

Conrad Bolton, Bruce Finney, Steve Druce, Rob Dugdale, Peter Rozendael and Sharon Grellman at the unveiling.



The robot in action.

Students ready for big robotics final

The big day is almost here and ahead of travelling to Sydney this week for the first regional robotics competition to be held at Olympic Park about 70 guests attended Wee Waa High School to witness the unveiling of the Bushbots robot on March 7.

Many personal hours have been given by teachers of the school to get this program - detailed in the Wee Waa News last month - up and running.

It focuses on encouraging young students into pathways of science, technology, engineering and maths and is designed to develop the ways of thinking, help the student learn methods of creativity and innovative skills and also encourage personal performance under pressure.

In working with the robot team collaboration is of great importance and each team member has a task.

The School Captains presented speeches thanking the sponsors of the program and members of the

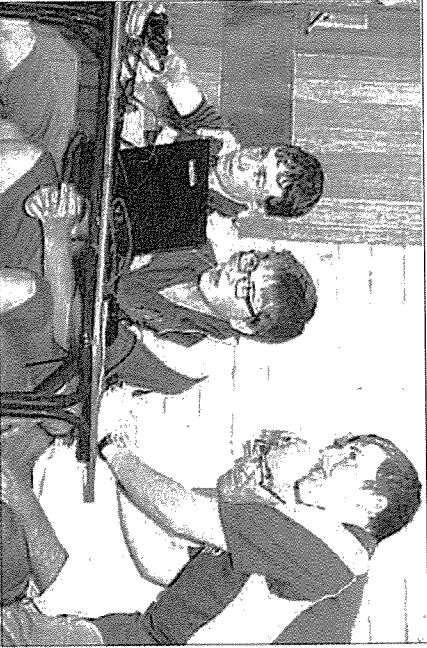
community for their support and the teachers for their endless hours working on the robot.

From inception, the robotics program has hit the ground running as the Bushbots team amazed everyone by having a working robot by 10am on the second day.

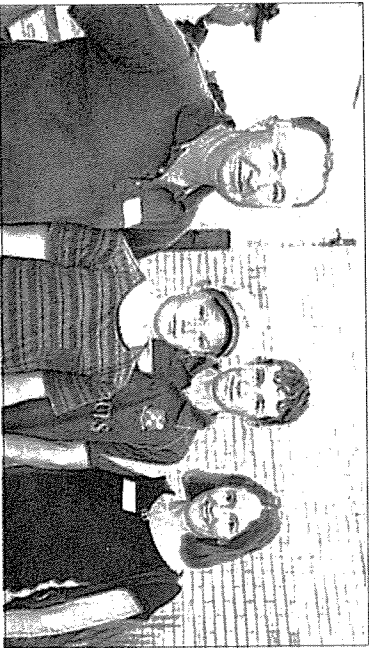
The Bushbots will take their robot strategy to Sydney for the FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) Robotics 2016 and the aim of the game is to become the best alliance in the FIRST stronghold. The robot is designed with a bucket to scoop up a boulder and roll it into the low goals.

On the unveiling night some of the sponsors of the program practised with the robot with plenty of help from the Bushbots team. Vesna Rendulic of Santos was successful in scooping up the boulder.

Good luck in Sydney Bushbots - the students have clearly benefited from the program.



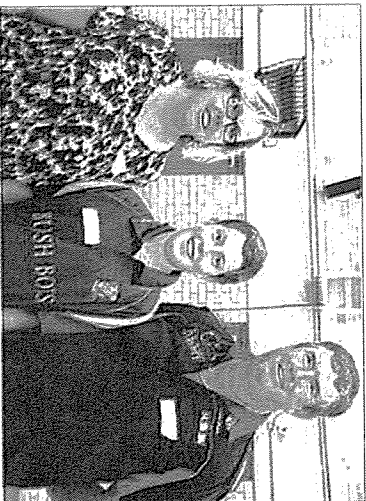
Phil Steel having a go, watched by Bushbots Jordan Morrison, Doug Anderson, and Tom Pattison.



Russell, Nicholas, Jordan and Kate Morrison.



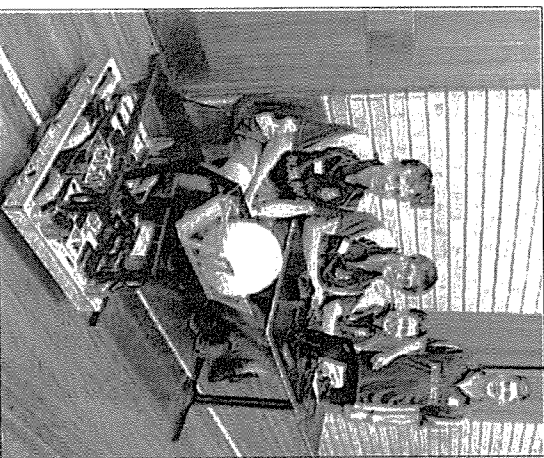
School principal Annabel Doust.



Amanda, Noah and Dean Platt.



Annabel Doust, Cait Downes, Sharon Grellman, Steve Druce and Conrad Bolton.



Jordan Morrison, Douglas Anderson, Noah Platt and Charles Young operating the robot.