



WINDELLAMA PROGRESS ASSOCIATION HALL Inc.



Report from the meeting conducted on Monday 18th September

A well attended meeting of the Progress Association once again welcomed two members of the P & C to discuss arrangements for our Monster Anniversary Celebration on 28th October. Further details are elsewhere in this publication.

A report on the progress of the kitchen extension was given, including details of visits from the Health Inspector and the Building Inspector from Council. The Health Inspector offered advice regarding the finishes required for the extension. The Building Inspector passed the structure as A.O.K. The Mayor, Paul Stevenson, had a guided tour of the work last week, and was most impressed. A progress report is to be prepared for The Collex Trust.

As Monday evening meetings clash with the SES for two of our committee members, it was decided to trial a change of next month's meeting to Tuesday 17th October.

Please remember that everyone is welcome at our meetings.

Should there be any items for the agenda, please advise the Secretary twenty four hours before the meeting.

Tickets in our Field Day raffle are available in books of 10. They are \$2 each or 3 for \$5 and can be obtained by contacting me on 4844 5157

Frances Knights, Secretary.



Now starts the fitting out stage of the extension- plumbing, electrical, etc.



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So what are some of the issues that inspired this creation? This was made partly to reflect the Australian ingenuity as we have already mentioned, but Australians are also practical with solutions and on a practical level we needed a mail box, (actually a poo box to be exact) and we wanted it to be a 'true blue' mail box.

Another idea that helped with the concept was seeing a cluster of mail boxes on a forgotten corner in the country and seeing the individuality of these country folk even within their mail boxes.

When we made this beauty, it was also the Year of the Outback and what better way to contemplate that than by having an outdoor dunny for a mail box with a blue heeler to watch over it and a couple of redbacks hanging around.

Our mail box and 'Scrap' the dog have been made totally out of rubbish and waste metal that we found in an old dump.

Can you find?

- Trampoline springs
- A car muffler
- Bed spring mesh
- Rubbish bin lid
- A knife
- House down pipes
- Large tins (leftover from a Barbie)
- Workshop nuts and nails
- A shower rose
- Roofing iron
- A bicycle wheel
- An old toilet
- The external shell of a hot water system
- Inner mattress bed-springs
- An old milk crate

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Windellama SES First-Aid

By Graeme McFarlane

Well that's the end of the rugby for this year which once again was a pleasure to attend. Many thanks to all team members for your time and effort as it gets pretty cold at Trinity.

On the 13th October we are off to Pauline Fathers again; and on the 15th October we are sitting our defibrillator course again.

Don't forget our motto:

We would rather be called and not needed, than needed and not called.

There are 10 of us in the Windellama area, we are highly trained in the first aid field. So if you need help or have an emergency, don't hesitate to call us on 4844 5506 or Kevin on 4844 7143 and we will get to you ASAP.

'Til next time, stay safe.





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Tarago & District Progress Assn. Inc.

We are pleased to confirm that Tarago will be participating in the Australian Film Commission's Big Screen Film festival.

This will give us an opportunity to see Australian films, both old and new right here in Tarago. The Commission provide us with the films and publicity flyers etc. and also provide a film for younger viewers.

The dates for this event are the 10th & 11th of November. The archival film to be shown will be "The Road to Nhill" which will be of great interest.

A number of choices for the school children have been given to Ian Quill and we plan to invite the students from Windellama and Tirranville schools to attend.

We will be publicising this event in Goulburn, Braidwood, Bungendore as well as our local areas such as Windellama, Bungonia etc.

This is a unique opportunity to highlight our town and the Commission will continue to underwrite the tour for three years.

All money raised will be divided amongst the community organizations, who will be asked to help out on the film days.

We anticipate that one will do ticket selling, one the popcorn, another drinks, sausage sizzle, clean up etc.

Details of ticket prices and purchase locations will be in the next edition.

Please do not forget to get your entries into either The Loaded Dog or The Service Centre for the Stickers and Logo Competition soon, as the closing date is Nov. 3rd.

