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WACOB News

Newsletter from the Wagga Agricultural College Old Boys Union

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Peter Worsley Vehicle Fundraising effort



Mathew "Ked" Duff, Neil "Bodsa" Lane, Debbie "Nipple" Platts (Kull) 20 years on, collecting for Peter Worsley ('Sac')

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MESSAGE FROM THE VICE-CHANCELLOR

Professor Ian Goulter
Vice-Chancellor

It's been a particularly busy time for the University as we celebrate our 20th year.

20th Anniversary dinner

The University marked its 20th year in style with a gala dinner attended by graduates from the University and our predecessor colleges. The event was one of several on our 20th Anniversary Events Calendar.

CSU part of the education revolution

Following the Review of Australian Higher Education, the Federal Government has unveiled a range of changes to the landscape of higher education. The Government's targets include increasing work skills and lifting participation in higher education, particularly amongst people from low socio-economic circumstances and rural and regional Australia. In this environment of change Charles Sturt University is committed to ensuring that the needs of rural and regional Australia remain on the national agenda.

The key to success in the new environment, for both regional and metropolitan universities, is having the courses that students want to study. There is a misconception that all Australians have genuine choice when it comes to higher education options. At this point in time there is not genuine choice in university opportunity in Australia. There are still a number of courses for which students from regional communities must travel to capital cities in order to study.

Genuine choice has a range of dimensions including the capacity to choose between programs based on cost, proximity of the location from which the course is offered and accessibility of alternative or competing course options.

However, there is a range of other, what I call 'social' aspects of genuine choice. For example, the choice to live at or near home while studying, the choice to retain connections to communities and friends, including attending university with your friends, or the choice to undertake a program that reflects the student's values and aspirations.

Yes, performance funding will reward how well you deliver the programs and meet student needs, but the key driver for genuine student choice remains the availability, in regional Australia, of the course the student wants to study.

The criteria for performance funding are likely to include participation and success of students from low socio-economic backgrounds as well as contribution to workforce needs. Universities providing education and research in regional locations are well positioned to achieve against both these criteria, particularly in the provision of a skilled workforce to regional communities. We have time and time again demonstrated that students who enrol for the full period of their degree in universities located in regional communities are invariably recruited and retained in regional locations in far higher proportions than those trained in other locations.

University Advancement

As an alumnus of Charles Sturt University and its predecessor colleges, you are part of a global social network. To allow greater connectivity, we've been working on a University Advancement Project. You'll hear more about this over time.

Keep in touch with us and let our alumni staff know how you're progressing in life. I'm always fascinated at the diverse pathways our graduates have taken to secure interesting careers and find their place in society. Your success underscores that having a Charles Sturt University degree in hand allows you to open many different doors to meaningful roles in society.

PETER WORSLEY VEHICLE FUNDRAISING EFFORT



Motts and Grott of 1989: Andrew O'Neill, Michelle Worsley, Susie Dowd (Hill), PeterbWorsley, Andrew Dowd, Duncan Sinclair, Stuart Osmotherly, James Vickers, Brian Spackman, Debbie Platts (Kull), Neil Lane, Brendon Kleineschafer, Peter O'Brien, Mathew Duff, Jason Southwell

In 1987 a young Mott known as "Sac" pulled on the green and gold jersey for the big game against Rivcoll. The injury he sustained prevented him from removing his own jumper that afternoon. Peters' jumper was cut off, but the the colours stuck.

The "green and gold" has influenced his life to varying degrees since, even as he faced the enormous personal challenges set by his injury.

To his great credit, Peter returned to study with the motts of 1989, subsequently graduating, and serving with the NSW Ag Dept. at Orange.

He is a familiar figure, piloting his tricycle about town. However this is individual transport only, and Peter has long harboured a desire to be fully independent with a motor vehicle capable of transporting his family.

