



THE WEE WAA INK

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(Editor Kate Schwager)

Friday 2 June, 2006

Chamber News

Chamber met at the Wee Waa Seplin Estate Wine it was well attended and Marion McLoud and Penny Phelps were our guests. It was great to see a good crowd attending the food was excellent and would recommend it as a great place to eat in Wee Waa. Items discussed at the meeting were the up coming Cotton Ball in September, Transaction Centre progress is slow but roads are being made to this happening, a policy will be made at the next meeting on donations to achievers in the town. Marion McLoud filled us in on what is happening in the Narrabri Shire in regards to tourism. A Rest Area will be sign posted in Wee Waa this was a great discussion item as to where on the Highway it should be. It was resolved that the best place was Dangar Park, Marion ensured the group that our points would be taken into consideration when recommending to shire the right place. We look forward to seeing more of you at our next meeting scheduled for Thursday 22nd June, again we will be holding it at the Winery at 6pm. If you would like to attend please contact Lindy for catering on 0418255615

Kate Schwager
President

It has been a busy time for me over the past three weeks but I have enjoyed immensely telling people what a wonderful town we have and how they can see it and much much more on the website. I was fortunate enough to meet a number of women from all over Australia at the reunion dinner of all the RIRDC winners and runner-ups for the past seven years. A very powerful group of women let us hope that the politicians just might listen to them in regards to there recommendations for Rural Australia. The Australian Rural Women of the Year was Martha Shepherd from QLD and the runner up was Bev Logue

from Western Australia. It was a challenging week learning about corporate governance and sitting an exam at the end. Hopefully my skills have improved from my school days and I pass.

Thank you again for all your support, I have a number of speaking engagements over the coming months and I look forward to promoting Wincott, the Award, my project the Rural Towns Web Package and of course the town of Wee Waa.

Now I have been asked to mention that the WW Hardware Shop and Robbies Country Clothing are doing another add on NBN (the last one was great). They would like to know of any other businesses in town who would like to be in it. The more we have the more we can promote ourselves. If you would like to be a part of the advertising project please contact James 67954551.

Also that the Australian Cotton Centre this upcoming school holidays will be running their children's programs. Activities and dates are still being finalized. For more information please contact Sally at the ACC on 67926443.

With the cold setting in there is still some activity in our little town and lots of items on the calendar for you to attend. There is farewell to Ken Farrah and welcome of the new pharmacist to town. Burren Preschool having a market day there is a street stall for cancer group, lots of meetings, soccer is starting and Warick Coble is back in town. NSW Farmers postponed there course till later in June and the Preschool postponed their Rock n Roll night as well so take note of these changes in the calendar. The Royal Hotel has a number of live bands and the Goanna Scratchings this month to draw you out of those warm wholes we bury ourselves in each winter. That's all from me till next month but in the meantime keep those dates coming in cut off date for information for next month will be the 6th July and I will only be available by email.

Cheers
Kate S



In Times Past

Lowders (from Courier Newspaper clippings) from last month

On 6th June, 1941 Dennis married Esmee Chiplin. The service was held in the Anglican Church, Narrabri.

Music remained part of Dennis's daily life but the wide range of musical instruments of past years are now produced by a variety of settings on and electronic organ. Dennis began Lowder's Bus Company which had become a familiar name in the northwest and has become well known in centres far distant from its Wee Waa base. From two Vanguard cars to two Peugeot station wagons, and then to two Volkswagen Kombi vans fitted out for passengers. In 1963 Lowders bought their first bus, a Bedford, seating 43 passengers. Another Bedford was bought the following year to cope with the growing demands. However, it was the beginning of the cotton industry which led to a rapid growth in the number of school children coming to Wee Waa from the district. Lowders operated three buses until 1967 when another was bought as a spare. The spare vehicle was needed because of the poor condition of the roads around Wee Waa - rain on the black soil of the Boolcarrol Road meant that two busses were needed to bring passengers in from that area with one going only as far out of Wee Waa as the sealed road would allow. Although the Shire Roads have improved over the years, Lowders had three buses bogged at the same time during the brief wet spell a few months ago. In 1979 Lowders bought their first coach for school charter, sporting trips and excursions. From 1979 charter work began to be a more significant part Lowder's operations, culminating in the purchase late this year of the Denning coach. Lowder's has remained a family company with its roots firmly in Wee Waa. The company's headquarters is in the town and the firm is set to continue growing with the district taking the name of Lowder's and Wee Waa to all of Australia.

