



THE WEE WAA INK

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(Editor Kate Schwager)

Friday 7 December, 2007

Chamber News

The last meeting of the year was held at the Bowling Club on Wednesday night it was well attended, with a number of Council representatives there including the Mayor George Sevil and the Shire General Manager Max Kershaw. Thank to all those who attended.

Final preparation for the Mardi Gras was discussed. It looks to be bigger and better than any other year with Max FM doing the announcing and music all night long. Service Clubs are prepared for a big night and the local businesses have special prizes most of which will be announced on the night. Santa will be there for the children and of course this year's \$1,000 worth of vouchers is again up for grabs to someone in the town attending on the night. Do take some time out, and come along it is back to Thursday night and the drawing will begin from 7.30pm announced by Max FM so that everyone will be able to hear. The Mardi Gras commences at 6pm in Rose Street.

During the meeting we had a presentation by the General Manager of the Shire Mr Max Kershaw, we were informed of a number of positives about the Shire. Agriculture is the backbone of our community and it will run alongside Mining which will be around for some years. We need to work together with the Mining group to enhance our community. Transport needs to be effective and the airline services to Sydney have been looked into to include a stopover in Tamworth, which could help with medical specialists being able to visit the area on a more frequent basis. Opportunities exist in that we are at the crossroads of two highways, Train lines are being updated and tourism income to the shire has reached 42 million per annum. The Local Environmental Plan will be presented to the Council over the coming weeks and he asked that the whole community contribute to this plan. It will be available on the Shire website. Also noted that 2008 is election year for local councils. Keep in mind we need to choose 12. The Chamber thanked the General Manager for attending the meeting and for his presentation.

We then heard from the committee for the Long Day Care Centre. They will be presenting to Council in February but in the meantime you are

asked to please fill out the survey which is available on the Wee Waa website. The committee is doing a great job sourcing all available options to get this service up and running again in Wee Waa. This is also good for business to make sure there workers have long day care available for them.

We also heard from Paula Jones and Stacey Spanswick CRC who have recently done an impact survey of the drought on the town of Wee Waa. Although the signs were not good this information can be used to benefit the businesses in and out of town. 25 out of the 35 surveys were returned, which was great. The information that was collected and the results was explained to the group and a comprehensive report of the Drought Survey will be available on the Wee Waa website soon. The Chamber thanked the CRC for doing the survey.

We heard from Penny Phelps the Tourism Officer for the Narrabri Shire. The Tourism Plan will go to Council over the next few weeks. The plan includes 6 new areas for bird watching, new brochures and a number of other ideas. She also told us that the History Walk for Wee Waa is at draft stage and that she is working with the Historical Society to get this project up and running inside the levee bank of Wee Waa. The Tourism Plan is for "Eco Friendly Tourism". The Chamber thanked Penny and her office for involving all the communities in the plan.

The Chamber has also formed a Youth Group to make decisions on the Skate Park and this project is underway with final decisions on where to put it to be made. It will be a 4 stage plan. A report will be heard at the next meeting in February.

The Chamber also discussed again Public Toilets in the main CBD this is an ongoing project but is in due process. On the whole the meeting was a very positive one.
Publicity Officer



In Times Past - Hotels

In the year 1878 Wee Waa had two hotels, the Royal and the Prince of Wales. These both fronted Alma Street. The town also consisted of a few scattered residences as well as a Post and Telegraph Office, Police Station, and Burrell's Store which was the only store in town. Mr Lilyman was the proprietor of the Royal Hotel, and Mrs Flockhart was the owner/proprietor of the Prince of Wales. Mr W Gray then became the proprietor of the Prince of Wales, and later on Mr Ben Harris became the owner/proprietor of the Royal Mr Gray then built another hotel the Commercial at the corner of Rose and Charles Streets and conducted it himself after vacating the Prince of Wales. In 1880 Mr Harris sold the Royal to Mr A Hamilton Snr. And purchased the Commercial from Mr Gray, Mr Hamilton reconstructed the Royal and built a second storey on to it. It became the first double storey building in town. The Hamilton's became business people and started a new era in buying town allotments and erecting shops and residences. Mr W Doherty came along and purchased the old Prince o Wales Hotel. He was a very enterprising and optimistic man and decided to move the hotel to Rose Street which was now the main street. He erected a two storey hotel under the name of the Club House. This was located near where the Ambulance station is today. The Club House was purchased from Mr Doherty by Mrs L Thompson who was a large town property owner of the time. It was said that Mrs Thompson bought the Hotel "for a place for her sons to stay when they came to town. She was the owner of "Woodlands" on the road to Burren Junction. Subsequently the Club House was closed and Mrs Thompson sold the building to Mrs head of Pilliga who dismantled and re erected it at Pilliga. It was later burnt out. Mr J Selfe bought the land where the Imperial Hotel now stands and built a two story hotel. This land was part of a police paddock which was bounded by Alma Street along George to Rose Street to Charles Street. The first licensee was Mr C P O'Rourke he later purchased the Hotel.....