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A Message from Peter

Regarding our phone conversation this morning. Can you please convey my utmost thanks to the WAC old boys and those current Motts and Grotts who rattled buckets and harassed raceday patrons as they came into and left the turf club. I can not tell you how grateful I am that the WAC old boys and current WACers Raceday committee has offered to help offset the cost of my new vehicle. Without their assistance I would not have even considered purchasing a self drive car, the all up cost of just over \$200k puts projects like this completely out of reach of the average bloke on the street. I don't think anyone can really comprehend the difference this vehicle will make to mine and my families lives. Having to rely on someone to drive me is extremely limiting and frustrating. Being independently mobile again will be very liberating for my whole family. Thank you very much again.

Peter, Michelle, Monique and Ella Worsley
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**WACOBU would like to
wish its members**

*Merry Christmas
and a
Happy New Year*

PETER WORSLEY VEHICLE FUNDRAISING EFFORT

His close friends amongst the 1989 motts have relayed this to the OBU who have passed it on to the Ag Race Day Committee.

Peter has in the past encouraged the Ag Race committee to lend support for other causes.

Currently, however, the Ag Race Committee have renewed their focus on support for Peter in view of his vehicle "project" as he likes to call it.

Old boys rallied at the gates of the MTC to rattle the buckets for additional support on race day, led by the WACOBU Committee and 1989 1st year.

The total cost of Peter's project is daunting, as the Chrysler Voyager requires floorpan rebuilding at approx. \$80,000, and highly specialised controls a further \$80,000.

Overall his family vehicle will be at least 5 times the value of a regular family vehicle.

Not surprisingly, Peter informs us insurance is difficult. His Tamworth broker has the only acceptable offer at over \$3000. Again about 5 times what many of us would pay on a conventional vehicle.

As word has spread of the fundraising effort, requests have been made for direct credit details, as so many former students can't make it to the race day, or would like to help out in a more substantial way.

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, Sac Appeal

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

*I have transferred \$X by EFT to WACOBU for
eg, Sac Appeal*

A receipt can then be issued.

WACOBU Newsletter Editor

Graeme Worboys (1973) has volunteered to be the editor for the newsletter.

Any old boys with news stories, photographs, upcoming events and reunion news are asked to contact Graeme.

It is planned to have two issues each year – April and November.

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Passing of Bill Gunther

Ian Mashman (1959) passed on this note

I read in the local paper today of Bill's passing. (Age 77 years) He attended WAC circa 1952/54 but I may be wrong on those years.

I only knew Bill casually, when he was a Stock & Station Agent in Millthorpe but in many ways he has been a colorful character throughout his life.

He represented Australia as a Wallaby and played NSW country for many years I believe.

He was well known in the livestock industry over many areas of NSW & Queensland.

In 1998 he was involved in a serious road accident at Salt Ash (about 23 /24 December) and spent 18 months in & out of hospital, and never really fully recovered.

He is survived by two daughters Julie & Ann Margaret.

His funeral was held in Orange with burial in the Molong cemetery.

REUNION FOR WACOBU '66

September 2009



Over the Western Australian long weekend of Friday 25th September – Monday 28th, 2009, the year of the class of 1964-66 met at the Woodman Point Holiday Park, Munster, which is about 10 km south of the City of Fremantle to celebrate some 43 years since graduation or in other cases earlier departures. Included among the bunch were Bart & Pam Gannon (Oakville, NSW), Neville & Pam Semmler (Diamond Beach, NSW), Peter Pollock (Black Hill, NSW), Dick & Lenja Kobelke (Warriewood, NSW), David & Kaye Aldous (Ormiston, Queensland), Col and Roni Rathbone (Kiama, NSW), Richard & Jill Dutton (Mona Vale, NSW), Mick & Denise Duck (Collector, NSW), David Hazlett and friend Victoria (Bringelly, NSW), Gerry & Lynne Bolla (Wallaharah, NSW), Barry & Ros Medway (Gunning, NSW), Ray & Christine Moir (Bateman, Western Australia), Neil Warner (Crawford River, NSW), Roger Clough (Leeton, NSW on his way to Mauritius), Geoff Cornell (Tallebudgera Valley, Queensland), Bill Gornall (Golden Beach, Queensland and Apia, Samoa), Greg Harris and Catherine Hawkins (Reid, ACT), Graeme & Philipa Hockey (Bayview, NT), Geoff and Vida Howe (Latham, ACT), Bruce and Beth Irvine (Wagga Wagga, NSW), Ross & Jenny Stockings (Gilgandra, NSW), and Roger Wee (Kuching, Sarawak, Malaysia).

