



# THE WEE WAA INK

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(Editor Kate Schwager)

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## Chamber News

Chamber met at the Wee Waa Seplin Estate Wine but due to a down pour of rain it was cancelled till this month. It will be held at the same venue on Thursday 18th May at 6pm. You do not have to have dinner. We have a number of items to discuss regarding the town. If you would like to attend please contact Lindy for catering on 0418255615

Kate Schwager  
President

Hi everyone a busy month for me this month as well as Wee Waa. Thank you all for your information you have been sending me by phone and by email. It all helps to inform the local community, what is on and what is happening in our great little town which I might say is looking a real picture. You all should be very proud.

To start the month off there is a Trivia night at the Wee Waa Golf Club, this Friday night. They are also having a seafood night on Saturday 13th, if you can lend a hand and support the club and give mum a break on the cooking this will be a great night out for all the family but please remember to book, I am sure they would appreciate it.

Warick Noble is back in town this month with his haberdashery at the CWA with the winter months coming along for sewing this is where you should be to get all those items at the CWA on Wednesday the 10th.

Community Health are holding a "Kids Know do you" at the High School Library it is a hard topic health and contraception so be informed.

The annual Mother's Day Fashion Parade for St Joseph's is on Friday 12th May, Disco Diva is the theme and is always a fun night for the mothers. The men can pop around to the Royal if they are not looking after the kids to hear there live band the Battlers.

There is a Chamber of Commerce meeting on the Thursday 18th May at the Seplin Estate Wines this venue a great place for dinner or a chat as well. Give Lindy a call to book.

Don't forget it is Drummuster month this month and collection day is the 18th at the Wee Waa Treatment Works so get rid of all those drums and clean up after the cotton season for next year.

Then celebrations run wild with the Wee Waa Show on 19th, 20th and 21st. This years show promises to be bigger and better with extra items on the Agenda like the Tractor Pull and the You beaut "Ute muster" a great draw card for the young goers. Wendy Slacksmith is doing the honors on Friday night opening the show she was runner up in the TV Show Australian Princess and a former resident of Wee Waa. The Miss Showgirl will be announced on Friday night along with the Dog Jumping competition and the Fireworks. The Great Barbie tea will be there as well. This years show sounds like it will be a lot of fun. Those volunteers who run the show need your support to keep this a major ongoing event in the Wee Waa.

Sunday after the show I head to Canberra for my big week at the Directors Course and the announcement of the National Award Winner for RIRDC Rural Women of the Year. I know I have your support at the dinner on Tues 23rd, we will let you know the result. There will be an article in the June Women's Weekly regarding all the finalists, so look out for that.

NSW Farmers are running a chemical course at the Bowling Club on 24th and for all those new mothers the monthly meeting of the Namoi Valley Breastfeeding Assoc on 25th.

The Wee Waa Preschool are having a Rock n Roll Dinner Dance at the Bowling Club on the 27th and this should be a great fundraiser for them.

The Flying Arts are in town on the 27th and 28th so for all those budding artists this is you chance to learn a little more. Sewing classes are in the calendar and Australia's Biggest Morning Tea will again be held at the home of Dianne Kelly a great fundraiser celebrated all over Australia this month. That's all from me till next month.

