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**NEXT MEETINGS**

**The society's next meetings will be held on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2023, at the Museum of the Riverina, Willans Hill site.**

**Committee meeting at 1.30 p.m.  
General Meeting at 2.00 p.m.**

**Guest Speaker: "Old Timers" interview from 1965.**

**COMMITTEE**

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**Dates to remember:**

October 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> - RAHS annual conference.

November 25<sup>th</sup> [Saturday] – WWDHS General Meeting at Coolamon [details inside]

December 3<sup>rd</sup> [Sunday] – WWDHS Xmas lunch at the Uranquinty hotel [more details at a closer date]

December 23<sup>rd</sup> [Saturday] – WWDHS running the Bunnings Sausage Sizzle stand this day. We will be looking for some volunteer helpers as the date gets closer.

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## HAPPENINGS

**AGM** – The AGM was held in September and the committee is pretty much the same as for the previous year, with two significant changes. Firstly, we welcome Mark Christison to the position of secretary, taking over from Margaret Hill who will continue as a committee member. We thank Margaret for her services as secretary over a number of years. Secondly, we welcome one new member to the committee – Margaret Walsh. [The full committee is listed on the front page of this newsletter]

### November Meetings

The November Committee meeting will be an online ZOOM meeting on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November.

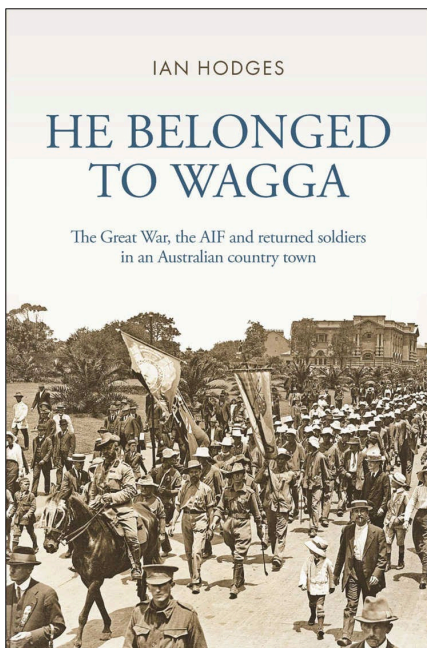
The November General Meeting will be a joint meeting with the Coolamon Historical Society held at Coolamon in the old UpToDate Store complex, commencing at 10:15am. This will be followed with an option to explore the town – cheese factory, fire museum, antique stores, RSL museum, etc., and a lunch in town for those who choose. More details to be provided at a closer date.

### Lord Baden Powell Road

Road works on Lord Baden Powell Drive continue. No set date yet as to when the works will be completed. Looking like it could be getting close to Xmas before the works are completed?

### Excursion

The previous tentative plan for an excursion to Griffith later in this year has been postponed for now. To be reconsidered in the new year.



### 2023 NSW Premier's History Awards

Congratulations to Ian Hodges whose book **"He Belonged to Wagga: The Great War, the AIF and returned soldiers in an Australian country town,"** won a coveted prize in the 2023 NSW Premier's History Awards, which were announced in September in a ceremony at the State Library of NSW as a part of NSW History Week. Ian's book secured a win in the NSW Community and Regional History Prize category. Ian has had a close association with the WWDHS and the WWDFHS over a number of years.

Thank you to Sherry Morris for this month's article on Cameron Robertson.

## CAMERON ROBERTSON, 1898-1972

- Sherry Morris

Cameron Robertson was a quiet achiever. After his arrival in Wagga Wagga in the late 1920s, he not only established a successful business as a Master Baker, he also played an important role in many organisations including the Bread Manufacturers' Association, the Wagga Wagga and District Chamber of Commerce and the Community Advancement Fund. He was a particularly hard worker for the Miss Wagga Wagga competition for many years. Cameron McLean Robertson was the son of Jessie and Henry Erastus Robertson of Shepparton and brother of Edith, Jean, Ivy and Ronald.