Graeme (Hock) did a great job in compiling the resumes on all of the 1964-66 class, which he provided to all. Apologies were received from Bob Barwell (Uralla, NSW), Geoff Bushby (Dubbo, NSW), Ray & Debbie Clarke (Carroll, NSW), Max and Carol Cook (Narrabri, NSW), Barry & Sandra Cunningham (Bilambil, NSW), John and Pam von Drehnen, Warrandyte, Victoria), Terry & Gail Ellis (Camden Head, NSW), Dick Gill (Tooma, NSW), Reg Hill (Ballarat, Victoria), Roger & Kerrieann Hood (Parkes, NSW), Barry Hungerford (Casino, NSW), Ray Jeffrey (Balmain, NSW), Nick & Jill Knight (Sunnybank, Queensland and Launceston, Tasmania), Noel & Sharon Linder (Newport, NSW), Chris and Ann Lord (Evatt, ACT), Graeme & Gail Martin (Tenambit, NSW), Tony & Kathy Meares (Wymah via Albury, NSW), Colin and Jacquie Mew (Narrabri, NSW), Warwick & Carol Pickette (Ulamambri, NSW), Bruce & Vilma Rennard (Santiago, Chile), Charlie & Peta Smithwick (Albury, NSW), Graeme & Lorraine Thomson (Clair, NSW), David Thorold (Rabaul, PNG), Frank & Leah Watson (Queanbeyan, NSW), Stewart and Jay Weekes (Narraween, NSW), Murray & Jane Weir (Golden Beach, Queensland), Andrew Humphrey (Coonabarabran, NSW), Peter Meier (Pitt Town, NSW), and Stuart and Judy Whalan (Bateau Bay, NSW).

We salute the guys from Wagga who have since departed this earth; namely Peter Ferris, John Heckendorf, John Howard, Tony Pfahl, and Geoff Townsend, and we would really like to know the where-a-bouts of John Balfe and Col Maybury.

The weekend started with happy hour and BBQ at the Woodman Point Holiday Park with a sausage sizzle in the same area. Saturday saw the group bus it from Woodman Point for a tour of the Perth coast, beaches, Swan River and Kings Park with lunch at Hilary's Marina. Six-thirty pm on the same day came pre-dinner drinks and a great Reunion Dinner in the Galley Restaurant at the Fremantle Sailing Club dancing to the live music of Barry Gee until 11.00 pm. Sunday saw us on board the charter boat "Reef Affair" which left from East Jetty, Fremantle for a cruise and on-board lunch around the Swan River. Monday was a free day where some drove off to



On the road around Fremantle

REUNION FOR WACOBU '66

Margaret River to enjoy the wineries, others to see the sites of Fremantle, and still others off to Northam to lock in for their hot-air balloon ride on the Tuesday morning.

Many thanks to Ray and Christine Moir and Dick and Lenja for organising the meals, drinks, accommodation, and atmosphere and generally opening up Fremantle for us, and to Geoff Howe for offering his ballooning experience

Plans are well advanced for the next reunion at Ross and Jenny Stockings in 2012 with Ross being the main contact on rsj2827@hotmail.com or Kerrie@kerriephipps.com). So if there are other '66 (staff and students) out there get in touch and plan ahead for 2012.

P.S. March 21-22 at Narooma with 49 booked now makes this the largest gathering so far ?



