



Apart from being interesting, history can at times be complicated. In 1825 John Threadgold arrived as a convict and in 1835 (after his release) he married Frances Lisk at the Court House at Bungonia. The Threadgolds had three children Agnes born 1836, Emma 1840 (did not marry) and Frances (Fanny) born 1843 who married William Henry Croker known as 'Timberlight Bill' Senior. John Blake arrived in Sydney aboard "James Laing" in 1834 having received 'transportation for Life' for sheep stealing in Ireland, upon John being conditionally pardoned his wife Mary and children (including Thomas the first born) arrived in 1847, John was by now working for W. Bradbury at Gundry.

John Blake had some misfortune in that he fell from a horse not long after his wife joined him, badly hitting his head and was declared insane and committed suicide in 1852. Frances Threadgold died and John Threadgold married Mary Blake on November 6th, 1855 at St Peter and Paul's, Goulburn. On the very same day and place Thomas Blake (son of John and Mary) married Agnes Threadgold (daughter of John and Frances). Fr. Lawrie Blake tells me that the two kids must have married first as if their parents had married first the law at that time would have

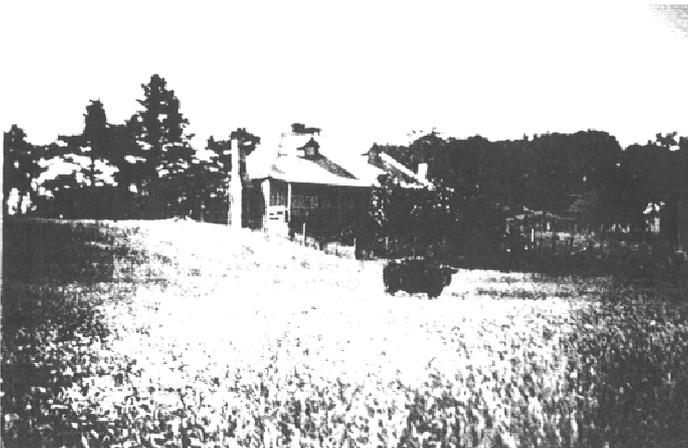
(Clarry) was at 'Brooklyn'. One of their daughters, Sarah, who didn't marry lived at 'Yarralaw' until she died in 1960.

My father leased the 'Yarralaw' property from the Blake Estate in 1950/51 and we moved there in January 1952 when I was almost five. That is when I first met Miss Sarah Blake, she would have been 82 at that time. As mentioned in the past Doug Roberts delivered the mail and the bread on Tuesdays and Saturdays, and as I got older I would ride my pushbike the 1¼miles (2km) to the mailbox and deliver Miss Blake's to her. The



biggest problem was that she had some turkeys including a gobbler (male) who for no good reason that I know of took an instant disliking to me and would give chase on sight (the gobbler could run/fly faster than I could run or peddle my bike if able to ride it

across the creek), I used to peep around corners to see where the turkeys were and go a different way if I was lucky. Miss Blake was a kind but 'very, very old' lady and she would always give a home made biscuit or two. Inside the house there was a stairway made from possibly cedar which led to an attic in the roof. I only ever went to one attic, but it appears that there were two or more attics from the picture, I think the one I went to was at the back of the house.. I only ever went through the back door as that is where Miss Blake was, I think she only lived in one or two rooms at the back of the house at this stage. There were quite a few fruit trees there in particular apple, pear, quince and fig that I can remember. The front verandah was almost covered in mauve wisteria. There was a peppercorn tree and a kurrajong tree near to the back of the house. Unfortunately the house was burned down during the 1965 bushfires.



prohibited them from marrying. Round about 1855 or shortly after it would appear the the original 'Yarralaw' homestead was built. As you would have been able to see if the picture was of better quality it is of slab construction. I have no idea if corrugated iron was available at this time or if maybe it originally had a bark roof which was later modernised. Thomas and Agnes had twelve children whilst at 'Yarralaw'. Of note Michael (Paddy) married Rose Muffett and resided at 'Rosevale' and is Fr. Lawrie Blake's grandfather. John married Alice Britton and William Lancelot (Lance) one of their sons lived across the Jacqua Creek near to Ken South's place I think Lance's property was called Tallwood. Joseph Blake married Sarah Muffet and their son Clarence



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SMALL FARMS FIELD DAY 2007

There was a buzz at our Field Day on Saturday 3rd November. It has been absent in recent years and we hope it is the beginning of greater things to come. The day was a financial success too, and much needed funds were raised to continue with the improvements at the hall and grounds.