His parents migrated to Australia from Glasgow, Scotland, and settled in Shepparton, Victoria, where Cam was born on February 10, 1898. He married Elsie Lane in Shepparton about 1926.<sup>i</sup> A Master Baker by trade, Cam Robertson moved from Shepparton to Wagga Wagga in the late 1920s and joined in his father-in-law in running the Kelso Bakery, located at 160 Baylis Street, opposite the Plaza Theatre.<sup>ii</sup> Like many bakers in the 1930s, Lane and Robertson were fined under the Day Bakery Act for beginning to bake earlier than the stipulated time – £1 in 1933 (plus £3 costs) and £10 plus costs in 1936 (a larger fine because it was the second offence).<sup>iii</sup> Later Robertson bought out his father-in-law and the business was operated on behalf of Robertson himself and his wife, Elsie.

The business expanded rapidly and other bakeries were acquired including one in Gurwood Street and another in Turvey Park. It supplied general stores not only in Wagga Wagga but also outlying centres, including The Rock. During the Second World War it won the contract to supply bread to the defence forces in the Wagga Wagga area. Even during the 1950 Flood in Wagga Wagga, although the waters reached as far as Kelso Bakery, Robertson organised the removal of plant to higher ground and bread production continued regardless. The bakery became very popular and renowned for the quality of its bread and cakes (particularly its rainbow cakes) and its 'spydery' (lemonade and ice cream) were considered the best in town.<sup>iv</sup>

The horse-drawn Kelso Bakery carts were well known in Wagga Wagga. Cam himself used a horse named 'Blue' on his first run and 'Blue' still made the occasional delivery in 1962. By this time the bakery employed four horses and two carts. They had changed little in that time except the old steel-rimmed wheels had been replaced by pressurised tyres in the 1940s. One driver, Roy Edmondson, told *The Daily Advertiser* that a horse and cart was better than a truck as horses knew the route forwards and backwards and, he claimed, 'you can whistle up a horse but you can't whistle up a van'. The horse-drawn carts were used by the Bakery until August 1964 when, for economic reasons, they were replaced by motorised transport not long after the Kelso Bakery amalgamated with the Riverina Bakery. It was a nostalgic occasion, signalling the end of an era. The horses named 'Nigger' and 'Toby' had between them clocked up forty years of service with the Kelso Bakery.<sup>v</sup> Robertson remained involved in the running of the bakery until 1972, the year of his death.



*Above and left: Kelso Bakery Carts. The two horses above right were 'Nigger' (the black horse on the right) and 'Toby' (a bay, on the left) pictured after their final bread run, August 4, 1964.*

*Source: Tom Lennon Collection,*

*Museum of the Riverina*

Although Cam Robertson became a member of the Bread Manufacturers Association in 1935, he did not become involved until the boom period in the immediate post-war years when wheat – and wool – were in great demand at home and overseas. After the country was split into areas, Robertson was elected as the Southern Sector representative, attending his first executive meeting on November 6, 1946.<sup>vi</sup> In the late 1940s, country representatives pressed for greater country representation, for bread price increases, for a bread panel and for a revision of starting times of the meetings. For many years Cam Robertson was the President of the Riverina District Master Bakers' Association and became an executive member in 1950.<sup>vii</sup>

He chaired the meeting of the Riverina District Bread Manufacturers Association in November 1947 when a resolution was carried for the establishment of the Wheat Research Institute at Wagga Wagga. This was first mooted in 1945 and a project favoured by the Member for Wagga Wagga and Minister for Agriculture, Eddie Graham. Contracts for its construction were signed in 1949. Robertson was later appointed as one of the Association's representatives on the Special Advisory Committee for the project. The Foundation Stone of the Wheat Research Institute at Wagga Wagga was laid on May 26. It was officially opened by Eddie Graham on October 20, 1954.<sup>viii</sup> Cam Robertson was also heavily involved in the organisation of the annual Bread, Flour and Wheat Convention in Wagga Wagga and always attracted distinguished and interesting speakers including the Trade Commissioner for Canada, Forsyth Smith, for the eighth convention in 1954. In that year Eddie Graham, the Member for Wagga Wagga and Minister for Agriculture, who had attended all eight conventions, paid a tribute to Cam Robertson 'for the splendid work he had done year after year, in bringing all sections of the Industry together, which must be in the interest of all concerned'.

