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WACOBU NEWS

*Newsletter from the Wagga Agricultural
College Old Boys Union*



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MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

Fine tradition, exciting future...



The strong traditions learnt from their days at Wagga Ag College are still a focus for many Old Boys.

Keeping an eye on fellow Old Boys, holding a reunion, staying in touch with the current state of agricultural education at CSU and celebrating success is the focus of this newsletter.

The recent loss of two well known and highly respected Old Boys in Bob Connolly and Ian Simos brings home the fact that WAC has always had more than its fair share of successful people as graduates. These two men maintained their link to WAC and their mates over time. Both were great contributors to agriculture and society in general.

The planned reunion of the 1964-66 WACer's and their partners in Darwin from the 18-20th of March in 2016 shows the strong bond that still exists between Old Boys. Great to see this group of Old Boys catching up again – well done!

John Harper's Mate helping Mate program is really having a positive impact on helping people in the bush.

Tim Condon's recent achievements in agronomy and the continued success of current CSU students shows the traditions of a WAC education remain relevant today and must do so into the future.

The learning experiences received at WAC and now at CSU are designed to equip students with knowledge and skills in Australia's vibrant and diversified agricultural industry.

Agriculture has a bright future and the past graduates of WAC and current CSU students have a key role to play in this exciting and challenging industry.

Let's keep promoting the fine traditions of WAC for the benefit of all facets of the agricultural industries in Australia.

Graeme

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SHIT happens... how are you going to deal with it?

by: John "China" Harper

WAC Old Boy and Mate Helping Mate founder

In life 'shit happens', that is reality, that is fact.

At anytime a problem can arise in health, finances or relationships that can bring us undone.

Stress, pressure of time affects our mental wellbeing and how we think.

We can start thinking 'this' is too hard, we can't do 'it'.



Life becomes miserable and all our life goals become unattainable because as Henry Ford is quoted as saying "If you think you can, you probably will; if you think you can't, you won't."

One of the most significant mile stones in my recovery was the realisation my brain was like a mate who is never wrong.

There was always something or someone to blame for the predicaments I found myself in.

I find it somewhat ironic that my depression impacted negatively on the very people who were most instrumental in helping me out of the black hole, especially my wife.

Up till this point I had no awareness that how I was thinking, that negatively thinking was determining the outcomes of my life.

It was never how I was thinking, thinking is the brain's domain and the brain is a mate who is never wrong.

My brain led me to believe that I knew where I was, what I was doing and I was positively in control.

Having been bitten by that mongrel blackdog - **Depression**, I know full well the importance of acknowledging the problem and putting in place strategies to minimise or prevent poor mental wellbeing impacting on life.

It is quite easy to say but harder to put in place, especially when your energy, motivation and enthusiasm for enjoying life is being sapped whilst sliding into depression.

When I was at my lowest my family and my mates provided the energy and motivation to move forward and enjoy life again.

My community helped me rebuild my confidence and resilience to deal with whatever life throws at me.

I enjoy living.

'Shit happens' and it is how you deal with that reality that is important.

"If you (your brain) think you can, you probably will; if you think you can't, you won't.



John Harper and family with well-known media personality Scott Cam at Stockinbingal following recognition of John's work.

OUR STORIES OF DEPRESSION

DVD

This DVD is ultimately about promoting good health and wellbeing through discussion on mental health issues, mainly depression, with ordinary, everyday people from the Riverina.

Life is good when we can acknowledge and accept that our Life does not need to be perfect to be enjoyed.

There is no health without mental health!

There is no wellbeing without mental wellbeing!



All of the people involved in the production of 'Our Stories of Depression' do so in the hope that the messages conveyed will provide energy and motivation for the viewer to have

*"the serenity to accept the things they cannot change
the courage to change the things they can
and the wisdom to know the difference"*

As individuals if we ever struggle with serenity, courage and the wisdom to enjoy Life we will need to have confidence in our mates, our family and our community to help gain these attributes.

The aim of this DVD is raising the awareness that **you** have a role to play, alongside of service providers, mental health professionals and GPs, in helping each other to minimise mental health issues and the negative outcomes.

Our communities may be rural and remote but they all have a bank of knowledge, wisdom and strategies that can minimise or prevent mental health issues.

All of us need to be proactive and talk.

Reflect on who you are, on your own life's experience and realise that between us all we have the wisdom and the strategies to deal positively with any mental health issue.

Life can be good. Life can be enjoyed.

Copies of this DVD are available from WACOB

(Please contact Graeme Worboys to obtain a copy)



CLASS REUNION

WAC 1964-66

Darwin

18th - 21st March 2016

Another fantastic reunion coming up in 2016 for WAC Old Boys organised by Graeme (Hock) and Philippa Hockey!!

The main reunion dates are from **Friday 18th to Monday 21st March 2016**, with plenty to do before or after this weekend for visitors to Darwin.

At this stage those people intending to attend this reunion include Gerry and Lyn Bolla, Roger and Coral Clough, Geoff Cornell, Terry and Gail Ellis, Roy Everett (lecturer), Bart and Pam Gannon, Mick Hazlett and Victoria Nasso, Graeme and Philippa Hockey, Geoff Howe, Bruce and Beth Irvine, Dick and Lenja Kobelke, Tony and Cathy Meares, Barry and Roz Medway, Ray and Christine Moir, Peter and Maggie Polack, Col and Ronnie Rathbone, Bruce and Vilma Rennard, Neville and Pam Semmlar, Ross and Jenni Stockings and Neil and Sue Warner.

