

# FIRE MANAGEMENT PLAN

Every property owner living in a rural environment should give consideration to a fire management plan. Following are the details that should be addressed in a fire management plan, especially for landholders engaged in farm forestry practices. The Southern Tablelands Farm Forestry Network can assist private farm foresters to formulate these plans.

## Property Owner:

**Insurance Details:** (*Company, Amount of Cover*)

## Contact Details:

Local Bush Fire Brigade:  
Neighbours:  
State Emergency Service:  
Local Shire:  
Machinery and Equipment Owners:

## Property Description:

Name of Property:  
Location of Property: (*GPS Co-ordinates, Address, Shire*)  
Property Size:

## Description of Vegetation:

Grazing area:  
Area of Private Native Forest:  
(*Description of PNF, eg, regrowth, DSF etc.*)  
Area of Plantation: (*Include type of plantation and species*)

## Property Assets:

Structures: (*House, sheds, machinery*)  
Other fixed Assets: (*Fences*)  
Forest area: (*PNF, Plantations*)

## Roading: (*Identify on map or aerial photo*)

External Roads to Property:  
Internal class 1 Roads: (*Suitable for heavy tankers*)  
Internal class 2 Roads: (*Suitable for light tankers*)  
Internal class 3 Roads: (*4WD only*)  
Firebreaks: (*Not suitable for traffic*)

## Water Filling Points: (*Show location on map or aerial photo*)

Streams: (*Permanent or seasonal*)  
Dams: (*Capacity/size, accessibility*)  
Tanks: (*Capacity*)

## Location of High Risk Sources for Fire: (*Show on Map or Aerial Photo*)

Roads:  
Railways:  
Recreation Areas:

Lightning Prone Areas:  
Other: (*Identify*)

## Fuel Mitigation Activities: (*Show on map or Aerial Photo*)

Grazing: (*Stocking, target grass quantity*)  
Fuel Reduction Burning: (*Frequency, target fuel quantities*)  
Other Activities: (*Mowing*)

## Annual Works Programme: (*Show on map or aerial photo*)

Road Maintenance:  
Grazing:  
Fuel Reduction Burning:  
Water Point Maintenance:  
Insurance Revision:

## Annual Reporting and Recording:

Fuel Reduction Burning:  
Other Fuel Reduction Activities:  
Road and Track Maintenance:  
Other Activities:  
Changed Conditions: (*eg, Clearfelling of Plantation*)

## Revision of Fire Management Plan:

Date of Last Revision:  
Time Interval for Revision:

**NOTE: A copy of this plan should be lodged with the local Bush Fire Brigade.**

## Chocolate Self-Saucing Pudding

60g butter	1 ½ cups self-raising flour
½ cup caster sugar	¼ cup cocoa powder
¾ cup milk	1 tsp vanilla essence
1 cup brown sugar	1/3 cup cocoa powder, extra
2 cups boiling water	

1. Place butter in a pyrex pudding bowl; melt for 45 seconds on HIGH.
2. Stir in flour, sugar, cocoa, milk & vanilla. Beat until smooth.
3. Combine brown sugar and extra cocoa; sprinkle over pudding mixture.
4. Cook for 15-18 minutes on MEDIUM; allow to stand for 5 minutes before serving.
5. Serve hot with ice-cream.

Serves 4-6



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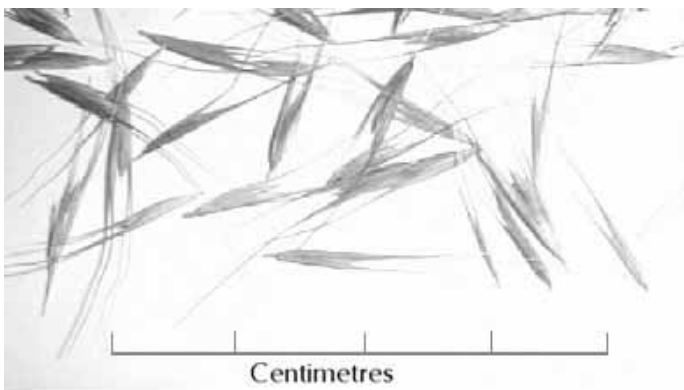
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## Weeping Grass (*Microlaena stipoides*)

This grass is better known by its botanical name of *Microlaena* than the common name of Weeping or Rice Grass. It's a very common species and occurs throughout much of Australia, New Zealand and parts of Asia, it is regarded as a native grass to Australia and is probably the most useful grass species we have and it's easy to find in Windellama at the moment as with all the summer rain it has run to seed.



**Microlaena Seed**

*Microlaena* is excellent high protein stock feed with protein yields around 22%, it responds to European farming methods, and makes a great drought and frost hardy lawn, it will even grow in either full sun or shade, and although it thrives on fertile soils it can still be found on the poorest hard packed clays. It's the first Australian grass that I know of that has had PBR (Plant Breeders Rights) granted, but I think the BEST *Microlaena* is found in the wild, as wild populations have the strength of genetic diversity.

