



*WINDELLAMA HISTORICAL
SOCIETY Inc.*



As you know, historical things are always behind the times, otherwise they wouldn't be historical! so welcome to 2006.

Because each day always has a period of darkness it is no wonder that the production of artificial light was one of the earliest inventions of mankind. In fact the lamp was invented at least 70,000 BC. It started off as a stone container filled with animal fat into which some absorbent material such as moss was placed and then ignited and provided a crude light source. Candles, on the other hand, were only invented around 3,000 BC.

As a kid my first memory of night-time lighting were candles, lamps and the pressure Lamp. A candle was usually placed in my room as a form of lighting so I wasn't in the dark and made it easy to keep an eye on me as mothers like to do with their toddlers. At a later stage, a lamp similar to the one pictured below right was used to light the way and keep the Boogie Men away when I would decide I needed to go to the toilet at some odd hour in the night – not to the WC but the lav which was out the back, up the hill near the chooks; very good Boogie Man territory it was too!



A candle in a holder like the one pictured on the left provides light suitable for reading and was popular as an inside light source – I might add it still is very handy during a blackout! – but was not overly suited to outside use except on the calmest of evenings.

The kerosene lamp in the picture on the right gives a much improved light and is far more tolerant to breezes. The kerosene is contained in the enclosed tank at the bottom and a flat wick is fed through a slot by means of a winder and provides the light source when lit. The glass chimney is removed to light the lamp and the wick wound back to a low setting before the chimney is re-installed. The wick is then turned up to provide the required light intensity. It is easy to tell when the wick is too high as it smokes and the glass chimney has to be removed to be cleaned. The glass chimney not only serves as a shield against the breeze but more importantly allows for greater aeration and permits a cleaner and brighter light. A further improvement to the wick lamp was made when a circular wick (similar to the ones on the kerosene refrigerators mentioned in a previous article) was used and air was channeled into the central section and permitted a better light source, however, this form of light did use a lot more fuel.



A further innovation occurred when air and kerosene were pressurized. This is the type of lamp in the picture on the left. The tank at the bottom had a pump which pressurized the air, and a mixture of air and kerosene was ignited. This type of flame is almost non-luminous, so a mantle was added to the top of the outlet pipe, or venturi pipe, which glowed brilliantly white as it heated up. The hotter the flame the brighter the light. The mantle was made from cotton which is impregnated with thorium and cerium salts. Usually the glass was raised a centimeter or two, or in those days it would have been half an inch or so to permit lighting. Two pieces of cork built in to a pair of tongs was left soaking in an air-tight jar of methylated spirits between uses; these were removed from the jar and clamped around the venturi pipe at the base of the glass when raised, and lit. About half to three quarters of the time it takes for the cork tongs to go out the air release valve was tightened up which allowed a small amount of pressure to build up from the heat, and the lamp would start to light, and just as the cork was flickering out you would pump the air into the lamp and with a loud popping noise the light would flare up to a brilliant white light.

In the 1950's the P & C ran dances at the school and these were the type of lights used, also for their meetings. Before the Hall had the electricity connected a row of these pressure lights were placed on the tables in the supper room and were lit and then hung up to provide the lighting for dances, concerts and meetings etc. The light provided was every bit as brilliant as the electric light, however, the down side was they had to be pumped up every half hour or so to keep them going. I seem to recall these pressure lamps being referred to as "Hurricane" lamps and "Tilley" lamps, maybe some more informed person may let me know if these were the names of the manufacturer or maybe the style of lamp.

In those days it took far longer to turn the lights on than it does now.

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In April there will be spinning lessons at the hall. If you are interested in learning and wish to know more, the lessons will be conducted Tuesday 11th April.

For further information you require, contact Irene Turner on 4844 5214.

24 Mar–18 Apr **Sonia Turner – Out of the Wood-work Photographic Exhibition,**
 Bungendore Wood Works Gallery.
 Ph: 6238 1682

21 Apr–12 Jun **Ken Knight – Landscapes,**
 Bungendore Wood Works Gallery.
 Ph: 6238 1682

Law & Order: Regional Police and Court Buildings, 1850-1920

A touring photographic exhibition from the NSW Historic Houses Trust, which features many of this regions historic Police residences and court houses, will be on display at **Goulburn Library** from **11th March 2006 to 30th April 2006**. Free entry.

The Imagine Project

An exhibition of photographic work and stories about and by young people, featuring....

Images of Young People by portrait photographer Jim Rolon and *Images from Young People* taken by the young people from the Goulburn district who participated in photographic workshops during 2005.

