



THE WEE WAA INK

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(Editor Kate Schwager)

Friday 7 September, 2007

Welcome to this months Wee Waa Ink. Wow what a start we have the Quilt Show at the Little House on Rose today and tomorrow. Also this weekend is Art Exhibition at Narrabri Antiques and Art Birds from the Bush. Wee Waa High School are having there reunion this weekend for those who attended the school between 1977 and 2007. Reunions are always fun and you can rekindle those long lost friends. So make sure you make this Saturday night Reunion of the Wee Waa High School. Big weekend for Junior Rugby League with their Grand Final on Saturday. End of season barbecue for the Junior rugby union will be held in Narrabri Friday night, great way to finish off the season. The Annual General Meetings this month are the Show Society on Thursday the 13th at the Wee Waa Bowling Club at 7pm and the Wee Waa Chamber of Commerce Annual General Meeting on Thursday the 20th at 7pm with a Mardi Gras meeting to be held before hand. The results of the Garden Competition will be announced at the Spring Bulb and Flower Show to be held on the 15th of the month at the Wee Waa Bowling Club, this is always a wonderful showcase of flowers from our very large Garden Club members. Also on the weekend of the 15th the Soccer Grand Final will be held when Wee Waa United will have a chance to Win on Grand Final Day people are urged to come along and support the town's most successful sporting team. Cuttabri Wine Shanty is also having the Merimborough Muster, morale booster and drought release party from 4pm there will be entertainment that night as well. Later in the month the Wee Waa High School are having an Ag Open Day to showcase the Agriculture Department BBQ Lunch will be available. Also at the end of the month the Namoi Valley Breastfeeding Association are having a guest speaker on Breastfeed-

ing and Sleeping, so for all those mothers this is a great way to network with other mothers in our town. Next month is filling up with a joint fund raiser for the Historical Society a Health Awareness day for the Rowena School and a Nationals Lunch and an ICPA AGM.

That is all from me till next month but keep those dates coming in. Email or phone.

Cheers
Kate S

Chamber News

We had a good role up at our breakfast meeting held at the Imperial Hotel thank you to them for the breakfast. The Mardi Gras committee will be meeting at 6pm before we have our AGM at 7pm at our next meeting at the Bowling Club. We finalized the advertising for the Market Day and decided to take up the opportunity to run an advertisement in the local paper to try an encourage people to shop locally in Wee Waa on our market Day. This has been very successful with it coinciding with the visit from the Variety Bash Cars. We have 3 new members and I would like to encourage more to take a step forward and join the group. It has been noticed that people are coming down from Narrabri to Wee Waa to shop and this is pleasing to see as we have quite a number of boutique shops. We are inviting Jacob O'Neil along to our October meeting to see if the Chamber can help with the idea of a Skate Park. The AGM will be on the 20th and all position will be declared open. Look forward to seeing you there.

Kate Schwager
President



Electrical Communication (With Compliments of the Director Posts & Telegraphs GPO Sydney)

*During 1872, a telegraph line was almost completed between Narrabri and Bourke, so new stations at Wee Waa and Pilliga were established. The following year the line was completed to Bourke, and the North West then had telegraphic communication through to Tamworth and so to Sydney and Brisbane. The revenue from the Telegraph at Wee Waa was not sufficient to pay even for the operator, but the government still retained the station as it was of importance to the country. In 1873, the revenue was only 60 pounds odd, only 540 telegrams being dispatched. In 1872, the telegraph station was conducted in premises rented from CE Smith at a rental of 15 pounds per annum. In a map dated 1883, it is noticed that the line came from Narrabri into Almas Street and left town by the same street. During 1898, a telegraph line was constructed between Wee Waa and Bulyeroi, at a cost of 807 pound. **It was not until 6th September, 1907 (100 years ago this month) that a telephone exchange was established at Wee Waa.** It is not known when continuous service was given to the subscribers, but it is known that it was existing in 1910. The exchange was then in a small room previously one of the bedrooms in the residence portion of the Post Office.*

Electricity

1938, Electricity came to Wee Waa. Prior to this Wee Waa was a very dark place as you could well imagine. Some homes had acetylene gas connected throughout the house but most places had kerosene lamps. 1947 an extra electricity line was brought from Gunnedah. This shed considerably more light on Wee Waa. It allowed for a more regular supply.