## In Times Past

Lowders (from Courier Newspaper clippings)  
Dennis Lowder, the second youngest of ten children, was born at home in Persher Road, Birmingham, England on 28th December, 1911. He was educated at Prindell Street Public School, Edgbaston, Edgbaston several kilometers from the centre of Birmingham. (Dennis has retained the interest in cricket and soccer developed during school days). Of his brothers and sisters Harold, Joan, Guy, Mary and Margaret migrated to Australia, Kenneth to Peru while Jack, Ralph and Janet remained in England after the death of their father. In 1922 Britain passed the Empire Settlement Act, by which the governments of Britain and any dominion were to share equally the costs of immigration schemes. Dennis migrated to Australia, sponsored by the Dreadnaught Scheme along with 500 other boys aboard. They left Southampton in 1927 and sailed to Freemantle via Cape Town. He was sixteen years old when he disembarked and after short stays in Adelaide (where he visited a family friend), Melbourne and Sydney he traveled to an Experimental Farm at Glen Innes. He was instructed in the fundamentals of daily farming. Boys so trained were offered employment on farms and Dennis' first job was at Denman in the Hunter Valley with a wage of 10/- per week. A second job followed with a wage of 15/- before he returned to Glen Innes. During this time he had developed his skill and interest in music. While in Glenn Innes he teamed up with a drummer and played cornet. After moving to Narrabri he joined the Municipal Band playing cornet, trumpet and trombone. He also mastered the saxophone and clarinet while a member of Mrs Heeney's Dance Band and later Lyle Kirkpatrick's Dance Band. At this stage, and for some 4-5 years, Dennis worked fro a Narrabri Dairy. Musical involvement continued after he moved to Wee Waa and set up a hire car and mail contract service. He continued to travel to Narrabri to play and performed with Norman Cooper, Shearer's and Bert Wright's Dance Bands during the late 30's and early 40's ..... More next month about the buses.

From Stories of Wee Waa By Ian Thompson



### May

- 1 Cancer Support Meeting 7pm at the Old Scout Hall.
- 2 School Resumes for all Public Schools
- 1 2 3 CWA Conference in Narrabri
- 1 2 St Josephs School Pupil Free Days
- 3 Inner Wheel Meeting
- 3 Community Bus to Tamworth, Bookings Essential starts Wee Waa 7am call Wayne on 67924245 or 67954265
- 5 Weeronga Happy Hour
- 5 Wee Waa Golf Club Street Stall
- 5 **Westpac Rescue Helicopter Trivia Night at Wee Waa Golf club**
- 6 Card-making night held by the Wee Waa Anglican Church ladies at Wee Waa Bowling Club 7pm \$10 a head Contact 67954236 for more details.
- 6 Wee Waa Show Girl Cocktail Party at Wee Waa Motel
- 7 Junior Rugby Union Carnival Walcha
- 8 Innovations Festival at Crossing Theatre
- 8 Innovation Connection Seminar at Crossing Theatre 10.30 to 11.30 for Accountants, Financial Manager and Business Consultants (Small Business Field Officer Program)
- 9 Lions Club Meeting
- 9 Wee Waa Pony Club Meeting
- 10 **Warick Noble at CWA Rooms**
- 10 Scrapbooking and Cardmaking for more information contact Frances Drysdale 67956168
- 10 Wee Waa Public School P & C
- 10 Namoi Valley Christian School Meeting
- 10 Community Health "Kids Know do you" 7pm at Wee Waa High School Library Health and Contraception. For more info contact 67954477
- 11 Wee Waa High School P & C
- 11 Apex Meeting
- 12 CWA Meeting
- 12 **St Joseph's School Mothers Day Fashion Parade at Bowling Club**
- 12 **Royal Hotel have live "The Battlers"**
- 13 **"Seafood Night" at Wee Waa Golf Club**
- 13 Garden Club Meeting 10am
- 14 **Mothers Day**
- 15 Photographic Competition CRDC entry closes
- 15 Scrapbooking and Cardmaking for more information contact Frances Drysdale 67956168
- 16 Wee Waa Sewing Classes 9am to 3.30pm at Wee Waa CWA Hall for more info Christine Cain Tel: 67956128
- 17 Community Bus to Tamworth, Bookings Essential starts Wee Waa 7am call Wayne on 67924245 or 67954265
- 18 **Chamber of Commerce Meeting at Seplin Estate Wines at 6pm**
- 18 Drummuster Collection Day for Wee Waa at the Wee Waa Treatment Works
- 18 Narrabri Shopping Bus 9am to 1pm for frail Aged and disabled bookings Kerry Berger 67954535 \$8 adults \$4 Children
- 19 St Joseph's Hunters Hill Dinner postponed
- 19 to 21 **Wee Waa Show**  
**You beaut Ute Show, Tractor Pull and lots of fun entertainment**
- 21 Junior Rugby Union Carnival Narrabri
- 23 Lions Club Meeting
- 23 **RIRDC Rural Women's Award announcement of the National Award**
- 24 Cotton Trade Show Moree
- 24 St Joseph's P & F
- 24 **NSW Farmers Chemical Card Course and**