Apologies have been received from Bob Barwell, Mick Duck, Reg Hill, Noel Linder, Chris Lord, Peter Meier, Colin Mew, Warwick Pickette, Charlie Smithwick, Graeme Thomson, Roger Wee and Dave Heptonstall (lecturer).

There are 17 people who are "NO RESPONSES" at this stage so if anyone can contact their old mates and tell them about this reunion and advise them to contact:

Graeme and Philippa Hockey

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DRAFT AGENDA

FRIDAY 18TH

BBQ dinner get together at camping area at Free Spirit Resort

SATURDAY 19TH

A town tour will be held with plenty of options available for all people before the Reunion Dinner is held at the Resort.

SUNDAY 20TH

A visit to the famous Litchfield National Park.

MONDAY 21ST

Barry Medway has been negotiating with a charter mob to fly to Timber Creek and then do a boat trip on the Victoria River, where some of the late Dick Gill's ashes will be spread on the river bank at Bradshaw Tomb.

Other people not venturing on this trip will enjoy fishing or hop on the jumping croc cruise on the Adelaide River or just enjoy Darwin.

Chris Slinger

WACOBU committee member Chris Slinger had a major health issue late in 2015, suffering a stroke which has impacted on the left hand side of his body, especially his leg.

He is receiving treatment at Wagga Base Hospital's rehabilitation unit and is slowly showing improvement.

Chris is getting plenty of support from family, work colleagues and friends.

Chris was a student at WAC from 1978-1981.

WACOBU wishes Chris all the best as he undergoes this rehabilitation process.

Chris' wife Deb, well known to many in the agriculture sector, is hoping for the best but realises her better half's recovery will be a long process.

Many Old Boys from the know Chris and Deb so feel free to contact the Slingers and pass on your best wishes.