For twenty-four years Cam Robertson was actively associated with Wagga Wagga and District Chamber of Commerce. He attended a meeting at the Masonic Hall on July 29, 1947 and quickly became a useful member. On October 6, that year he was made an honorary member of the financial committee. One year later, on October 11, 1948, he was given a vote of thanks for making the services of his typist available to the Chamber of Commerce during the period it had no typist. The motion was carried by acclamation. On November 8, 1948 he was Acting Chairman in the absence of the President and Vice-President. Then on December 16, 1948, he and J. H Nathan, M. Rava and F. B. Raye were appointed trustees. Cam was later elected as President for several terms including 1950-1952 and 1965-1966.<sup>ix</sup> During these years Cam was admired for his drive and initiative and was one of the stalwarts of the chamber responsible for its rapid growth. In these years this influential group of men helped establish and/or maintain many services for the community.

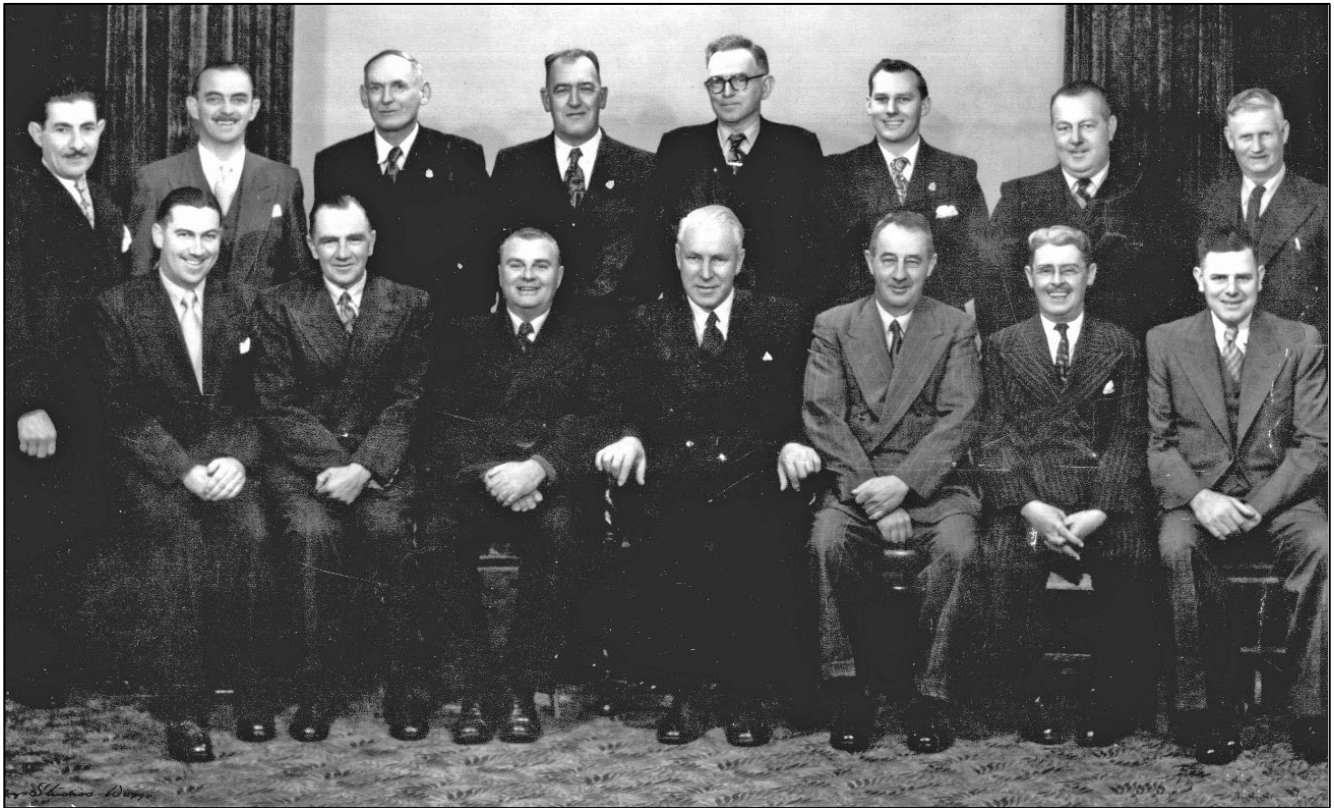
One of its major achievements was the establishment of the Wagga Wagga Tourist Bureau in 1947. Initially the Bureau was located in the Chamber's Offices next to the former Australian Hotel in Fitzmaurice Street but it was moved to 186A Baylis Street in the mid-1950s. It provided the city with a complete travel service – up-to-date travel information, travel reservations in Australia and throughout the world and even assistance with passports, visas, taxation clearances, health certificates and currency problems. It also promoted tourism by encouraging additional visitors to the city.<sup>x</sup> Another major achievement was the establishment of the Wagga Co-operative Building Society in 1949. In order to achieve this, the Chamber of Commerce had to become incorporated and its Board of Directors became shareholders in the Building Society. Cam Robertson was a member of the first Board of Directors and one of eight members to sign the original constitution.