An article from

Stories of Wee Waa

Compiled by Ian Thompson



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Where: Wee Waa High School Ag Farm
Time: 11:00am- 2:30pm

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Student Work

- Assignments
- Plant Trials
- Cattle Yard designs



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September

- 1 **Namoi Valley Australian Breastfeeding Association meeting at Presbyterian Church Crèche Room 1.30pm to 4.30pm Guest Speaker "Breastfeeding Education Class — For pregnant mothers and their partners"**
- 2 Rugby League Major Semi Final
- 2 Annual Golf Day for Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service
- 3 Wee Waa Cancer Support Meeting at Scout Hall
- 3 Wee Waa Rugby League Meeting
- 4/5 Garden Competition Judging**
- 5 Wee Waa/Narrabri/Boggabri to Tamworth Community Bus Service 7am at Lowders returning 5.45pm Cost \$25 return call Kerry Berger at HACC for bookings on 67954535 or 67954221
- 5 Inner Wheel Meeting
- 7 Junior Rugby Union end of season barbecue 6pm
- 7 **Fishing Meeting at the Royal Hotel 7pm. All Welcome**
- 7 **Narrabri Antiques and Art Exhibition opens 7pm to 9pm light refreshments will be served. Birds from the Bush (see page 6)**
- 7 & 8 Quilters of Wee Waa and District "Quilt Show" at Little House on Rose 10am to 4pm, Hospital Auxiliary to cater. For more information contact Sue Toop 67967250**
- 8 **Wee Waa High School P & C Function "30 year Reunion" at Wee Waa Bowling Club 1977 to 2007.**
- 8 Junior Rugby League Grand Final Day 9.30am Collins Park
- 9 Rugby League Final
- 11 Wee Waa Sewing Classes 9am to 3.30pm at Wee Waa CWA Hall for more info Christine Cain Tel: 67956128
- 11 Wee Waa Pony Club Meeting
- 12 Wee Waa Public School P & C Meeting
- 12 Christian School Board Meeting
- 13 Wee Waa High School P & C Meeting
- 13 Wee Waa Show Society Annual**

- General Meeting at Wee Waa Bowling Club 7pm, All Welcome**
- 14 CWA Meeting 10am at CWA Hall
- 15 Results of Garden Competition at 5pm at the Spring Bulb and Flower Show.**
- 16 Rugby League Grand Final 15/16 Spring Bulb and Flower Show Wee Waa Bowling Club**
- 15 Cuttabri Wine Shanty Merimborough Muster, morale boosting and drought release party from 4pm great entertainment.**
- 17 Cotton Grower Services Summer Crop Meeting 10am to 2pm with Barbecue Lunch. Topics The water situation, Sorghum and Corn agronomy, Cotton and grain marketing, CSD Grains, Crop Insurance
- 19 Wee Waa Lower Namoi Cotton Grower Association Meeting at the Wee Waa Bowling Club
- 19 Wee Waa/Narrabri/Boggabri to Tamworth Community Bus Service 7am at Lowders returning 5.45pm Cost \$25 return call Kerry Berger at HACC for bookings on 67954535 or 67954221
- 20 Wee Waa Chamber of Commerce Annual General Meeting at Wee Waa Golf Club 6pm.**
- 21 Ag Open Day at the Wee Waa High School—Showcasing Agriculture Department, produce available, tractor challenge, horse activities, student work, BBQ lunch all welcome. For more details contact Belinda Pine 67954 477**
- 25 Wee Waa Sewing Classes 9am to 3.30pm at Wee Waa CWA Hall for more info Christine Cain Tel: 67956128
- 26 St Joseph's P & F Meeting
- 27 Narrabri Shopping Bus pick up 9am and departs Narrabri 1pm call Kerry Berger at HACC for bookings on 67954535 Adults \$8 Children \$4 (This service is for frail aged and younger disabled persons)

- 27 Namoi Valley Australian Breastfeeding Association meeting at Presbyterian Church Crèche Room 10am to 12 noon topic Guest Speaker **Breastfeeding & Sleeping—You can do both!**
- 29 School Holidays Start

October

- 1 Labour Day Holiday
- 1 Wee Waa Rugby League Meeting
- 3 Wee Waa Hospital Auxiliary Meeting Quarterly
- 3 Wee Waa/Narrabri/Boggabri to Tamworth Community Bus Service 7am at Lowders returning 5.45pm Cost \$25 return call Kerry Berger at HACC for bookings on 67954535 or 67954221
- 3 Inner Wheel Meeting
- 6 Clearing Sale Mervyndale Pilliga
- 6 An Evening of Beautiful Music Featuring Richard Hutt & Bill Gleeson. Two Men and two pianos to entertain you. Presented by Wee Waa and Narrabri Historical Societies at the Crossing Theatre Doors open 6.30pm Show Commences 7.30pm Seats \$30 per head include light supper Table bookings taken, bar open Tickets available only at the Theatre Sales Close Wednesday 3rd October.**
- 8 **Wee Waa Cancer Support AGM 7pm at the Scout Hall All Welcome.**
- 9 Wee Waa Pony Club Meeting
- 12 CWA Meeting 10am at CWA Hall
- 13 Health Awareness Day in Narrabri at Narrabri High School a fundraiser for the Rowena Public School For more information contact Colleen Bierhoff 02 67965259**
- 13 The Narrabri / Wee Waa & Burren Junction / Collarenebri & Wyalgett Nationals Branches are holding a Luncheon at the home and garden of Cr & Mrs George & Clare Sevil, "Nowley Lea" Burren Junction. Guest Speaker - Mr Mark Coulton ,**