Once more, a reminder that our AGM will be on Sunday Nov. 19th.

Congratulations to the Tarago Landcare group for their initial clean up of the stream area by the Recreation grounds.

If you have any suggestions or questions please feel free to contact me on 4844 5518, email:dlaughtane@smartchat.net.au

Marianne Ronayne,
President, Tarago & District Progress Assn.



'Behind The Farm Gate'

On Sunday, September 3 a chartered train brought 140 Sydney-siders to Tarago and George and Erica Gundry's property Willeroo. These people were the winners of a radio competition initiated by LandCare Australia, and supported by Australia's cattle producers, in an effort to bridge the city/rural divide and give city people an opportunity to 'take a look behind the farm gate' and see first hand what a working farm is all about. I

Buses moved everyone from Tarago station to a paddock at Willeroo where members of Taylor's Creek LandCare were waiting to welcome them all. A large marquee had been erected and this proved to be most welcome as the weather was definitely not being kind and storms threatened most of the day, although this didn't seem to dampen anyone's spirits. After a lovely lunch George Gundry welcomed everyone to his world and spoke briefly, but passionately, about his Holistic Management® methods of protecting the environment, and ensuring sustainability of the land. LandCare CEO Brian Scarsbrick also talked briefly about the purpose of an initiative like this because it is so important for urban dwellers to understand the everyday practices that take place in rural Australia. We should all remember agriculture is critical to our ability to live.

Following lunch the visitors were divided into four colour-coded groups to take a look at different farming activities: some hands-on tree planting, a demonstration of NLIS cattle tagging, a talk about animal health, and a demonstration by Charlotte Gundry on low-stress handling of cattle. The visit finished up with a demonstration of moving stock between paddocks and a presentation by George, complete with props, on land management practices and how he uses animals to restore the health of the landscape.

A lot of tired, but more knowledgeable visitors, returned to Sydney on the train that evening, but one lady in particular when asked what she was taking back with her of special significance from the experience, said first and foremost she had learned how to pronounce Tarago!

Thanks must go to George and Erica for lending out Willeroo for this event and for their part in making it so successful. Thanks too for the kangaroos' appearance, right on cue!



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MULWAREE TRUST

Community Grants 2006/07

The Mulwaree Trust invites funding applications to support charitable purposes or projects for the benefit of the community.

The following community organisations may apply for a Grant:

- Non-profit organisations or groups
- Schools
- Preschools
- Progress Associations
- Rural Fire Brigades
- Community Health Services
- Churches
- Charities

Any other non-profit organisations which comply with community grant guidelines.

Applications will be received from within the Goulburn Mulwaree community or communities within a Council area which immediately adjoined the former Mulwaree Shire Council area.

Applications must be received on the Mulwaree Trust Grant Application Form 2006/07. A copy of the Guidelines and Application Form are available by contacting Goulburn Mulwaree Council on (02) 48234444.

There is no closing date as applications are assessed during ongoing funding rounds throughout the year.

The Mulwaree Trust manages the community Trust Fund established by Collex Pty Ltd, operators of the Woodlawn Bioreator near Tarago.



At Your Goulburn Library



School Holiday Activities

Bug Craft

Come to the library for bug craft fun and read about bugs and critters.

When: Thursday 5th October 2006 from 10.30am -12noon.

Bookings: Bookings are essential. Payment must be made at time of booking.

Cost: \$3.00

Age: 7 years and over

Zoomobile

The Taronga Zoomobile is equipped with Australian native animals and programs are delivered by a qualified, experienced educator. Children's curiosity about the natural world comes to life as they get nose to nose with some of our stunning wildlife.

When: Monday 9th October 2006

Three sessions available:

10.30am -11.30noon

12noon - 1pm

2pm -3pm.

Bookings: Bookings are essential. Payment must be made at time of booking.

