

## Radiata Pine (*Pinus radiata*)

The most commonly planted exotic tree in Windellama would have to be Radiata Pine, originally named *Pinus insignis* or 'remarkable pine'.

Originally a native of Monterey in California this species has had a huge impact on forestry the world over. It will thrive in a considerable range of conditions, it is easily grown and provides larger yields of usable timber in a shorter time than many native species.

The timber is particularly useful, it can be easily sawn, peeled, or pulped, it holds nails well, turns nicely, can be easily stained, and when treated with preservatives, is suitable for long-life applications in the ground.

*Pinus radiata* is now a controversial species in the Australian landscape.

Yellow-Tailed Black Cockatoos have benefited from the seed always available in the cones however in some areas large tracts of native bush has been cleared to plant Radiata Pine and sometimes Cockatoos fly away with the seed cones and drop them in other places and so that feral pines become established there as a weed.

This species of tree is now starting to appear in government weed lists, this same government (or similar) that encouraged growing Radiata Pine not that long ago.



A very well managed stand of Radiata Pine with native grass understory near Tarago

I've seen some huge specimens near Nerriga that must be 120ft high, possibly 1800's plantings and when we first came to Windellama we grew some from seed and these are already 60 ft high.

We won't be planting anymore but as far as Radiata Pines for Windellama goes. It doesn't bother me much either way, if you like something plant it, if you don't then cut it down. Our home is framed with Radiata Pine so I guess I can't knock them too much.

Australian experts have recently been assessing the use of Radiata Pine for catchment restoration of large areas of the upper Yangtze in China. That is strange given the NSW Soil Conservation Service planted large areas of Windellama to Radiata Pine in the 1970's and would not consider this now as good environmental practice.

Love them or not they are here to stay in Windellama, there are Yellow-Tailed Cockatoos calling out from our pines as I write this.

### More on Big Cats

Thanks to those who contacted us with their big cat stories, it seems there have been quite a few others including one down Silverstream Road, another in the Shoalhaven Gorge and another near the school where we saw ours a few weeks ago.

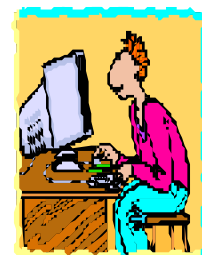
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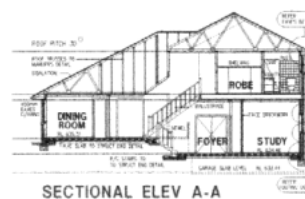
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## Main Road 92 Upgrade, Nowra to Nerriga

### Stage one construction

The first stage of the \$80 million upgrade of Main Road 92, comprising the 24 kilometre section from Hames Road westerly to Morton National Park, has been open to traffic since May 2007. Final bitumen sealing of this section was completed in March and the new line marking is now completed.

### 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. Construction commenced in November 2007, and is expected to be completed in the first half of 2009.

This stage involves widening, realigning and sealing the existing gravel road and includes major improvements to the steep and narrow section from Bulee Gap to the Endrick River where earthworks and retaining wall construction is progressing well.

The columns for new 60 metre long, four span concrete bridge near Bulee Gap are now well advanced. A large fauna underpass that will assist koalas and other native animals to cross under the road safely is also under construction east of the Endrick River Bridge.

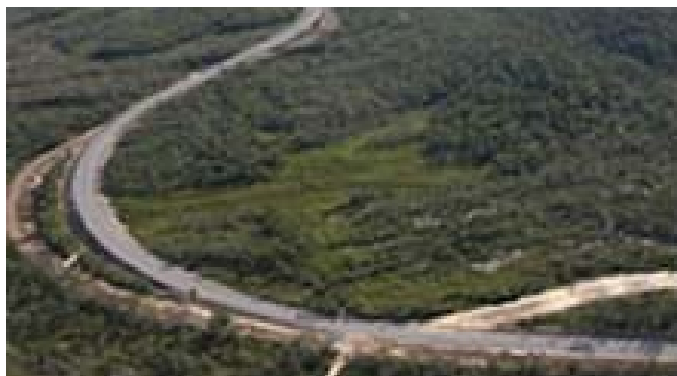
On the western side of the Endrick River drainage and earthworks construction commenced this month. This 5 km long section towards Nerriga village is through undulating open pasture land.

For all enquiries concerning operational matters relating to construction activities for this stage, 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.