WACOBU Scholarship Support

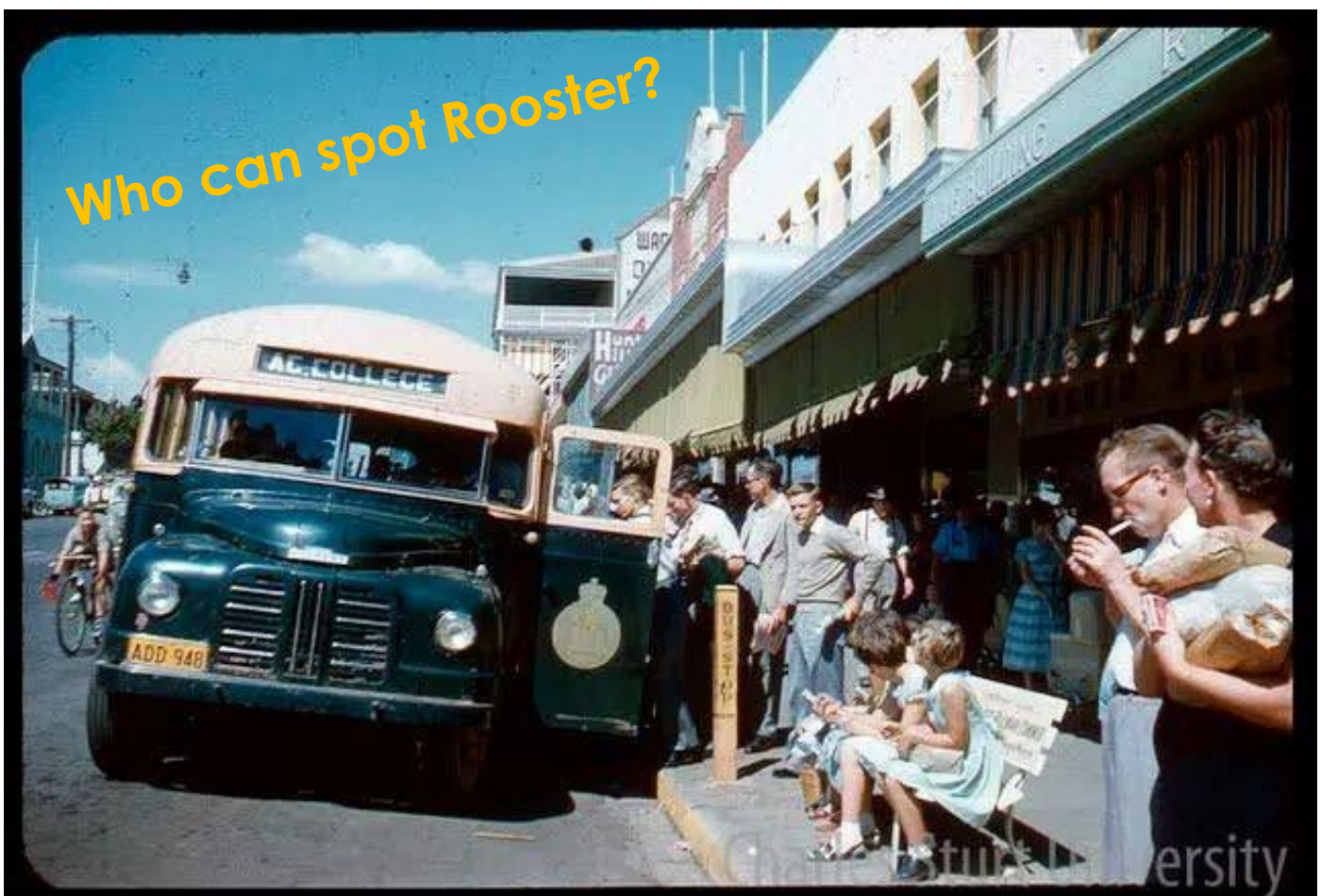


The WACOBU Committee is asking Old Boys for further donations towards this annual scholarship.

If a reunion or get-together is organised please consider making a donation to the scholarship. All recipients have benefitted greatly from their scholarship and it is one way of ensuring that WACOBU remains in the spotlight at CSU.

Donations can be made to WACOBU by direct debit or cheque. See the last page of the newsletter for banking details.

Your support will be greatly appreciated !





Tim Condon

Winter crop and pasture production, Agronomist, Delta Agribusiness Harden, NSW

AWARDED FOR: PRODUCTIVITY

WACOBU's Tim Condon won the agronomist category at the national Syngenta Growth Awards announced in Sydney late last year.

The award allowed Tim to travel to the UK and Europe in 2015 to see both research projects and farming practices being implemented in cropping and pasture systems in the northern hemisphere.

Based at Harden, Tim is a director of Delta Agribusiness, a large independent agricultural company with retail branches throughout northern, central and southern NSW. Tim has shown great commitment to research trials and a whole farm systems approach to his agronomic advice to his farming clients, two factors that led to him receiving this award.

"Water and nutrient use efficiencies are the two crucial areas driving overall profitability and productivity on our farms. We must use these resources to full advantage."

"Working with innovative growers and industry researchers to identify and share new information and ideas leads to rapid and highly effective change in managing farming systems," said Tim.

This is another success story for a WAC Old Boy.

Tim is highly respected in the world of agronomy and really deserved this recognition from the industry.

Wasn't a bad rugby player either!

Have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from all at WACOBU

MERRY CHRISTMAS





Vale Bob Conolly *WAC (1957) Old Boy and a great sportsman*

Bob Conolly, described as one of Wagga's greatest sportsmen from any era, passed away in 2015.

Bob was a WAC Old Boy and Riverina rugby icon.

Not only was he a rare sporting talent on the field, he was a tireless worker and administrator for rugby off the field.

Conolly's name will forever be remembered in Wagga with the home of rugby union, Conolly Park, named in his honour.

Bob arrived in Wagga as a student of Wagga Agricultural College and played in two rugby premierships in 1955 and 1957 with WAC, before coaching Leeton in 1958.

He then helped form the Wagga Waratahs in 1959 and was the club's inaugural captain-coach, with many ex WAC Old Boys joining the ranks.

This first Waratahs side included Australian Wallabies Jim Lenehan and Beres Ellwood as well as many other NSW Country and Riverina representative players.

Conolly was a regular Riverina and NSW Country rugby representative.

A highlight for Bob was being named captain of Combined NSW Country who played against the NZ All Blacks in 1960.

Bob's passing was felt across the rugby community as he was passionate about rugby in Southern NSW and particularly the Waratahs Rugby Club.

He always had a soft spot for the Aggies and helped many young players aspire to representative rugby honours.

After his playing days, Conolly remained heavily involved in rugby and played a pivotal role in the development of the rugby union complex at Jubilee Park and ensuring the Riverina region remained a rugby force in country NSW.

Former Wagga Daily Advertiser managing editor Graham Gorrel stated that Bob Connolly was one of the best sportsmen ever seen in the Riverina.

He excelled at cricket as well as rugby.

Bob was asked by the NSW Sheffield Shield selectors to move to Sydney so he could be chosen for the State team, but he preferred to remain on his farming property at The Rock.

Conolly is survived by his wife Barbara and children James, David and Sally-Jane.

WACOBU and the Wagga Ag College Rugby Club offer their sincere sympathy to Bob's family and wide circle of friends.

Vale

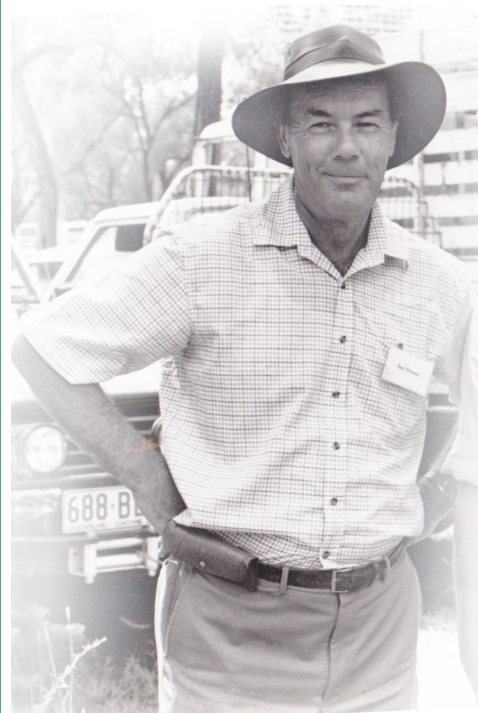
Ian Simos

Ian James Simos or “dads” as he was affectionately known to his family was born on the **April 1, 1934** at the Dilbhor Hall Private Hospital, Woollahra to James Simos and Grace Walker.

