

CALLS FOR NOMINATIONS FOR INTERNATIONAL WOMENS DAY

Member for Goulburn Pru Goward today called for nominations for the 2009 NSW Woman of the Year award.

Ms Goward has called on local residents to nominate a woman from the local community whom they feel has made important contributions towards to the growth of the community.

There are so many women whose contributions, successes and achievements encourage and inspire, Ms Goward said, "and honouring women for their contribution to our communities is an important way of building the confidence and pride of all women.

"Marking their contribution and acknowledging them as positive role models is a way of encouraging other women and girls.

"I know many women who deserve to be nominated and I'm sure there are many whose wonderful contributions are invaluable but about whom I don't know.

"Lots of people, both men and women, do amazing things to help others in many ways, and we can't know about them all," Ms Goward said.

"But, if you know a woman whose contribution and achievements should be recognise, please nominate them for the International Women's Day NSW Woman of the Year Award."

Nomination forms are available from the NSW Department of Premier and Cabinet, Office for Womens Policy website on www.women.nsw.gov.au.

10 finalists will be chosen and the NSW Woman of the Year will be announced at a reception hosted by the Premier on 5th March 2009.

EARTH HOUR 2009

Earth Hour 2009 was officially launched in Australia and around the world on 10th December and local Member of Parliament Pru Goward has urged everyone to think about how they can prepare for lights out in March 2009.

Ms Goward said Earth Hour is a great way to promote and learn about energy efficiency not only for one day but as a way of life. "Energy efficiency is a challenge for us all and we should all get into the habit of turning lights off when we leave a room, not leaving our appliances on stand-by and installing energy efficient light globes," Ms Goward said.

"Earth Hour is an amazing event organised by the World Wildlife Foundation (WWF) to make us aware of our energy use and how we can make a difference to climate change by changing our habits for the good of our planet.

Earth Hour is a symbolic event that encourages us to switch our lights off for an hour on **Saturday 28 March between 8.30pm and 9.30pm.**

"It's also throws down a challenge to us all to work out how we can reduce our consumption of energy on a daily basis."

Organised by the WWF, its estimated around 2.2 million Australians took part in the inaugural Earth Hour in 2007.

Up to 100 million people from 370 cities around the world were involved in 2008 with the aim of reaching a billion people next year.

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PRESENTATION NIGHT 2008

Presentation Night was a great night.

The weather was good to us for the night.

Thank you to everyone who came. It was good to see so many community members.

Thank you to the P & C for providing all the book awards and the performing arts stage (built by Danny McGaw).

Congratulations to all the children on all their awards and also for their wonderful performances throughout the night.

Windellama Public School has some very talented students!!!

Toby and Lanais did a great job as hosts. Good luck to them both for High School in 2009.



NEW PRINCIPAL AT WINDELLAMA

Following the formation of an interview panel and through the merit selection process a new Principal has been appointed.

The new Principal is Mr Tony McCartney.

He is looking forward to working with the students, staff, parents and community of Windellama.

2009

All the students will return to school on Wednesday 28th January.

I'm sure they will be keen and eager to come back to school. They will have lots of stories from the holidays.

I'm sure they will probably want to "check out" the new Principal!

Welcome to all the new Kindergarten students. This is the beginning of a new phase for the children and their families.



GET WELL SOON

... to Mrs Carey.

She had a fall on the last day of term, 2008

Julie has a badly broken ankle and will be on the recovery road for a little while.

UPCOMING EVENTS IN TERM 1

- * P & C Meeting – Monday 2nd February 2009, everyone is welcome.
- * Small Schools Swimming Carnival for all students – Friday 20th February
- * Goulburn District Swimming Carnival
- * Special Swimming Scheme for Years 2 – 6
- * Small Schools Athletics Carnival
- * Goulburn District Athletics Carnival



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Landcare Update



At the AGM in December a new committee was elected – our new President is Warren Yates – other new office bearers are:

Vice President – Mike Ryan
Treasurer – Judy Yates
Secretary – Sandra Greville
Grounds Operations Director – John Pearce
Assistant G.O.D – Doug Gurney
Catering Officers – Joy & John Darragh
Publicity Officers – Peter & Cynthia Hudson
Stores Manager – Albert Stockford

Members enjoyed a jolly evening at the Landcare Awards night and Christmas Party held at Braidwood on 12th December and with heaps of food and the one-man band (didgeridoo, guitar and singing).

John and Marian Pearce have taken over the responsibility of ordering and supply of pine trees from Merv and Shirley Cornish.

The dung beetle trial continues – two farms already have the busy little creatures at work, and more are being sought for the other two farms in the trial. The farms in the trial keep sheep, alpacas, cattle and goats.

