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# WACOBU News

Newsletter from the Wagga Agricultural College Old Boys Union

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*John Harper - wins Pride of Australia medal*



HAVING A LAUGH: pictured are Scott Cam, John Harper and country music singer James Blundell

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## MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

In this newsletter there are articles and news that reflect the strong traditions of Wagga Agricultural College, the tremendous achievements of many Old Boys, the bonds of friendship that exist between former students and the importance of rugby and sport in general to the College.

For many Old Boys, their achievements in life are great but John Harper (better known as China) from the class of 1974, has received some well deserved recognition for his outstanding work in his "Mate helping Mate" program.

The program which helps people recognise and deal with depression in the farming community came from China's personal experiences in dealing with the prolonged drought on his farm.

John took the view that he could help others in his own community deal with depression as farmers struggled to cope with the drought and the impact and toll it took on individual farmers, their families and whole rural communities.

Starting out helping others in his own community of Stockinbingal, John's initiative has grown to cover many rural communities with "China" travelling to towns all over the country to spread the word that depression could be overcome with the help of others in the community.

John's style of presentation at these meetings has been a major reason for the success of the program. Talking in 'farmer's' language has been a key reason for the huge interest in the program.

Congratulations John on your tremendous contribution to helping many farmers and other people in rural communities overcome depression or better cope with this disease.

John has created a network of people that are now helping others in the wider community.

Networking is one great strength of WACOBU that should be used to advantage by Old Boys.

Our Old Boys network needs to remain strong and be used to help and provide support and information for both ex-students and current students.

This network can be used in many ways and ex-students are urged to keep in contact with WACOBU and the School of Agricultural and Wine Sciences (SAWS) to keep networking alive within our great community.

John's motto – mate helping mate should also apply to WACOBU.

Graeme Worboys

*Editor*

# JOHN HARPER WINS PRIDE OF AUSTRALIA MEDAL



Photo courtesy of Cootamundra Herald

*IN JOHN'S HONOUR: pictured at the filming of Random Acts of Kindness which celebrates the dedicated work done by John Harper were, the Harper clan with host of the show Scott Cam, from left are, Jane Murphy, Michelle Harper, John Harper, Scott Cam, Lauren Harper and Carly Harper.*

Wagga Ag College Old Boy and Stockinbingal farmer John Harper ('China') collected the Pride of Australia medal for Community Spirit following his successful 'Mate helping Mate' initiative, which has been a great success in assisting farmers overcome depression. The Pride of Australia Medal aims to honour everyday Australians, the unsung heroes in our communities making extraordinary contributions to the Australian way of life and not always getting the acknowledgment they deserve. John visits rural towns, getting troubled farmers together to talk over their problems and has made a real difference to the lives of many people with this unique method of dealing with a serious problem. John is an Old Boy of Wagga Agricultural College and has farmed at Stockinbingal for some time. He also operates a school bus run, often using this vehicle to collect farmers and take them to meetings. There is a free Mate helping Mate DVD available, which gives viewers an insight into how the program came about and its benefits to farmers, their families and the rural community in general. John was further honoured on the television program 'Random Acts of Kindness' for his inspirational work helping fellow farmers through the drought. Almost the whole of Stockinbingal turned out at the local recreation ground to pay tribute to John and thank him for his work in the community. The village has a population of 244 and host of the program Scott Cam said it was amazing to find someone with the strength and heart of John, known affectionately by the Stock community as 'China'.

