



Mountain of Gold Near the Fish River, a romantic story

*Taken from the Goulburn Post 30/8/1921
courtesy of Maree Elliott*

Here is the story of a mountain of gold waiting perdu in the unexplored bush around the Fish River for some bold prospector with enterprise and courage.

On the night of June 6 1864, a pioneer named Alexander Cunningham who had settled on the Fish River, 50 miles or so below the township of Gunning, was aroused by a hammering at his hut door. Grabbing his muzzle-loading gun, he threw open the shutter window and peered out into the gloom. "Who's there?" he shouted. "For mercy's sake open the door and let me in. I'm about finished," came the reply from someone evidently in pain. Cunningham drew back the bolt and found a man lying on the ground, unable to rise.

Striking a match, he lit a 'slush' lamp, and then, getting hold of the stranger, pulled him inside the hut and fastened the door. He placed the man on the rough bed which he had just vacated, and asked him what was the matter. Getting no answer, he brought the lamp closer and found that the stranger had fainted. He thrust a bottle between his lips and forced some rum down the man's throat. He was rewarded, for soon the stranger opened his eyes and moaned. After a while he managed to tell Cunningham that he had been speared by the Lachlan blacks two days before, but had succeeded in escaping.

Cunningham turned him over and found that the poor fellow's clothes were sticking to his back with congealed blood. He cut away his shirt, and, getting warm water, washed the blood away from the wound, from which there was sticking out fully half an inch of broken spear. He succeeded in extracting the head of the spear; but it opened the wound afresh and caused the stranger to lose a large quantity of blood. Two days later he died, and Cunningham buried him at the foot of a big blue gum, which stands today.

Before he died, however, the stranger related that he had been gold seeking with a mate down below Cowra, but doing no good, they had decided to make their way up the Lachlan. They had been camped about a month at the junction of the Fish River and the Abercrombie, when the blacks swooped down on them. His mate had fallen riddled with spears, while he himself was wounded. He grabbed the gun, shot a couple of

blacks, and then, plunging into the bush, made his escape. But the blacks were on his trail and all the first day he could hear them moving in and out the gullies. Eventually he crawled into a cave, which he found through seeing a rock wallaby disappear, seemingly into a rock.

All that day he lay there until sunset, when he crossed the Fish River and stumbled onto Cunningham's hut, carrying in his hand a strong "gunny bag".

An hour before he died he asked Cunningham for the bag, and untying it, he displayed 12 nuggets of virgin gold, the heaviest weighing 29oz. He informed Cunningham that he and his mate had found a pocket in a gully, and had 'won' about 600oz. in a week without sinking a foot in the soil, and that there was plenty more there, also that he believed they had struck a "great mother lode" two miles north-east of where they had found the alluvial, and to use the words of the stranger, there was a veritable "mountain of gold" to be got for the taking.

It was fully six months before Cunningham got the news through to the police, and when Trooper Monkton was sent to investigate the affair, he and Cunningham rose over and found the skeleton of the stranger's mate, but could succeed only in finding a small nugget of gold near the remains.

Twenty years later, when the Frogmoor Copper Mines were discovered, Cunningham persuaded a couple of miners to go with him and try to find the spot where the stranger told him the gold was to be obtained. But after three weeks roaming and prospecting they gave it up, though they found payable "dirt" in several places. But they didn't want "payable dirt" – they wanted golden nuggets.

From the day to the present no prospecting has been done there. Today the Abercrombie River is just the same as it was 57 years ago. Miles and miles of country still remain a virgin forest, a regular sanctuary for all the animals indigenous to our state. Wild brumbies with long manes and tails streaming in the wind can be seen galloping down the mountain sides when disturbed by the presence of man.

So today there still remains the chance for a gambler to win a fortune. He would need to fit out a small expedition of experienced miners (say four) for three months and seek the golden vein. The outside cost would be £250.

Be a big hit this Summer.

No matter how you BBQ, your local BBQ gurus can help you make the most of your experience...

SAVE \$100



DOWNUNDER 4 ON CART
An eye-catching barbeque with an enclosed cart for handy storage. Flame thrower ignition, vitreous enamelled roasting hood, cast iron cooktop and burners.

Only
\$448

SAVE \$100



BEEFMASTER PREMIUM 4 ON CART WITH SIDE BURNER
A combination of style and performance that includes a 3 year firebox warranty.