One historic picture – the return of Marilyn – Saturday 26th September, 2009



September 2009



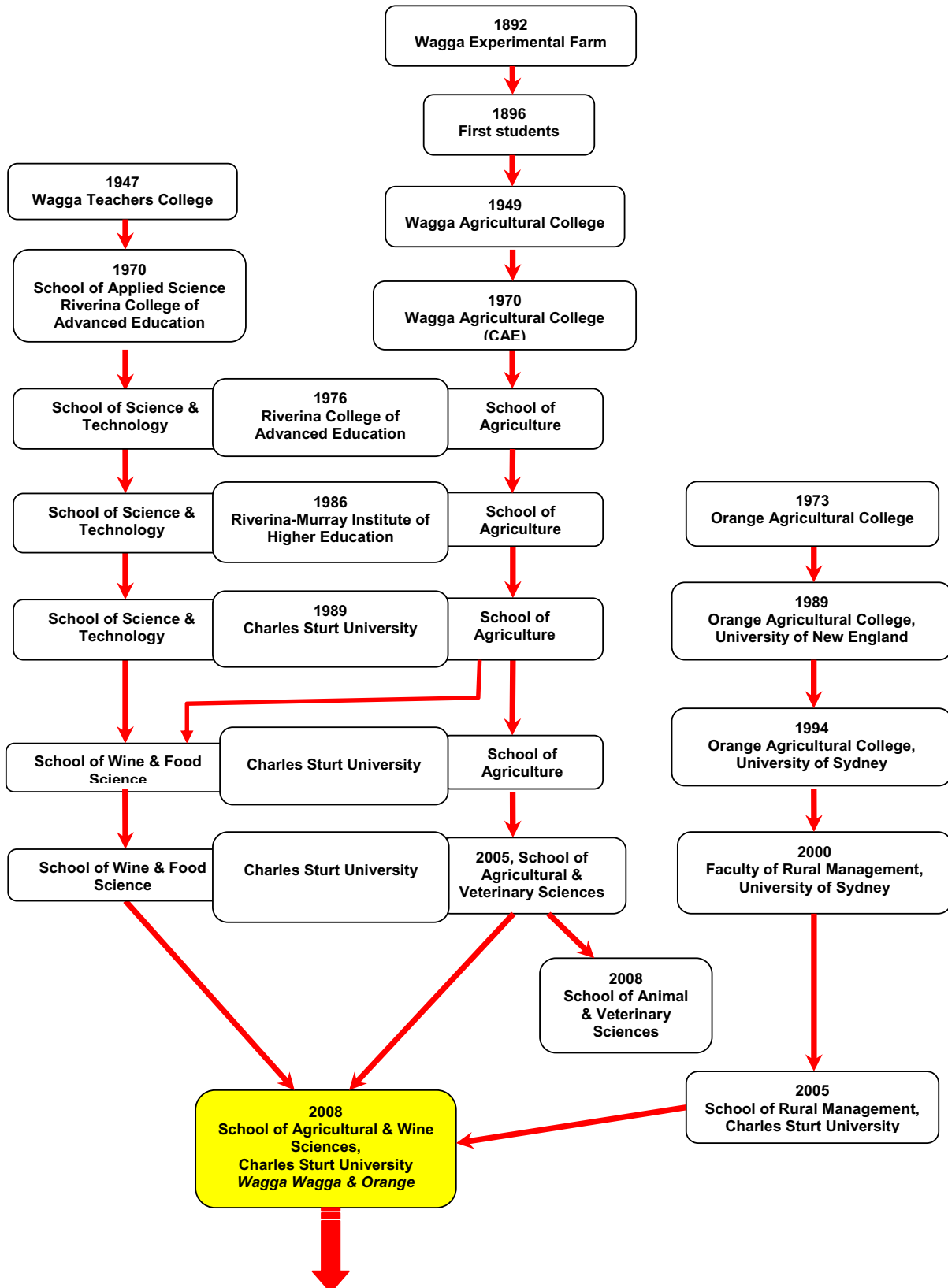
Bill, Ross and Marilyn Monroe



Dancing partners Gerry and Graeme

'66

Our proud history...



2009 WACOBUSCHOLARSHIP

Fourth year Veterinary Science student Tristan Robinson was selected from a field of forty applicants for the 2009 WACOBUScholarship.

James Brady and Sean Roberts conducted the final interviews after our Committee reduced the list to 5.

The lifetime achievements of all applicants leaves the reviewers full of praise for the current generation of students.

Coming from a farm at Benalla, Tristan has made a valued contribution to student life on campus, having served as President of the Veterinary Students Association this year.

The VSA join with the Ag Club to host an annual Winter Dinner, and are closely affiliated at other events.