John had no idea he was to be honoured by the television show and his wife Michelle and daughters kept the big secret

and John was stunned when Scott Cam arrived at his property with a camera crew. Always humble, when he arrived at the Stockinbingal Recreation Ground in front of a crowd of 300 friends, family and fellow community members that he was one of them. "The reason I do any of this is because of you," he said. John's story is not a short-lived one. While best known for his creation of the 'Mate helping Mate' program which served to ensure farmers were remaining social and not sinking into depression that no-one could blame them for given the agricultural climate of late, his kind-hearted, generous nature is well known. John's 'Mate helping Mate' program was established after he was diagnosed with depression, following successive years of drought and failed crops. Never taking much notice of his own mental health, John once told people close to him he was shocked to find out he may be depressed, not ever thinking it may be the case. This spurred him into action, recruiting a number of local farmers to join him in fun, social activities. The program went from strength to strength with St Vincent De Paul eventually picking up the concept and creating a DVD to help farmers near and far. The national television show gave national exposure to the 'Mate helping Mate' concept and encouraged other regional towns to pick it up. Country singer James Blundell provided entertainment on the day, telling the crowd he had met John previously and the ideas John spoke about made a lot of sense. The final surprise of the day was a brand new SS Commodore ute for John. Mr Cam said he knew how many kilometres John travelled and now he could travel in style. John Harper – 'China' – congratulations from WACOBU !!

## IMPORTANT CHANGES FOR WACOBU

### NEW CSU On-Line Alumni Community

CSU has announced a reform of the way it interacts with its alumni.

It brings a major change with the closure of the former Alumni office in Bathurst, to be replaced by a University Advancement Unit.

There is a Faculty based approach.

The Faculty of Science has appointed a Faculty Advancement Officer, Debbie Thackray, who happens to be located on the Wagga Wagga campus.

As part of this development a considerable sum of money has been invested in implementing new software to interface with past students.

WACOBU has been assured this will be a positive step in communication and interaction between CSU, Old Boys and WACOBU. We look forward to seeing these innovations as they mature.

You are invited to register with on-line Alumni Community and report back to us on your experiences.

We are yet to learn how we adapt the site for our purposes

You will hear much more of this, both from WACOBU and CSU, as the University Advancement Unit settles in.

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### WACOBU Financial Membership

One of the changes involves CSU deleting its Gold Alumni membership categories, recognising all its alumni equally without the membership contribution formerly required.

WACOBU linked its membership to the Alumni Gold membership package. As these have been suspended, NEW life memberships with WACOBU are also suspended whilst the committee reviews the situation.

Monies will now also go through our Treasurer, rather than the Bathurst office.

Cheque or EFT with internet banking will be the payment options as WACOBU does not have credit card facilities.

Internet banking details are shown separately to the relevant forms.

### Passing of Alan L Douglas

After a short but brave struggle with cancer, Alan passed away 17th September, 2009, aged 72. He attended WAC circa 1953-56 and was a member of the premiership winning 2nd XV, 1956.

Alan was educated in Canberra, prior to attending Wagga. Following his graduation he settled on a cattle/sheep property outside of Benambra, Victoria, where he and Eileen raised their family.

He became well known as a district luminary whilst running the local Post Office and was fully committed to assisting the South East Gippsland community. As such he was appointed a JP and served on the Country Fire Authority. He was made a life member of the CFA in recognition of his dedicated services. Similarly he was also awarded the Commonwealth Ambulance Service Medal at the Australia Day presentation in 2002.

The respect and appreciation of Alan's community services, was fully acknowledged at his funeral in the Benambra township. I was honoured to represent the 56'ers at the event.

He is survived by his wife Eileen, sons John, Peter, daughter Wendy and grandchildren Sally, Jake, Ben, Emily, Alexandra and Hamish.

We shall all miss the characteristic quick wit and endless sense of humour at our regular re-unions which largely reflected the make up of the man we all knew as SHOLTO .

### Passing of Ian Fuller (Butch)

Ian Fuller arrived at WAC from Shore in 1954 with an outstanding reputation as a sprinter and rugby player which he added to during his time at college.

Known to everyone as Butch, he participated in many aspects of College life, and was a winger in the first WAC team to win the district rugby premiership in 1955.

He was a successful in the College athletics championships and was a member of the relay team carrying the torch to Melbourne for the 1956 Olympics.