- Refresher Course 8.30am to 4.30pm for more information contact 02 68848822**
- 25 **Namoi Valley Australian Breastfeeding Association meeting at Presbyterian Church 10am to 12 noon topic "Old Wives Tales"**
  - 25 Wee Waa Golf Club Meeting
  - 25 Cotton Trade Show Moree
  - 25 Spring Plains Ball meeting 4pm at the hall. Spring Plains Ball 17 March 2007
  - 27 Scrapbooking and Cardmaking for more information contact Frances Drysdale 67956168
  - 27 **Waa Pre-school Rock N Roll Dinner Dance at Wee Waa Bowling Club**
  - 27 Historical Society Meeting 2pm
  - 27 & 28 **Flying Arts Workshop Catherine Parker is Tutor Acrylic & Mixed Medium for more info Robin Steiger 67944655**
  - 30 Wee Waa Sewing Classes 9am to 3.30pm at Wee Waa CWA Hall for more info Christine Cain Tel: 67956128
  - 30 **Cancer Support Biggest Morning Tea at Robyn Kelly's for more info call 67953085**
  - 31 Community Bus to Tamworth, Bookings Essential starts Wee Waa 7am call Wayne on 67924245 or 67954265

### June

- 2 Weeronga Haapy Hour
- 2-3 Boarding school expo at the Crossing Theatre over 20 schools will be represented.
- 3 Ken Farrah's Informal Farewell Dinner and Welcome of the New Proprietor at Wee Waa Golf Club 6pm Carvery \$15 per head drinks available at the bar RSVP 19th May 67954231 B/H or 67954024 A/H
- 4 Junior Rugby Union Carnival Quirindi
- 5 Cancer Support Meeting 7pm at the Old Scout Hall.
- 7 Inner Wheel Meeting
- 8 Apex Meeting
- 9 CWA Meeting
- 9 Tracy Holcombe art at the Narrabri Antiques and Art Gallery.
- 10 Garden Club Meeting 10am
- 10 Historical Society Meeting 2pm
- 12 Queen's Birthday Holiday
- 13 Wee Waa Sewing Classes 9am to 3.30pm at Wee Waa CWA Hall for more info Christine Cain Tel: 67956128
- 13 Wee Waa Pony Club Meeting
- 13 Lions Club Meeting
- 14 Community Bus to Tamworth, Bookings Essential starts Wee Waa 7am call Wayne on 67924245
- 14 Wee Waa Public School P & C
- 14 Namoi Valley Christian School Meeting
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- 15 Narrabri Shopping Bus 9am to 1pm for frail Aged and disabled bookings Kerry Berger 67954535 \$8 adults \$4 Children
- 15 Wee Waa High School P & C
- 17 Scrapbooking and Cardmaking for more information contact Frances Drysdale 67956168
- 18 Junior Rugby Union Carnival Inverell
- 22 Chamber of Commerce Meeting at Wee Waa Bowling Club at 6pm
- 22 Namoi Valley Australian Breastfeeding Association meeting at Presbyterian Church 10am to 12 noon topic Guest Speaker "Graphs, Grams & Growing Babies"
- 22 Wee Waa Golf Club Meeting
- 23 Cancer Support Group Street Stall
- 25 Junior Rugby Union Carnival Gunnedah

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- 27 Lions Club Meeting
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- 28 Community Bus to Tamworth, Bookings Essential starts Wee Waa 7am call Wayne on 67924245 or 67954265
- 28 St Joseph's P & F
- 30 School Breaks up for all Public Schools

**Next Wee Waa Ink due out Friday 2 June.**

*If you know of any up coming functions please contact:*

*Kate Schwager*

*bkschwager@bigpond.com*

*Tel/Fax:67967243*

*http://www.weewaa.com*



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**Friday 12th May**  
**Live Band**  
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Friday **Free** Pool Juke Box  
Sunday **Free** Pool

For More Information contact  
**Tanya Hurrell**  
**02 67954215**



# COMMUNITY FLYERS May

## Wee Waa and District



**Tracey Holcombe**

### "Pretty Ugly Art"

on display and for sale  
in the Gallery  
at Wee Waa Bakery.

or call for information on  
artwork on 67 954694.