### Stage three design and construction tendering

Detailed design for widening, realigning and sealing the remaining 20 kilometre section

from Morton National Park to Billy's Hill is complete. Contract documentation for this next stage of construction is being prepared and is currently scheduled to be invited later this year



Completed work near  
Morton National Park boundary

### 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 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](http://www.rta.nsw.gov.au/trafficreports)

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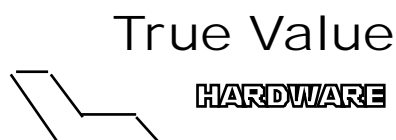
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## **BRIEFS FROM COUNCIL MEETING 20 MAY 2008**

### **Highlands Source Project**

Council considered an update on the Highlands Source Project, which involves a pipeline from Goulburn to Wingecarribee Reservoir.

They accepted the report and moved to continue with the project.

After the meeting Mayor Paul Stephenson said as far as Council was concerned, the Highlands Source Project was going ahead as planned.

"Our engineers and water services staff are proceeding with the Highlands Source Project and continue to focus their resources in developing it," Cr Stephenson said.

### **Art Gallery to purchase *The Lake***

The Goulburn Regional Art Gallery will soon add a bronze sculpture to their collection. *The Lake*, by well-known female artist GW Bot, will be purchased with funds from the Public Art reserve.

Comprising 37 bronze works, the work is a representation of fragments of a fence line and gate on Lake George with footprints walking through the open gate. The piece was created for the Gallery's *Footprints on the Lake* exhibition in 2006.

### **Development Application – Garden bed in Sowerby Rd**

Council has deferred the decision on a Development Application for a stone walled garden bed on Sowerby Rd. The matter will now be discussed at the next General Purposes meeting on June 3.

### **Development Application – Aircraft hangar at Gundry**

Council has approved the construction of a multi-storey steel clad aircraft hangar at the Goulburn Airport in Cummins Close, Gundry. The proposal will provide employment for 15 people and will be used to store and repair aircraft.

### **Belmore Park alcohol free**

The consumption of alcohol in Goulburn's Belmore Park will be banned after Council approved a report on Tuesday night. Existing signs will soon be modified to notify Park patrons.

### **Goulburn Airport sale**

Council has voted to sell the Goulburn Airport at auction. Council wants the Airport to remain operational as a CASA registered airport and will be putting in place Special Conditions in the Contract of Sale. Restrictive covenants will also be placed on the Airport title to support this use. In selling the Airport, Council's aim is to ensure that the Airport retains a prime focus as a regional transport hub and is capable of expansion to meet the needs of the region's growing economic sector.

### **Local produce markets receive approval**

Weekly produce markets in Goldsmith St will continue after a Development Application was approved at Tuesday night's Council meeting.

### **Regulatory report**

Council impounded 87 dogs in April, with 34 surrendered by their owners. Council rangers returned 35 of the impounded dogs to their owners. There were three reported dog attacks in Goulburn Mulwaree during April, and 13 cats were surrendered to Council.

Council's rangers issued 71 parking infringements in March and 38 Weed Control Notices.

### **Water Supply**

At 30 April, Goulburn's usable water storages stood at 56.7 per cent.

39.8% at Pejar Dam

83.1% at Sooley Dam.

The daily average consumption for March was 6.4ML in Goulburn, well below the target for Level 3 restrictions of 7.8ML per day. Average daily water consumption in Marulan was 177.9kL. In April 24.3mm of rain was recorded at the Goulburn Water Treatment Plant, with the City's total useable water storage now at 8839ML. Prior to the rain in June 2007, it was predicted that now, in May 2008, the city's storages would have been empty.

## **Are you are Carer of someone who has a mental illness?**

A new service, Carer Assist, has opened their office in Goulburn providing information, support, advocacy and education for people who care for someone with a mental illness.

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## Exhibitions

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16 May–15 June

*Walala Wasala*: the fabric of African politics — an exhibition of fabrics used as a form of communication. Goulburn Regional Art Gallery

20 June–6 July

*Secondary Schools Project* — exhibition of works by secondary students in artist-run workshops. Goulburn Regional Art Gallery

6 June

'Songs of the Sea' — Bush Traditions Session, Old Goulburn Brewery, 7.30pm–10.30pm. Admission free. Ph: 4884 4214

7–9 June

Model Trains Exhibition, Lake Bathurst Function Centre, 10am–4pm daily. Admission: \$4 per person. Ph: 6254 2816

8 June

Historic Waterworks — open & steaming, Marsden Weir, off Fitzroy Street, 10am–4pm. Pumphouse Café open or picnic by the river. Admission by donation. Ph: 4823 4462

15 June

Goulburn Poultry Fanciers' Society Annual Show, including Judging juniors, waterfowl, soft feather and hard feather fowls (standards and bantams), Goulburn Showground, from 9am. Admission free. Ph: 4844 7133