Tristan was pleased to receive the scholarship

"Thank you for your organisations' generosity in offering such a scholarship to students.

"Scholarships have definitely eased the financial strain faced by many students studying at university such as myself.

"It has been a busy year for me, and I am happy with the way things are going, balancing work, play and study.

"There have been plenty of events to organise, but I have managed to designate enough time to my studies to achieve some pleasing results," said Tristan.

The scholarship is only possible with the continued and valued support of individuals and year groups.

It represents a legacy linking former students with those currently studying and experiencing financial hardship.

Each year group gathering for a special reunion could consider directing some funds toward the scholarship for that year.

The scholarship can only become a permanent feature when sufficient funds have been pooled.

A further goal is to provide for additional scholarships when funds allow.



Stuart Kanaley with Tristan Robinson, 2009 WACOBUScholarship recipient



1970 Year Reunion

The Wagga Ag College 1970 graduates have a reunion every two years, and they just get bigger and better.

23 graduates and most of their wives spent four days in March on the coast catching up.

In earlier years, we used to meet, drink, and kick a football around, but lately we have been more sedate.

After touring Mogo Zoo on Friday, we went to the craft shops at Central Tilba on Saturday morning, and lunched at the beautiful gardens in Central Tilba, before stopping at a dairy farm in the afternoon (we just can't get away from those cows!)

Sunday evening we met again for dinner, and a sing-a-long. Aggies with fertile imaginations offered prizes for golf and fishing trophies -- I can't divulge any more on that subject without getting into trouble.

On Monday, those of us heading south met at Wilton's farm for lunch and we already look forward to meeting in 2011, at Murwillumbah, NSW

Ann Herbert

1971–73 REUNION



1971-73 Old Boys on their guided tour of their old digs at CSU on Sunday October 18.

Back (l-r): Ian Baird, John Burbidge, Don Burbidge, Stewart Thomson, Chris McGee, John McClure, Eugene Maloney, Graeme Worboys, Alan McGufficke, Ian Braithwaite,

Front (l-r): Steve Macdonald, Geoff Spence

The 1971 - 1973 Old Boys, the final year of graduates listed on the Wagga Agricultural College graduation board in the Sutherland Laboratories Building, held a reunion in Wagga to coincide with the Ag College Raceday on October 17 and 18.

Old Boys and their partners enjoyed a day at the races followed by dinner at the Wagga RSL Club.

On Sunday a brunch and tour of their old digs at WAC and a taste of the CSU Winery was enjoyed.

12 Old Boys attended, with 8 apologies and it was a good opportunity for everyone to catch up and discuss the good times at WAC and beyond.

The wives and partners also had a great chin wag and even participated in the Fashions on the Field competition at the races!

With some memorabilia on display, the Kulpana magazine and a CD and DVD produced of our days at WAC, good memories flooded back from their time at the college, that finished 36 years ago.

The group appreciated the help of WACOBU President Stuart Kanaley in coordinating our race day activities and John Kent and Julie Clements from CSU School of Agricultural and Wine Sciences in organising Sunday's brunch and guided tour.

John gave a run down on the current set up at CSU and stressed the importance of WAC in the history of the university.

The group also gave a generous donation to the Peter Worsley appeal, organised by WACOBU.

Those old boys who attended were: Ian Baird, Ian Braithwaite, Don Burbidge, John Burbidge, Steve Macdonald, John McClure, Chis McGee, Alan McGufficke, Eugene Maloney, Geoff Spence, Stewart Thomson and Graeme Worboys.

The group is planning to hold a 40th get together in 2013.

EGO YAH!

Graeme Worboys

AG COLLEGE RACEDAY — A HUGE SUCCESS



A rose amongst the thorns!

Barb MacTaggart joined fellow ex-WAC Old Boys from the late 1970's Neil Schirmer, Peter Draper, Bill Marshall, Andrew Winterflood, Rob Willis, Tony Paton, Kevin Melmeth, Col Plater, Alan Henley, John Shuter at the races.

October 17 attracted almost 6000 people to the Wagga racecourse for Ag College Raceday and the large crowd enjoyed the racing and other attractions on Caulfield Cup day.