The band, reptile awareness, children's activities, as well as a wonderful array of commercial sites, animals, craft displays and stalls, together with other inter-active presentations, ensured that all tastes were catered for.

Of course this doesn't just happen. A few people put in a lot of effort over many months of planning, and a lot of people helped on the day. Thank you one and all. We believe the effort was worth it, and hope to see, or hear from, all those who think they may be able to assist next year.

There are too many names of the volunteers to mention here, however, a special acknowledgment should be made of Cathy Meehan, who spent many hours co-ordinating the exhibitors, food and other activities. We would also like to thank Merv Cornish and Greg Knights for the long hours they spent at the hall making sure that it looked its best and that things ran smoothly. Their vehicles could find the way there blindfolded.

We shall be holding a final 2007 Field Day meeting before the end of the year (date to be advised). All members of the community are welcome to attend, particularly those with fresh ideas.

Again many thanks to all those who helped this year - we welcome all offers of assistance.

MISSING FROM FIELD DAY

Any information regarding the two sheep yard panels which walked from the Field Day would be greatly appreciated. These panels were loaned to us for the day and shall have to be replaced if they don't return from their travels.

Results from Small Farms Field Day

Raffle Winners

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|-----------------|-----------------|----------------------------------|
| 1 st | Judith Clarke | Landscape Painting |
| 2 nd | Meredith Norris | Woolworths Voucher |
| 3 rd | Hargan | Christmas Hamper |
| 4 th | Denzil Sturgess | Hamper Donated by Rovers Retreat |
| | | Andres Swegan |

Gate Prize

Exhibitors Awards

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PERMITS REQUIRED 1ST October 2007 – 31ST March 2008

Contact Lynton Roberts 4844 5118 for ALL permit requirements

NO PERMITS BEING ISSUED

(Because of current conditions)

**Change of meeting date - General Meeting,
1st December 2007, 12:00noon**

BUSH FIRE READINESS CHECKLIST

Is Your Property Prepared Against Bush Fire and Grass Fires?

- Ground fuels cleared around the house (long, dry grass, dead leaves and branches, thick undergrowth).
- Gutters cleared.
- Roofing firmly fixed (cleaned of dry leaf debris).
- Firebreaks prepared, (a well watered lawn can act as a firebreak).
- Screens or shutters installed and underfloor area enclosed, if possible.
- Vents into roof space screened with fine wire mesh.
- Flammable items removed from around the house, (eg. woodpile, and obvious flammable materials such as paper, boxes, crates, hanging baskets, wooden garden furniture etc.).
- LPG gas tanks vented away from house. Fire Brigade telephone number placed near the phone.

Do you have sufficient Water Supplies and Fire Fighting Equipment?

- Hoses long enough to reach all sides of house, attached to taps.
- Heavy duty hoses with wide-spray nozzles, if possible.
- Reserve water supplies from tank, dam, or swimming pool, if possible, since mains water will be in high demand. Try to store water during winter months.
- Gate valve fitted to water tank. (a 38mm Storz coupling will assist the Bush Fire Brigade).
- Have gate valve to fit portable pump as well.
- Regularly check petrol or diesel portable pump, if you have one, to ensure it starts easily.
- Install a sprinkler system in your garden and on roofing, if affordable.
- Gather buckets (preferably metal), mops, spray backpack units, ladders rakes and shovels in one place for ready access during a fire.
- Battery operated radio and torches in case of electricity failure.

Personal Protection

Plan for the safety of all family members: special plans need to be made for young children, elderly persons, disabled persons and those unable to handle the trauma of bush fire.

If you intent to evacuate any members of the family, plan well ahead of time where to stay, how to make the decision to leave, and how to travel, (remember, leave well before the fire front arrives).

