



Recently some of our members met the Goulburn Mulwaree Council's Museum Advisor, Roxanne Fea. The meeting was extremely informative: Roxanne's ideas for what the Museum should collect and how we show it were very helpful. It was suggested that we share this information with the rest of the membership and that Roxanne should come out to Windellama one evening to speak to the Historical Society and any of the rest of the Windellama community who would like to come, to explain her ideas for our Museum as a community heritage centre. Roxanne suggested that we visit some of the other Museums in the region to see how they approach the collecting and managing of their collections.

We now have handsome new display stands for our publications – books, postcards and gift cards, thanks to Tom Bryant.

After long and involved negotiations the panels that used to display posters at the National Gallery of Australia have now been purchased and are beginning to arrive at the Museum. These will enhance our ability to display our collection. Thanks to Cynthia and Peter Hudson for donating them.

We have had a couple of requests lately for information from people whose families lived in the area. Members with research skills have been attending to these enquiries.

The next open days for the Museum will be:

Saturday 3 November for Windellama Small Farms Field Day and

Saturday 17 November for the Country Fair.

There will be a Historical Society stall at the Country Fair on November 17.

An enthusiastic group of members attended a work party on Friday 19 October to spruce up the garden around the Museum and machinery shed in preparation for the Small Farms Field Day and to set up a small display in the Museum.

At the Museum we have a selection of books about the history of the area, as well as bookmarks and postcards with images of early Windellama – they are all reasonably priced.

**The next meeting will be the
Annual General Meeting
to be held at the Hall on**

Saturday 1 December 2007 at 2 pm

New members are welcome.

If you would like more information, please phone one of the following members:

Cynthia Hudson	4844 5005
Sandra Greville	4844 5047
Joanna Croker	4844 5125

A Telephone Line For Windellama

From Tom Bryant



In 1914 the Postmaster General's Dept. proposed to extend the telephone line from Bungonia to Windellama. This would have meant that all calls would have gone through the Bungonia exchange.

A committee was set up in Windellama, with Mr. Alex Henderson of *Buburba* as the secretary, to write to the Department asking that the line come directly to Windellama.

The PMG department investigated the matter and in due course advised the committee that the cost of providing the line would be 340 pounds sterling. It estimated that the annual revenue from calls would be about 28 pounds sterling. The department said that a minimum revenue of 43 pounds sterling would be required to make it viable so it was decided that it could not go ahead with the line.

To make the proposal viable the department advised that IF the residents contributed:

79 pounds sterling in cash; plus:

117 poles 18 ft. long

108 poles 24 ft. long

20 poles 25 ft. long

the line could be built and would then be maintained by the department.

It is not known when the line was built or under what circumstances but the telephone eventually came to Windellama.

In 1926 Mr. W.H. Maynard of Budjong wrote to the local member of parliament asking that he endeavour to have the telephone line extended to Oallen. Tenders were let for this line in August 1926 and after a slight delay the line was built..

My aunt, Chris Halloran operated the switchboard at Windellama until she married in 1932 and then my mother, Daphne Fife (later Bryant) took over as telephone operator and postmistress. She operated the telephone service until the automatic exchange started on 2nd December 1953, the Post Office having closed on 30 April 1952.

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Slender Bitter-pea (*Daviesia leptophylla*)

Despite the drought many of the natives are flowering well. This one (Slender Bitter-pea) favours skeletal soils on hill slopes and hilltops. It is one of five species of bitter pea that you can find in Windellama but definitely the most common. Most times of the year you wouldn't even notice this plant in the bush but certainly worth a second look at flowering. Being a pea flower means it is also a legume and so enhances the soil by bringing valuable Nitrogen in.

I've seen large areas of Narrow Leaf Bitter Pea roots that have been dug up by animals, either Wombats or Echidnas most likely, so they must also get some benefit out of the roots. Early settlers used the leaves from the broader leaved Hop Bitter-pea (*Daviesia latifolia*) in beer making and a preparation of the leaves is said to be good for treating fevers. I'll try and get a picture of this one soon. There are a few small patches of this one in Windellama.

Although a very common and widespread plant throughout the higher areas of NSW and Victoria, there is very little information on *Daviesia leptophylla* online. It used to go by the botanical name of *Daviesia virgata* and if you have older text books it will be there under that name. The seed pods are roughly purse shaped and rattle loudly when ripe.



