

# Lismore

city of sports

## oakes oval and crozier field

**L**ismore is a thriving regional city of around 45,000 people and is the economic and cultural capital of the Northern Rivers region of NSW. Nestled between the rainforest and the sea, Lismore has long been regarded as a City of Sports with excellent facilities, committed local clubs and strong affiliations with state and national sporting organisations.

Oakes Oval is the jewel in the crown of Lismore's sporting facilities and the premier sporting arena in the Northern Rivers region. Along with Crozier Field, Oakes Oval has been used as a public recreation space since 1887 and boasts a long and proud sporting history.

International baseball, cricket and football matches, NRL games, local sports competitions and high profile events have all been staged at this premier venue throughout the years. Oakes Oval has a spectator capacity of 10,000 people including 2,500 grandstand seats and Crozier Field can accommodate 3,000 people with 900 grandstand seats.



Conveniently located alongside each other, the two venues can

be used concurrently to cater for major events. Oakes Oval and Crozier Field are located within easy walking distance of the city's CBD, the Lismore Transit Centre, accommodation and health facilities.



### Oakes Oval

#### The Facility

##### Oval

- 142m x 141m fence to fence (round field)

##### Seating capacity

- Gordon Pavilion – 1,012 undercover + 200 in function room/VIP area
- External seating – 1,500
- Hillside – 7,500

##### Lighting

- Suitable for night time events and television coverage



#### Catering

- Fully equipped kitchen
- 2 x fully equipped canteens
- Bar and cold room
- Barbeque facilities

#### Gordon Pavilion

- 4 x team change rooms with showers, toilets and massage tables
- Storage and utilities room
- Players' retreat
- 2 x referees' rooms
- First Aid room
- Function room overlooking the ground – caters for 200 people (standing)
- Press / media facilities
- Internal PA system

**“Whether baseball, cricket, the rugby codes or the great game of football, Oakes Oval has hosted all with distinction through the years and remains one of NSW country’s premier sporting arenas.**

**Few regional stadiums could conjure the atmosphere of Oakes Oval with thousands of passionate locals cheering their heroes against opponents from another region, state or country.”**

#### Craig Foster

*Lismore-born former Socceroo 1996 - 2000  
Chief Football Analyst, SBS Sport*



*pic courtesy of SBS*



pic courtesy of Northern Star

**“Lismore was where I made my first grade cricket debut at age 13 and Oakes Oval certainly holds fond memories for me. Since my first match back in 1985, the facilities at Oakes Oval have been vastly improved. These days the venue definitely has the capacity to host games at the highest level.”**

**Adam Gilchrist**

*Test and One Day wicket keeper / batsman  
Australian Cricket Team*



**“The facilities at Oakes Oval provided the perfect platform for us to introduce the Jetstar Gold Coast Titans team to the Northern Rivers area. The facilities and the attention to detail provided by Lismore Council’s events team and staff ensured the smooth running and overall success of the event and ultimately our first NRL trial game win.”**

**Michael Searle**

*Managing Director,  
Jetstar Gold Coast Titans*

### Features

- Ground control booth
- Ticketing booth
- External PA system
- Full security services – all areas can be locked/patrolled for total security of possessions



## Crozier Field

### The Facility

#### Oval

- 140m x 140m fence to fence (rectangular field)

#### Seating capacity

- Grandstand – 900
- Hillside – 2,100

#### Catering

- Fully equipped modern kitchen / canteen facilities

#### Features

- 4 x team change rooms with showers, toilets and massage tables
- 2 x referees’ rooms
- First Aid room
- External PA system



- Ground control booth
- Ticketing booth
- Full security services – all areas can be locked/ patrolled for total security of possessions

### Event Support

Council can provide the following events management assistance:

- Provision of First Aid
- Medical facilities close by at Lismore Base Hospital
- Elite sports training and athlete testing facilities at Southern Cross University
- Transport, accommodation and travel arrangements
- Administrative assistance and access to office facilities
- Ushering and crowd management
- Promotion and marketing
- Registration support
- Sponsorship and trade displays
- Site inspections
- Cross-training opportunities at Lismore Memorial Pool

### Sporting Associations

**Football Far North Coast** has over 7,500 players from 30 representative clubs located from Tweed Heads in the north to Woodburn in the south and west to Kyogle. Oakes Oval and Crozier Field host premier league games, senior representative squad games and the grand final games for all divisions from age 10 up.

**Far North Coast Cricket Council** promotes representative senior cricket matches in the region and is responsible for selecting teams for NSW state competitions.

**Far North Coast Junior Cricket** organises inter-district and representative junior cricket covering the area from Tweed Heads in the north to Evans Head in the south and west to Mallangane.

**Lismore District Cricket Association** incorporates clubs from Lismore, Kyogle and Evans Head with 43 teams in the 1st to 5th grade competitions and 40 teams in the junior competition. Oakes Oval hosts games in both district and regional competitions.

**Far North Coast Rugby Union** has 16 representative clubs covering an area from Tweed Heads in the north to Woolgoolga in the south and west to Kyogle. FNCRU has a strong junior competition with representation in the junior NSW and NSW Country squads.

**Northern Rivers Regional Rugby League** is the governing body for senior and junior rugby league competitions in the Northern Rivers. The NRRRL covers an area from Tweed Heads in the north to Grafton in the south, has 14 senior clubs and a total of 19 junior clubs.

**“I’ve always been known as Lyn from Lismore, so when I’ve had the chance to show off Lismore and our great facilities during representative fixtures, I’ve been thrilled. Oakes Oval, in particular, has always delivered a quality venue second to none. I’ve been lucky enough to play at such great grounds as Lords, Worcester, The Basin and the MCG, but I’ve never been as proud as the day I captained Australia against New Zealand in the first women’s One Day International played under lights right on my own Oakes Oval. What a coup for the town. With a vocal home crowd and the facility in top condition, it was something special.”**



**Lyn Larsen**  
Lismore-born former Captain,  
Australian Women’s  
Cricket Team  
1986 – 1993





## High Profile Events Held at Oakes Oval Since 2004

- NRL: City v Country Origin
- NRL: Gold Coast Titans v Parramatta Eels
- NRL: Cronulla Sharks v Parramatta Eels
- A-League Football: Brisbane Strikers v Marconi Stallions
- Pura Cup Cricket: NSW Speedblitz Blues v Victorian Bushrangers
- Australian Country Cricket Championships
- Relay for Life
- Crusty Demons of Dirt

## Sporting Celebrities of Oakes Oval

Three sporting legends and former Australian captains, Adam Gilchrist, Craig Foster and Lyn Larsen, all grew up in Lismore and have made their mark on Oakes Oval. So too have the following sporting greats:

**CRICKET:** Adam Gilchrist, Sir Donald Bradman, Sir Vivian Richards, Andy Roberts, Jeff Thomson, Sam Trimble, Steve and Mark Waugh, Bob Simpson, Alec Bedser, The Southern Stars

**RUGBY LEAGUE:** Eric Grothe, Matt Rogers, Preston Campbell, Luke Bailey, Andrew Johns, Ben Kennedy

**FOOTBALL:** Craig Foster, Terry Venables, Harry Kewell, Brett Emerton, Lisa Casagrande, Archie Thompson, Frank Farina, The Olyroos, The Matildas

**RUGBY UNION:** John Eales, Lote Tuqiri

**BASEBALL:** World Champion Cuban team plus the Australian, Japanese and Italian Olympic teams

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