Weeping Grass is easily recognised by its bright green colour, seeds with 2 awns (whiskers) one usually longer than the other, and seeding stems that often weep down touching the ground, these stems wrap around your boots and the seed often finds its way into your socks.

The seed itself is a very good grain, you can eat it straight off the plant and would be a good substitute for any food item that you might

choose to make out of rice or wheat, I do know of someone making beer out of *Microlaena* so what potential we have here in this plant !

## "Dell" the Koala

Unfortunately "Dell" had to be euthanased just before Christmas, he had been moved to the newly opened Koala hospital in Camden where he underwent surgery to repair his tear ducts that were damaged by the disease *Chlamydia* however it was not successful, his eyes were constantly becoming re-infected and he had also suffered other organ damage from the disease.

It turns out he was more like 10 to 12 years of age rather than 4 as was first thought so he was a good age for a male Koala, the Camden Koala hospital can be contacted on 02 9351 1798.



**Unidentified weed**

## Triffid?

This very large weed has appeared in our vegetable garden, it's now 2.2m (7' 3") tall, I've not identified it yet, does anyone know this one? It has large velvety leaves and small pea like flowers.





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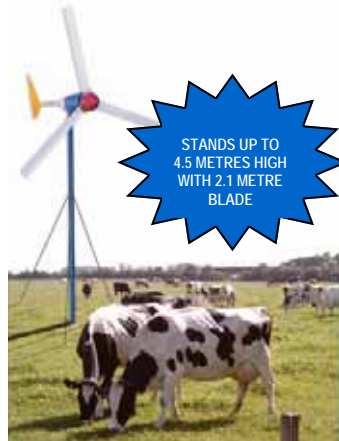
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## Weather Watch

**16th December to 15th January**



Adrook, Oallen Ford Road, Windellama	81.75 ml / 10 days
Timberlight, Oallen Ford Road, Oallen	63.8 ml / 12 days
Amaroo, Roberts Road, Windellama	95 ml / 9 days
Gar-den, Oallen Ford Rd, Windellama	102 ml / 12 days
Johnno's Corner, Oallen Ford Rd	86 ml / 7 days
Hollow Log, Willow Glen Rd, Tarago	88 ml / 8 days

Annual Rainfall	2006	2007
Johnno's Corner	407 ml	836 ml
Gar-den		825 ml
Amaroo	412 ml	844.5 ml
Adrook	421.25 ml	726 ml
Timberlight	468.6 ml	869.4 ml



## At Your Goulburn Library



### Women working for Australia

A major exhibition depicting the changing role of women in Australia and their contribution to Australia's Foreign Service and international diplomacy is on display in Goulburn Library. The exhibition commemorates the 30th anniversary of the 1975 International Year of Women and sets women's achievements against a backdrop of changing attitudes to gender equality.

Developed by the Department of Foreign Affairs, the exhibition includes photos, press clippings and official and personal correspondence depicting Australian women on the international stage (1920s), the Department's first female cadets (1940s), clerical staff (1920-1960s) and the first high-level female diplomatic appointments (1950-70s).

It is on from 11 January to 22 February during Library opening hours.

**Storytime** at the Goulburn Library commences on Tuesday, 29 January and Thursday 31 January. Storytime is aimed at parents/guardians with preschool aged children and takes place each Tuesday at 11:00am and is repeated on Thursday at 11:00am during each school term.

During Storytime children listen to a story, participate in a rhyme and sing some songs, a simple craft to take home finishes the session.

Storytime is an opportunity for adults and their child to spend time together, to borrow some great books every week and for children to practice fine motor skills including colouring in and cutting.

All children under school age are invited to Storytime but children aged 3 to 5 years will receive the most benefit.

Commencing Wednesday, February 13 the library will be conducting Rhyme Time sessions for parents/carers with young children up to 2 years of age. Rhyme Time, runs for 5 weeks and commences at 11:00am and finish by 11:30am. This popular programme of sharing books, rhymes, bouncing and songs will help ensure your child develops a life long love of literature.

Storytime and Rhymetime are free services offered by the Goulburn Library, bookings are

not required for either activity, just turn up by 11:00am.

### Local history every week @ Your Library

To start the New Year with a sizzle, Goulburn Branch Library is proud to announce a regular program of free, 1-hour introductory training sessions in the Regional History Room to be continued throughout 2008. Each Thursday from 10.30 am, you are invited to discover and explore our wide range of local & family history resources.