He had an older brother Peter. His father was a picture show proprietor running the Arcadia Cinema in Cootamundra and this is where Ian spent his early years.

In 1938, when Ian was only 4 years old, while holidaying in Sydney with the family his father was tragically killed in a motor vehicle accident on the Spit Bridge. After this sad event, Ian went to live with his aunt and uncle Eileen and Stan Maling at Summer Hill for about 12 months whilst his mother re-established herself, before settling in Kensington.

Ian moved back with his mother and attended the Kensington Primary School until he was 11 and then was a boarder at the Sydney Church of England Grammar School, or Shore, until he was 15.



At the age of 16 Ian applied to the Wagga Agricultural College to undertake a Diploma in Agriculture studying Agriculture and Animal Husbandry.

He was accepted and was the youngest person at the time to have been accepted into the Wagga Ag College.

Ian graduated on the April 17, 1953 with a Diploma in Agriculture.

Ian was tremendously proud of having graduated from Wagga Ag. College and his 1953 Diploma is still proudly displayed at his home.

As a result of this time at WAC Ian spent his life involved in agriculture.

Ian and wife Judith last visited Wagga a few years ago after the University had taken over, to present a Clock on behalf of the Old Boys.

It was the first time his wife had been on the Campus and it was a great thrill for her to see all the names on the Honour Board and glad to see it preserved and treasured.

Sadly there are very few of Ian's fellow Old Boys left but there were some great reunions which allowed Ian and Judith to catch up with mates and their wives.

Judith still has the pocket from Ian's WAC Cricket Blazer when he played in the 1st XI in 1950 and 1951.

Ian's legacy from his love of agriculture is that both his daughters have ended up involved with the land – one owning and running a warmblood stud in Scone and the other an agricultural scientist working for a global agricultural company.

After life at Wagga Ag College, Ian spent the next 6 years working as a jackeroo and as manager of cattle properties in the Riverina and Northern New South Wales for the Australian Mercantile Land and Finance Company and during this time completed his National Service. In 1959 Ian joined the Northern Territory Police Force where he worked for the next 15 months before returning to Sydney to work as an auctioneer at Homebush saleyards again for the Australian Mercantile Land and Finance Company.



In 1962 he joined the ABC where he spent the next 30 years as a Rural Broadcaster on television and radio and later as the weatherman in the late 1970's and 1980's. Whilst working as a rural broadcaster he spent time living in Darwin, Papua New Guinea, Victoria, Tasmania and New South Wales. At the ABC he met his wife Judith, who was working for Ian's boss. Judith was told to take Ian out and show him the pubs and look after him and that's exactly what she did, for the next 43 years. Ian and Judith were married in the 1970's and it was over this time that they raised 2 daughters Libby and Gilly. Ian retired in 1992 due to health concerns and moved to Kenthurst and later to Cattai. Ian was very active during his retirement looking after his vegies and gardens at both Kenthurst and Cattai and looking after the horses whilst Judith continued to work. Finally in 2004 after Judith retired they made the move to Scone after loving the feel of the place. They found a quarter acre block at Satur and called it home saying it was the best move they ever made. It was the best of both worlds for Ian - a block that was big enough for him to have his dogs, his vegie garden and the views out on to the mountains and the open spaces that he had spent most of his life working amongst. Ian loved his lawn bowls and even up to the week before his passing he was out on the green with his mates at the Scone Bowling Club of which he was a director. He was proud of his National Service and would march in Scone each year on Anzac Day up until the last couple of years when the walk became too much but he would still always be there taking part and proudly wearing his medals. He was a lifelong Rotarian and a director of the 729 TV club and for many years he was on the committee of the Farm Writers and Broadcasting Society of New South Wales. On his retirement he was made a lifelong member of the Australian Journalists Association. Upon his move to Scone he became a member of the Scone Men's Probus club and enjoyed their outings. His days of being a weatherman were never far forgotten he would always be discussing the weather, if and when it was going to rain and always comparing how much rain he had compared to other places - it was almost like a bit of a competition as to who had the most rain.

Ian always loved a beer and was allowed his one rum and coke a year on his birthday that would more often than not always turn into two, something that he very much looked forward to.

Ian Simos a proud WAC Old Boy and a wonderful contributor to agriculture.

Vale

Margaret French

Margaret French was matron at WAC for a long time, providing excellent care and advice to many young WAC students during her tenure. Sadly, Margaret passed away early in 2015.

"Matron" French was on duty from about 1970 and was still there in 1985 when Birgitte Verbeek was her assistant. Her time as Matron at WAC saw an endless stream of young people exhibiting an assortment of medical conditions ranging from Motts with cut feet, to sporting injuries, to STD's and reproductive experiments. And most who tried Matrons' Patent Cough Elixir will recall the experience! Throughout she had a kind word and advice for those that sought it – no doubt she counselled many needing help or support with emotional and mental issues.