The day has become the MTC's second biggest annual event behind the Wagga Gold Cup.

Christine Williams, MTC CEO, said the day was an outstanding success with the large crowd enjoying their day out at the Wagga racecourse.

For many ex-WAC students and current CSU students it was a chance to catch up with mates and enjoy a social day at the races.

All race-goers donned their best attire and joined in to make it a fun day at the races.

Fashions on the Field was also a very popular event.

The WACOBUs had a successful charity fundraiser for Peter Worsley with over \$10,000 raised to help the cost of improving Pete's independence. Thank you to everyone who contributed to this important fundraiser!

The 1971-73 Old Boys and their partners had a reunion and Spud Paton and Col Plater organised a group from their era, joining in with plenty of other old boys from other years in enjoying the day.

The Ag College Race Day Committee deserves our congratulations for their hard work in forging a strong partnership with the MTC to put on this day each year.

Lets hope this partnership continues in the future.

Mark down Caulfield Cup day 2010 in your calendar for Ag College Raceday at the MTC.



Attending the races with their 1971-73 Old Boys husbands were Sandra Worboys, Colleen Braithwaite, Elizabeth McGufficke and Barbara Burbidge.



WACOBUs President Stuart Kanaley with Mark Harris at the races

WAC 1974 REUNION REPORT

*Tranquil Vale, Hunter Valley
15 and 16th August, 2009.*



Jock Munro and his trusty bagpipes



Back Row: Allan Sylvester, Jim Ross, Denis Greensill, Trevor Newman, Jack Murray, Marion Kudrinsky.

Middle Row: Jock Munro, Geoff Pierce, Steve Gell, Tony Grant, Bill Speirs, Helen Riek, Michele Gairn, Peter Matus, Bill Mahon, Will Goldfinch.

Front Row: Mark Yelland, Norm Clark, Janet Caldwell (Anthony), Bill Cowell, Michael Oakes (Dookie), Tony Voller.

Steve and Jenny Gell hosted a most enjoyable reunion for 1974 graduates in the Hunter Valley,

using their cellar door and accommodation facility 'Tranquil Vale' at Lochinvar via Maitland as a base.

Blessed with perfect weather on the Saturday morning we bussed to Tinklers Winery at Pokolbin for wine tasting and an informative talk on the Hunter wine industry by owner Ian Tinkler, a Hawkesbury old boy and of '74 vintage like ourselves.

This was followed by a delicious luncheon at 'Tatler's, Pokolbin in extremely pleasant surrounds where we continued to 'catch up' and reminisce.

A brilliant day was capped with a memorable dinner at 'Maddies' in East Maitland with much laughter and story telling. The 'skirl' of the bagpipes was heard once more as the evening drew to a close.

On Sunday morning, amidst beautiful surrounds and more glorious weather, Steve and Jenny hosted a farewell brunch and we also viewed photos of our college days, put together

on DVD by Trevor Newman. (We were clearly reminded of the dastardly fashionable long hair in vogue at the time!).

This was a truly wonderful weekend where 25 members of our year and their partners came together and once more enjoyed each other's company and fellowship and we experienced the same closeness that was apparent and well recognised during our wonderful years at Wagga Ag College.

It was pleasing to see a 100 per cent 'roll up' of the ladies who graduated from our year; Janet Caldwell(Anthony), Michele Gairn, Merrilee Gemmel(Morris) and Helen Riek.

These four ladies hold a special place in the history of the college as they were the inaugural female graduates.

Steve and Jenny proved to be the perfect hosts and our thanks go to them for making their facilities available and organising such a wonderful program.

Until we meet again in 2014.

Jock Munro.

Wagga Ag College First Grade Premiers 2009

Wagga Ag College brought Wagga Waratahs 34 match undefeated run to a screeching halt when they took out the Southern Inland Rugby Union Grand Final 27-24 at Conolly Rugby Complex, Wagga.

In another thrilling decider a penalty goal to Ag College fullback Shahid Khafan with two minutes remaining gave Aggies their second Premiership in three years and ended a golden run for the undefeated Minor Premiers Waratahs, who will have nightmares about the second half of what was an absolutely sensational Grand Final decider.