However it is as a person he is best remembered by his college contemporaries. Possessed with an outgoing and strong personality, he was generous in his friendships, and had a great love of the land.

After graduating in 1956 Butch returned to the family property at Wellington which he ran successfully for many years.

He was happily married to Suzanne and Butch was in a good space generally until Suzanne was involved in a tragic car accident from which she never recovered.

In his later life he was very happily partnered by Wendy, who is well and affectionately known to Butch's wide circle of friends.

In retirement they bought a riverside house near Wyong, where they lived until shortly before

Butch passed away early in May.

His funeral was attended by a number of his college friends, who presented a green and gold wreath on behalf of the Class of 56.

# Honour for Ted Wolfe



**Ted Wolfe - Ted is on the left, standing with with guest speakers Alexandra Gartmann (CEO Birchip Cropping Group) and Lloyd Kingham (NSW I&I) at a conference called A Dry Argument held at CSU. Behind the 3 people is one of the beautiful trees located in the Wagga Ag College precinct.**

Emeritus Professor Edwin Charles (Ted) Wolfe has just been awarded through the Australian Institute of Agricultural Science and Technology "The Australian Medal of Agricultural Science".

The Australian Medal of Agricultural Science is awarded in recognition of outstanding achievement by persons who, in the opinion of the Board, have made outstanding, specific contributions to the advancement of agriculture and natural resource management.

As research scientist, research manager and educator, Ted Wolfe has had a lifetime commitment to Australian agriculture and pasture science.

A genuine `all-rounder`, Ted has made great and remarkably diverse contributions in agronomy, animal health, pasture ecology, plant breeding, pasture improvement and pasture/crop interactions.

Based always in rural Australia, Ted Wolfe has focussed strongly on practical problems, resulting in rapid uptake of his findings by primary producers.

Congratulations to Ted on this well deserved and outstanding achievement.

## **WACOBU Newsletter Editor**

Graeme Worboys (1973) is 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.

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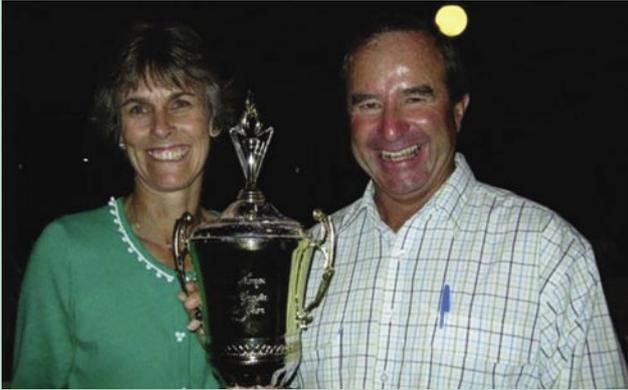
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Congratulations to Andrew and Cindy Pursehouse of "Breeza Station" who have won the annual Upper Namoi Cotton Grower of the year competition. The crop entered was a 50ha field of Sicot 71BR, planted on the 12th October. Andrew's current crop is 100% Bollgard II, with about a 50-50 mix of Roundup Ready Flex to Roundup Ready cotton. Andrew's crop had 3 in crop irrigations with some good falls of rain to back it up. The irrigation deficit was 65mm for the initial irrigation and subsequent irrigations at 85mm based on neutron probe readings. With the good early rainfall to get the crop away, the intense heat over January into February, coupled with low insect pressures, led to very high fruit retention and good boll counts, which has helped the crop push through to defoliation earlier than in previous seasons. The crop had no pre plant residual herbicides, with a roundup application pre sowing. The Roundup Ready cotton had a roundup ready herbicide application over the top at the four true leaf stage. This was followed by a shielded spray and minimal chipping for some flea bane. The Roundup Ready Flex varieties had three applications of Roundup Ready herbicide at varying stages with the last over the top application at 16 nodes.