WACOBU asks members to pause and reflect on the contribution of Matron French to WAC.

Margaret Rose (HARRISON) FRENCH

Passed away peacefully after a long and courageous battle at her home, surrounded by family on Saturday, January 3 2015, aged 75. Dearly loved wife of Des (deceased) and loving mother and mother-in-law of Michael and Tanya, David and Pam, Janet and Brett Ashcroft. Cherished grandmother of Shakira and Darius; Callam and Asha; Joshua, Hayden, Bronte and Bradley. Loved daughter of Ron and Beryl Harrison (both deceased)

A Service of Thanksgiving for Margaret's life was held at St John's Anglican Church, Wagga Wagga on Thursday 8th January 2015.



FOR THE LOVE OF THE GAME

A Poem for old rugby players...

Submitted by Ray Moir

When the battle scars have faded
And the truth becomes a lie
And the weekend smell of liniment
Could almost make you cry.

When the last rucks well behind you
And the man that ran now walks
It doesn't matter who you are
The mirror sometimes talks

Have a good hard look old son!
The melons not that great
The snoz that takes a sharp turn sideways
Used to be dead straight

You're an advert for arthritis
You're a thoroughbred gone lame
Then you ask yourself the question
Why the hell you played the game?

Was there logic in the head knocks?
In the corks and in the cuts?
Did common sense get pushed aside?
By manliness and guts?

Do you sometimes sit and wonder
Why your time would often pass
In a tangled mess of bodies
With your head up someone's.....?

With a thumb hooked up your nostril
Scratching gently on your brain
And an overgrown Neanderthal
Rejoicing in your pain!

Mate – you must recall the jersey
That was shredded into rags
Then the soothing sting of Dettol
On a back engraved with tags!

It's almost worth admitting
Though with some degree of shame
That your wife was right in asking
Why the hell you played the game?

Why you'd always rock home legless
Like a cow on roller skates
After drinking at the clubhouse
With your low down drunken mates

Then you'd wake up – check your wallet
Not a solitary coin
Drink Berocca by the bucket
Throw an ice pack on your groin

Copping Sunday morning sermons
About boozers being losers
While you limped like Quasimodo
With a half a thousand bruises!



Yes – an urge to hug the porcelain
And curse Sambuca's name
Would always pose the question
Why the hell you played the game!

And yet with every wound re-opened
As you grimly reminisce it
Comes the most compelling feeling yet
God, you bloody miss it!

From the first time that you laced a boot
And tightened every stud
That virus known as rugby
Has been living in your blood

When you dreamt it when you played it
All the rest took second fiddle
Now you're standing on the sideline
But your hearts still in the middle

And no matter where you travel
You can take it as expected
There will always be a breed of people
Hopelessly infected

If there's a teammate, then you'll find him
Like a gravitating force
With a common understanding
And a beer or three, of course

And as you stand there telling lies
Like it was yesterday old friend
You'll know that if you had the chance
You'd do it all again

**You see – that's the thing with rugby
It will always be the same
And that, I guarantee
Is why the hell you played the game!**



FOR THE LOVE OF THE GAME

WAC Rugby 2015



Wagga Ag celebrate 65 years of rugby in style

Games between Ag College and Waratahs always have plenty of feeling, but the celebration of 65 years of rugby at WAC at Beres Ellwood Oval was a special occasion on May 16 2015.

To make the day a success, the First XV, Second XV and Women's side scored great wins over the 'Tahs!!

It is an outstanding effort for WAC rugby to be still running after 65 years in the same way as it was set up for – to allow students to enjoy the great game of rugby with their mates.

As traditional rivals, the matches between the Aggies and Tah' are always very competitive and provide spectators with great rugby.

In fact many Waratahs players started their rugby in the green and gold jerseys of WAC.

The two clubs played off in three straight Southern Inland grand finals from 2009-2011, with the Aggies successful on one occasion.

Wagga Ag Rugby's 65th Birthday Celebrations

Results

First XV: WAC 34 d Waratahs 18

2nd XV: WAC 42 d Waratahs 7

3rd XV: Waratahs 17 d WAC 0

Women's 7's: WAC 29 d Waratahs 19



FRESH LOOK: Ag College players Thomas Macleay, Hamish Pennington and James Grimmiett show off the 65th anniversary jumpers.

Photos Courtesy of Wagga Wagga Daily Advertiser

The club marked the occasion with the first grade wearing special jumpers for the game which were auctioned off at the ball following the game.

The day featured 5 games of rugby at Beres Ellwood Oval - First grade, Women's sevens, Second grade Third grade and a Fourth grade featuring old boys.

Congratulations to the organisers!

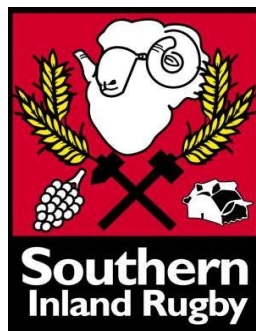
A great celebration of WAC rugby, with many Old Boys in attendance and a long list of apologies tendered.



