

That's a lot of bull...

Wee Waa High School has gone to Scone and well and truly conquered.

The school was well represented at the Scone Beef Bonanza last week and the trip was a fruitful one.

Wee Waa High School's unled steer WWHS Mad Max, purchased from Myona Charolais, won Champion Unled Steer as well as first place in the Heavyweight carcass section.

Max was one of two steers the school bought from Myona Charolais this year with the sole aim of entering him into Scone Beef Bonanza, the school's first foray at such a large and hotly contested show.

Ag teacher Verity Gett said the goal for 2016 was for the team to gain more perspective on carcass specifications and that type of competition in addition to the judging and parading they had been working on.

There were a number of issues trying break Mad Max in to lead.

The wet conditions leading up to the holidays resulted in the team running out of time to train him to a safe standard.

Plan B was to enter Mad Max in the unled section, a decision that proved profitable.

Winning a Champion Carcass in the team's third ever carcass competition was a terrific and one Mrs Gett was extremely proud of.

"It's as exciting as when we were awarded Reserve Champion at the Sydney Royal Easter Show," she said.

"The Show Team is such a valuable enrichment program that I re-established at Waa High School. It involves a lot of hard work by our ag assistant Shelli Stewart our dedicated student team members and myself.



CHAMPION IN WAITING: Ally Stanfield and Bella Cruickshank waiting for Malibu's weigh in - he proved to be heaviest steer at the Scone Beef Bonanza.

"The sorts of responsibilities being part of the team include; washing and preparing animals, often in very early morning and twice daily feeding and checking of cattle. Being a part of the team often means late nights when we are away showing and also time away from family and friends."

"There is a great sense of teamwork as each member needs to equally committed and shoulder their fair share of responsibility. There is definitely a great sense of achievement that I really can't rate highly enough.

"It's a lot of hard work and it's definitely not for everyone. It also wouldn't be possible without the help and assistance of our dedicated parent helpers who come along and help feed the team in our very busy show schedules. 2016 has been another great year for the team and I look forward to taking the dedicated

members onto bigger and better things again next year."

Other results from Scone Beef Bonanza include: WWHS Tex - kindly donated by Mr R and Mrs P Slack-Smith - second in his class on hook and seventh highly commended in his class on hoof.

WWHS Malibu - heaviest steer in the whole competition (more than 300 animals) and a dressing percentage of 61 per cent.

Ally Stanfield received highly commended in her age group of more than 120 paraders. Emily Shearin progressed through to the semi-finals in the 15 years paraders section out of a group of more than 150 students. The school also showed two Myona Charolais heifers on the stud's behalf; Myona Matilda and Myona Ella with the cattle placing third and fifth respectively in their classes.

Break-ins being investigated

There have been two break-ins in Wee Waa recently.

Inspector Robert Dunn, of Narrabri police, said a Mitchell Street house was broken in to some time between 6pm on October 31 and 9am on November 2.

The vacant home was broken into through the front door and \$2200 in cash was reported stolen from a kitchen cupboard.

The Narrabri Shire Council depot was broken in to some time between 4.30pm on October 28 and 6.40am

the next day.

A saw, gas monitor and 10-litre fuel container were stolen.

Anyone with information on either incident can contact CrimeStoppers confidentially on 1800 333 000.

Meanwhile, perfume was stolen from a Wee Waa retailer recently.

Inspector Dunn said a woman walked into a Rose Street shop about 9.30am on October 29 carrying a large handbag over her shoulder.

Investigations continue into the incident.

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Mrs Hibbens has been secretary of the Yarrie Lake fire brigade (previously called the Wee Waa South and then Wee Waa Yarrie Lake fire brigade) for the past 14 years.

The honour roll says she "has been a very resourceful volunteer assisting where and when she can".

Apart from "exceptional" record keeping she had also been an active trainee participating in many courses and has been very proactive in the local community education program.

"Sharon is a true asset to the NSW Rural Fire Service and her community," the honour roll says.

Ms Tomlinson was described in the honour roll as someone who "sees a need and mends the gap".

A NSW Farmers Association representative, she held qualifications in economics law, management, adult education and policy development and was skilled in advocacy and negotiation. Ms Tomlinson is also chairwoman of the Make it Work Foundation, which focuses on young adult training for regional population retention, and contributes many hours to the Yarrie Lake Landcare group. The honour roll says she was forthright in demanding that inequitable internet service for rural people be addressed.

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