For the fourth year in a row the Grand Final winner only emerged within the final three minutes of the game and it was a contest that had spectators with their hearts in their mouths as both teams provided a memorable finale to the SIRU season.

Waratahs led 10-7 at half time and when they extended their leading margin to 10 points after only four minutes of the second half it looked as though the Ag. College dream may have ended and Waratahs would put their opposition to sleep as they had done on a regular basis throughout the season.

However Ag College fought back superbly and in fact with 10 minutes remaining in the Grand Final they were calling the shots as both teams were locked at 17 all and territorially and possession wise it was all Ag. College - who looked to have the raging hot favourites on their knees.

Ag College coach Mick Friend could only shower praise on his troops after a memorable fightback and last minute win.

"This is about the most unreal feeling I have ever had and the players were sensational today.

"Each and everyone of them showed incredible character on the big stage today but behind it all we had this huge self belief in ourselves that we could pull it off.

"Our last six weeks of the season have been very successful and even our loss to Waratahs in Week 1 of the Finals taught us a lot of lessons about ourselves and how well we had to play for the rest of the Finals series to take out the Premiership."

"At half time we knew we had a big chance of knocking them off because we had the wind at our backs and we knew that they would run it at us for the next 40 minutes".

"Whilst we were ready for their running game we still had our tactics in place when they (Waratahs) decided to use the boot in the second half instead of their running legs".

"I must admit I was heart broken for the players when Waratahs scored their last converted try with four minutes remaining but we still had a lot more to give and maybe Waratahs underestimated the Ag College spirit which was alive and kicking for the entire 80 minutes today".



Rhys Duncan – Captain of the WAC First Grade XV with the 2009 Southern Inland Rugby Premiership trophy after the team's stunning win over the previously undefeated Wagga Waratahs.

"It was obviously a very intense Grand Final today but we went on the field with an aggressive attitude and a never say die commitment to each other".

"It will probably take a few days to sink in that we have won the Premiership but the smiles on everyone's faces keeps telling me that it is not a dream and the Premiership is ours," said Mick Friend.

Wagga Waratahs coach Richard Skellern was understandably devastated with the final outcome but praised both Ag. College and his team for their efforts.

"Ag College were more hungrier than us today and we didn't finish off a lot of our plays.

"They stuck it to us for the full 80 minutes which no side has been able to do this year.

AG RUGBY



"I was disappointed with our second half performance because we went away from our game plan.

"The plan was to run it at them for the final 40 minutes but we kicked away too much possession and Ag College kept pinning us in our territory with their return kicks.

"Our discipline in the last half also let us down and we just gave away too many easy metres as the penalties against us mounted.

"The players deserved better today but we have had a great couple of seasons and they should be extremely proud of their efforts," said Skellern.

Ag College drew first blood in the Grand Final when their hooker Stu Geard plunged over out wide in the seventh minute after the Ag College forward pack flexed their muscles near the Waratah's try line.

The conversion from the side line by fullback Shahid Khalfan gave his team an early 7-0 lead but 10 minutes later Waratah's centre Scott Hannaford levelled the scores after he finished off a counter attacking raid featuring winger Xavier Chigwidden and winger Matt Joseph.

A penalty goal to Waratah's breakaway Ian Croft in the 30th minute gave his side a 10-7 lead and they held that advantage until half time.

At the break Skellern told his players to run the ball back at Ag. College every time they kicked to them whilst Friend urged his players to leave nothing in reserve and play out the final 40 minutes to the end.

After half time Khalfan missed a penalty attempt in the 44th minute to level the scores but two minutes later Waratah's centre Ryan Moseby put Ag. College on their back sides with a beautiful try after fullback Pat Barrett and winger Matt Joseph combined to leave the Ag. College defence out wide at sixes and sevens.

The conversion by Croft gave Waratahs some much needed breathing space but from that moment right through to their last try in the 76th minute Ag. College took control of the 2009 decider.

Although Ag College didn't score their next points until the 53rd minute they had Waratahs under constant pressure as their kicking game and forward dominance began to frustrate the Minor Premiers.