In 1948 the Chamber provided small sums of money for many worthy causes including the Coleman Street and Trail Street kindergartens and to the scouts to complete the purchase of a vacant block next to the scout hall in Forsyth Street. It helped the Wagga Wagga Beach Life Saving Club grade and terrace the bank of the river to form a grandstand effect and to purchase pontoons to enclose an area 50 metres by 20 metres to form enclosed baths. It loaned £400 (later a grant) to the Wagga Wagga Tennis Club to construct five additional courts and to electrically light four of the existing courts. In 1949 it guaranteed the Wagga Athletic Club £500 against loss in conducting the Wagga Gift Carnival on January 1, 1949; and in 1951 it gave an interest-free loan of £400 to the Wagga Motor Cycle Club (Jack Skeers, president) to build a motor speedway track on the North Wagga Recreation Reserve. On several occasions it organised transport on Fearnies buses for children from the Uranquinty Migrant Centre to the Capitol Theatre in Wagga Wagga. It also assisted the Eisteddfod Society and the Wagga Wagga Men's Hockey Association.<sup>xi</sup>

Whilst Cam was president in the 1960s, the Nightwatchman Service was introduced to protect local businesses from theft and vandalism. From October 1965 five nightwatchmen with walkie talkies patrolled the businesses and streets. They included four special constables armed with pistols with the authority to make arrests.<sup>xii</sup>

When parking metres were being discussed in Wagga Wagga, Cam was part of a four-member team from the Chamber of Commerce (with Ron Castle, secretary, Tom Berrigan and W. Anstice) who travelled to several centres in Victoria, including Wangaratta and Shepparton, to examine their parking metres and business conditions.<sup>xiii</sup>

During his terms as President of the Wagga Wagga and District Chamber of Commerce, Cam Robertson met many interesting people. On June 13, 1952, for example, he and his wife Elsie Robertson were members of the official party who welcomed the Governor General Sir William McKell, Lady McKell and Miss McKell on their arrival at Wagga Wagga. At the Civic Reception he was one of the speakers who welcomed the trio to Wagga Wagga along with the Mayor W. F. Dunn, the Member for Wagga Wagga and Minister of Agriculture Eddie Graham and Member for the Farrar, David Fairbairn. As a member of the Heather Club he also told the Governor General he was highly honoured to have him open the Scottish Ball and receive the debutants.<sup>xiv</sup>