For those who remain, ensure each has suitable clothing, including sturdy leather footwear, long pants and long sleeved shirt or jumper, (wool offers the best protection from sparks and cinders), a broad brimmed hat, goggles for eye protection,

handkerchiefs to tie over nose and mouth, wet towels to drape over neck, and bottles for water.

If ordered by the police to evacuate you must comply.

What to do when fire approaches

- Listen to the radio for news of the fire's progress, rather than calling emergency services for information.
- Dress in protective clothing, drink water frequently.
- Wet-down roof, house and garden, especially on the side of the approaching fire. Turn on sprinkler system, if you have one.
- Stop down pipes, fill gutters with water.
- As the fire approaches, go inside and remain inside until the fire has passed.
- Fill baths sinks and buckets with water.
- Place wet towels and blankets against gaps under doors and windows.
- Close heavy curtains, close shutters, if you have them.
- After the fire has passed and for several hours after the fire front has passed, patrol your property and put out sport fires started by flying embers.

DURING THE FIRE SEASON

Where possible the use of movers should be restricted, avoid using mower during the heat of day. There are a number of precautions, which must be taken during the fire season, in particular when there is an extreme fire danger or total fire ban. The following should be avoided:-

- * Driving vehicles in long dry grass – because of hot exhaust systems.
- * Do not park vehicles in long dry grass– because of hot exhaust systems.
- * Avoid the use of slashers/ mowers, angle grinders, welding equipment etc.
- * Don't drop or throw down any lit cigarette, match or anything burning.
- * No barbecues or campfires during a total fire ban.

Training

The Brigade will be running the following training courses next year. For additional information or enquiries contact the Captain Lynton Roberts on 4844 5118.

January Saturday 19th – Motor Vehicle Accident

February Saturday 23rd – Village fire threat activity

March Saturday 22nd – Navigation/Map Reading GPS

Change of meeting date

General Meeting 1st December 2007, 12:00noon

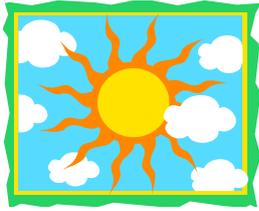
General Meeting 19th January 2008

Training - Motor Vehicle Accident - 19th January 2008

The Brigade would like to thank all those who have helped us over the last 12 months. We wish everyone a safe and Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Till then **please drive carefully** and take care, see you all at the next meeting. **All welcome.**

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Windellama P&C Association

December is prize-giving time for the P&C

November's fundraising activities at the Field Day and the Country Fair were resounding successes. The children's area at the Field Days had a constant flow of visitors and seemed to appeal to young and old alike. The cow pat lotto was extremely popular and everyone appreciated the cow getting down to business reasonably promptly. (A few people had expressed anxiety earlier in the day that it may take some hours for the end result to appear). The Country Fair was hot and those in the kitchen battled flies for much of the day, but again, the children enjoyed themselves. This was largely due to a combination of the organised activities and the water pistols that a few sensible stall holders were selling!

It was great to see so many from the school participating in general community events, and likewise, the support from the broader community was outstanding. Many thanks to everyone who helped staff the children's activities, provided animals, baked cakes and slices, barbequed or served food over these couple of weekends. It made for a busy first half of November, but everyone seemed to have fun – particularly the children.

Funds raised from these activities all go to a good cause, forming part of the money spent by the P&C on books and prizes for the school's upcoming presentation night on Monday 17 December. It should be a great night with entertainment and a play provided by the students. Remember, everyone is welcome and we hope to see you there.



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WINDELLAMA CUP

The Windellama Cup this year was very exciting. There were lots of entries in the three races. There were insects, frogs and snails for all the events. The children all wore their 'racing colours' for the day. Parents also came along to join in the fun.

The winners were: Allan with a wood beetle; Lachlan with a very fast frog; and Lanais with "Greenie" won the gold Windellama Cup trophy.

Cheer Squad



The Winners

WINDELLAMA FIELD DAY & COUNTRY FAIR

The P & C worked at both of these community events. Thank you to everyone who helped and everyone who supported the school.

The children entered a lot of things into the Country Fair this year. They had fruit and vegetable people, flower arrangements in a jar and decorated arrowroot biscuits. Some children also put entries into other areas. There were quite a few winners. The children also performed some circus items to entertain the people.