Ag. College five eight Dan Maloney put his team within 3 points of the lead when he dashed under the posts from 15 metres out as the Waratah's defence stood off him as he ran.





A penalty goal to Khalfan in the 60th minute levelled the scores at 17 all and it was a matter of spectators at the Ground fastening their seat belts for an engrossing final 20 minutes.

Ag College in that period dominated the game as Waratahs struggled to get out of their territory with some poor kicking options and elementary knock ons when they had possession.

Ag College on the other hand were more composed and as the minutes ticked away they looked certain to be the next team to score.

A lineout win against the throw with five minutes to go however was the catalyst for Waratahs to make their move and with Joseph again dominant out wide it was eventually replacement forward Hugh Palmer who plunged over near the posts off an inside ball from Chigwidden close to the line which gave them a 24-17 lead and they (Waratahs) looked to have ended the Ag College fairy tale.

Almost immediately with the minutes ticking away Ag College took a free kick on half way and with the ball spread wide Khalfan loomed up to take a ball at his ankles before sending an inside ball to an unmarked Ag College centre Joe Reynolds who burst over from 15 metres out to give his side one last shot at a memorable victory.

With the scores locked at 24 all extra time was looming but a penalty against Waratahs for interfering with Khalfan on a return kick gave the best on ground hero one last chance for victory which he took in his stride with a penalty goal from 30 metres out and 10 metres to the side of the posts.

Waratahs had about 30 seconds left to conjure up a late try from the kick off and they were actually awarded a penalty for offside play about 40 metres out from the Ag College posts but they surprisingly declined the opportunity for a Penalty shot at Goal and chose the scrum option 20 metres out from the Ag College try line instead.

Waratahs won the scrum but they spilt the ball out wide and Ag College gleefully kicked the ball into touch and mad celebrations began to take place on the field as Aggies Supporters sprinted onto the field to celebrate with their heroes.

Ag College thoroughly deserved their victory because they kept their composure when it mattered whereas the Waratahs' machine spluttered when the pressure was applied.

Best for Ag College were Shahid Khalfan at fullback who was awarded the Rivcoll Old Boy's Medal for the best player on the ground, half back Peter Armstrong who controlled the game beautifully at the rucks and mauls and breakaway James Whitely who from the first minute until the 80th minute was superb with his aggressive tackling and hard work at the breakdowns.

Ag College five eighth Dan Maloney also deserves special mention for his clever kicking game and his solo try which sparked his team's comeback.

WAC win SIRU 3rd Grade Premiership

The 3rd XV won the SIRU 3rd Grade Premiership in dramatic fashion, winning in extra time 12-10 over arch rivals Rivcoll.

Actually, the win was very reminiscent of the 1st grade win over the Reddies in 2007.

After one try each in normal time, WAC scored a converted try in extra time for a 12 - 5 lead only to see Rivcoll come back for a late try which they failed to convert, giving the Aggies a two point win.

The win was all the sweeter as the Ag boys were generally a younger inexperienced outfit helped by a sprinkling of glory seeking Old Boys

including Daniel 'Boof' Charters, Jason 'Stook' Tighe, Jon Medway, Nathan 'Bum' Reynolds, who made brief cameo appearances as replicas of their former selves!

The Reddies had a team boasting more experience and firepower, including Mel Tui and former Fijian rep. Joe Tora, who played at Griffith, Temora and Rivcoll as a paid player and busted through many young Aggies over the past 18 years.

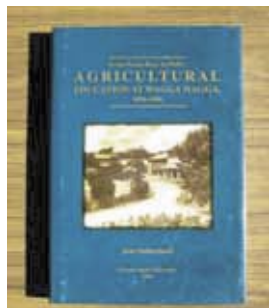
However that famous WAC spirit was evident on the field once again and the Thirsty Thirds came home with the silverware.

Congratulations!!



WACOBU Merchandise

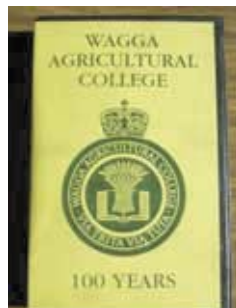
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