The average plant stand across Andrew's crop was 11.5 plants per metre. The majority of nitrogen was pre applied up front, with a side dress and some water run urea to top up a couple of fields. Most of the crop was long fallowed out of wheat into cotton. As far as insects were concerned, a mite spray in early January of Pegasus and organophosphate application at the end of the season for green veggie bugs was all that was applied. At this stage the crop has had its first pass defoliation, using a Dropp liquid and Finish mix, with picking expected to commence early to mid April.

Many WAC old boys have been prominent in the cotton/irrigation scene who have made notable contributions like Hugh (Dutch) Holland, Bill Cowell, Neil Sowerby, Jack Murray, the Tandou boys Smith and Taylor and Glenn Whittaker (79 – 81) who has been Chair of Macquarie Food and Fibre, as well as being a prominent consultant and grower at Warren.

## 2009 Australian Cotton Industry Awards

### 2009 Monsanto Grower of the Year Winner: Andrew Pursehouse

The 2009 Australian Cotton Industry Awards, held in August at Narrabri, showcased and rewarded the significant achievements made by the cotton industry's growers, researchers, young achievers, and other key individuals.

Despite the ongoing drought conditions in several regions, the overall mood of the Awards was positive, and dinner provided ample opportunity for growers, industry supporters, researchers to mingle throughout the night.

Monsanto has sponsored the awards for the last four years, it is an occasion for people to come together to acknowledge the positive contribution that all Awards nominees have made to the cotton industry and the communities in which they live.

The deserving winner of the 2009 Monsanto Cotton Grower of the Year Award, was Andrew Pursehouse.

Andrew Pursehouse considers cotton the most exciting and profitable crop to grow on his property Breeza Station, and he believes that the "high risk and high reward" crop is well worth the challenge. Andrew rotates cotton with grain crops, and a typical summer sequence on the irrigation land is two thirds cotton and one third corn. To maximise crop quality, Andrew maintains a high attention to detail to ensure quality issues are addressed, and uses an intensive agronomic service on Breeza Station that provides regular checks and records of each field and collates paddock histories.

Due to a reduction in groundwater allocations, Andrew has implemented a range of water use efficiency practices on Breeza Station including laser levelling on irrigation and dryland crop areas, long fallowing, and implementing no-till and controlled traffic practices. He has also undertaken various soil improvement measures, and fenced off riparian and native vegetation areas.

Andrew is proud to be part of an industry that is implementing best management practices, and has worked with the team at Breeza Station to achieve BMP accreditation. By being aware of BMP procedures and requirements, Andrew has implemented a variety of changes on the farm including pest management and farm safety measures.

Andrew is actively involved in the cotton community as President of the Breeza Progress Association, a member of the Upper Namoi Cotton Growers' Association and was President of the Upper Namoi Water Users' Association. He has been involved in the NSW groundwater reallocation process and is committed to the ongoing success of the irrigation industry. Andrew has also participated in Cotton Seed Distributors' dryland variety trials and is a contributor with researchers from the Myall Vale Research Station.

Andrew believes that Australian cotton is some of the highest quality cotton in the world, and through research, investment and the work of committed growers, the industry will continue to improve in the years to come.



**GOOD FRIENDS:** (from left) James Madden, Ross Henley, Mardi Henley, Jillian McCormick and Rob McCormick enjoy the night during the Aggies Ball at the Wagga RSL Club.

## Celebrations on Beres Ellwood Oval

Wagga Ag College celebrated 60 years of sport on May 22 with a special day of rugby at Beres Ellwood Oval and a black tie dinner at the Wagga RSL Club that attracted over 350 guests.

Ag College played traditional arch rival Rivcoll in three grades on their home turf, named after ex-student and former Wallaby Beres Ellwood.

A large crowd containing many old boys and their families attended the rugby and were not disappointed by the display of spirit shown by the players currently representing Ag College Rugby.

It was also pleasing to see strong support from a hard working committee headed by Nick McCarthy and an enthusiastic committee.

