

Sassafras Endurance Ride

South Coast Riders Assoc. invite you to join them in *The Ruth Leahy Memorial 20km Social Ride* at Sassafras to be held on Sunday 14th November.

There will be camping at the ride base overnight, BYO your own drinking water & yards. There will be canteen facilities. Restrained pets & partners are allowed.

Venue: Braidwood Road, Sassafras.

From North - Princes Highway, right into Kalander St., onto Albatross Rd., then right onto Braidwood Rd.

From South - Princes Highway, left onto Turpentine Rd., then left onto Braidwood Rd.

From West - Goulburn, Windellama, then onto Nerriga via Oallen Ford (the Oallen Ford crossing currently has a 5 ton weight limit), then onto Sassafras.

Vetting from:

1pm to 5pm Saturday 13th November;

7am to 8am Sunday 14th November.

**Ride commences at 9am,
Sunday 14th November.**

The cost is \$30 per horse & rider combination. Included in this cost is the Vetting Check, Day Membership & Insurance.

Every successful completion receives a prize.

For more information just contact Alan on 4422 8818.

Windellama Garden Club

CAKE AUCTION A HUGE SUCCESS

Great fun and laughter was heard at a recent cake auction. Crowding around the auctioneer, Graeme Welsh, attendees enjoyed a sheltered sunny spot at the Windellama Hall.

Delicious cakes of all shapes and sizes were auctioned and tastebuds dictated good prices.

Graeme Welsh kept the crowd's attention with humorous patter as he deftly accepted bids for mouth watering creations. Bidding was keen on items ranging from chocolate crackles to cream filled birthday cakes to bottles of wine. Pretty parcels of children's toys, gardening tools, all-Aussie products and toiletries were also auctioned.

The day was organised by the Windellama Garden Club and raised \$2053 for the NSW Cancer Council. As well as the auction there was a stall, sausage sizzle, raffles and fun activities for the kids.

Watch out for this auction next year. It is a great chance to sample scrumptious home-cooked food, have lots of laughter and support a good cause at the same time.

The next meeting of the Windellama Garden Club will be at Beryl Kremer's at 10am on Wednesday 25 August. All welcome.

NERRIGA PROGRESS & SPORTING ASSOCIATION

MR92 Completion of Sealing Celebration

Nerriga to Nowra, Nowra to Nerriga ... after many years of anticipation, the road MR92 will be sealed early October this year.

Where once bullock drays dragged carts laden with wool bales to Jervis Bay for shipment, and horse-drawn coaches plied their trade from Nowra to Braidwood, often caked in mud in the teeming rain, we can now take this trip in the comfort of modern day vehicles, on a newly sealed road.

On Saturday October 2, 2010 Nerriga Village will be celebrating this momentous occasion. With the atmosphere of a village fair, there will be a variety of foods available, a *Bargains in the Bush* market; live entertainment and displays of interest to young and old.

After the formal ribbon cutting at noon there will be a parade of vehicles of all vintages embarking on the road.

The day will continue with fun activities, raffles and displays. Visitors can view items of historical interest at the Museum, have a meal and finish the evening singing karaoke at the hotel

Mark the date in your calendar and come along to be part of the celebrations from 10am.

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BUSH FIRE DANGER PERIOD FINISHED ON 31ST MARCH 2010 **SOUTHERN TABLELANDS ZONE**

Burning-off now permitted with regulations

While the fire season has finished and permits are not required for burning off from the 1st April 2010, there are still regulations that must be followed. Fines can apply if regulations are not carried out.

Yass **MUST** be notified 24 hours before you light the fire, during business hours 9am to 5pm and by 3.30pm on Friday afternoons.

Your immediate neighbours must also be notified.

Notify the Brigade as a courtesy to save time, if smoke is spotted.

For more information contact one of the Brigade phone numbers above.

RE M I N D E R

It won't be long before the fire season will be upon us again, so if you have any burning-off to complete, now may be the time to get it done. Follow the requirements above before you light.