Only
\$699

SAVE \$100



CORDON BLEU 4 ON DELUXE CART WITH SIDE BURNER
If you are after a super strong and super stylish barbeque the Cordon Bleu 4 burner will have you cooking up a storm.

Only
\$999

SAVE \$100



TURBO CLASSIC 4 ON CART
Its design has stood the test of time thanks to the high performance vitreous enamel finish that doesn't rust, is easy to clean and highly durable.

Only
\$1299

SAVE \$100



PALMA 7 PIECE DINING SETTING
Also available in 9 piece rectangle or square setting - \$699

Only
\$399

SAVE \$100



RENO 7 PIECE DINING SETTING
Also available 9 piece setting - \$899

Only
\$599

COME IN AND SEE US FOR A WIDE RANGE OF BBQs AND OUTDOOR FURNITURE.

Barbeques Galore Goulburn - Open 5½ days
388 Auburn Street, Goulburn. Ph: 4821 1252
www.barbequesgalore.com.au

**BARBEQUES
GALORE**

How do you BBQ?

Not valid in conjunction with any other offer. Products may vary from those shown. Accessories where pictured are not included.
All products are available at advertised prices until Sunday 4th November 2007 at the Goulburn store only while stocks last. BBQ_7796

**WINDELLAMA
PROGRESS ASSOC.
HALL Inc.**



Following a couple of very hectic months before Christmas, activity at the Hall has been limited to the monthly markets and the Landcare AGM which was relocated there due to wet weather.

The Just Trivia challenge is being held on Saturday 9th February and there is still room for more teams. Start time is 7.30 p.m. first prize is \$100 and a great evening is anticipated. Please phone Frances (4944 5157) or Cathy (4844 5554) to book.

Goulburn Mulwaree Council is holding a public meeting at Windellama on Thursday 13th March, commencing 5.30 p.m. All members of the community are invited, and urged, to attend. Light refreshments will be served.

The next Progress Association meeting will be held on Tuesday 19th February 2008, at 7.30 p.m.

Frances Knights - Secretary

**Fees for Hire of Hall
or Supper Room
at Windellama Hall**

*HALL	ALL DAY	\$200
	DAY 4hrs or less	\$100
	EVENING/NIGHT**	\$200

*Includes Supper Room & Kitchen

** \$2 per hour for heating

<u>SUPPER ROOM</u>	(Includes Kitchen)
ALL DAY	\$80
DAY 4hrs or less	\$40
EVENING/ NIGHT	\$100

Use of the premises prior to your booked function will incur a surcharge of Supper Room Fee

**To Book please ring W. P. A. Secretary,
Frances Knights on 4844 5157**

JUST TRIVIA

Join us for another seriously trivial evening of fun and entertainment at



WINDELLAMA HALL

on

**Saturday 9th February
at 7.30 p.m.**



with a team of up to eight

FIRST PRIZE \$100



**Tickets \$5 (children under 16 free)
B.Y.O drinks & nibbles
Tea & coffee will be available**

**Proudly sponsored by
Windellama Progress Assoc &
PDQ Label Printing Co.**

Goulburn Off Road Carts

www.offroadcarts.com.au

150cc Twister - Twin Seat

(UM 150 I.I. Hammerhead)

(250cc and 650cc models also available)

**2008 MODEL
JUST ARRIVED**

**DON'T MISS OUT PLACE
YOUR ORDER NOW!**

**ONLY
\$3630**

**This Months
Special!**



**FREE
DELIVERY**

Features

Safety, stability and quality
Front and rear lights, plus indicators
Front and rear disc brakes 4 point harness seatbelts
Seats 2 adults Comfortable bucket seats (adjustable)
All terrain tyres Parking brake Goes all day on 7 litre fuel tank 4 coil suspension (adjustable)
Automatic chain driven CVT with reverse
Towbar & mudguards Quiet 150cc, 4 stroke electric start
Twin horns & 12 volt outlet
Large carry rack fits hay bale
Sales, parts and service 7 days Lay buy plan available

17 97 409

GENERATORS

- 10kVA
- 1500rpm
- 3 Cylinder Silent Diesel
- Engineered with Heavy Duty Australian Filters

FREE DELIVERY

**SPECIAL
\$5500**



**OPEN
7 DAYS**

ENQUIRIES AND SALES - PHIL BONSER

565 Mt Baw Baw Rd, Goulburn NSW 2580

Mobile 0419 694 148 - Ph (02) 4821 0397



WINDELLAMA VOLUNTEER RURAL FIRE BRIGADE



Report all Fires 000

Brigade enquiries 4844 5359

Yass - 6226 3100

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)

WOW, what great rain we have had recently, some getting more than others, it's so nice to see some green on the ground. But we certainly still need to keep a watch out when there are lightning strikes around. **Remember**, even after the storm has passed fire can smolder for a while before taking hold. **If you notice smoke** please contact us as early as possible on **4844 5359**.