FOR THE LOVE OF THE GAME

SOUTHERN INLAND RUGBY UNION GRAND FINALS

**CONOLLY RUGBY COMPLEX, WAGGA
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12 2015**



WALSH & BLAIR CUP – PREMIER DIVISION

First Grade: Albury 30 d Wagga Waratahs 24
Rivcoll Old Boy's Medal:
James Olds - Albury

Second Grade: Leeton 22 d Hay 20
President's Medal:
Aaron Leeson-Woolly - Leeton

ROMANO'S CUP - 1st Division

First Grade: CSU 27 d Temora 24
Warwick Tout Memorial Medal:
Dean Smart - CSU

Second Grade: Cootamundra 19 d Wagga City 10
Vice - President's Medal:
Josh Hudson - Cootamundra

THIRD GRADE – McMULLEN CUP

Griffith 18 d Junee 17
Ken McMullen Memorial Medal:
Ben Sloane - Griffith

WOMEN'S 7-A-SIDE CUP Final

Leeton 32 d CSU 5
Adamson's Medal:
Lou Strachan - Leeton

WOMEN'S 7-A-SIDE PLATE FINAL

WAC 27 d Wagga City 17
Women's Plate Medal:
Bridget Beaton - WAC

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SATURDAY 6 FEBRUARY 2016**



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WARATAHS
ARE COMING!**

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and NSW Waratahs will face
off in a huge pre-season
Super Rugby clash in Wagga!

**Saturday 6 February 2016
Kick Off: 7.00pm**

Aggies Race Day



This year was the **28th annual Aggies Race Day**, when the Murrumbidgee Turf Club (MTC) held its spring program with a record-smashing Aggies Race Day on September 19.

This year the Ag Race Day committee was headed by two fourth year agriculture students **Mikaela Baker** and **Laura Bennett** – a first for the organisation. Well done Ladies!

The Aggies Race Day is an integral part of Wagga Ag Club history and tradition and supports Peter Worsley, who suffered a serious injury in a rugby match in 1987.

There was one of its biggest race day crowds seen at the Wagga track with close to 5000 race goers enjoying the day.

It was the second biggest crowd of the MTC season, with only the May held Wagga Gold Cup day drawing a bigger crowd.

Three years ago the annual date was moved from October to the third Saturday in September due to a change in Charles Sturt University semesters.

This change in date has worked for the Ag College community, MTC and race goers alike.

Scott Sanbrook, MTC CEO said the "social" side of Aggies Race Day set the meeting apart from the Wagga Gold Cup meeting in May.

"It is great to see so many young people dress up and get in the spirit of the occasion creating a real atmosphere at the track.

"The day has proven a real winner for Wagga Ag College and the agricultural community," said Mr Sanbrook.

Mr Sanbrook revealed the MTC was delighted with the responsible behaviour of the crowd, with everyone enjoying themselves in the right way.



Carly Mitchell

Photos Courtesy of Wagga Wagga Daily Advertiser

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Aggies race day raises money for Peter Worsley, who became a quadriplegic during his time at Ag College in 1987.

Peter was the victim of a tragic accident during a rugby game between Ag College and arch-rivals the Chalkies.

The on-going support for Peter and his family from the WAC community has been tremendous and is much appreciated by "Sac".



School of Agricultural & Wine Sciences

2015 News from SAWS



New Director for Graham Centre

Michael Friend, originally from Cootamundra, has been named as the new Director of the Graham Centre for Agricultural Innovation.

Professor Michael Friend's appointment to the role follows the retirement of Professor Deirdre Lemerle.

With a background in ruminant nutrition, Professor Friend joined CSU in 2003 as a lecturer in the School of Animal and Veterinary Sciences in Wagga Wagga.

He was promoted to Associate Professor of Livestock Production and has been actively involved in research projects ranging from livestock nutrition, reproductive efficiency in sheep, and integrating sheep and cropping systems for improving whole farm profitability.

He also coached the WAC Rugby First XV to a premiership in 2009!

In collaboration with the NSW Department of Primary Industries, the Centre will continue to address challenges to advance cropping, livestock and systems integration in the Riverina and beyond.

Some of the projects focus on delivering new non-chemical strategies for controlling weeds in pasture, competitive forage crops and new pasture species aimed at securing the future of farming.

Agri-Sciences Research and Business Park

An Agri-Sciences Research and Business Park will be constructed on vacant land at the Wagga Campus, along Agriculture Avenue and adjacent to Pine Gully Road.

Construction is to start in 2017 and will comprise of purpose-designed buildings supported by service infrastructure suitable to accommodate long-term tenants.

It will allow collaboration and innovation between agri-science and agribusiness companies co-located with CSU and the NSW DPI and provide a leading centre for agri-science innovation, research and development, extension, education and training at Wagga.

Herefords Youth Ambassador

Agricultural science student Helen De Costa, from the Southern Highlands, was named the Herefords Australia Youth Ambassador for 2015, promoting the breed and beef industry, running workshops and attending shows and sales.

In 2014 Helen was awarded the annual CM Hocking Scholarship from Herefords Australia to help her with her studies through the SAWS.

CSU's agriculture students continue to be well represented in competitive scholarships within the agricultural sector – a positive sign for the future.