Open Day 25th September

The Brigade will be holding their RFS Open day on Saturday the 25th September 2010 commencing at 10am until 2pm at the fireshed Oallen Ford Road, all welcome so come along and say hello. Support your Brigade and meet the members, have a look at the Brigade vehicles and equipment, watch the DVD displays, a free sausage sizzle will be provided

Blue Forms

You will be receiving your 'Blue Form' and newsletter shortly, please take the time and check the information on the form and where necessary alter the information. The purpose of the Blue form is to provide the Brigade with instructions, and up to date property and contact information, a reply paid envelope is included for your convenience. Having accurate records will enable the shortest possible lead time which can make all the difference. The information supplied on this form is voluntary and used in the strictest confidence. If you have sold your property during the year, still return the blue form indicating this, so your details can be removed from our records and we can contact the new owners, or if you are new to the area please contact the Brigade.

Training

Information on training dates, times and structure check the Brigade website or contact the Captain Jim Meehan on 4844 5554. www.windellamarfs.com.au

General Meeting 25th September 2:30pm (after Open Day)

23rd October 7:30pm

Training 25th September Open Day 10am - 2pm

23rd October Spa Rd fire trails 2pm

Please take care on our roads and see you at the next training and meeting. **All welcome.**

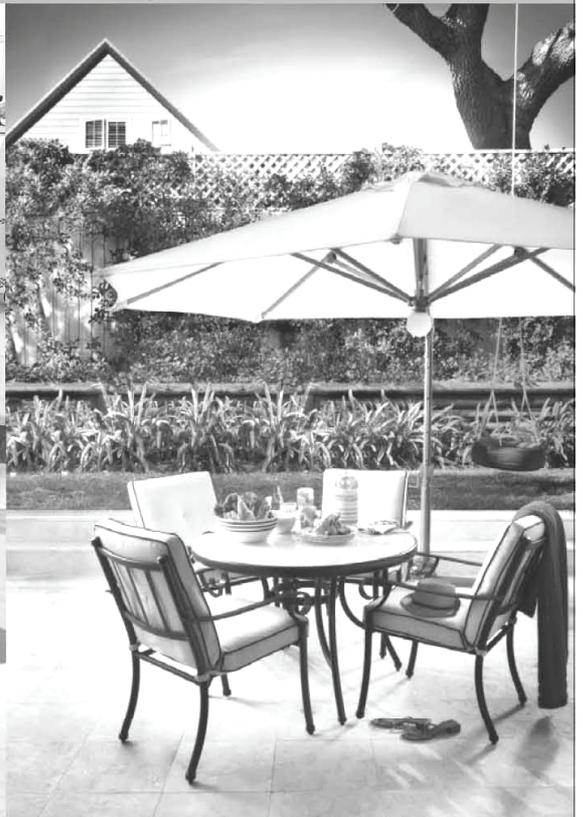
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Landcare Update



Windellama Landcare Group members visited one of their recent projects at Shirley Komnacki's place and were pleased to note that the work on an erosion gully has held up well following the rain. New methods were used to control erosion and they have proved to be very successful.

A load of large rocks from Nerriga are to be delivered to the Shoalhaven River at the Oallen Ford site – these rocks will be used to further protect the area damaged by the irresponsible use of four wheel drive cars and motorbikes.

The **Soils and salt expo workshop**, previously advertised as Salt of the earth, will be held on Saturday 11 September at the Windellama Hall. It will begin at 9:30. Morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea will be provided. Topics to be explored include: How to spot sick soil symptoms on your property, understanding the underlying ills and potential remedies. In the afternoon there will be expo style stalls, for one to one discussions about the bits that interest you – find out about property planning tools (including free air photos of your property), EM technology for planning and farm management, how your property fits in the “big picture”, salt tolerant trees and shrubs, sowing salt tolerant pastures for improved production on wet/saline land, grazing management to reduce recharge, farm forestry, mulching, compost teas and dung beetles.