The next Windellama Landcare GET TOGETHER will be at the Windellama Hall on SATURDAY 21 FEBRUARY beginning at 9.30 am for a cuppa and a 10.00 am start. This will be a PLANNING DAY.

Members are asked to bring along their ideas for future projects. Sky Kidd, Landcare Coordinator for the Upper Shoalhaven & Deua Catchments, will be coming to the meeting to give us some ideas and advice about projects and funding.

Morning tea and lunch will be provided – please let our new catering officers, Joy and John, or Sandra know if you will be coming so that we have enough tucker.

If time permits we will visit one of our previous Landcare projects on a property nearby in the afternoon – so, as it may be hot, please don't forget to bring along sun hats and sunscreen.

Willow Glen Road Gardeners

The February get together is at

**Cathy Meehan's
564 Willow Glen Road**

Tuesday 3rd February

10 am start

BYO Plate to share

**Guest Horticulturist, Rosalie
Carver, will be coming**

Bring some plants / cuttings / seeds
to share if you can.

NEWCOMERS ALL WELCOME

Any enquiries just ring
Warren Yates on 4844 5350

We all want to thank our retiring President, Michael Ryan, for his considerable efforts in recent years on behalf of Windellama Landcare. And thanks also to the tireless Cathy Meehan who has fed us so well over the years! Thank you, Cathy.

New members are more than welcome.

And a **BIG REMINDER –**

MEMBERSHIP FEES ARE NOW DUE! –
it is only \$5.00 per family!

Please send your membership fees to the Treasurer, Judy Yates, at

“Yarrabee”, 866 Willow Glen Road, Tarago, NSW 2580.

Craft Afternoons

Meet at Windellama Hall on Tuesday afternoons from 1pm to 4pm - All welcome.

There will be no craft afternoons on the first Tuesday of each month due to another meeting.

For more information contact Irene on 4844 5214.

PERMITS REQUIRED 1ST October 2008 – 31ST March 2009

**Contact Jim Meehan 4844 5554 or Lynton Roberts 4844 5118
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No Burning-Off without a permit

Southern Tablelands Zone Yass 6226 3100 Phone

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Information can also be found on the RFS website www.rfs.nsw.gov.au

and our very own website www.windellamarfs.com.au



**If you see SMOKE, and for ALL Fire Calls
contact Emergency 000,**

then Windellama Brigade on 4844 5359

Don't phone a Friend

If you notice smoke give us a call on the Brigade number, this number is manned 24hours by volunteers of the Brigade. **Valuable time** can be **saved** by using "000" and then the Brigade number.

Busy Time

Claypit Road area

Well we managed to have a quiet Christmas and New Year, but that was about all. On January 6th smoke was spotted in the Claypit Road area. Some calls were made to the Brigade number and others to Brigade members, this can cause a delay, as it is possible that there could be more than one fire for the Brigade to check out. This was a serious fire and without the quick support of Goulburn RFS who arranged immediate backup and resources, this would undoubtedly have been a lot worse.

The Brigades who attended were Bungonia, Big Hill, Taylor's Creek, Tarago, Middle Arm, Tarlo, Parkesbourne, Marulan & Mulwaree RAFT.

Additional Services that were called on were Group 4, Air Bombers, Spotter Aircraft, Upper Lachlan Bulk Tanker, Police and the Southern Tablelands Zone Personnel.

Our Brigade had approximately 26 members attending this incident both during the day and night, in addition to personnel on the fire ground, there were approximately 25 who assisted with catering, some making cakes and biscuits at home, as well as volunteers at the fire station preparing sandwiches, tea, coffee and other duties. Our Communications Officers voice was becoming fainter each day and deserved a well-earned rest from the radio





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Report all Fires 000 Brigade enquiries 4844 5359 Yass - 6226 3100

and phone afterwards. Often when an incident arises backup crews are required to relieve those on the fire ground or to keep an eye on the area afterwards, if you can help in any way as a backup please let Bev know that you are available, this will give someone else a rest and save Bev time in phoning around.

THANK YOU ALL – WE WERE EXTREMELY GRATEFUL

Oallen Ford Road – Shoalhaven River end

Once again on January 18th smoke was spotted near the Shoalhaven River, and crews attended. Thankfully this was much smaller.

Bush Fire Danger Season 1st October to 31st March

With the Bush Fire Danger Season due to begin on 1st October to 31st March there are precautions that must be taken. More information can be found by accessing the Rural Fire Service web site (www.rfs.nsw.gov.au). During the Bush Fire Danger Season, fires in the open air are restricted. This means that barbecues and campfires may only be used under certain conditions.