More about Hotels in Wee Waa in The February issue.

An article from

Stories of Wee Waa

Compiled by Ian Thompson

December

- 7 Wee Waa and District Agricultural Businesses Christmas Party at Wee Waa Golf Club 6.30pm
- 8 Wee Waa Bowling Club Members Seafood night 7pm \$30 ticket available at the Bowling Club
- 9 Wee Waa Bowling Club Members Children's Christmas Party 11am to 2pm
- 9 Wee Waa Bowling Club Raffle Night Draw for Junior Bowlers Raffle, the Fuel Raffle The Monster Christmas Raffle tickets go on sale at 5pm draw starts 6.30pm
- 10 Narrabri TAFE Presentation Evening in Court Yard 7pm
- 11 Wee Waa Pony Club Meeting
- 11 Wee Waa Sewing Classes 9am to 3.30pm at Wee Waa CWA Hall for more info Christine Cain Tel: 67956128
- 11 **Wee Waa Primary School Presentation Evening at the Wee Waa High School 7pm**
- 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
- 12 **St Joseph's School Presentation Night at Wee Waa Bowling Club**
- 13 Mardi Gras Rose Street Wee Waa
- 14 **Wee Waa High School Year 10 Formal Assembly at 11.30am**
- 14 CWA Meeting 10am at CWA Hall
- 14 Family Free Friday at the Wee Waa Swimming Pool 5.30 to 8.30pm Monster Island. Kiosk Open for those who don't want to cook.
- 14 **Australian Story Teller Murray Hartin at Wee Waa Bowling Club, Not to be missed.**
- 14 Narrabri Teenage Dance Party, Crossing Theatre Theme Flower Power Contact Maria McDonnell 67921425 or Kate Knight 67955155
- 15 Wee Waa Historical Society Christmas Barbecue and meeting at the Museum starting 1pm
- 15 **Cuttabri Wine Shanty Christmas Cheer 5.30pm Live Entertainment by Pete Devernan and visit from Santa Sausage Sizzle \$2 67962240**
- 15 Moree Teenage Dance Party at Moree Rugby Club
- 16 Bellata Teenage Dance Party at Bellata Hall.
- 16 Combined Churches Christmas Carols and Fireworks in Dangar Park

- 19 Wee Waa Lower Namoi Cotton Grower Association Meeting at the Wee Waa Bowling Club
- 20 Swimming Club 5pm
- 20 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)
- 20 **Namoi Valley Australian Breast-feeding Association meeting at Presbyterian Church Crèche Room 10am to 12 noon topic Guest Speaker Holidaying with babies and children.**
- 21 School Holidays Start End of Term 4
- 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
- 31 Narrabri Cotton Critters B & S, New Years Eve 2007 Narrabri Show-ground

January

- 3 Swimming Club starts again 5pm every Thursday till pool closes. Please come along and join the club.
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- 26 Australia Day

February

- 6 Wee Waa Show Society Meeting at Wee Waa Bowling Club, 7pm
- 6 School Resumes for 2008
- 14 St Joseph's School Swimming Carnival

March

- 21 Good Friday
- 22 Easter Saturday
- 23 Easter Sunday
- 24 Easter Monday

April

- 5&6 Wee Waa Show Society Camp Draft
- 11 End of Term 1
- 28 Beginning Term 2

May

- 16& 17 Wee Waa Show

June

- 13 & 14 Wee Waa Relay for Life to be confirmed

Next Wee Waa Ink due out Friday 1 February 2008

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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Wee Waa Show Society

Held a very successful monthly meeting on Wednesday 28th November. The committee is currently busy with plans already underway for the 2008 show to be held Friday 16th and Saturday 17th May 2008.

The schedule is at the moment being prepared for the printers, so just a reminder for anyone with a trophy/ sponsorship form if they could return them to the Secretary as soon as possible please it would be much appreciated.

The next meeting is

Wednesday 6th February 7pm at the Wee Waa Bowling Club.



Narrabri Shire

Tourism

Narrabri Shire Visitors' Information Centre

Invites you to check with us that your event does not clash with others. If we know the details, we can promote your event on radio and in the Visitors' Centre.

This months major event

"Narrabri Mardi Gras

20th December

Wee Waa Mardi Gras

13th December

Christmas celebration"

Contact the Visitors Centre
Penny Phelps

Tel: 02 67996760 02 67996761

Fax: 02 67996766

Email: tourism@narrabri.nsw.gov.au

Wee Waa and District Christmas Mardi Gras

6pm Rose Street

Thursday December 13, 2007

Shop Locally and win \$1,000 in Wee Waa Shopping vouchers, to SPEND !!!!