DURING THE FIRE SEASON

Where possible the use of mowers 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 next Brigade training will be held on 23rd February at 1:00pm, this training session will be on grass fires, so come along. The Brigade will be running an accredited **Basic Firefighting** course in **May**, be sure to put your name down early. The Brigade is expecting to run a **Chain Saw course** possibly later in the year. This course will be available to all Brigade members. For additional information or enquiries on any of the above courses and training contact the Captain Lynton Roberts on 4844 5118.

Brigade Auction April 19th

In addition to the auction, the Brigade will have craft stalls selling all sorts of home made goods. So if you have a craft or hobby and would like to sell those items which you make, (remember Mothers' Day will soon be here) stall sites are available by contacting Cathy Meehan on 4844 5554.

Once again the Brigade will be holding a raffle, if you can assist by selling a book or two of tickets to your friends or workmates for the Brigade, please contact Rex Hockey on 4844 5147. The day starts at 7.00am. Auction items are to be booked in by 9.00am, with the auction commencing at 10.00am.

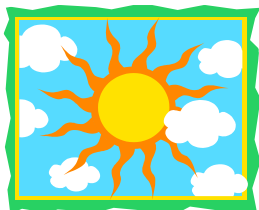
If you can assist us by helping out in the kitchen area even only for a short time, we will be running a roster system **so you will get a break** please contact Cathy Meehan on 4844 5554.

General Meeting	23 rd February 2008 12:00noon
General Meeting	15th March 2008 12:00noon
Training – Grass fires	23 rd February, 1:00pm

Till next time **please drive carefully** and take care, see you all at the next meeting. **All welcome.**

SOLAR POWERED SOLUTIONS

(S.E.I.A.A. accredited)



**Custom Design , Supply & Installation
of Renewable Energy Systems**



Power Systems — Solar — Wind — Hydro

Free Installation on Systems

- * Solar Pumping
- * Pressure pumps
- * Vestfrost Refrigerators & Freezers
- * Daken electric fence
- * Advanced/ Honda Generators all sizes
- * Bushman Water Tanks
- * Solarhart Hotwater (rebate available)

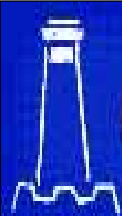
Shop 139 Wallace St Braidwood

Ph 4842 1333

Mobile 0429 319 068

Email: Edwards.L@bigpond.com

Yes we handle all rebates on Solar Panels



Goulburn Internet

Internet Service Provider

127 AUBURN STREET, GOULBURN

(Next door to Video Ezy)

Local call dialup access Australia wide

aDSL Broadband Office Services

High Speed internet access & Wifi Hotspot

Friendly, expert advice and support

Call **0500 522 400**

<http://www.goulburn.net.au>

info@goulburn.net.au



4 THINGS YOU PROBABLY NEVER KNEW YOUR MOBILE PHONE COULD DO



There are a few things that can be done in times of grave emergencies. Your mobile phone can actually be a life saver or an emergency tool for survival. Check out the things that you can do with it:

Emergency

The Emergency Number worldwide for Mobile is 112. If you find yourself out of the coverage area of your mobile; network and there is an emergency, dial 112 and the mobile will search any existing network to establish the emergency number for you, and interestingly this number 112 can be dialed even if the keypad is locked. Try it out.

Have you locked your keys in the car?

Does your car have remote keyless entry? This may come in handy someday. Good reason to own a cell phone:

If you lock your keys in the car and the spare keys are at home, call someone at home on their mobile phone from your cell phone.

Hold your cell phone about a foot from your car door and have the person at your home press the unlock button, holding it near the mobile phone on their end. Your car will unlock. Saves someone from having to drive your keys to you. Distance is no object. You could be hundreds of miles away, and if you can reach someone who has the other "remote" for your car, you can unlock the doors (or the trunk).