From Stories of Wee Waa By Ian Thompson

June

- 2 Weeronga Happy Hour
- 2 **Royal Hotel live band "Step 2"**
- 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
- 4 Wee Waa V's Werris Creek (League)
- 5 Cancer Support Meeting 7pm at the Old Scout Hall.
- 6 Junior Soccer Club Meeting 7pm Wee Waa Bowling Club
- 6 'Working with farmers and rural communities' Seminar for Health Workers and Rural Services Crossing Theatre **RSVP by Monday 5th June to:** Amanda Henderson, Mental Health and Drought Project Officer Hunter New England Area Health Service Ph: 02 67 219685 Fax: 02 67 219567
- 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 **Royal Hotel Westpac Rescue Helicopter Harley's return also the Goanna Scratchings will be on.**
- 11 **Burren Junction Pres-School Market Day Extravaganza 10.30am to 3.30pm at Nomads, Kamilaroi H'way, Cryon**
- 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 **Warick Coble at CWA Rooms**
- 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
- 14 Scrapbooking and Cardmaking for more information contact Frances Drysdale 67956168
- 14 **Royal Hotel State of Origin on the big screen with half priced meals**
- 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
- 16 **Royal Hotel Live Band (yet to be named)**
- 17 Scrapbooking and Cardmaking for more information contact Frances Drysdale 67956168
- 18 Junior Rugby Union Carnival Inverell
- 18 Wee Waa V's Narrabri (League)
- 22 **Chamber of Commerce Meeting at Seplin Estate Wines Wee Waa 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**
- 24 Historical Society Meeting 2pm
- 25 Junior Rugby Union Carnival Gunnedah
- 26 Scrapbooking and Cardmaking for more information contact Frances Drysdale 67956168
- 26 Rotary Changeover Night Wee Waa Motel \$25per head
- 27 Lions Club Meeting
- 27 Wee Waa Sewing Classes 9am to 3.30pm at Wee Waa CWA Hall for more info Christine Cain Tel: 67956128
- 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
- 30 Royal Hotel Live Band "The Battlers"
- 30 **NSW Farmers Chemical Card at the Wee Waa Bowling Club 8.30 to 4.30pm info contact Kathy Sims 02 6884 8822**

July

- 1 Wee Waa Hospital Reunion 12noon at Wee Waa Bowling Club \$10 per person light luncheon tea and coffee Celebrate 30 years and 90 years as a hospital. Contact 67950400
- 3 Cancer Support Meeting 7pm at the Old Scout Hall.
- 5 Inner Wheel Meeting
- 7 Happy Hour at Weeronga
- 8 Garden Club Meeting
- 11 Wee Waa Pony Club Meeting
- 11 Lions Club Meeting
- 13 Apex Meeting
- 14 CWA Meeting
- 18 School Resumes for Term 3
- 20 Chamber of Commerce Meeting at Seplin Estate Wines Wee Waa at 6pm
- 23 Junior Rugby Union Carnival Moree
- 26 St Joseph's P & F Meeting
- 27 Wee Waa Golf Club Meeting
- 29 The Australia Telescope is having an Open Day From 11am -4pm -Look inside the Telescopes/ helicopter Rides etc Contact:Jo 67904049
- 29 Historical Society Meeting 2pm

August

- 6 Junior Rugby Carnival Coonabarabran
- 19 Wee Waa Preschool Rock n Roll Fundraiser night
- 20 Junior Rugby Carnival Barraba
- 27 Junior Rugby Carnival Tamworth

September

- 9 Dancing with the Stars Galah's at the Wee Waa Bowling Club
- 29 School Ends Term 3

October

- 16 School resumes Term 4
- 19 Trustees & Spring Plain Ball Supporters next ball meeting at 5pm at the hall.

November

December

- 21 School ends Term 4

Next Wee Waa Ink due out Friday 7July.
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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Rose Street
Friday 2nd June
Live Band
"Step 2"
Saturday 10th June
Westpac Rescue Helicopter Harley's
return also the Goanna Scratchings
will be on
Come along and beat the Harley Boys
14th June
State origin on the big screen half
priced meals Wednesday Night
16th June
Live band on (Yet to be named)
Friday 30th June
Live Band
"The Battlers"
Dinning Room open for lunch
Wednesday to Friday and dinners
Monday to Friday
Available for functions
Licensed till 2 am Thursday, Friday and
Saturday Nights, Sunday 10pm
Monday to Wednesday 12pm
 Thursday Night Raffles
 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.

