

A toast to 10 of our finest

THE votes are counted and today we present the 10 people considered to have had the greatest impact on Albury-Wodonga over the past 100 years.

The Border Pioneers have been chosen by popular vote by Border Mail readers.

The list includes 11 names, with former Wodonga mayors Les and Pam Stone named jointly.

The naming of our pioneers has been a project of the Albury City Council which received a \$29,000 Federation Fund grant for the project.

The council's Mr Greg McLay yesterday said the public reaction had been overwhelming.

Mr McLay said hundreds of votes had been cast by readers and this had truly ensured the fi-

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nal selection was the view of the Albury-Wodonga community.

The federally based Centenary of Federation committee has praised the project for the high level of community involvement.

The second part of the project is to identify the top 10 landmarks to establish a heritage trail.

Votes are still rolling in for this, and the final 10 will be named next week.

The Border Pioneers are:

● Alf Waugh

In 1900, Mr Alf Waugh was a young butcher who had a shop located at the corner of Townsend and Smollett streets. Noted as a visionary of his time, he then served council from 1905-1948, 20 times as mayor.

During his term, he guided the construction of an ornate town hall, the acquisition of land for parks and a civic square, the supply of electricity and sewerage services.

During his terms as mayor, Mr Waugh was said to have portrayed honesty, humility and devotion to duty that has not since been matched;



● Gabe Farrah



● Les Stone



● Pam Stone



● Alf Waugh

● Les and Pamela Stone
Mr Les Stone, a teacher, was arguably Wodonga's finest mayor (1973-1974) who had a broader vision for developing Albury-Wodonga.

He also pioneered Good Neighbourhood relations with migrants and helped start the Wodonga Credit Union.

Pamela Stone was Wodonga's first woman mayor and was instrumental in bringing tertiary education to the Border;

● Dr Heather Bartram

Dr Heather Bartram was responsible for instigating the Border Hormone Clinic.

It was the only clinic of its type between Sydney and Melbourne and established the region as a leader in medical services for women.

Dr Bartram also worked as a representative on the prime minister's cabinet for women's health;



● Heather Bartram

● Mother Hugh
Mother Hugh (Miss Ina Berrell), the founder of the Mercy Hospital in 1945, planned the Poole St hospital and ran it until her death in 1966.

She was a woman of faith and foresight;

● Cleaver Bunton

In 1924, aged 22, Mr Cleaver Bunton was appointed secretary to the centenary celebrations and soon after was elected as an alderman of Albury.

He continued in this role for 45 years, 28 of which were as mayor.

His many other roles in the community included being a dedicated footballer and broadcaster.

An accountant, he and his wife Eileen devoted their lives to Albury;

● Margaret Court

Mrs Margaret Court is acknowledged as the greatest woman tennis player the world has known.



● Mother Hugh

Albury born, Mrs Court is now a minister of religion in Perth and it is more than 40 years since she won her first Australian Championship.

She won Wimbledon in 1963, 1965 and 1970;

● Hamilton Mott

The Border's most influential media player of the past 100 years, he co-founded The Border Morning Mail, later to become The Border Mail, in 1903.

He unashamedly used his power to promote the region. His family still owns the company;

● Dr Alan Hogan

Dr Alan Hogan was a Medical Corps Captain in New Guinea on the Kokoda Trail.

Upon returning to Australia, he set up his Albury practice in 1952.

He was appointed medical superintendent of the Albury Base Hospital until the late 1980s.

He founded the Blood



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Bank and hosted interns from university, many of whom stayed on and continued practising in the district;

● Gabriel Farrah

Mr Gabriel (Gabe) Farrah was a tireless worker for charity, particularly disadvantaged youth.

He was the driving force behind the Back to Reality Foundation, giving street kids a better life. Mr Farrah was also an astute businessman and an owner of champion racehorses, including a Japan Cup winner; and,

● Dr Cleaver Woods

Dr Cleaver Woods was a popular doctor who served the Albury community for more than 40 years about the turn of the century.

He pioneered the use of x-ray therapy as a means to treat cancer patients.

He was an elected alderman on council and served as Albury's mayor in 1894, 1911 and 1917.



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