Total Fire Bans

Total Fire Bans are declared during the Bush Fire Danger Period and are notified to the public on radio and television, information can also be found on the Brigade web site www.windellamarfs.com.au. This means that no fire can be lit during this period. Remember if you fail to comply with the fire regulations, you can be fined up to \$5,500 or twelve months jail.

Lightning Strikes

Remember lightning strikes cause many problems in our area, so once again please be on the lookout for smoke rising after the storm has passed. Fire can still start days after the storm. If you notice smoke give us a call.

Laptop Presented to Brigade

The Windellama News presented a generous gift of the laptop computer to the Windellama Rural Fire Brigade at the Brigade meeting in November. This is very much appreciated and will be of valuable assistance to the Brigade. Your ongoing support is very welcome and greatly valued, thank you.



Training

Help yourself to be prepared and learn how to protect yourself and your property. The Brigade will be running an accredited **Basic Firefighting** courses this year, all participants **must be registered** with Firezone before taking part in the course, be sure to put your name down early. For additional information or enquiries on any courses and training, contact the Captain Jim Meehan on 4844 5554 or Wayne Back on 9792 5726.

The next training session is in February.

General Meeting

28th February 2009 7:00pm

Training - BBQ afterwards

28th February 2009 2:00pm – 6:00pm

Please drive carefully and take care, see you at the next training and meeting.

All welcome.

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Road 92 Update

December 2008 update

Stage two construction

A \$22.5 million contract for the second stage of the upgrade, comprising the nine kilometre section from 44 kilometres west of Hames Road (near the Touga Road junction just east of the Bulee mountain area at Billy's Hill) to the village of Nerriga, was awarded to Nace Civil Engineering Pty Ltd in July 2007.



This stage includes major improvements, widening, realigning and sealing to the existing steep and narrow section from Bulee Gap to the Endrick River. The major earthworks and drainage structures are progressing well and traffic is being progressively switched onto the new alignment. A 1km length of new pavement was sealed in December 2008 near Billy's Hill.

The fauna underpass east of Endrick River Bridge and several of the retaining walls are complete. Three spans of the concrete bridge deck of the new 60 metre, four span Bulee Bridge have now been poured.

The RTA is planning to close Main Road 92 in mid February near Bulee Gap between Endrick River and Touga Road. (Monday 23rd Feb 6am to Sunday 1st March 6pm) This essential closure is required to construct retaining walls on the steep and narrow western approach to the new Bulee Bridge site. The RTA is consulting with residents, business operators, emergency service providers and regular road users concerning the proposed closure. The closure will be widely advertised with extensive

signposting to inform stakeholders of the closure. For enquiries regarding the road closure, please contact the NACE Civil Engineering Pty Ltd site engineer, Clinton Woods on 0412 490 602.

The 5km section from the Endrick River to Nerriga village is well advanced and 2.5km of bitumen sealing was completed this month.

Construction of Stage 2 is expected to be completed in mid 2009.

For all enquiries concerning operational matters relating to construction activities for this stage, please call the site engineer, Clinton Woods on **0412 490 602**, or the project supervisor, Bob Meins on **0412 464 866**.

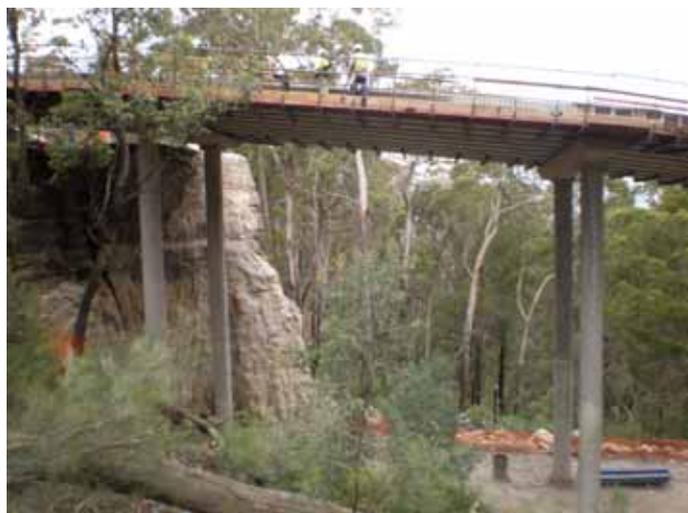
Stage three construction tendering

Tenders for upgrading and sealing the remaining 20 kilometre section from Tianjara to Billy's Hill closed on 27 August and are presently being assessed.

Changes to road conditions

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

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



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