The current players did not let their supporters down by winning the three games in fine fashion against the "Reddies".

The First XV showed they will once again be a force in the

competition with an emphatic 54-0 win over an opposition that never stopped trying.

The defending premiers played an exciting brand of rugby and scored eight tries with their ace goal kicker full-back Shahid Khalfan showing why he is the best in the business, kicking seven conversions.

The Second XV also displayed fine attacking skills in their 33-7 win. In a high standard game, their tries featured many phases of play and a real team effort.

Third grade also had a good win, 26-5 and to show the depth of talent in Ag College Rugby a fourth grade match against Wagga Waratahs resulted in a comfortable win.

A great set of results for club! Good luck for the rest of the season.

The WAC Old Boys also played a match against Rivcoll, with former players showing they had lost some of their speed but not their skill and spirit with a strong effort.



**ROSE AMONG THORNS:** Aggies Ball committee members (from left) Ben Woodhouse, Chris Stott, Cameron Rosser, Helen Woodhouse, Nick McCarthy, Robbie Harris and Peter Armstrong at the RSL club on Saturday night.

Photo by Addison Hamilton

## Wagga RSL Club

At the Wagga RSL Club over 350 people enjoyed an evening of reminiscing and fellowship in celebrating 60 years of sport at Ag College.

Special guest was former Wallaby prop Tony Daly.

Old Boys Graeme Worboys (1970's), Tim Condon (1980's) Greg Condon (1990's) and Dan Charters (2000's) spoke of their time at Ag College and the importance of Ag College rugby to them and their team mates.

The values of mateship, team spirit and playing an exciting brand of rugby have always been the hallmarks of Ag College rugby – and these values are still shown by current teams.

The importance of the rugby club in ensuring the name Wagga Ag College does not disappear from the history books was also stressed.

A special auction of 15 Ag College Rugby jumpers, a fully signed 2010 ACT Brumbies jumper and a fully signed 2009 Wallaby jumper helped raise funds for WAC Rugby.

The success and development of women's sport in the College's history was also not forgotten and at present a very successful netball club operates with excellent player numbers.

Congratulations to the organisers of the dinner - it was an outstanding success with many old boys enjoying catching up with former team mates over a few ales toasting the special memories of playing rugby for Ag College.

## 1965 WAC Reunion

Ted Wolfe has advised of a reunion of the 1965 WAC graduates.

Ted met with Allan and Lee Hartwig, who are organising the reunion to be held on the weekend of November 6 and 7 this year.

Allan and Lee are anticipating a group of about 50 people, including partners.

The weekend's activities include an afternoon tea gathering on Saturday with a dinner at the Country Comfort Motel where John Kent (Head of SAWS) and Stuart Kanaley (President WACOBUS) will be invited to join the graduates.

Ted Wolfe and Julie Clements will organise a tour of CSU on the Sunday that includes:

- \* a muster at 10 am at the flagpole, Agriculture Campus with a bus tour and a walking tour of Agriculture buildings, Graham Building, East Block and West Block and Joyes Hall.
- \* a lunch at the Conference Centre.
- \* a winery tour and wine/cheese tasting at 2pm at CSU Winery

Allan and Lee Hartwig can be contacted on (02) 6922 9415 or at [ahartwig@activ8.net.au](mailto:ahartwig@activ8.net.au) for more information.

## Brett Smith "Kat" 82 - 85

Just a quick update to let you know that I have accepted a role with Penrice Soda Ash as General Manager, Chemicals Business. Penrice is an Adelaide based ex Orica business that is Australia's only producer of Soda Ash ( sodium carbonate – glass production and sodium bicarbonate – food, pharmaceutical, cleaning etc ) targeting both domestic and international markets. They also have mining and quarrying interests.

Although largely outside of Agriculture, the role should nicely round off the CV for the next stage whenever or whatever that might be.