From Thursday 7 February, why not join our Summer Sizzlers Online History program? These four sessions investigate the use and application of our range of online family and local history resources. Learn how to effectively search Ancestry.com, the Internet History Resources database, and the Sydney Morning Herald newspaper archive. Find out about the Library's own online resources, including indexes to the Goulburn Post newspaper and the STRL photograph collection. Pick up some tips on how to search the Library's expanding selection of CD-ROM resources that are also accessible in the Regional History Room.

- Our Summer Sizzler program will begin with ...Thursday 7 Feb at 10.30am – Discover Ancestry.com
- Thursday 14 Feb at 10.30am – STRL Online Subscription Databases
- Thursday 21 Feb at 10.30am – CD-ROM resources in the Regional History Room
- Thursday 28 Feb at 10.30am – Online local history collections indexes

Escape the summer heat for a while - come in and join us! Cool down in the Library's air-conditioned comfort. Come to just one session only, or join us for all four! And at the end of each session, why not borrow a book, DVD or magazine to take home and enjoy at your leisure?

Places are limited, so bookings are essential. Contact the Library in person, phone us on 4823-4435, or email us at [strl@goulburn.nsw.gov.au](mailto:strl@goulburn.nsw.gov.au) to ensure your place for the *Summer Sizzlers Online History* sessions in the Regional History Room of Goulburn Branch Library.



## **DRAFT PLANNING DOCUMENTS ON DISPLAY UNTIL APRIL 2008**

**- Public comments sought -**

Mayor of Goulburn Mulwaree Paul Stephenson is encouraging residents and other stakeholders to comment on new draft planning documents set to guide future development in the area.

The Goulburn Mulwaree Strategy 2020, Draft Goulburn Mulwaree Local Environmental Plan 2007 and associated documents have been developed following extensive consultation with the State Government.

After being endorsed by the NSW Department of Planning, they will be on exhibition for public comment from 19 December 2007 until 11 April 2008. Nine community forums will also be held, where Council staff will be on hand to answer questions.

"As far as I am aware, this is the longest public exhibition period Council has ever provided," Cr Stephenson said.

"I can't stress enough how important it is that people take the time to thoroughly read and, if appropriate, comment on the documents or aspects of them. Some people may have positive feedback, while others will want to raise issues or concerns. After the exhibition of the draft plans, Council will review all submissions received and make individual recommendations regarding each. All submissions will be reviewed and thoroughly considered.

"These are extremely important documents for our community. The Strategy 2020 will guide future development in the area and the Draft Local Environmental Plan 2007 proposes to change land use across the Goulburn Mulwaree area. It is important that residents and other stakeholders know what they contain."

The documents now on public exhibition are:

- Goulburn Mulwaree Strategy 2020
- Draft Goulburn Mulwaree Local Environmental Plan 2007 (LEP)
- Draft Goulburn Mulwaree Development Control Plan 2007 (DCP)
- Draft Goulburn Mulwaree Section 94 Contribution Plan 2007

- Draft Goulburn Mulwaree Section 94A Contribution Plan 2007

A number of supporting documents are also available, including state, regional and local planning policies and instruments issued by the NSW Department of Planning. These documents substantially govern the content and operation of Council's draft planning documents and should therefore be taken into consideration by anyone making a submission.

In early 2008, Community Forums will be held to assist community members in reviewing the documents and provide opportunities for Council staff to answer questions.

The forums will be held from 6pm to 8.30pm at Marulan Community Hall on 31 January, **Tarago Community Hall on 7 February**, Goulburn Mulwaree Council Chambers on 12 February,

Goulburn Regional Art Gallery on 20 March, **Bungonia Community Hall on 14 February**, Tallong Community Hall on 21 February, Towrang Community Hall on 28 February, Parkesbourne Church Hall on 6 March and **Windellama Community Hall on 13 March**.

The draft plans and supporting documents are available from [www.goulburn.nsw.gov.au](http://www.goulburn.nsw.gov.au) and will be in display at a number of official and informal exhibition venues. Official exhibition venues are:

\* Goulburn Mulwaree Council Civic Centre, 184-194 Bourke St, Goulburn from 8am to 5pm Monday to Friday.

\* Goulburn Branch of the Southern Tablelands Regional Library, 184-194 Bourke St, Goulburn from 10am to 6pm Monday to Friday, 10am to 1pm Saturdays and 2pm to 5pm on Sundays.

\* Goulburn Regional Art Gallery, 184-194 Bourke St, Goulburn (entrance off Church Street) from 10am to 5pm Monday to Friday and 1pm to 4pm on Saturdays.

Informal exhibition venues are:

Marulan Post Office, 68 George St, Marulan.  
Johnno's Corner, Oallen Ford Rd, Bungonia.  
Tallong General Store, Caoura Rd, Tallong.  
Tarago Service Station, Braidwood Rd, Tarago.