*Above: Wagga Wagga Chamber of Commerce 1951-1952. Front, left to right: B. F. Greenway, J. Hamill (secretary), A. W. Loch (vice-president), C. M. Robertson (president), K. Humphrys, M. Colland (assistant secretary), R. Koth. Back, left to right: A. Karofilis, J. Bosworth, L. Barrand, F. B. Raye, J. A. Johnson, J. G. Wallace, L. H. Lawrence, C. J. Spokes. Absent: K. C. McKay (honorary treasurer), P. R. Martens, J. F. Moore. Cam Robertson is sitting on a chair he had donated to the Chamber of Commerce for the Miss Wagga Wagga crowning. It was used in Miss Wagga Wagga ceremonies for many years. Source: Museum of the Riverina.*

Cam Robertson was associated with the Community Advancement Fund (CAF) from its foundation by the Chamber of Commerce in 1946. The CAF had its own committee to raise funds to advance sporting, cultural, educational, social and other worthy activities in Wagga Wagga and District. In particular it aimed:

- to provide financial assistance or guarantees to approved sports clubs;
- to arrange visits from the highest class of performers in the various sports in order to raise the standards of local competition;
- to provide prize money and trophies for open sports competitions;
- to assist Eisteddfods, choirs, bands and cultural societies; and
- to assist educational, social and recreational activities of the city.

Cam Robertson was a member of the first committee and was elected vice-chairman while J. L. Packham was elected as chairman. The committee also included L. H. Shaw, J. H. Nathan, M. Rava, J. L. Tennison, C. Toy, J. N. Lowe, E. L. O'Farrell and S. Psaltis. Robertson was elected as chairman on April 22, 1948 and at the following meeting (on May 10, 1948) it was decided to raise funds by conducting a Miss Wagga Wagga Competition and an Ugly Man Competition.<sup>xv</sup> The Miss Wagga Wagga Quest was conducted annually thereafter. For many years he was the Quest's more prolific worker. He also donated the chair to the Chamber of Commerce for the crowning of Miss Wagga Wagga. It was purchased through fellow committeeman, J. H. Nathan, the Manager of Maples. It was used in the Miss Wagga Wagga competitions for many years. It was also used by Queen Elizabeth II during her visit to Wagga Wagga on February 13, 1954.

In 1948 Miss Wagga Wagga entrants were nominated by various sections of the community – Miss Café, Miss Sport, Miss Public Service, Miss Commerce South, Miss Commerce North etc. The section winners were selected by penny votes from the public, the candidate gaining the most pennies or votes being the winner of her section. After several months of fundraising an elimination carnival for the contest was held on September 30, 1948 at the New Moon Gardens. Hundreds attended. Stalls, competitions, merry-go-rounds, monkeys riding in midget racing cars, the Wagga Citizens Band, a concert, a Quiz Session, an exhibition of dancing from the Wallace School of Dancing and items from a visiting Canadian yodeller provided the entertainment. All candidates were presented to the public and the winners of the sections announced and presented with sashes. Miss Wagga Wagga was then crowned at the first New Year's Eve Revels which were held at New Moon Gardens opposite 2WG in 1948. Miss Thena Karofilis was the first Miss Wagga Wagga and crowned 'Queen of the Flowers' by Mayor, Alderman Les Barrand. She won a trip to Sydney valued at \$200. The first Ugly Man was John Johnson who was crowned 'King of the Mardi Gras' by E. H. Graham, Minister for Agriculture. A total of £5427/9/5 was raised.

In the following year (1949-1950), rather than the candidates raising funds in support of their candidature, a committee was appointed to select the girl it felt would best represent the city on the basis of physique and health, beauty and photogenic possibilities, deportment and personality, education, voice culture, artistic and sporting qualities and knowledge of Wagga Wagga and district. Cam Robertson, President of the CAF, chaired this committee and J. Hamill, the Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, was its Secretary.