For further information call David Hilhorst on 4842 2594 or 0400 493 967 or email: david.hilhorst@cma.nsw.gov.au

We have three more working bees for the Windellama Landcare Group before the end of the year. On Monday 13 September Landcare members will join Windellama Primary School students for tree planting on Windellama Creek next to the school. We will also be placing tree guards around the trees as there is a roaming wombat in the area.

On Sunday 17 October we will be planting

more trees and lomandra at Oallen Ford on the Shoalhaven River and will be joined by a Bushcare group from Sydney suburb of Willoughby.

In early December we plan to have another busy bee at Oallen Ford when we will also have our Christmas meeting. More details about this event later.

At all three busy bees morning tea and lunch will be provided **so please let us know if you are coming** (Joy or John (Catering Officers) - 4844 5225 or Sandra (Secretary) - 4844 5047). We want to make sure we have enough tucker for all.

If you are not already a member of the Windellama Landcare Group and are interested in joining the Group or seeing some of our projects you are very welcome at one of our up-coming working bees – just call one of the numbers above.

The Windellama Locals Linking Landscapes program is continuing with the Steering Committee meeting in early September to plan projects for the current year.

Website Stats

We are still consistently being visited by 1500 unique (new) visitors each month along with our many regular visitors.

The web version is in colour and is always to hand at the push of a button.

The Windellama website has hits on average of between 5,000 to 8,000 per month. The traffic is brisk with no pollution to our area.



The Brigade site also is being mega-visited, especially for the local weather stats.



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It is the last month of winter, and it has been cold and frosty and lovely, quite a lot of rain, actually 13 mls today and the creek is rushing through to Lake George.

Heroides and I went two days ago to the back of our property to plant some small pine trees which we rescued from dying in the road from road works, so with this rain it should really



water them well and truly in. We have been haltering the four remaining babies, they are getting quite good, Humberto is best and Elfgiva wants to be stubborn and sit down.



Dama has had a white spot in her eye and we have been treating it with Vitamin C, Macuvision pills and eyebright drops. Because it was too big and we did not know how she injured it we had to get three injections from the vet too. It is nearly better now, thank goodness, as I would not like her to lose her sight, she has such gorgeous soulful eyes, a green shade. Window to the soul!!!

My robin (endangered) is still visiting and loves looking in the study window and trilling and looking in the mirror at himself. The last two or three days he has not been so obvious and a little nervous as the kookaburra has been around . They of course eat little birds. I would love him to nest here and his mate is with him.

Last night Heroides drove me to Goulburn to give a talk about the Alpacas and our methods to Rotary, they read my articles in here and asked me to go. A lot of interest was shown and lots of questions asked, always a good sign. www.lagranjaholisticpacas.com

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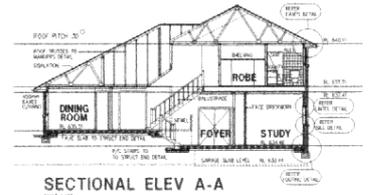
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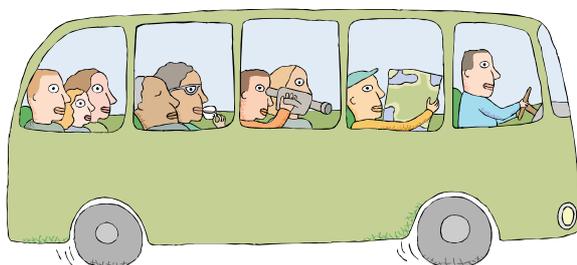
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: at Windellama PS

Thursday 9 September: [Parent & Student Tour of WPS](#)

: 10am – 11.30am

Watch the school in operation then stay for
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ORIENTATION PROGRAM

Friday 17 September: Orientation Day No.1: 9am – 11.30am
: in K-2 classroom (bring 'little lunch')

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Friday 22 October: Orientation Day No.2: 9am – 11.30am

Friday 5 November: Orientation Day No.3: 9am – 11.30am

Friday 19 November: Orientation Day No.4: 9am – 11.30am

Friday 3 December: Orientation Day No.5: **9am – 2.50pm**