

CITY VS COUNTRY CRICKET WEEKEND WAGGA WAGGA OCTOBER 2004

INAUGURAL CSU PHARMACY FOUNDATION DINNER

As the holders of the 'Sidgreaves' Shield the NSW team under their captain David Sidgreaves, set off in high spirits to meet their country colleagues to determine who should be the holders of the 'Shield' for this cricket season.

The Inaugural CSU Foundation Dinner and Saturday night welcome dinner was held at a very pleasant location in Wagga called the Magpies Nest. Peter Gissing, a local pharmacist, said they were privileged to have the local Federal Member, Kay Hull in attendance.

The guest list included National President, John Bronger and pharmacist wife Lyn Bronger, Paul and Lynn Mahoney, John Bell from PSA, Dick and Vivienne Marries, and Kym Ascough, Registrar Pharmacy Board NSW, to name but a few. Those who represented CSU were Assoc Professor Lyn Angel, Mark Burton, Head of School Biomedical Sciences and Ross Kennedy.

The gathering heard a strong reply to Peter Gissing's welcome from Vice Chancellor, Ian Goulter who spoke about the "can do" philosophy that has been the driving force that separates CSU from the other pharmacy schools, and that success came from the curriculum that produced the multi skilled health professionals who can interact effectively as

part of the health team into the future. Peter Gissing made the following observations:

"Faculty of Health Studies has the broadest allied health profile of any Faculty in Australia and we are not finished yet! There is however an acknowledged critical shortage of all allied health professionals in rural and remote Australia which is a need to which CSU has responded. Our mantra is:

- *recruit from the country*
- *educate in the country*
- *to retain in the country*

How successful have we been? First 36 students graduated in 2000/01 with most completing their first year as superior professionals in non-metropolitan pharmacies.

This pattern has continued. We are going to continue to grow and push the boundaries. The Foundation can assist us in achieving our goals more rapidly."

The occasional address was given by internationally well known cricketer, Geoff Lawson, who recounted his early life in Wagga, where he learnt the skills that brought him success wherever he travelled. He later joined in the handing out of the caps to both teams who were to play the next day.

THE CRICKET

Sunday was overcast and very gentle rain caused concern, however, ever hopeful the teams arrived at the Wagga Cricket ground to find the pitch uncovered and unplayable. Not to be blocked the Wagga boys under Michael O'Reilly introduced plan B. A trip about 20K or so out of town led us to an all weather pitch set amongst the gums trees and surrounded by a picket fence, a very picturesque setting. At last a chance to play cricket, but NO. The weather Gods had decided that the farmers of the district had a much greater need than the 22 players. The rain not only did not stop, but became heavier.

Associate Professor Lyn Angel displaying her multi skilling ability with the help of her husband Bruce and the ladies of the pharmacy school of Charles Sturt set about preparing a great BBQ lunch. Much fellowship and good country hospitality took the place of cricket and the loss of a cricket match was replaced with good food and an opportunity to get to know pharmacists from other places.

A great weekend, pity about the cricket, however the farmers were the winners. The abandoned match 'City vs Country' has been rescheduled for April 2005 at a ground somewhere between Sydney & Wagga.

Next year Water Polo will be on the agenda. Your cricket correspondent 2004



The Rainmakers waiting in vain



Mr Cricket



Ben Brndusic gets his cap



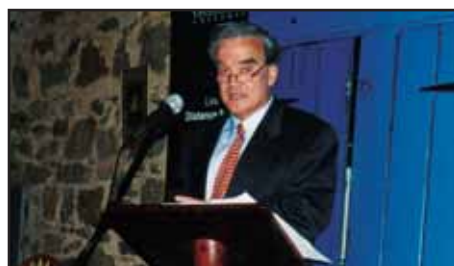
Ian Goulter sets out his vision



David Sidgreaves responds



Geoff "Henry" Lawson tells his stories



Peter Gissing introduces the night



Michael O'Reilly addresses the guests