

Remembering ... Peter James Wright

Husband, partner, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, railway worker, national serviceman, former Molong resident

Local people will remember Peter Wright who was born, raised, schooled, and worked in the local area. He returned to Molong on many occasions to visit family and friends - his last homecoming to be buried close to his parents, Bertie and Alice Wright (formerly of the old inn on the corner of Peabody and Manildra Roads).

Peter attended St. Joseph's Convent School until he turned 15.

Like other young men in town, he headed to the shearing sheds and spent four years working as a shed hand. His number came out of the barrel in the 1960's which meant three months training in the National Service.

Returning home to Molong Peter took on a number of jobs until he joined the NSW Railways working as a Fetter, Signaller and truck driver.

His love of sport took him to the local rugby and rugby league fields with his brothers John and Allen where he was a member of teams who won well and gained premiership and team blazers along the way. He was member of a Manildra team who won the 1961 premiership.

He married Elizabeth Kilby of Molong on 12 December 1964 - a special day shared with his brother John and Elizabeth's sister Patricia as a double wedding.

The young couple moved into the railway house which once stood alongside the now closed Dubbo line and near the fettlers sheds where special motorised trikes and line building equipment was stored.

The young family then moved into one of the railway worker's cottages that once stood overlooking Watson Street and next to the old



Station Master's home.

Peter's time with the railways came to an end in 1989 when he injured his arm.

Daughter Tania recalls in his final years - Peter loved dancing, holidaying and meeting new people. "He met so many people that loved and cared for him.

"Family was important to Dad" said Tania who described her father at the funeral service at St. Lawrence O'Toole Church as a "caring, giving and loving man who loved nothing more than being with his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren."

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Molong Hospital seeks ideas

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We invite you to hear about the building progress and also to assist us with ideas to make the Molong MPS a more welcoming place, particularly for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

We welcome your ideas for art, language and signs, and other ways we can do things better. Two sessions are planned to provide an opportunity for everyone to attend.

Please drop in and see us on:

Date: Wednesday 1st March 2017

Place: Molong Central School, Phillip Street

Time: Between 3.30-6.00pm

or

Date: Thursday 2nd March 2017



Place: Molong HealthOne, Bank Street

Time: Between 8.30-11.00am

A light snack will be provided. Children most welcome to come along also.

Please call Kylie Neville on 0438 254 008 if you have any questions, or you would like to provide feedback if you're unable to drop into these sessions.

We look forward to hearing your ideas.

Biz in Molong - every little bit helps



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