Cost: \$4.50 per adult or child

Age: Children 4 years and over and accompanying adults

Spooky Craft

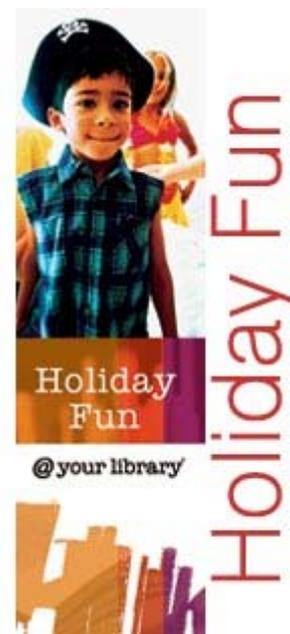
Come to the library for spooky craft fun and some really spooky stories!

When: Wednesday 11th October 2006 from 10.30am -12noon.

Bookings: Bookings are essential. Payment must be made at time of booking.

Cost: \$3.00

Age: 7 years and over



Bookmania

Bookmania is a new initiative aimed at students in years 3 to 6. It is an after school book group that will meet on the 4th Tuesday of the month. Each month participants will get to choose new books to take home, pick up the star reads of the month and finish with a theme based activity.

It is free to join and after school snacks will be provided.

When: Tuesday **24th October 2006** from 4pm

Bookings: No booking required.

Cost: Free

Internet Training

Having trouble finding your way around the Internet? Maybe we can help!

Library staff will be presenting regular sessions on using STRL Online Services and Internet for everyday life.

The sessions will begin with a presentation by library staff and be followed by a 'hands on' practical session on the Library computers. The next Internet Training Session will be held at **Goulburn Library** on **Thursday 19th October 2006** from **10.30am** to 12noon.

Bookings: Bookings are essential. Book in the library or call 4823 4435.

Cost: Free

BookChat

If you love reading and you've been looking for somewhere to discuss the latest "must read" or even an old favourite then consider joining BookChat. We meet every month in the **Goulburn Library**. The conversation is lively but the atmosphere is relaxed.

The next BookChat get together will be held on **Tuesday 17th October** from **10.30am -11.30 am**.

Bookings: No booking required just turn up on the day.

Cost: Free

Lunch in the Library - Friday November 10th @ 12pm

We are very pleased to announce that Bill Young will be presenting an illustrated talk at our very popular Lunch in the Library program. Bill and Diane Young travelled to Singapore and Borneo with a small group on a military tour to be at Sandakan on ANZAC Day this year. Bill's talk will focus on their experiences on the tour. Bill and his wife Diane have three children and have lived in Goulburn for 24 years. Bill is a retired teacher of Automotive Engineering and has many interests with Rotary, motor sport, house renovation, computers, travel and their new grandson at the forefront. He is currently a presenter at Goulburn Community Radio, FM103.3.

Light refreshments will be provided but you are welcome to bring along your lunch.

Please RSVP with Goulburn Library staff on Ph: 4823 4435

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The End of an Era on Spa Road

By Thora Hush

Beatrice Lillian Hush (nee McKane) was born on the 22nd September, 1910 at Goulburn (the hospital was in Cowper Street).

Beatrice had long ties with the Windellama district. She was the great granddaughter of Samuel and Mary Hockey who settled on land at Windellama about 1875. They called their land 'Isaac's Gully' now known as 'Chugga' on Spa Road.

Samuel Hockey went to Windellama after first going to Yalwal near Nowra, then followed the gold trail to Nerriga. Samuel was quite a successful miner but found it just as profitable buying gold and trading with the miners. Samuel and Mary had 14 children.

Samuel's daughter Mary married a man from New Zealand, John Maynard McKane. John and Mary were married on 10th February, 1876 at 'Timberlight' Windellama. John also followed the gold trail, first going to Tasmania then to Western Australia before settling at Windellama. He and Mary settled at 'Jerralong Creek'. They had 11 children, all born at 'Jerralong' and registered at Nowra.

John was very successful mining for gold. Beatrice remembers seeing a family photograph showing him holding a nugget. She said "It was as big as a cricket ball, but nobody knows where he found it".

