

# THE NATHAN YOUNG STATE OF ORIGIN

There would have been plenty of dancing in the streets down Kyogle way on Sunday night after news spread that their trials team had pulled off the impossible and crushed their more fancied rivals, the Cane Toads, taking out the 2014 SQTA "State of Origin" challenge. Yes, sadly, the "Scenic Rim Shield" is headed south again for another 12 months rest south of the border. All jokes aside, it was a justly deserved win but one can't help but wonder if there wasn't some divine intervention assistance given by Nathan as there were quite a few stories of unexplained 5's amongst the strong contingent of Queenslander's that were most uncharacteristic but in the end we got thumped well and truly.

It was great to see so many members support this important event by making the effort to give Nathan a send off he would have been proud of and in the end the 68 riders, mostly all resplendent in their state colours, on hand to salute him on his way.

The weekend started with a respectable number of Soiree helpers fronting up to help the NSW crew with the final section setting combined with close on 30 overnight campers taking up positions on either side of Eden Creek with one of our more subdued Saturday nights in memory probably not helped by the tricky negotiation of the creek crossing in the dark. The Anderson home farm property is fast becoming one of our favourite venues under the shady trees on the banks of Eden Creek and it was abuzz with activity on Saturday with caravans, motor homes, tents, vans, trailers and bikes making full use of a beautiful part of the world.

Game Day dawned an hour earlier than we Queenslanders are used to which challenged a few of the travellers to get their departure times right but by the 9.30/10.30am Kick Off we had a full complement of bright eyed and bushy tailed competitors all ready to start kicking some respective Maroon or Blue butt.

Our NSW cousins had created an excellent loop around the creek fringes of the property with our traditional 10 Section All Divisions loop giving everyone a bit of a trail ride in the process. Another thoughtful inclusion of the loop was that every Section had enough tree cover and shade to keep our Observers comfortable and this event was no different to any other with a full contingent of our legendary Observers on hand to keep the combatants honest. They needed to as well as NSW set the tone early in the day by trying to sneak in a secret weapon in the guise of Luigi Garzoni, looking resplendent and ready to do business which had we Queenslander's diving for the "State of Origin" rule book. Thankfully there was a clause that was under the heading of "Current Memberships" of which he didn't qualify thanks to getting it in too late effectively excluding him from the event. We were SO SORRY to have to send him on his way with his tail between his legs with no one to blame other than the underhanded Cockroaches!!!!

The day went off without a hitch either side of our lunch break with the Full Time whistle blowing at 2.30/3.30 and surprisingly catching many a heal dragging rider out not being able to finish on time. Still a bit of a chin scratcher the time some folk take to complete 4 laps of 10 Sections and probably a clue would be why some of these same riders have working headlights on their bikes....hey Chris! Anyway while everyone was packing up and the BBQ was fired up the scores were manipulated, I mean collated, and after much sceptical checking and back checking the result was revealed to a very surprised gathering, from both sides of the border, and yes it seemed the impossible had occurred with NSW taking out their second "Scenic Rim Shield", with a score of 25.85 over Qld's 28.08, and adding another much needed blue plaque to the trophy.

Many congratulations to the NSW Cockroaches on a job well done with limited numbers but plenty of heart and I'm sure that Nathan would have been justly proud and pleased as well for getting the send off he so justly deserved.

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# SQTA RESULT SHEET

**VENUE:** The Nathan Young State of Origin

**DATE:**

19/10/2014

DIVISION No.0			
PLACE	NAME	DNF/DNS	SCORE
1st	JIM REED	C	23
2nd	ISAAC LUFT	C	34
3rd	JAMES TURNER	C	36
4th	RICK KENT	C	44
5th	MITCHELL HELLYAR	C	45
6th	KARL HELLYAR	C	45

DIVISION No.1			
PLACE	NAME	DNF/DNS	SCORE
1st	ANDREW ATKINSON	C	9
2nd	BLAKE HELLYAR	C	55
3rd	SAM TURNER	C	78

DIVISION No.2			
Place	NAME	DNF/DNS	SCORE
1st	AILSA ANDERSON	C	1
2nd	PAUL MOORE	C	15
3rd	MICHAEL FRITH	C	31
4th	BRADLEY SCHNEIDER	C	31
5th	LES HELLYAR	C	40
6th	CHRIS LYON	C	49
7th	JASON DULEY	C	51
8th	HARRY VAN DUK	C	62
9th	ADINA REED	C	70
10th	DAVE WHITFIELD	C	106
	<b>JUNIOR TITLE</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
1st	DAN ATKINSON	C	21

DIVISION No.3			
PLACE	NAME	DNF/DNS	SCORE
1st	RICHIE HESKETH	C	1
2nd	CRAWFORD PIRIE	C	2
3rd	ANDREW McDONALD-S	C	8
4th	GREG HARDING	C	10
5th	STEVE COLLINS	C	14
6th	PETER MOORE	C	19
7th	PETER CLARK	C	21
8th	WHITNEY LUFT	C	25
9th	EVAN HUNTER	C	27
10th	JOHN CORMACK	C	31
11th	RICHIE HESKETH	C	32
12th	SAM MOORE	C	35
13th	PETER ALFRED	C	37
14th	DARREN CRESSWELL	C	67
	<b>JUNIOR TITLE</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
1st	DEAN COLLINS	C	8

DIVISION No.4			
PLACE	NAME	DNF/DNS	SCORE
1st	JOHN BARWICK	C	3
2nd	DENYS REED	C	5
3rd	MARK GREEN	C	15
4th	ROBERT REED	C	17
5th	MARK HAYWOOD	C	17
6th	TONG WONG	C	24
7th	PETER BARNES	C	25
8th	PAUL WALSH	C	28
9th	TONY GREEN	C	31
10th	MATT MONK	C	31
11th	PETER GATELY	C	32
12th	BOB ANDERSON	C	44
13th	JOHN CLIFFORD	DNF	14
14th	JOE LUFT	DNF	21
15th	IAN ROGERS	DNF	25
	<b>JUNIOR TITLE</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
1st	ZAC REED	C	12

DIVISION No.5			
PLACE	NAME	DNF/DNS	SCORE
1st	JASON PIGGOTT	C	13
2nd	GAVIN NORTON	C	28
3rd	MARK GREEN	C	32
4th	IAN DULEY	C	50
5th	PAUL ANDERSON	C	57
6th	OWEN NORTON	C	65
7th	BRAD McALISTER	C	111
8th	ROBERT TURNER	DNF	0
33rd	BOB CRAWFORD	NC	8
34th	MIKE HOARE	NC	24
	<b>JUNIOR TITLE</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
1st	JACK TURNER	C	58

DIVISION No.6			
Place	NAME	DNF/DNS	SCORE
1st	RUSSELL FLACK	C	23
2nd	DONNA WOODS	C	29
	<b>JUNIOR TITLE</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
1st	JACK CORMACK	C	6
2nd	BJAY CORMACK	C	7