School of Agricultural & Wine Sciences

Top of the Crop

The CSU team comprising Alex Trinder, Sally Poole, Laura Bennett, Mathew Dunn, Jessica Kirkpatrick, Cheyne Gibbs, and Harriet Brickhill, scooped the pool at the Australian Universities Crops Competition held by Grain Growers at Temora in September.

CSU was named as the top team overall and CSU students claimed the first three places in the individual competition.

Bachelor of Agricultural Science (Honours) student Mathew Dunn, from Leeton, was the highest scoring competitor and has been awarded an overseas study tour to further his knowledge of grain production.

Other students weren't far behind in the points score. Jessica Kirkpatrick from Beaufort was awarded second place and Cheyne Gibbs from Urana claimed third prize.

The annual crop competition tests students on everything from seed identification and grain grading to business management and production practices.

Strategic alliance with research groups

CSU has signed a new formal agreement with four groups in central and southern NSW and northern Victoria.

Through the Graham Centre for Agricultural Innovation, the University has signed the strategic alliance along with representatives of Central West Farming Systems, FarmLink Research, Holbrook Landcare Network and the Irrigated Cropping Council.

It will deliver research, development, education and training for cropping and livestock production systems in both dryland and irrigated areas of southern and central west NSW and northern Victoria.

FarmLink is based at Temora providing agricultural research and extension services to farmers across 1.2 million hectares of southern NSW.

Central West Farming Systems is a research organisation based at Condobolin and servicing farmers in a region covering approximately 14 million hectares of central NSW.

Holbrook Landcare Network is based in Holbrook, providing information and support to producers and communities in the high rainfall mixed farming zone of southern NSW.

National Merino Challenge Champions

CSU students were named winners at the National Merino Challenge for the second successive year. Three animal science students - Brooke Cowan, Kayla Kopp, Nyssa Belton-Liddy and agricultural science student Zoe Lynch finished the competition as Champion Team in the tertiary division.

An initiative of Australian Wool Innovation (AWI), the two-day competition involved students participating in seven 'mini-challenges' to test their knowledge of Merino fleece, production, breeding and selection.

The CSU team was sponsored by Landmark Wagga, Schute Bell Badgery Lumby, Wool Producers Australia and TA Field Estates. It is pleasing to see young people studying at CSU interested in the Australian sheep and wool industry.

Irrigated Cropping Council is driven by irrigation mixed farmers across northern Victoria and southern NSW and aims to provide research and extension services relevant to the mixed farming sector.

School of Agricultural & Wine Sciences

RASF

ROYAL AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY OF NSW
FOUNDATION



Royal Agricultural Society of NSW Foundation

This Foundation was created in 2007 and provides targeted grants and scholarships for education and community development in rural areas of NSW.

Together with many generous sponsors, the RAS Foundation helps young rural Australians.

Awards were presented at CSU Wagga and students who received scholarships included:

Georgina Milne of Young, a second year veterinary science student. *Georgina received her scholarship from Bayer Australia Ltd local Animal Health representative and current WACOBU committeeman Craig Whiting.*

Laura Nesbitt of Cooma, veterinary science student, who received her scholarship from the Christopher Cuffe Foundation.

Meg Parsons from Gum Flat, a fifth year veterinary science student who received her scholarship from Michael and Jenny Millner.

Monica King of Forbes, a third year student studying veterinary science who received her award from Jemalong Irrigation Ltd

Natalie Ford of Hanwood, a final year animal science degree student who received her scholarship from the Christopher Cuffe Foundation.

Samantha Harris of Bunyah, a second year student of an education degree majoring in agricultural technologies, who received her scholarship from the Christopher Cuffe Foundation.



PROPERTY DEPRECIATION

Minimise TAX — Maximise PROFIT



Have you purchased or transferred an agricultural property in the last 10 years?

Are you paying or likely to pay income tax?

Do you want to minimise tax by claiming depreciation on the structural improvements purchased with the property?

Is getting the job done right important?

Agricultural Properties

Many "structural improvements" on agricultural properties can be depreciated:

- Sheds: Hay/Machinery/Shearing
- Yards: Sheep/Cattle
- Fences/Gates/Grids
- Water: Tanks/Troughs/Pipes/Dams
- Bores/Windmills
- Silo: Grain/Fertilizer
- Fuel Tanks
- Houses



Tax Allowances Examples

Agricultural Property

Price:

\$990,000

Allowance as %:

37%

Years	Plant	Capital	Total
1	31,417	1,054	32,471
2	26,980	1,054	28,034
3	23,538	1,054	24,591
4	20,791	1,054	21,845
5	18,544	1,054	19,598
Total (40yrs)	34,2654	20,424	363,078



Most frequently asked questions

Doesn't my accountant do that?

No. Property Ally inspect ALL properties to ensure the correct depreciation is claimed for you. Property Ally reports are compiled by Quantity Surveyors, the construction costs of all eligible buildings and pre-purchased renovation/extensions are calculated and claimed.

What do we do with the report?

When you receive the completed report, forward it onto your accountant so they can incorporate it into your tax return to help off-set income produced. This reduces the tax payable.

Is it only for residential properties?