Hidden Battery Power

Imagine your mobile battery is very low. To activate, press the keys *3370# Your mobile will restart with this reserve and the instrument will show a 50% increase in battery. This reserve will get charged when you charge your mobile next time.

How to disable a STOLEN mobile phone?

To check your Mobile phone's serial number, key in the following digits on your phone:
* # 0 6 #

A 15 digit code will appear on the screen. This number is unique to your handset. Write it down and keep it somewhere safe. When your phone get stolen, you can phone your service provider and give them this code. They will then be able to block your handset so even if the thief changes the SIM card, your phone will be totally useless. You probably won't get your phone back, but at least you know that whoever stole it can't use/sell it either. If everybody does this, there would be no point in people stealing mobile phones.

Coming Events...

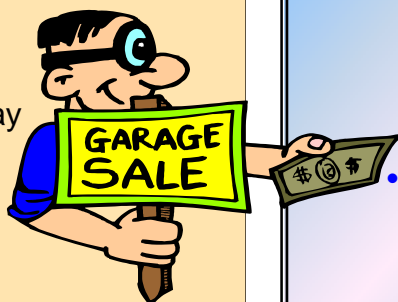
All at Windellama unless otherwise advised.

March

9th Chemical drum collection at Tarago
13th Council Forum at Hall
14 - 27th Sydney Royal Easter Show
15th Fire Brigade Meeting
16th Hall Country Markets

April

19th Fire Brigade Auction Day
25th ANZAC Day



Windellama Hall Country Markets

Community Garage Sale

10am to 2pm

Sunday 17th February

- Lots of Bargains!
- Stalls Inside & Outside
- Food & drink available
- Meet up with friends
- Visit the Museum

PLUMBING

LICENCE No 13038

WAYNE OLIVE

TARAGO

PHONE **4849 4667**



ALL TYPES OF PLUMBING

NO JOB TOO SMALL

24 HOURS - 7 DAYS

Now supplying Water Tanks and Pumps

Pensioner Discount



Countrywide Shower Screens

Mick Greenwood
0427 494 220

Fax: 02 4849 4220

Email: mickgreenwood@primus.com.au

ABN 11 822 772 856

Shower Screens (framed & frameless)

Mirror Robes ~ Mirrors

Toughened Glass Specialist

Free Measure and Quote

**GOULBURN
AND RURAL**



**PRODUCE
SUPPLIES**

GILMOUR STATION PTY LTD T/A
A.C.N. 001-792-632

149-159 SLOANE STREET, GOULBURN, N.S.W. 2580
PHONE (048) 21 3655, 21 3616. FAX (048) 21 8852

**Goulburn Produce & Rural Supplies – Your
Leading Rural Outlet for:**

POLY PIPE – IRRIGATION – PUMPS

SPRAYERS – ANIMAL HEALTH

WEED KILLERS

POOL CHEMICALS

SOFT AND HARDWOOD TIMBERS CHAIN

SAWS – MOWERS

BRUSH CUTTERS – DOG FOOD

GRASS SEEDS – SUPERPHOSPHATE

DYNAMIC LIFTER

BUILDING AND PLUMBING SUPPLIES

R M WILLIAMS BOOTS – CLOTHING

GENERAL WORK CLOTHING

BOOTS – RUBBER BOOTS

True Value



HARDWARE

149-149 SLOANE STREET, GOULBURN,

PHONE (02) 4821 3655

FAX: (02) 4821 8852

**GOULBURN PRODUCE &
RURAL SUPPLIES**

ONE STOP SHOPPING

**GOULBURN
AND RURAL**



**PRODUCE
SUPPLIES**

GILMOUR STATION PTY LTD T/A
A.C.N. 001-792-632

149-159 SLOANE STREET, GOULBURN, N.S.W. 2580
PHONE (048) 21 3655, 21 3616. FAX (048) 21 8852



Landcare Update



Seasons Greetings to All

The Group had to cancel its busy-bee on the 19th January due to wonderful wet weather. The work was to entail replacing the road fenceline along the Travelling Stock Route in Sandy Point Road. This will be carried out at a date to be notified.

The **Annual General Meeting** was held however, with a wonderful roll-up of over 30 people.

The following new Committee was Elected.