**All submissions must be in writing  
(email accepted) and received by  
5pm on 11 April 2008.**

For more information or to discuss this project, call 4 8 2 3 4 4 0 8, email [strategy@goulburn.nsw.gov.au](mailto:strategy@goulburn.nsw.gov.au) or visit the planning and building menu at [www.goulburn.nsw.gov.au](http://www.goulburn.nsw.gov.au)



## **BRIEFS FROM COUNCIL MEETING 15 JANUARY 2008**

### **Australian Jazz Convention**

The 62<sup>nd</sup> Australian Jazz Convention held recently in Goulburn has been a success, with more than 700 musicians, delegates and visitors converging on the city. 740 paying participants registered for the Convention, with many choosing to stay for the full week from 26-31 December and further exploring the Goulburn region.

Many local businesses reported to organisers an increased trade during a usually quiet period, and many were complementary about the visitors.

### **Development Statistics**

Council received more than \$50 million in Development Applications (DAs) throughout 2007. During December alone, Council received 33 DAs to the value of \$19.3 million. The number of applications is four more than received for the same period last year and the value is \$13.5 million higher than in December 2006. Of the 33 applications received, 10 were for new dwellings ranging from \$60,000 to \$270,000 in value.

While the number of DAs received for 2007 were the same as the previous year, the value of the work was up by \$24 million, with a single application worth \$15m. Since 1 July 2007, Council has issued 597 Planning Certificates.

### **Marulan 'at grade' Intersection**

Council will consult with the Marulan community over access to the Hume Highway. The consultation will take place before any work is commenced on the Hume Highway/Portland Avenue intersection at Marulan.

### **Water storages**

At 30 December 2007, usable water storage for Goulburn was at 63.0%, including

- 40.6% at Pejar Dam
- 94.9% at Sooley Dam.

The daily average consumption for December was 6.31ML in Goulburn, which was below the allowable target for Level 3 restrictions of 7.8ML. Average daily water consumption in Marulan was 214.8kl. In December 105.2mm of rain was recorded at Goulburn Water Treatment Plant, with the city's total usable water storage now at 9814ML.

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## WHAT'S ON IN OUR AREA THIS MONTH

### AUSTRALIAN BLUES MUSIC FESTIVAL

The Australian Blues Music Festival is The National Festival of Australian Blues Music. It is held in a variety of venues throughout the historic Goulburn CBD on the second weekend of February every year.

The Festival showcases the very best of emerging and established blues acts from around Australia and features workshops with the artists, a weekend-long open mic, Youth in Blues Jam, buskers vintage guitar and amp shop, markets, industry 'meet and greet' forum, the Australian Blues Music 'Chain' Awards and the traditional end of Festival highlight - the All Star Pro Jam.

It is a friendly little festival with intimate performance spaces and plenty of opportunities to have a chat with your favourite artists. It's little wonder that the Australian Blues Music Festival in Goulburn, NSW is being talked about as "Australia's peak blues event" and "the top Australian blues venue". The Festival enjoys a very high patron loyalty rate of dedicated blues music enthusiasts and like them, once you've discovered Goulburn you'll mark February in your diary to come back every year!

2008 is set to sizzle with a great line-up announced of artists appearing in 2008 and great value Early Bird 3-Day Passes. Single day, Saturday night and Youth passes now available.

The full performance timetable is now available - see the Australian Blues Music Festival website for details.

Be sure to reserve 7-10 February 2008 in your diaries now (it's the 2nd weekend of February every year!). Arrive early if you can! The fun begins with first performance of the weekend starting at 11.30am on Thursday with Kate Meehan & Skip Landy.

### 2 February

Brian Fraser & Mick Reid LIVE at Lerida Estate Winery, Lake George, 12noon-3pm. Cellar door open 10am-5pm. Admission: free (tables reserved for visitors who order meals). Ph: 6295 6640

### 7-10 February

The Australian Blues Music Festival — The National Festival of Australian Blues Music, various venues around Goulburn. Weekend, single day and youth passes available. Ph: 1800 353 6463

### 9 February

Free entertainment and activities, including Blues performances in Rotunda, Belmore Park, 9am-3.45pm & 'Blues City Bazaar' (market stalls), Montague Street. Ph: 1800 353 646

### 8-9 February

'Firesong' — performance installation presented by the Lieder Theatre Company, Belmore Park, after dark. Ph: 4821 5066

### 9 February

Goulburn Rodeo Club — Annual Charity Rodeo, Goulburn Showground, from 2pm. Ph: 0414 932 373

### 9 & 10 February

130th Annual Crookwell AP&H Show, Crookwell Showground. Admission: adults \$10, pensioners \$5, children 10-16 yrs \$5, children under 12yrs free. Ph: 4832 0016

### 9 February

Tarago Show Society Supper Dance, Tarago Show Pavilion. Admission: adults \$25, children free. Ph: 4849 4256

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