Also this year Lucky Shopper/ Business Prize.

Sponsored by the Wee Waa Chamber of Commerce and Local Businesses

Santa, Stret Stalls, Lions Chocolate Wheel, Jumping Castle, Rotary BBQ, Raffles, MC and Music, Prizes Galore.

Christmas Light Competition sponsored by Country Energy.

1st 2nd and 3rd prizes
The competition will run from 17-24 December 2007.

Judging will take place from 8pm—10.30pm.

Nominations close 14 December, 2007.

Nomination forms available from Robbies and ANZ Bank

For further information please contact Robbie Barclay

on 67953222

Or Pam Callachor

on 67954163 (w)

Wee Waa Fitness Centre

Hours of Operation



Monday,
Tuesday
and Thursday
4pm - 8pm

Wee Waa Pool Hours



December to January
10am to 8pm
February, First two weeks in

March - 10:00am-6:00pm

Remainder of March -

Noon-6:00pm

Lap Training (Weekdays Only) -

6:00am-8:00am

Pool closes the last Sunday in March at 6:00pm.



Wee Waa Library Opening Hours

Tuesday 2pm - 5pm,

Wednesday 10am - 1pm,

Thursday and Friday 10am - 5 pm

Closed between 1 and 2

Saturday 10am - 12pm.

Tel: 67953064

Wee Waa Tae Kwondo

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Wee Waa Bowling Club

Enquiries:

Steve MacCarthy (Senior Instructor)
67954032 Mobile 0422366190



Wee Waa Website

29,582 last month this month
30,434 visits to front page
278,766 last month this month
290,386 hits on whole site

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www.narrabri.net

**This Month In
The Narrabri Shire**

7th December

Nosh Night Out – Dinner celebrating local and regional foods

The Crossing Theatre 67996760

8th December

Pool Beach Party

The Narrabri town pool

8th December

Woman of Worth Christmas luncheon
67922270

9th December

Carols by Candlelight

The Crossing Theatre 7.30pm

13th December

Wee Waa & District Chamber of Commerce
Christmas Mardi Gras

6pm- Street stalls, BBQ, Music, Santa etc
Rose Street, Wee Waa

Robbie Barclay 6795 3222 Pam Callachor
6795 4163

14th December

Narrabri Teenage Dance Party

Crossing Theatre Tim Logan 0427 369 452

15th December

Gypsy Willow Markets

Cameron Park Narrabri 0427 834 286

20th December

Narrabri Mardi Gras –

Christmas celebration Maitland Street
Narrabri 67996760

21st December

School Holidays commence
31st December

Narrabri Cotton Critter B&S
Narrabri Showground

\$100 p.p
2008

12th January

“From Grape to Glass”

Narrabri Wine festival

The Crossing Theatre Ph: 67924654
2pm – 8pm

Tkts:\$30 p.p www.whyleavetown.com

16th February

Narrabri Business House Relay

Narrabri Swimming Pool Russell Stewart

28th February

The Puppet Caravan -

an official event of UNIMA 2008 World
puppetry Festival and Congress TBA

To put your function in the

Narrabri Shire Calendar

Call 67996760

Tourist Information Centre

Or submit your function on

www.weewaa.com or

www.narrabri.net

In Calendar of Events

WHERE:

WILLAWOOD POOL

“Willawood”

906 DOREEN LANE

WHEN:

Starting

5 November

AQUA EXERCISES

12.30 -1.30 pm Monday,
Wednesday or Friday

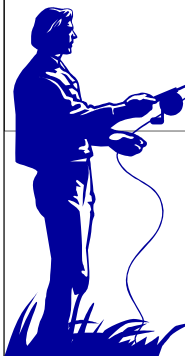
Wee Waa Fishing Club

All People Welcome

to Join

Member \$15

Family \$25



Children Under 16
and Pensioners \$8

Next Meeting

Friday 5th October

Contact

Ben Palmer

0427271512

School Terms for 2008

1st Term

Wednesday 6th February—

Friday 11th April

Holidays

11th April - 28th April

2nd Term

Monday 28th April—Friday 4th

July

Holidays

Friday 4th July - 22nd July

3rd Term

Tuesday 22nd July—Friday 26th

September

Holidays

26 September - 13 October

4th Term

Monday 13 October -

Friday 19 December

Holidays

20 December -



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**Australian
Breastfeeding Assoc.
Namoi Valley Group
Meeting**

**Thursday 20th
December**

**“Holidaying with babies and
children”**

10am to 12 noon

Wee Waa Presbyterian Church,
Crèche Room

For more information:

Susanne Kable

(Breastfeeding Counselor &
Group Leader)

on 6795 3589