunion will be held at the Tumut RSL Club on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2010. Anyone interested to learn more can contact Peter Hlywa 0412184124.

## Wauchope Blues in Pink

The Wauchope Club conducted a Breast Cancer Awareness Day held at the Lank Bain Complex Wauchope on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> July, 2010. They sold "Pink" Shirts as a promotion (as you can see from the photos), they also purchased "Pink" jumpers for their first grade match on the day while all their four teams (U18's, Reserve Grade, Women's League Tag & First Grade) on the day wore "Pink" socks. At their after match function back at their Major Sponsors Venue (Wauchope RSL Club) they auctioned the first grade jumpers plus other spare jumpers. This auction plus the sale of the "Pink T-Shirts" raised some \$4200.00 with an additional \$1200.00 raised from a recent Deb Ball bringing the total to \$5400.00 all of which will be handed over to the Breast Cancer Foundation.



## Group 20 Finals

The Group 20 finals kicked off last week with the sudden death local derby between 5<sup>th</sup> placed Tullibigeal Lake Cargelligo and 4<sup>th</sup> placed West Wyalong at 8pm on Saturday night. The Mallee Men proved too strong on the night and ran out winners 30 points to 14 with Country Seconds Representative Willy Jones and coach Michael Loudon real dangers to the Sharks defence. Full credit must be given to the TLU players who have lifted themselves to the finals in 2010 through the outstanding performances of captain coach Jaden Kelly. On Sunday at Leeton No.1 Oval the home team couldn't stop the current Clayton Cup holders Yenda in a powerful display. The Blueheelers ran out winners over the Galloping Greens by 44 points to 20 in a high class game which featured many of the successful Group 20 representative team. Interesting to note that veteran front rower and Country Seconds representative Steve Richards scored a try for Yenda while former CRL representative Noah Fotu crossed twice for Leeton. Yenda have now progressed to the Qualifying final against arch rivals Griffith Waratah Tigers next Sunday at Exies Oval in Griffith.

The Blueheelers finals experience will be tested by former QLD Cup and current Country players Ben Jeffery and Graham Levu of the Tigers. West Wyalong will host the Brad Purtell coached Leeton at Ron Crowe Oval on Saturday and will need front rower Marty Lancaster fit and well to counter the powerful charges of Leeton's ball playing forward Luke Thompson who is also under an injury cloud. These should be two fantastic games in a very successful and closely contested Group 20 competition.