John and Mary had a large holding at Jerralong Creek that included a general store, a blacksmith shop, orchards, gardens and a dairy. As his house was on the road between Russell's Corner (old Dundarra) and 'Timberlight', John and Mary supplied miners with provisions. Because this was a popular short-cut between mines, they did quite well.



*John & Mary McKane (nee Hockey)
"Wattle Flat" Spa Road 1906*



ELLEN LOUISE McKANE

John and Mary's eldest child, George McKane, was Beatrice's father.

Beatrice's mother was Ellen Louisa Charlton whose family took up a gold lease at 'Wattle Flat', Windellama about 1885.

They were William Charlton and Elizabeth Cooper. Elizabeth was the daughter of Jessie Old and George Leonard Cooper of Currawang, near Collector, and the granddaughter of Robert Cooper who built Juniper Hall at Paddington, Sydney in 1824 (now owned by the National Trust and restored by the Govt. for the Bicentenary in 1988).

Elizabeth and William built a house at 'Wattle Flat' which was at the end of Spa Road at Sewell's Point. The Charlton's were active on the district goldfields and one of their sons was still gold panning as late as the early 70's. Elizabeth and William had 10 children. Elizabeth died of cancer in 1899 aged 56. William stayed on at 'Wattle Flat' for a few years to rear the younger children. He died in Nowra in 1911.

Ellen Louisa Charlton and George McKane (Beatrice's mother and father) were married at Goulburn on 26th March, 1906. They took up a conditional purchase of the land at 'Wattle Flat', Spa Road and built their own home. George bought some of the flat iron (originally used for the flumes to transfer water from the Nadjingomar Dam) and used it to build sheds and put a new roof on the house. As a boy George worked on this water race to the Spa Mine. George and Ellen had 2 children, Beatrice Lillian and William. George was a farmer but he was also a gold miner and knew many of the gold bearing gullies. He made enough money to purchase the property 'Russell's Corner' from Walter Hockey. They renamed the property 'Dundarra'.



Dundarra Spa Road
Taken after a snow storm in 1926



GEORGE & Ellen McKANE
William & Beatrice 1924

Beatrice was 13 years old when she moved to 'Dundarra' (6 miles from the Hall on Spa Road). It is now called 'Old Dundarra'. The Windellama Hall was opened on Beatrice's 16th birthday and she also remembers the building of the Nerrimungah Creek Bridge on Spa Road, opened January 11th, 1941. (The chairman of the Bridge Committee was Mr. Charlton, Ellen McKane's brother, and the timber was provided free of charge by Ellen McKane).

Beatrice went to dances in a flat-bottom buggy and on the way home the people who lived on Spa Road would meet at Nerrimungah Creek, light a fire and have breakfast before going to their homes.

On 6th June 1931, Beatrice married Arthur Ralph Hush of Braidwood at St. Bartholomew's Church, Windellama. Douglas Blauche, a Clerk of The Holy Orders, married them.

Beatrice's father, George McKane, died in February 1932 so Beatrice and Arthur Hush moved to

'Dundarra' to help run the farm. They had 8 children: Bruce, Georgina, Mavis & Nancy (twins), Peter & Beatrice (twins), Alice and Marion; and they all lived at 'Dundarra' until 1955 when they bought and moved into a house in Goulburn.

'Dundarra' stayed in the family's possession until the sudden death of Arthur in 1965 when Bruce Hush and his wife Thora, moved in to look after the property. They lived there until 1984 when they sold 'Dundarra' and bought a property on Bungonia Road. They called their new home 'Dundarra' (now known as Twistwood)

For many years Beatrice worked as a shop assistant and demonstrator of knitting machines at Waltons Store, Goulburn. In later years she made school uniforms, did alterations and ran a knitting service for Knowlmans Store.



Mrs. Beatrice Hush,
with son Bruce



HUSH FAMILY

Beatrice had 8 children, 27 grandchildren, 49 great grandchildren, 2 great great grandchildren; and was never alone as many of her children and/or grandchildren often stayed with her.

Beatrice Lillian Hush died on 30th April 2006, aged 95 years.



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