Decorating biscuits is fun!

The biscuits were very colourful. Everyone wanted to eat them.



ORIENTATION FOR KINDERGARTEN 2008

The Orientation Program is now complete. We are all looking forward to next year when the children start school.

The first day will be on Wednesday 30th January.

The children will also receive a special invitation to Presentation Night.



PRESENTATION NIGHT – MONDAY 17TH DECEMBER AT 6.00PM

This is our special night for the year.

There will be entertainment by the children. All of the children receive a book award and some children receive other special awards. There will also be a visit from Santa.

Everyone is welcome to join us.

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Season's Greetings to all Members and all Folks in the District and beyond.

Landcare will hold their next 'big day' sometime in January 2008 with fencing at the Travelling Stock Route in Sandy Point Rd, AGM, and a few belated Christmas and New Year Cheers. All Members will receive a letter with the decided date and arrangements. (I believe some "Members" did not pay last year's \$5.00 fee?) Please note that 2008 fee will be due at the AGM. I reckon everyone gets full value for their \$5.00 and would be grateful if you could pay at the AGM.

A big thankyou to Members who have been doing all the work at the HALL and maintaining the watering and mowing of the new GRASS!! Wonderful.

A big thankyou also to Denise and Gary for the excellent job they have carried out producing the WINDELLAMA NEWS and best wishes to Gayle Stanton who is taking on this big task every alternate month . Thankyou.

Have a Happy Christmas, stay safe, you are all very precious and cannot be replaced.

Sec. Shirl.

Windellama SES First Aid

By Graeme McFarlane

A very busy November for the first aid team with the field day , country fair and two trips to Pauline Fathers. On our last visit to the Monastery we had a very pleasant day with only one major incident right on home time which was handled with the professionalism we've come to expect - well done to all involved.

On the 8th we had the opportunity to attend a training day with the ambulance and the town fire brigade, it was a great opportunity for us to observe and participate with the professionals; it was a very interesting day for all who attended. Our thanks to the Ambulance Officers who arranged the day

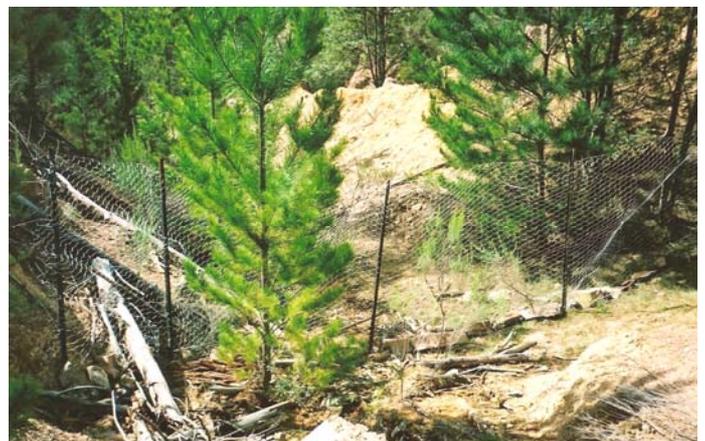
Til next time stay safe.



On Saturday October 27, work commenced on the second stage of the Riparian Work at the Corang River Bridge on the Nerriga to Braidwood Road. Armed with chainsaws and gloves and heaps of energy, members of the Nerriga Landcare Group cleared away many radiata pine trees. Clearing will continue until after Christmas.

Alan Martin kindly donated his tip truck to take away the cut up trees to Hopwood Park where they are being used to commence filling in a "grand canyon" style erosion on Helen Rolland's property. Work on this part of the project started on the following Sunday morning.

The Nerriga Landcare Group sends best wishes to all for the Festive Season and a happy and wet (?) 2008.



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How long: Face to face: one year

Flexible: Two to three years

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Delivery: Flexible delivery

How long: One year

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How long: One semester

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2) Conservation & Land Management (Natural Area Restoration and Management) Certificate III (3496) Goulburn

You will learn how to identify weeds, native plants and, restore and maintain natural forest, woodland and grassland areas.

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Delivery: Face to face or Flexible delivery

How long: One year

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