President:	Michael Ryan
Vice President :	Warren Yates
Secretary:	Sandra Greville
Assistant Sec:	Cathy Meehan
Treasurer:	Warren Yates
Publicity Officers:	Peter & Cynthia Hudson
Stores Manager:	Albert Stockford
Works Manager:	John Pearce
(Grounds Operations Director)	

Assistant Works Managers:

Lloyd Turner	Tony Greville
Merv Cornish	Peter Hudson
Jim Meehan	

Committee: All members are considered Committee who can be called on at any time.

President Michael Ryan welcomed two new families into our Group; Tony, Naomi & Chelsea Mitchell and Kevin & Ros Woods.

A healthy morning tea and lunch were provided with members bringing along special 'treats' to celebrate the New Year.

Best wishes to all and I quote:

" Education is simply the soul of a society as it passes from one generation to another" (G.K. Chesterton (1874-1936, English Writer)

Main Road 92 Upgrade, Nowra to Nerriga - December 2007 Update

Stage two construction

A \$22.5 million contract for the second stage of the upgrade between Nowra and Nerriga has been awarded to Nace Civil Engineering Pty Ltd to widen, realign and seal nine kilometres of the existing gravel road from 44 kilometres

west of Hames Road (from the Touga Road junction just east of the Bulee mountain area) to Nerriga.

This stage of the upgrade will improve the steep and narrow section from Bulee Gap to the Endrick River which includes the construction of:

- A new 60 metre long, four span concrete bridge near Bulee Gap.
- Several high retaining walls along the steeply graded Bulee Mountain section.

A large fauna underpass designed to allow koalas and other wildlife to cross the road safely just east of the Endrick River.

The site office for Stage two construction and future stages of the work has been established at Sassafras and clearing for construction of the eastern part of Stage 2 commenced in late November. Part of the work is through the western area of Morton National Park. It has remnants of the colonial heritage "Wool Road", together with several Indigenous heritage sites and threatened flora species that will be carefully preserved during construction.

For all enquiries concerning operational matters relating to construction activities please call the NACE Civil Engineering Pty Ltd site engineer, Clinton Woods on **0412 490 602**, or the project supervisor, Bob Meins on **0412 464 866**.

Other works in progress

Detailed design of the remaining 20 kilometre section of the upgrade, from Morton National Park to Billy's Hill is nearing completion in preparation for advertising the Stage three contract.

Changes to road conditions

Motorists are advised to drive carefully on the remaining sections of gravel road as the road conditions vary. Particular care should be taken in wet weather as unsealed sections of the road can become slippery and suitable only for 4WD vehicles.

For current road conditions visit www.rta.nsw.gov.au/trafficreports

PROPERTY MANAGEMENT PLANNING

Presented by Quality Rural Solutions – Jane Vincent & Assoc. and NSW Dept. Primary Industries with
Natural Resource Management trainer, Alison Elvin

Commencing in GOULBURN

Sunday, 17 February 2008, 9.30 am to 4.00 pm

With the 5 further days of the course and the locations to be decided by participants

Additional Courses are anticipated to run in Moss Vale, Lithgow and Windsor

**Do you wish to develop a cohesive Farm Management Plan
that aligns Land Use with Land Capability?**

Do you wish to improve Productivity in a Sustainable way?

You can achieve this by constructing a holistic and dynamic plan for your farm with both short and long-term goals. In constructing your Farm Plan, you will learn how to:

- Improve productivity in a sustainable manner
- Identify soil types and land classes
- Identify native vegetation species and communities
- Manage the water demands on your farm
- Decide where to run fences, stock and crops, rotational grazing
- Refine your priorities and timetables so you can realise your personal and financial goals
- Discuss holistic and natural sequence farming
- Many funding opportunities available after completion of this course
- a farm plan is an invaluable resource

Cost: \$350.00 (Incl. GST) / Farm Family (normally \$2,157.00)

Price includes comprehensive manual, map overlays and 4 Total Books,
including *Physical Property Planning* and *Vegetation Survey and Assessment*

**Subsidised by National Landcare Programme/ Hawkesbury Nepean CMA
& NSW Department of Primary Industries**

Numbers Limited.....for Bookings & Information for all locations

Contact: Maryke Archbold-Hession or Lex Myhill, NSW Department of Primary Industries

Phone: 4640 6333 or 0408 492039 Email: maryke.hession@dpi.nsw.gov.au
OR

Tiffany Royds, Program Coordinator, QRS – Jane Vincent & Assoc.

Phone: 4842 1225 Email: tsroyds@bigpond.com