Daviesia leptophylla



Progress report on Dell the Koala

In the last Wild Windellama we had the story of Dell the sick Koala rescued in Windellama. He spent 3 weeks in veterinary care in Goulburn, each day he would have an injection to treat his *Chlamydia* infection and then would have cream put in his eyes to help with their recovery.

He would bellow out a hello to his carer each morning and sharing a room with cats and dogs must have been quite novel for him. He also loved to drink from a spray bottle and it was amazing to see his small soft tongue darting in and out licking the water from the gum leaves. He also drank straight water from a bowl, so that ends the theory about Koalas never drinking.

We kept up the meals on wheels of Windellama gum leaves to the Goulburn Vets until he was transferred to the Wildlife Health and Conservation Centre at the University Of Sydney in Camden.

Here he has been thoroughly examined during a general anaesthetic and the damage to his retinas assessed. Highly skilled Koala experts are trying new methods on Dell in an effort to give him back as much sight in at least one eye as possible. It is hoped he will be able to be released back into the bush in Windellama soon.

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At Your Goulburn Library



The Noiseguy comes to the Goulburn Library

The Goulburn Library is excited to be hosting a visit by Charlie Williams, the Noiseguy with his Super Sonic Sound Show, on Saturday November 10.

Charlie Williams is based near Seattle in the United States and is coming to Australia on tour. We have been lucky to secure his only show in New South Wales. Charlie is a kids' comedian, author and vocal sound impressionist who used to work as a children's librarian but decided to take a summer off to see if he could make a living from his shows. He found that he could and now travels anywhere performing around 250 shows a year, breaking the taboos of convention by teaching kids (and adults) to be noisy.

Charlie is a man of 1,000 sounds he can make water bubble, rain fall, cars sounds and animal noises all with his voice. Charlie takes a story and alters it to include noise, such as adding the sound of cars in the story of the Tortoise and the Hare and Jack chopping down the beanstalk with a chain saw. There may even be time for Charlie to show participants how to make fun noises with their own voice.

Charlie's show will appeal to children from 4 up to 12 years and parents. It is a show that will enhance reading, writing and storytelling. Charlie uses amazing realistic vocal imitations that will inspire children to become roaring readers.

To enjoy the fun of the Noiseguy bookings are essential and can be made in person at the library loans desk. The cost per person (including parents) is \$4.50 and must be paid at the time of booking. This is a rare opportunity for country children to be exposed to a specialist entertainer whose focus is noise, reading and most of all fun.

If you wish to see a sneak preview of what Charlie does check out his fantastic summer reading promotional video on YouTube (<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ztkWKwBi2bQ>) for the King County Library System starring Monty the Basset hound.

For more information about the Noiseguy please contact the Goulburn Library, on 4823 4435.

The Goulburn Library is open
Monday to Friday 10:00am – 6:00pm,
Saturday 10:00am – 1:00pm and
Sunday 2:00pm – 5:00pm.



Windellama Website Stats

Opposite are the stats for the year, as you can see they are increasing pretty steadily.

Another interesting stat for October is, that behind Australia and the USA, the next most visiting countries for the month are China, Canada, Latvia, Hong Kong & South Korea.

Mondays and Tuesdays are the days that receive the most visits.

The most downloaded form on the website so far for October is the Field Day Prospectus.

Most people used Google to find the website which accounted for 14997 hits out of the 17882 hits so far for October until the 24th.

Month	Unique visitors	Number of visits	Pages	Hits
Jan 2007	368	572	2994	15159
Feb 2007	383	524	3306	19669
Mar 2007	452	664	3374	16337
Apr 2007	527	669	3220	14076
May 2007	559	738	3724	14319
Jun 2007	721	953	4770	18647
Jul 2007	775	1090	5614	15497
Aug 2007	1156	1731	8629	25016
Sep 2007	1191	2028	9584	22844
Oct 2007	1011	1737	7268	17882
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Designing your food system to create abundance whilst working with nature (rather than against) will save lots of time and energy and is the overriding theme of this workshop.

This weekend workshop will cover permaculture principles and strategies for creating integrated, organically sustainable human settlements. The emphasis will be on practical activities (to back up the theory) and will cover diverse topics: from composting to biodiversity, preserving food, genetic modification issues, seedsaving, retrofitting houses, rainwater retention strategies and backyard poultry-keeping. The back yard is the main focus of the workshop, although permaculture can be practised on broadscale properties too. The word "Permaculture" is a derivation of "permanent agriculture" and "p e r m a n e n c e i n c u l t u r e".