**Local people can try the art-works for suitability at home and return it if not suitable.**

**Westpac Rescue  
Helicopter Service  
Wee Waa Support Group**

Trivia Night  
Theme **Red** and  
**Yellow**



**Friday 5th May 2006**

**7pm for 7.30pm start**

At Wee Waa Golf Club  
Tables of 8 at \$10 per head

Bookings

Helen Wells on 67954390 or  
Jo Kahl on 67953006

**Narrabri Antiques & Art**

**opening on 28 April**

**Rupert Richardson  
and James White**

**"The North West's Best  
Watercolourist"**

**Opening on 9 June**

**Tracy Holcombe well known local  
artist**

If you are interested in attending  
please contact

Margaret Gleeson

**Narrabri Antiques & Art**

66 Dangar Street, Narrabri

Hrs: 10am – 5pm Wednesday –  
Sunday

Phone: 02 67925444,

Fax: 02 67925000

Email: [antaart@ceinternet.com.au](mailto:antaart@ceinternet.com.au)

**Warwick Coble**

**Hobo Fashions and Accessories  
Will be at CWA Hall**

**Wednesday 10th May  
8am till 4pm**

**Selling Haberdashery,  
sewing gear and fabrics**

For more information  
Phone Warwick  
(02) 67427519

**St Joseph's P & F Mother's Day  
Fashion Parade**

"Disco Diva"

"So put on your boogie shoes,  
all your glitter sequins and platforms  
and dance the night away!"

**Friday 12th May, 2006**

at

**Wee Waa Bowling Club  
7.30pm**

**\$15.00 per person**

**Tables of 10, Tea, Coffee and  
slices provided, BYO Plate  
Glass of Champagne on arrival**

**Fashions From Authentic Trademarks  
and Lisa Dees (Narrabri)  
Lucky Door Prize on the night**

**Fashion Parade, DJ and Dancing to follow.**

Tickets for tables of 10 available now at  
Robbies Country Clothing, Lisa Dees and the School  
Office,

Please ask friends and family along for a great Night  
of dancing.

Get the disco fever happening  
Prize for best dressed disco diva and  
prize for the best disco diva table



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Visitors' Centre**

Invites you to check with us that  
your event does not clash with  
others. If we know the details, we  
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**Australian Breastfeeding**

**Assoc. –**

**Namoi Valley Group  
Meeting**

**Thursday 25th May**

**"Old Wives Tales"**

**10am-12Noon**

Wee Waa Presbyterian Church,  
Crèche Room

For more information:  
Susanne Kable

(Breastfeeding Counselor  
& Group Leader)  
6795 3589

**NSW Farmers Association Chemical  
Accreditation Training**

**Save Time!!! ..... Save Money!!**

The Pesticides Act requires all users of  
pesticides to be accredited every 5  
years. NSW Farmers' is offering Chemi-  
cal Card accreditation training by home  
study/workshop attendance to reduce the  
time away from the farm. Initial accredi-  
tation requires home study plus 1 day  
workshop – cost: \$225pp for NSWFA  
members & \$300.00pp non members;  
Refreshers do home study plus 3 hour  
workshop – cost: \$150pp for NSWFA  
members & \$200.00 for non members.

A workshop is scheduled for Wee Waa  
Bowling Club on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May.  
NSW Farmers' members and non mem-  
bers are welcome; make sure you regis-  
ter 7 days prior to the workshop date to  
complete the home study before the  
workshop.

For more information contact Robyn or  
Kathy on 02 6884 8822 or email  
[simsk@nswfarmers.org.au](mailto:simsk@nswfarmers.org.au)

**This Month In  
The Narrabri Shire**

**14<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> May**  
Narrabri Eisteddfod  
The Crossing Theatre & The High School  
**12-14<sup>th</sup> May 2006**  
Narrabri Public School Art & Craft Show –  
Exhibitions & Workshops  
Narrabri Public School  
**15<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> May**  
Narrabri Golf Veterans Week  
Narrabri Golf Club  
**19-21<sup>st</sup> May**  
Wee Waa Show  
**19<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> May**  
Wee Waa Fashions in the Pen  
**26<sup>th</sup> May**  
The Crossing Theatre presents  
Hotel Sorrento  
**Long Weekend**  
Baan Baa Tennis Tournament  
  