I will certainly miss the routine of kids, school , gym, pizza oven building, consulting and supporting my wife Leeora with establishing a new business. The last few months has seen a number of fantastic opportunities offered and some serious decision making (staying in Adelaide was important for a number of reasons ) but the most rewarding has been the family time, my recommendation to anyone in the same position is don't rush it!

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## From the early 1970's

At the celebrations for 60 years of sport at Wagga Ag College, many former old boys - who were students from the early 1970's, made the trip back to Beres Ellwood Oval and the Wagga RSL Club to catch up and celebrate this wonderful milestone for the College.

The following fine WAC rugby players who celebrated rugby premierships in 1972 and 1973 and wins over Hawkesbury Ag College in the annual "grudge match" in a tremendous couple of years for WAC rugby.

Graeme Clifton, Terry Coates, Tony Grant, John Maloney, (Wheatbags) – who watched his son Dan play five-eight for the Aggies First XV, Jock Munro, Andrew Norton-Knight, Jim Ross and Graeme Worboys. Five of these Old Boys – Tony (Canowindra), John (June), Jock (Rankins Springs), Andrew (Forbes) and Jim (Holbrook) are still on the land! Graeme Clifton (Queanbeyan), Terry at Cowra (where he manages the Cowra Research Station) and Graeme Worboys at Cootamundra.

## Lex Govaars

*Lex let the WACOBUs know that the 56'ers are getting together at Soldiers Point, NSW during a midweek timeframe on October 20-22 this year. The show is being organised by John Grellman and as always we expect a great couple of days. Unfortunately we have lost Alan Douglas, who passed away September 17, 2009.*

## Drew Braithwaite (2001)

Griffith farmer and agronomist, Drew Braithwaite recently led a trade development mission to China to investigate the potential markets for Australian soft wheats. The two week mission was made possible through the Australian China Agricultural Cooperation Agreement a program funded jointly by the Australian and Chinese Governments. The two week mission involved travel from Beijing and southwards down China's east coast through Shanghai, Jiangsu province - the major soft wheat growing province in China and south into Guangdong province. Drew is hoping to develop niche soft wheat markets and differentiate the product from hard wheat grown across the area and throughout Australia. The trip was an ideal opportunity to develop trade contacts and new buyer relationships which will lead to the development of local jobs, help maximise returns to growers and increase competition in the Australian wheat industry. Contact Drew on 0427634232 or dbraith01@yahoo.com.au for more details on the trip.



## Careers Fair

The students from the CSU Schools of Agricultural and Wine Sciences, and Animal and Veterinary Sciences are organising an annual Agricultural and Animal Industries Careers Fair. In attendance on the day will be over 200 students enrolled in the Animal, Veterinary, Agricultural, Agribusiness, Horticulture, Equine, Wine and Viticulture degree programs.

You are invited to participate in this event.

The students are keen to organise this Fair to help choose possible careers and elective subjects for the remaining years of study. It is also a great way to establish contacts with industry, gain opportunities for work experience/placement and to improve employment prospects upon graduation.

The Fair will be held at the Charles Sturt University's Joyes Hall in Wagga Wagga on Wednesday, 4th August and will run from 4pm, concluding with a BBQ at the end of formal proceedings. The format for the evening will be 4 or 5 speakers who will provide their views on employment and commencing careers. For represented organisations the evening will provide the opportunity for a brief introduction to your business in order to facilitate discussions with students during the BBQ.

Students will receive on the day a booklet containing details of attending organisations. We would be delighted if you could provide details of your organisation and future opportunities regarding employment of new graduates.

Please email this information with your RSVP.

Regrettably this year, due to space limitations, we are only able to accept the first 35 companies.

Direct any questions to Crystall Swarbrick cswarb01@postoffice.csu.edu.au.

# NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL OF AGRICULTURAL AND WINE SCIENCES (SAWS)

## 1. Link with Nuffield

Cootamundra farmer and Nuffield board member Hugh Roberts and Professor Nick Klomp (Dean of the Faculty of Science) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Nuffield and CSU.