The Nationals Candidate for Parkes Special Guests: The Hon. John Anderson MP, Member for Gwydir and Mr Kevin Humphries MP, Member for Barwon

- 15 School Resumes for Term 4
- 17 Wee Waa/Narrabri/Boggabri to Tamworth Community Bus Service 7am at Lowders returning 5.45pm Cost \$25 return call Kerry Berger at HACC for bookings on 67954535 or 67954221
- 18 Wee Waa Chamber of Commerce Meeting 7.30am at Wee Waa Motel
- 19 Wee Waa Lower Namoi Cotton Grower Association Meeting at the Wee Waa Bowling Club
- 22 Chemcert Chemical Training Course in Narrabri phone to book 1800 444 228
- 24 St Joseph's P & F Meeting
- 25 Narrabri Shopping Bus pick up 9am and departs Narrabri 1pm call Kerry Berger at HACC for bookings on 67954535 Adults \$8 Children \$4 (This service is for frail aged and younger disabled persons)
- 25 Namoi Valley Australian Breastfeeding Association meeting at Presbyterian Church Crèche Room 10am to 12 noon topic Guest Speaker Unwrapping our Breastfeeding Association**
- 28 Daylight Saving Starts
- 28 ICPA Annual General Meeting to be held at the Burren Junction City Hotel Meeting then lunch.
- 3031 Westpac will be running Beyond Survival workshops in Narrabri Contact Phillipa Morris 02-67526378
- 31 Wee Waa/Narrabri/Boggabri to Tamworth Community Bus Service 7am at Lowders returning 5.45pm Cost \$25 return call Kerry Berger at HACC for bookings on 67954535 or 67954221

November

- 123 Everyone is invited to the annual rural Women's Gathering being hosted by women from in and around Hay (see web link: <http://www.wgnsw.com>)
- 5 Wee Waa Cancer Support Meeting

- at Scout Hall
- 5 Wee Waa Rugby League Meeting
- 6 Melbourne Cup Day**
- 6 Wee Waa Hospital Auxiliary Melbourne Cup Luncheon venue TBA
- 7 Inner Wheel Meeting
- 9 CWA Meeting 10am at CWA Hall
- 13 Wee Waa Pony Club Meeting
- 14 Wee Waa/Narrabri/Boggabri to Tamworth Community Bus Service 7am at Lowders returning 5.45pm Cost \$25 return call Kerry Berger at HACC for bookings on 67954535 or 67954221
- 14 Wee Waa Public School P & C Meeting
- 14 Christian School Board Meeting
- 15 Wee Waa High School P & C Meeting
- 15 Wee Waa Chamber of Commerce Meeting at Seplin Estate Wines at 5.30pm
- 21 Wee Waa Lower Namoi Cotton Grower Association Meeting at the Wee Waa Bowling Club.
- 22 Narrabri Shopping Bus pick up 9am and departs Narrabri 1pm call Kerry Berger at HACC for bookings on 67954535 Adults \$8 Children \$4 (This service is for frail aged and younger disabled persons)
- 22 Namoi Valley Australian Breastfeeding Association meeting at Presbyterian Church Crèche Room 10am to 12 noon topic Guest Speaker **"Yes, I am still feeding this baby!"** Breastfeeding the older baby
- 28 Wee Waa/Narrabri/Boggabri to Tamworth Community Bus Service 7am at Lowders returning 5.45pm Cost \$25 return call Kerry Berger at HACC for bookings on 67954535 or 67954221
- 28 St Joseph's P and F Meeting
- 30 St Joseph's School Fete in grounds of the school 6pm

December

- 1 Garden Club Christmas Party
- 3 Wee Waa Cancer Support Meeting at Scout Hall
- 3 Wee Waa Rugby League Meeting
- 5 Inner Wheel Meeting
- 11 Wee Waa Pony Club Meeting
- 12 Wee Waa/Narrabri/Boggabri to Tamworth Community Bus Service 7am at Lowders returning 5.45pm Cost \$25 return call Kerry Berger at HACC for bookings on 67954535 or 67954221
- 14 CWA Meeting 10am at CWA Hall
- 14 Narrabri Teenage Dance Party,