#### **First Miss Wagga Wagga, 1948-1949**



*Above: Thena Karofilis (Miss Cafes) on the left and being crowned on the right*

In the 1950-1951 Quest it was decided that the winner would be the candidate who raised the most money. This was Marjorie Johnson (Miss Industry) whose fundraising included the profit from the sale of a fibro-cement cottage with a tiled roof, which had been constructed in Sullivan Avenue by Hardy and Co and other Master Builders in just six weeks. The quest raised a total of £5700. Over £5100 of this total was allocated to the Wagga Wagga City Council towards the Town Hall Fund (and later diverted to the Civic Theatre). Cam Robertson and his committee put in hours of work to achieve this result.



*Above: House in Sullivan Avenue built by Hardy and Co and other Master Builders for Miss Industry candidate in the Miss Wagga Wagga Quest, Miss Marjorie Johnson, 1951. Front, left to right: Unknown, Frank Dowsett, Roy Koth, Chris Terry, Roy Knight, Mrs Johnson, Marjorie Johnson, Cam Robertson, Fred Willis, Johnno Johnson. Back, left to right: Arthur Gillard, Alf Towner, Dick Lancaster, Unknown, Fred White.*

When Cam Robertson retired as Chairman of the CAF on February 22, 1951 the members of the Committee spoke in appreciation of the capable manner in which he carried out his duties during his three years as Chairman and the excellent results in that period as a result of his hard work and keen interest he always took in Committee affairs.<sup>xvi</sup> Robertson continued to work tirelessly for the Miss Wagga Wagga Quest and for the Annual Mardi Gras held between Christmas and New Year's Day. His wife, Elsie, was also involved and often acted as chaperone for Miss Waggas on their trips to Sydney.



*Above: Elsie Robertson, Cam's wife, acted as chaperone for Miss Wagga Waggas. She is seen above with Miss Wagga Wagga Margaret Rutzou in 1951. The Miss Wagga Waggas' chaperoned trips included a visit to Manly, a harbour cruise and meeting the Premier of NSW and the Lord Mayor of Sydney. Often they also attended the Easter Show*



Cam was again elected chairman of the CAF Committee on March 21, 1960. As the Chairman of the CAF, in 1962, he was invited to the unveiling of the commemorative plaque to mark the start of the Wagga Wagga Civic Theatre project by the Minister for Local Government and Highways, P. D. Hills. About 300 attended the ceremony at the partly-built theatre. Pat Hills was welcomed by the Mayor Ivan J. Jack and the Member for Wagga Wagga, Wal Fife. The other speakers included W. L. (Bill) Hurd, the President of the Wagga Wagga School of Arts (which contributed £56,000 of the total cost of £93,000) and Cam Robertson himself who spoke about the CAF's Committee donation of over £5100 of the proceeds of the 1950-1951 Miss Wagga Wagga Quest to the Wagga Wagga City Council Town Hall Fund which was later diverted to the Civic Theatre project.<sup>xvii</sup>

While Cam Robertson was the Chairman, the CAF contributed 'a straight out cash grant of £700 and an interest-free loan of £650 for a period up to two years (a total of £1350) to the Wagga Wagga City Council towards the cost of the construction of an extensive spectator embankment on the western, northern and north-eastern sides of the No 1 Football/Cricket Oval at Bolton Park and of the roofing of the grandstand and other improvements.<sup>xviii</sup> The work was completed by 1963.



*Left: Cam Robertson's Speech at the unveiling of the Commemorative Plaque to mark the start of the Wagga Wagga Civic Theatre Project by the Minister for Local Government and Highways, Pat D. Hills, April 1962. Source: Museum of the Riverina*

In May 1963 Cam Robertson was informed that Wagga Wagga City Council had unanimously passed a resolution to officially name No. 1 Oval at Bolton Park (one of the main sports fields in Wagga Wagga) as 'Robertson Oval'. According to the letter from Town Clerk W. R. Ellis:

This decision was made to suitably recognise the splendid voluntary service which you have rendered to this community over many years, particularly in your capacity as President and Committeeman of the Community Advancement Fund. The Council fully realises the part which you have played in assisting the Community Advancement Fund with arrangements for the annual Mardi Gras Festival, Miss Wagga Competition, the contribution to the City Hall Building Fund of over £5000, and the improvement effected at Bolton Park by the erection of the spectators' embankment, roofing of the Grandstand etc.<sup>xix</sup>

At the same time the concrete grandstand on the western side of Robertson Oval was named the John Hamill Stand after Jack Hamill, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce and Community and Advancement Fund from about 1944 until October 1964.