Warwick Coble

Hobo Fashions and Accessories
Will be at CWA Hall

Wednesday 14th June
Wednesday 12th July
8am till 4pm

Selling Haberdashery,
sewing gear and fabrics

For more information
Phone Warwick
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others. If we know the details, we
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Burren Junction Pre-School

Presents a

Market Day Extravaganza!!!

Sunday 11 June 2006

10.30am to 3.30pm

At Nomads, Kamilaroi H'way, Cryon

Exhibitors Include.....

Coogle Cottage

Robins Nest for Children

Sean Hardy Photography

Terry Francis Wrought Iron

Trevor Dickson Wooden Furniture

Beadiful Designs

Ralph Lauren clothing

Little House on Rose

Gunnedah Fashion Fabrics

Pyjama Queen & Jaynes Shoes

Me-Oh-My Baby & Kis Swags

Peppertree Cottage- Jan Logan Jewellery

Bilary Nursery

Relish Catering

Pearls for Girls

Pickillows Pickles, cushions & children's books

Sarah Whiteman scrapbooking supplies

Three bags full handbags

Bundock Wine's

Face Painting and other activities for the
children

Lunch, Morning and afternoon tea avail-
able

All catering supplied by Burren Junction
Pre-School

Full bar facilities

Mega raffle of donated items by exhibitors
to be drawn on the day

Further details contact Burren Junction
Pre-School on 67961245



Australian
Breastfeeding Assoc.

—
Namoi Valley Group
Meeting

Thursday 22nd June

"Graphs, Grams & Growing"

10am-12Noon

Wee Waa Presbyterian Church,
Crèche Room

For more information:

Susanne Kable

(Breastfeeding Counselor

& Group Leader)

6795 3589

Narrabri Antiques & Art

"Gamidjuri"

An exhibition of art and fabrics
by local aboriginal women

Featuring

Tara Charlton, Jackie Jones, Janice Knox,
Denise Price, Lola Roberts, Ellen Sands, Brooke
Stoltenberg, Tina Towney, & Diane Waugh

Diane Waugh - "Dry Water Hole" - Acrylic

Friday 2 June 6.00 – 9.00pm

Light refreshment will be served

Exhibition dates: 2 - 8 June

Tracey Holcombe

"I love the colours"

"I Love the Colours" acrylic

Friday 9 June 6.00 – 9.00pm

Light refreshment will be served

The Opening Night will also feature
local wines from

"Seplin Estate Wines-

Kangaloon Range"

Exhibition dates: 9 June—13 July

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

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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 Friday 30th June.
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

This Month In The Narrabri Shire

2 – 3rd
NSW Boarding School's Expo The Crossing Theatre

3rd
Gypsy Willow Markets
Cameron Park Narrabri

5th
ADFAS Lecture "Icy Reflections"
Naa Public School Hall

6-8th
Science & Engineering Challenge
The Crossing Theatre

9th
Narrabri & Wee Waa High Schools Careers Forum
The Crossing Theatre

9th
East Meets West Exhibition by Andrew Wales
Narrabri Craft Shop

11th
Burren Junction Pre School Market Day
Nomads at Cryon

17th
Masonic Ball The Crossing Theatre

21- 23rd
Rural Lands Protection Board Conference
Crossing Theatre

24th
Boggabri Community Church Dinner
Boggabri Golf Club

25th
Narrabri V's Werris Creek (League)
Narrabri

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for 2006
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Visits to front page
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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 Hospital Reunion

To all former staff, in all departments,
from maintenance, administration and
domestics to nursing and doctors,
and our valued volunteers,
Please join us

Saturday 1 July, 2006
At Wee Waa Bowling Club

At
12 noon
A light luncheon, tea and coffee will
be available
Cost is \$10 per head
RSVP by June 15
Leanda Sadler
67950400

Ken Farrah's Informal Farewell Dinner and Welcome of the New Proprietor of Wee Waa Pharmacy

On
Saturday 3rd June
at
Wee Waa Golf Club
6pm
Carvery \$15 per head
drinks available at the bar
RSVP 67954231 B/H
or 67954024 A/H

Wee Waa and District Chamber of Commerce

Next General Meeting
Thursday, 22 June 2006
6pm At
Seplin Estate Wines
Please RSVP Lindy for catering
0418255615

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.

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

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Wee Waa Hardware
Oasis Gym
Julie Lang - Kareoke
Adi Nails
Studio 68 - Cherie Nancarrow
Cafe 123
Charlie Brown
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Little House on Rose
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