21 & 22 June

Lake Bathurst Heritage Centre & Museum Open Weekend, Braidwood Road, Lake Bathurst, 10am–4pm. Admission: \$2 per person. Ph: 6254 2816

26 June

Scholarship Holders' Concert, Goulburn Regional Conservatorium, 7.30pm. Admission by note donation. Ph: 4821 8833

29 June

'Away From Her' — presented by the Goulburn Film Group, Lilac City Cinema, see Fri. 27th Goulburn Post 'On the Grapevine' section for screening time. Admission: \$8 per person. Ph: 4829 0111

29 June

Simon Tedeschi in Concert, Goulburn Regional Conservatorium, 7.30pm. Pre-booked admission: adult \$24, concession \$19. At the door: adults \$29, concession \$24. Ph: 4821 8833

Carer's needs are often neglected resulting in added stress hindering their ability to cope. They need help in building support systems, learning how to live with someone who has a mental illness, setting boundaries and caring for themselves. Carers then need ongoing support and education with extra support in times of crisis.

Carer Assist aims to;

- \* Help and improve coping, knowledge and management skills.
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- \* Improve outcomes through supporting families and carers.

Carer Assist has Carer Advocates who works part-time providing carers of people with a mental illness with

**Information** – The provision of information about mental illness, services and the mental health system is essential to ensure that carers' needs are met and to assist them to better carer for their friend or relative.

**Support** – The Carer Advocates provide emotional support both over the telephone and face to face.

**Education** – An important aspect of the Carer Advocate's role is to provide education to empower carers so that their needs can be met. This is on a one to one basis or through the course "Well Ways" – a traveller's guide to wellbeing for families and friends of people with mental illness.

**Advocacy** – Where appropriate, they advocate on behalf of carers to ensure that the carers have access to information and services that they require.

The Carer Advocates work together with other non-government organisations, Area Health Services, community health organisations and any other organisations or groups that are involved in a Carer's life.

Carer Assist has Carer Advocates within the boundaries of the Greater Southern Area Health Services. Carer Assist offices are located in Goulburn, Queanbeyan, Wagga Wagga, Moruya and Griffith.



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This is the month for cleaning rubbish, weeding, raking leaves, mulching and making compost. Prepare your garden for new roses, and planting fruit trees this month.

Some fruit trees require a pollinator- such as apples, pears, cherries, most plums, some varieties of peach and almonds.

Apricot, nectarine, peacharine, black English Mulberry, chestnuts, walnuts, figs and grapes are self pollinating.

Citrus trees are limited in our climate. The Meyer lemon can be grown in a sheltered northern area, against a wall where they get winter sun and out of westerly winds. They like acid soil, feed them in spring with citrus fertilizer.

You can grow them in a large pot on the verandah. Only Broad beans and peas and onion seedlings can go in now.

Rhubarb crowns can be divided and planted now, give them plenty of rotted manure and compost. Fertilize during warmer weather.

Asparagus crowns can also be planted - best in a bed by themselves- they do not like to be disturbed. You can divide and plant strawberries now.

### Flowers

Seedling which are planted now will flower in spring. Stocks, pansy, viola, primulas, wallflower, russell lupins, delphiniums, foxgloves, Iceland poppies, sweet William and calendula.

Turning the garden soil over which is not in use, and letting the frost on the soil will sweeten the soil.

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In summer all species have tiny yellow flowers that scatter as they fall. These are superseded by papery, bladder-like seed pods that persist for months and may be pink, brown or even blood red, according to variety.

K. paniculata is quite frost-resistant. It grows in Europe, the United States and even subtropical Queensland. In cooler areas it gives a creditable show of golden autumn colour.



*Koelreuteria paniculata in Canberra*

## Country Energy



We live here too is Country Energy's motto – and there is no truer statement for Jeff Suggett, Country Energy's local vegetation officer who lives and works in the Windellama community.

Jeff, who is a trained arborist and tree surgeon has been working for the essential service provider for nearly two years. He is passionate about protecting and nurturing the local environment and keen to work with the local community to support local vegetation initiatives and add value to the community.

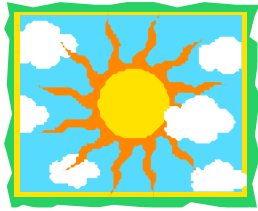
"By working together proactively, we can manage the needs of all parties resulting in the best outcome for the community," he said.

Jeff explained that trees coming into contact with overhead powerlines could pose serious

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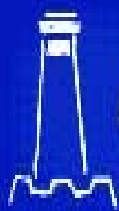
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