## 2. Papua New Guinea

Dr Maia Wamala, Dr Gariba Danbaro and Mr Ronnie Dotaona from the Department of Agriculture of the Papua New Guinea University of Technology (PNGUT) visited Wagga Campus to form collaborative links between the institutions. Follow up activities to include the drafting of MOU between institutions, staff from PNGUT to begin PhD studies at Charles Sturt University, collaborative research, staff and student exchange for industrial training.

## 3. Australian Council of Deans of Agriculture

Associate Professor John Kent attended the Autumn meeting of the Australian Council of Deans of Agriculture.

Some of the issues highlighted included:

- \* the need to build capacity in Ag Research and Education.
- \* Universities contribute 70% of all publications in Agriculture.
- \* Universities undertake considerable activity in extension which is unfunded.
- \* There are around 600-650 first year enrolments in ag related courses across all universities; of these, 250 are with our school.

## 4. International symposium

Chris Steel attended the XV international Botrytis Symposium. Botrytis is responsible for grey mould of grapes and causes major crop losses worldwide. Chris presented some of his recent research between botrytis and other organisms responsible for grape berry rots. He also visited laboratories at INRA and the University of Bordeaux in France.

## 5. Biosecurity conference

Associate Professor John Kent recently attended the Global Biosecurity Congress in Brisbane which highlighted the critical role of biosecurity for Australian Agriculture and the role CSU plays in this.

## 6. National Summit on Agriculture Research, Development and Extension

Associate Professor John Kent, Professor Jim Pratley, Professor Deirdre Lemerle, Professor David Kemp and Scott Glyde attended a National Summit on Agricultural

Research, Development and Extension. This highlighted the dire straits of Australian capacity in Agriculture research, development and extension and the crucial role this plays in finding solutions to world food security, biosecurity, human health and nutrition, environmental management, water management and adapting to climate change.

## 7. PIEF

The Primary Industries Education Foundation (PIEF) held a national workshop to establish the key roles and objectives for the Foundation. PIEF represents all primary industries and their associated supply chains with the exception of mining. Attending the workshop were representatives from the TAFE sector, government departments (industry and education), high school principals, and a considerable number of Agriculture teachers (and Ag teacher associations) from all parts of the country. Overall Australian university representation was small with Dr John Harper and Dr Alison Southwell attending on behalf of the School and CSU.

A major outcome from the workshop was the identification of PIEF's key roles;

- \* To be the consulting body for government on all issues associated with Agricultural education at the State and National level
- \* To provide quality standards on resources developed for Agricultural education through the development of an endorsement brand (similar to the heart tick)
- \* To assist with the development and coordination of initiatives that improves Agricultural education across Schools and the wider community. SAWS made strong links with High School Ag teachers and NSW Ag Teachers Association President Phil Hurst and was able to demonstrate through our range of initiatives and level of organisation that we are actively promoting agriculture to increase enrolments.

## 8. Study tours

Dr Alison Southwell and Dr Jason Condon will take a group of third year Agriculture students to Vietnam on a study tour.

Professor David Kemp and Dr Shevahn Telfser will take a group of second and third year Agricultural Business Management students to China on a study tour.

## 9. Careers Fair - August 4

For all students in the Schools of Agricultural and Wine Sciences and School of Animal and Veterinary Sciences. CSU is now taking expressions of interest from industry personnel to be involved in this Careers Fair Contact Julie Clements for details

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# 1970-72 WACers



**The 1970-72 crew: Terry Coates (Cowra), Barry Woolacott (Bredbo), lecturer and rugby coach Marty Doran (Gundaroo), Graeme Clifton (Queanbeyan), Attila Babos (Yass), David Seaton (Canberra), Ralph Wilson (Tumut), John Irwin (Griffith) and Michael Rafferty (Cairns).**

A group of 1970-72 Wacers, mainly from South-Western NSW and their wives met on Saturday May 1 and caught up with their ex- Economics lecturer and rugby coach Marty Doran.