- Crossing Theatre Theme Flower Power Contact Maria McDonnell 67921425 or Kate Knight 67955155
- 19 Wee Waa Lower Namoi Cotton Grower Association Meeting at the Wee Waa Bowling Club
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- 21 School Holidays Start
- 25 Christmas Day
- 26 Boxing Day
- 26 Wee Waa/Narrabri/Boggabri to Tamworth Community Bus Service 7am at Lowders returning 5.45pm Cost \$25 return call Kerry Berger at HACC for bookings on 67954535 or 67954221

January

- 9 Wee Waa/Narrabri/Boggabri to Tamworth Community Bus Service 7am at Lowders returning 5.45pm Cost \$25 return call Kerry Berger at HACC for bookings on 67954535 or 67954221
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- 26 Australia Day
- April
- 5&6 Wee Waa Show Society Camp Draft
- May
- 16& 17 Wee Waa Show

Next Wee Waa Ink due out Friday 1 October

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*Quilters of Wee Waa
 & District Quilt Show*

**Friday 7th September
 Saturday 8th September 2007.**

From 10 am to 4 pm

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Rose Street, Wee Waa

Wee Waa Hospital Ancillary to Cater

For more information

Contact

Sue Toop 67967250

Gladys Parish 67955118



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 Centre**

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**This months major event
 "Rugby League and Rugby Union
 Grand Finals"
 8, 9 September 2007**

**Contact the Visitors Centre
 Penny Phelps
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 02 67996761
 Fax: 02 67996766**



Wee Waa Website

**28,570 last month this month
 29,582 visits to front page
 267,273 last month this month
 278,766 hits on whole site**

The site has a new **Business Index**
 section where the directory is listed
 by category.
 Advertising for next 12 months
 available

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 on the website, please contact Kate
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 Narrabri Website is now available
 www.narrabri.net

**This Month In
 The Narrabri Shire**

- 6th September
 Narrabri Library Story telling with Dads –
 Story's, craft & songs
 - 7th September
 Wine Tasting & Dinner –fundraiser for the
 Narrabri High School
 - 7th September – 11th October
 Narrabri Antiques and Art Exhibition
 – Birds in the Bush
 - 8th September
 Rugby Union Grand Final
 - Maules Creek Annual Host & Hostess Ball
 - 9th September
 Rugby League Grand Final
 - 13th September
 Narrabri Library Story Telling with Dad –
 Story's, Songs & Craft
 - 15th September
 Presbyterian Flower Show
 - 20th September
 Narrabri Library Story telling with Dads –
 Story's, craft & songs
 - 21st Sept – 5th October
 Narrabri Craft Shop Exhibition - Jo Jessen
 - 22nd September
 Nurruby 20 year celebration
 - 22nd September
 Bellata Matron's Ball
 - 16th September
 Rugby League Grand Final
 - 29th Septe4mber
 45 year School reunion
 - 30th September
 Narrabri, Wee Waa, Boggabri Pony Camps
- To put your function in the
 Narrabri Shire Calendar**
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 Or submit your function on
www.weewaa.com or
www.narrabri.net

**Wee Waa Horticultural &
 Garden Society Inc.**

**Spring Bulb &
 Flower Show 2007**
Saturday 15 September
2.30pm to 5pm
**Saturday at 5pm Garden
 Competition Presentations**
Sunday 16 September
9 am to 3pm

Wee Waa Bowling Club
 Almas Street Wee waa
Admission \$5
 Each day—including refreshments
 Entries from 9.30am to 11.30am
 Saturday
 Entry Fees: 20 cents per entry



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**Merimborough
 Muster**

**Morale boosting and drought
 release party**
At Cuttabri Wine Shanty
On the 15th September, 2007
From 4.00pm



**Relevant drought information
 and speakers will be available.**
**BBQ meal available (Courtesy
 CWA Funding) Will be served
 between 6pm-8pm.**
**There will be live entertainment
 featuring Jeff Brown and
 top country artists**



**Exhibition
 7 September - 4 October**

Narrabri Antiques & Art
 Invites you & your friends to
 an exhibition featuring



"Eastern Parrot" - Watercolor -
 Daphne Schmidt

Birds from the Bush
 Featuring
 Lynne Aylett, Beryl Hopley,
 Lyn Oliver, Daphne
 Schmich & Betty Stewart
Exhibition Opening:
 Friday 7 September—9pm
 Light refreshments will be served

Exhibition dates:
 7 September—4 October
Narrabri Antiques & Art
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**Australian
 Breastfeeding Assoc.
 Namoi Valley Group
 Meeting**

**Thursday 27th
 September**

**“Breastfeeding & Sleeping—
 You can do both!**

10am to 12 noon
 Wee Waa Presbyterian Church,
 Crèche Room
 For more information:
 Susanne Kable
 (Breastfeeding Counselor &
 Group Leader)
 on 6795 3589