At the conclusion of the weekend you will be able to:

- *re-design aspects your own backyard for year-round food production
- *create no-dig gardens
- *retrofit your house for a lower energy future
- *grow your own compost
- *grow a wide range of food crops from A to Z

(artichoke to zucchini) to suit our cool temperate region

- *create an integrated poultry/orchard system
- *take a fresh look at "gardening problems" and create new solutions through creative problem solving.

What to bring:

For the practical activities: gloves, work boots, hat, sunscreen. For the theory section: a sketch of your yard showing dimensions (length and width in metres) and permanent structures

Facilitators

Jill Cockram - Jill is a trained primary school teacher who has lived in Exeter (Southern Highlands NSW) since 1993 with her partner, John. Their 1440m2 yard is now full of fruit and vegies and small animals. Since obtaining her Permaculture Design Certificate with David Holmgren in 1997 she has been teaching permaculture locally, preserving the surplus fruit and veges, breeding rare chickens and designing peoples food gardens.

Sue Mossman - Sue is an OH&S manager/teacher and permaculture practitioner. She has completed her Permaculture Design Course and undertakes continued training in permaculture. Sue has built and lives in a strawbale house with her family with the aim of minimising her environmental footprint. Sue is the Public Officer for the Australian Straw Bale Building Association and is an active member of the Permaculture Sydney Basin Groups.

Registration

Investment - \$395. Includes all materials for workshop participation, accommodation and organic vegetarian meals. For registration and more detailed information on what to bring, itinerary and directions to Gudhara will be provided on registration.

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Goulburn Mulwaree Council receives highest accolade



Goulburn Mulwaree Council has won the highest accolade to which a NSW Council can aspire – the AR Bluett Memorial Award. The annual award was formally presented to Goulburn Mulwaree Council at the Local Government Association of NSW Annual Conference in Coffs Harbour.

Judged by an experienced panel of trustees, the award is presented to the Councils that have made the greatest relative progress. Goulburn Mulwaree Council won the Local Government Association Section, which also included entries from much larger Councils. Liverpool Plains Shire Council won the Shires Association Section.

As part of judging for the award, the three judges spent a day in Goulburn where they received a comprehensive presentation on Council initiatives and enjoyed a tour of major projects.

Chairman of the A.R. Bluett Memorial Trust, John Flannery PSM, said Goulburn Mulwaree Council's success in the Bluett Award was a result of sound and progressive management and community leadership at a time when the area was

experiencing major water supply problems. The council is also noted for its innovative approaches to rural community development.

Land Status Confirmed - Goulburn Airport to remain an operational airport

At its meeting on 16 October 2007, Goulburn Mulwaree Council resolved to confirm the classification of nine parcels of land as "Operational" under the *Local Government Act 1993*.

Goulburn Airport was one of the sites confirmed as operational land. Council also resolved to put restrictions on the airport's title and any future conditions of sale to ensure it remains an airport.

This means that if Council sells the airport, any future purchasers will have to ensure it continues to operate as an airport.

The confirmation of 9 sites as "Operational" land followed concerns raised regarding land classification that took place in 1994.

- **Oallen Ford Road construction** – drainage component has commenced. Road construction is scheduled to commence mid-October.
- **Unsealed Road Maintenance Grading** of the following roads;
 - o Oallen Ford Road (Jacqua Rd to Jacqua Ck)
 - o Benduck Road
 - o Readers Road
 - o Clay Pit Road
 - o Mayfield Road
 - o Painters Lane
 - o Caoura Road

If you wish to comment on or further discuss these or any other issues please call me on 48494605 or email me at dasturgi@goulburn.net.au.

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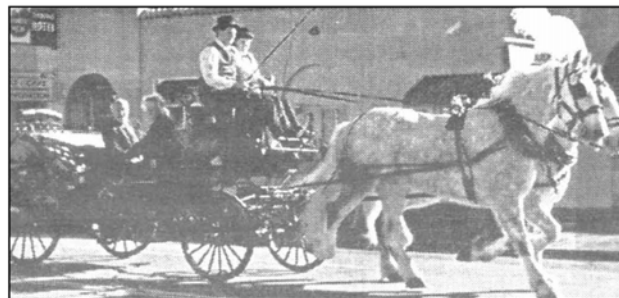
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