

Media Information

The following schools have taken part in W. Finlayson Sports Days at some stage in the last 65 years.

Jeogla, Chandler, Waioma, Hillgrove, Yooroonah, Rockvale, Correspondence (Blackfriars), Thalgarrah, Wongwibinda, Rock Abbey, Hernani, Dundurrabin, Ebor, Bald Blair, Black Mountain, Ben Lomond

The first Community Sports Day was held in 1945 as a community celebration of peace at the end of World War II. The meeting to arrange that the event continue to be held tri, bi or annually (this has varied over the years) was held on 22 November 1946 when formal rules were developed. Representatives of the respective schools P&C and teaching staff form the committee that organise the sports days.

There are currently 7 schools involved - Hernani and Dundurrabin from North Coast and Ebor, Bald Blair, Black Mountain, Ben Lomond and Chandler from New England, although Hernani is not attending on 3 September.

In 1971, Marie Williams was elected secretary and continues in that roll 39 years later. Records indicate that she is the second secretary of the W. Finlayson Sports Committee.

A gate entry is charged for adults attending so that the committee can purchase ribbons for the events. This was raised to 2/ (2 shillings) in 1956, was 40 c in 1974, increased to \$1 in 1988 and was set at the currently \$2 in 1993.

All jumping records since 1953 are recorded. Some of the current records for High Jump and Long Jump were set in the early 1970's when the measurements were made in feet and inches. The conversion to metric took place in 1979.

Bruce Browning who has had an association with Chandler PS for 71 years is going to judge the March Past at 9:15 AM on September 3, 2010 and then present a brief talk (about 5 minutes) to participants about the history of the day. Events will conclude around 2:15 PM to allow schools to travel.