The following Mardi Gras conducted each year by the Community Advancement Fund was held at the Robertson Oval.<sup>xx</sup>



*Above: Robertson Oval gates during the Oval upgrade, 2012.  
The Daily Advertiser, 8 May 2012. Photo taken by Oscar Colman.*



*Above: Robertson Oval gates in more recent times.*

Robertson officially retired as President of the CAF on March 11, 1962.<sup>xxi</sup> The Vice-President M. Rava thanked him for his hard work and leadership and stated that the Chamber and the CAF owed a great debt of gratitude to him as he ‘always seemed to be the backbone of the CAF.’<sup>xxii</sup>

At the Chamber of Commerce’s annual dinner in 1967 Cam was again honoured, this time with a presentation from the President, R. A. Johnson, in recognition of more than twenty years association with the Chamber of Commerce and his association with the Community Advancement Fund since its inception.

Cam Robertson had many other diverse interests. He valued his Scottish background and helped preserve the Scottish tradition, being a member of the Heather Club (and served at least one term as President) and was involved in organising the Scottish balls. He actively supported the Home of Compassion and was a member of the Wagga Lions Club.

During the Second World War Cam Robertson was a member of the Police Reserve. In return for his services, in August 1948, he was presented with a small memento in the form of a ‘Police Friend’ badge which had been specially struck for the occasion. He was also interested in Australian Rules Football and served as a President of Wagga Tigers Australian Rules Football Club. He must have been thrilled when the Bolton Park No 1 Oval was named after him although it was because of his involvement in the CAF.

On 17 February, Cam was injured in a serious car accident. He had begun to recover but died suddenly at the Wagga Wagga Base Hospital on April 24, 1972 at the age of 74. The funeral service was held at St Andrew’s Presbyterian Church and he was buried Wagga Lawn Cemetery.

He had been an outstanding citizen of Wagga Wagga. He had established a very successful business and had only recently retired. He had played an active role in Bread Industry organisations in the 1940s, 1950s and 1960s and had organised the annual Bread, Flour and Wheat Conventions in Wagga Wagga from about 1946 to 1961. He had been actively associated with the Chamber of Commerce for twenty-four years and a tireless worker for the Community Advancement Fund and its Miss Wagga Wagga Quest.

As the Reverend MacKenzie Baird pointed out at his funeral, he was very generous and ‘although not a regular churchgoer he was everything the word Christian stands for’. He was survived by his wife Elsie, daughters Beverley (Mrs B. Garrand), Marjorie (Mrs J. Braid) and son, Ian and an adopted nephew, Donald. His son was deceased. He was also a grandfather of seven.<sup>xxiii</sup>

Despite his contribution to Wagga Wagga’s business and community life, only the Robertson Oval has been named after this generous quiet achiever.

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Patterson, Evelyn

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# RAHS 2023 Annual Conference



The conference is being held in the Mirage Room of the RSL Club on the weekend of Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> and Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2023.

## **Preconference Welcome**

The WWDHS will host a preconference Welcome in the Historic Council Chambers on the preceding Friday, the 20<sup>th</sup> October, commencing at 5:30pm and finishing at 7pm.

The society has organised catering – food and drinks – for some seventy guests.

The Museum of the Riverina and the Wagga Wagga City Council have been very supportive of the event, and we thank them sincerely for their contributions.

It would be very helpful if we had some volunteers to help with serving food and unpacking drinks, at the Welcome. If you can help for that one and a half hour period, please contact Geoff Burch [Mob. 0417 277 592].