No. All investment properties: residential, commercial/industrial or agricultural will benefit from a depreciation schedule.

When should a schedule be done?

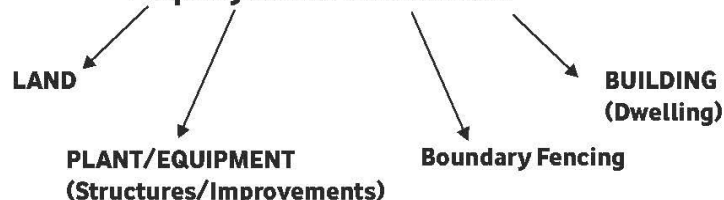
Tax deductions are calculated from the date of settlement. Having a report completed soon after settlement will allow deductions to be claimed immediately and before any modifications or additional structures/assets are added.

How does it work?

Depreciation schedules take the property you purchase and divides it into its separate components, this allows the depreciable items to be identified and correctly valued so all legitimate allowances can be claimed for you. Having a schedule completed at, or soon after settlement is the best time.



Property can be divided into:



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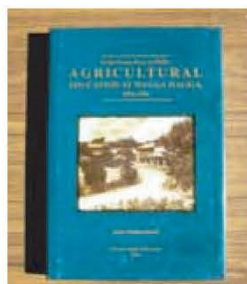
Email: michael@stout.net.au

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***WACOB** Merchandise*

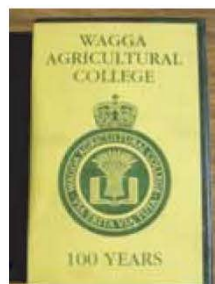
Post order form to PO Box 1092 Wagga Wagga 2650



From Farm Boys to PhDs
Book - \$30.00



WAC 49er's Book
POA



WAC 100 Years
Video - \$30.00



WACOB Centenary
Cap - \$12.00



WACOB Pewter
Mug - \$50.00



WACOB Lapel
Badge - \$2.00



WACOB Wall
Plaque - \$30.00



WACOB Sloppy-joe
Price - TBA



WACOB Tie
\$30.00



Ladies WACOB
Pendant
\$6.50



Ladies WACOB
Shield Pendant
\$65.00



WACOB
Keyring
\$15.00



WACOB
Car sticker
\$1.00



WACOBU Merchandise Order Form

Name.....

Address.....

.....Postcode.....

Date of birth.....

Years at College (From).....(to).....

<u>Item</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>No. required</u>	<u>Total \$</u>
WACOBU car sticker	\$1.00		
WACOBU tie	\$30.00		
WACOBU lapel badge	\$2.00		
WACOBU Centenary hat	\$12.00		
"Farm Boys to PHD" Book	\$30.00		
WACOBU Pewter Mug	\$50.00		
WAC 49ers Book	POA		
Video	\$30.00		
WACOBU wall plaque	\$30.00		
Ladies WACOBU pendant	\$6.50		
Ladies WACOBU shield pendant	\$65.00		
WACOBU keyrin	\$15.00		

TOTAL =

Please find enclosed cheque/money order for: \$

Make cheques/money orders payable to: WACOBU

Post to: PO Box 1078, WAGGA WAGGA, NSW, 2650 or FAX to: 02 6338 4766

Name.....

Address.....

.....Postcode.....

Please debit my credit card for \$ MASTERCARD / VISA / BANKCARD

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Name on card:

Expiry date: Signature:

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

• WACOBU (Wagga Agricultural College Old Boys Union) Membership



Please print this form then post to:

WACOBU
PO Box 1092
Wagga Wagga NSW 2650

Your details:

Student number or year of study _____

Given (first) names _____ Surname / family name _____

Former name _____ Date of Birth (dd/mm/yy) _____

Address:

Number and street _____

Suburb/city _____

State/province _____ Postcode _____ Country _____

Home phone _____ Work phone _____

Email _____ Fax _____

Work Details:

Position Title _____

Employers Name _____

Membership details:

I wish to join/renew membership:- (Please tick the appropriate box)

☐ WACOBU Membership White \$10.00 per year

☐ Donation* (optional: can specify purpose) \$

Membership period - 1 Sept to 31 Aug # \$ Total

Payment details: - Note: Bank Drafts MUST be in \$AUD

I enclose payment by cheque (payable to WACOBU for \$_____ OR EFT by internet banking:

Electronic Banking Details for Wagga Agricultural College Old Boys Union (WACOBU)

1. Transfer your money by electronic transfer to:

Name of Financial Institution: ANZ

Name of Account: Wagga Agricultural College Old Boys Union

BSB: 012-823

Account No: 2070-98615

Reference: "your name",

Message: eg, Membership

2. Please email Ros Prangnell ros.prangnell@dpi.nsw.gov.au and put in subject line...

I have transferred \$X by EFT to WACOBU for eg, Membership A receipt can then be issued.

The Membership period is from 1 September to 31 August. If however, you join during the period 1 May to 31 August; your Membership will run until 31 August the next year.

*Scholarship donations are treated thus: the donation amounts are put into a WACOBU donation account and are TAX Deductible. Receipts are issued for these amounts. Once per year the money in this account is transferred to the Charles Sturt Foundation.