A relaxed luncheon at the Canberra Botanical Gardens (venue organised by Dave Seaton) and then on to Brumbies v's Reds game afterwards allowed time for a great yarn or two.

Dave Seaton won the fashion stakes still fitting into his College blazer and Attila Babos and Michael Rafferty moulded around the famous WAC rugby jumper.

Actually Michael dropped in to catch up with old mates as part of his around Australia holiday.

Everyone was pleased to see Marty Doran and discuss those famous rugby wins and the not-so-famous economics lectures in the early 1970's.

Marty (who coached successive WAC First Grade Premiership winning sides in 1972-73) is dealing with some health issues and he really appreciated the support from the WAC crew in Canberra. Everyone involved with the WACOBUS is asked to support Marty.

The Old Boys (except Michael Rafferty who hails from Cairns!) really enjoyed watching the Brumbies thrash the Reds 32-12 and saw some exciting running rugby reminiscent of their days playing for WAC.

Terry Coates and Graeme Clifton also made the trip to Wagga to enjoy the celebration of 60 years of sport at WAC.

It was a great get-together for students who kicked off the WAC education 40 years ago!

## 1964-66 WACOBUS REUNION

*April 9-10 2011*

The next reunion for the 1964-66 old boys will be at Jenny and Sox Stockings at "Warrawee" Gilgandra, NSW over the weekend of 9 and 10th April 2011.

The reunion is for all who started their WAC time in 1964 no matter when they moved on as well as any from other years who would care to join in.

The same offer is for administrative and teaching staff at the time.

Interested people should contact Graeme Hockey on e-mail [philhockey@hotmail.com](mailto:philhockey@hotmail.com)

## 1960 GRADUATION YEAR REUNION

On Saturday and Sunday August 28 and 29 at Wagga over 30 WAC Old Boys and partners will catch up – to celebrate 50 years of life after Wagga Ag College.

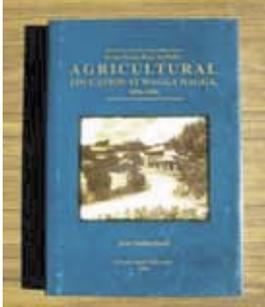
On Saturday August 28 a tour of the old stamping grounds is planned along with time for reminiscing and a dinner at the Carriage House Motel and a get together on Sunday will provide a great opportunity for everyone to celebrate a very important milestone.

Congratulations Old Boys and we look forward to getting a full report on the weekend for the Christmas newsletter.

Contact Bruce Hart (02) 62312483 or [hart5@netspeed.com.au](mailto:hart5@netspeed.com.au) for any information on the weekend.



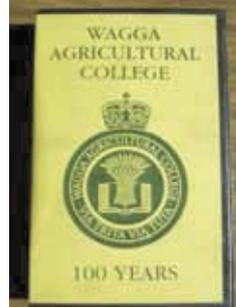
# WACOBU Merchandise



From Farm Boys to PhDs  
Book - \$30.00



WAC 49er's Book  
POA



WAC 100 Years  
Video - \$30.00



WACOBU Centenary  
Cap - \$12.00



WACOBU Pewter  
Mug - \$50.00



WACOBU Lapel  
Badge - \$2.00



WACOBU Wall  
Plaque - \$30.00



WACOBU Sloppy-joe  
Price - TBA



WACOBU Tie  
\$30.00



Ladies WACOBU  
Pendant  
\$6.50



Ladies WACOBU  
Shield Pendant  
\$65.00



WACOBU  
Keyring  
\$15.00



WACOBU  
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 or pay by EFT (see electronic banking details next page)

Post to: PO Box 1092 Wagga Wagga NSW 2650

Name.....

Address.....

.....Postcode.....

# 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 WACOBYU 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@industry.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.