To put your function in the  
Narrabri Shire Calendar  
Call 67996760

**Ladies Card Making Night**

Hosted by the  
Ladies of Wee Waa Anglican Church  
**6th May, 2006, 7pm**  
**Wee Waa Bowling Club**  
\$10 per person  
**Speaker: Chantalle Keith**  
(Find out what Jesus  
has to say about true rest)  
The evening will end with  
a delicious supper

**Real Fulfilment where to find it and  
Real Hope in a world full of suffering**

Short talk, ask questions and light  
supper on **Wednesday 10 May 7pm**  
and **Saturday 13 May 7pm**

RSVP Erin Carter 67954236 or  
Chantalle Keith 67951020



**Wee Waa Website**

**New Advertising Package available  
for 2006**

13,870 last month 15,170 this month  
Visits to front page  
126,738 last month 134,053 this month  
hits on whole site

New Photos have been loaded  
To show off our new street

If you would like to advertise here or on the  
website, please contact Kate Schwager  
0267967243  
For the latest Prospectus

**Wee Waa Show Society Inc**  
**72nd Annual Show**

**Friday 19th, Saturday 20th and Sunday 21st May, 2006**

**Pavilions & Sideshows open until  
9.30pm Friday**

**Sunday Camp draft only**

Show Secretary: Liz Davis

02 67955116

Town Show Office from 10th—19th May

10-12.30, 2-5pm

02 67953660

Showground (show Days Only)

02 67954261



**Melissa Shearer, Wee Waa**

**Showgirl 2005**

**Kylie Shearer, Wee Waa Junior**

**Showgirl 2005**

**Wendy Slack-Smith**

**Runner Up in Australian**

**Princess**

**To Open Show**

**Show Highlights**

**Friday**

A Dog High Jump to held during the  
barbecue (Trophies donated by  
Cramsie McRae Dalgety)

**Tractor Pull Demonstration  
Barbecue 5pm**

**Fashion in the Pen Parade 6pm**

**Showgirl 2006 and Miss Junior  
Showgirl will be announced at**

**7.30pm**

**Fireworks 7.30pm**

(Sponsored by Steve Madden  
Agriculture, AG and NL Schwager,  
Truebass Pty Ltd, Royal Hotel, H & C  
Freer and Wee Waa Pharmacy)

**Saturday**

**Tractor Pull Demonstrations  
throughout the day**

**Fashion in the Pen Parade 3pm**

**Billy Boiling Competition 3.30pm near**

Historical Society Display

**Whip Cracking competition 3.30pm**

(Sponsored by Country Energy)

**"Ute Muster" pm**

Best B & S Ute

Best Street Ute

Best Feral Ute

Spot Prizes for other categories

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**Market Stalls Saturday**

Entries are invited

Contact 67955116

**Wee Waa Golf Club**  
**Seafood Night**

Saturday 13th May

Enquiries and Bookings

Golf Club 67954414

**Organising Committee**  
**For 20 year class reunion of**  
**Wee Waa High School**  
**Year 10 class of 1986**

**October Long Weekend**

**Would like to get in touch with  
Students and teachers**

**Could you please contact**

**Jason Oudenryn on**

**0412158391**

**The committee would like to know  
Where to get in touch with you to send  
invitations.**

**Flying Arts**

**Connecting Artists and Communities**

**Catherine Parker**

**New Territories in Acrylic**

**and Mixed Media**

**27th and 28th May 2006**

**CWA Hall Wee Waa**

This workshop will help develop and  
extend awareness and use of acrylic  
paint and a variety of mixed media  
(collage, pen and ink, pastel, beading,  
drawing etc.) An interesting variety of  
conventional and unconventional sur-  
faces (both 2D & 3D) will be used.  
From canvas and paper to PVC pipe  
and CD cases there will be something  
to interest and excite everyone. This is  
an opportunity to extend and challenge  
yourself and stretch your imagination.  
Suitable for all levels adults and sec-  
ondary school students.

**For more information**

**Contact Robin Stieger on 67944655**