You are invited to the Opening of the exhibition of photographic work from *The Imagine Project* workshop by young people from the Goulburn at 6.00pm - 7.30pm **TUESDAY 4th APRIL 2006** at Goulburn Library (Cnr Bourke & Clifford Streets, Goulburn)

[RSVP to Rachel Moore Ph: 4823 4436 by 31 March]

The exhibition will be on display at Goulburn Library until **THURSDAY 13th APRIL 2006**

Congratulations to Cathy Scenna on her first prize at the Goulburn Show



Windellama Historical Society Inc.



At the meeting on the 3rd March it was announced that the Society will have a new computer - with additions - so that now we will be able to print our own history publications and postcards and also reproduce photographs from our collection more easily.

These items will be on sale in the Museum on opening days, or can be ordered by phoning one of the members listed below.

A pair of wonderful old motor cycle goggles were donated by one of our members to the Museum and these will be on display when the Museum opens on 16 April, Easter Sunday for the Vintage Car Rally.

Membership fees are now due, \$5.00 for a single membership, and \$7.00 for a family membership.

Our next meeting will be held at the Windellama Hall on Friday 2 June 2006 at 2 pm.

Remember new members are always welcome.

If you wish to contact us for more information please ring

Joanna Croker - 4844 5125

Cynthia Hudson - 4844 5005

Sandra Greville - 4844 5047

What's Happening in Bungonia

Market Day: Saturday 15th April

There will be the usual excellent tea/coffee and eats in the Hall Supper Room and hot food at the Fire Shed and bargains galore
Ray Dole is taking stall bookings: Phone: 4844 7179

ANZAC Day 25th April: 10am. at the Bungonia War Memorial.

During the Ceremony people are invited to place flowers on the War Memorial in memory of those who served at War. If you wish to do this please bring flowers with you. Afterwards there will be a chance to catch up with friends for a talk at the Hall where morning tea will be served. There will be on display some photos and other items relating to war history. If you have any relevant photos the Historical Society would love a copy.

St. Michael's Bungonia

On **Good Friday 14th April at 3pm.** local residents gather to say "The Stations of the Cross". All are invited to attend

Bungonia Cemetery Working Bee Saturday 6th May. Starting 11am.

Many residents have relatives buried in the Cemetery and all are invited to attend. We will be there at least till mid-afternoon at least, so come when you can. As usual most of the work is grass cutting, filling rabbit and wombat holes and eradication of Tree of Heaven, blackberries and briars.

Mothers' Day is on Sunday, 14th May and this is a special effort to have the Cemetery tidied up for Mothers' Day.

It is planned to erect an area where the names of those who are buried in the cemetery in unknown graves can be recorded and this and other matters relating to the cemetery will be discussed during the day.

Bring your lunch if you come in the morning.

If the weather is unsuitable for cleaning up we will still have a meeting in the Hall. At 1pm.

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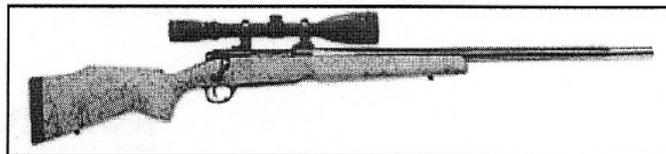
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Inside Your Local Council

.... Keeping you in touch with the latest from Goulburn Mulwaree Council.

Noxious Weeds – some interesting changes are happening in this area. Recently the Noxious Weed Act 1993 has been revised & as of March 1, 2006 a number of amendments were enacted to this Act that may change how Councils will need to deal with noxious weeds. The previous 13 categories of noxious weeds have now been classified into 5 classes.

Class 1 – State Prohibited Weeds are plants that pose a potentially serious threat to primary production or the environment & are not present in the State or are present only to a limited extent.

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Class 4 – Locally Controlled Weeds are plants that pose a serious threat to primary production, the environment or human health, are widely distributed in an area to which the order applies & are likely to spread in the area or to another area.

Class 5 – Restricted Plants are plants that are likely, by their sale or the sale of their seeds or movement within the state or an area of the State, to spread in the State or outside the State.

The Seeds Act has been repealed & will now be covered by the Class 5 weed category. Over the coming months I will try to bring you up to date with how these changes will impact on the way Council currently manages noxious weeds.

Change, as many of you know, is a constant fact of life these days. Sometimes it is for better & sometimes, for worse & it is generally how we manage it that is important. Certainly for most Councils, change often means there may be considerable financial impacts. So it should be no surprise that Councils are currently considering the document - **Interim Report: Findings and Options** from the *Independent Inquiry into the Financial Sustainability of NSW Local Government*.

Following are a few interesting snippets.

“Compared with other federal systems, Australian local government is very small; it commands only 5% of the nation’s general government resources.” The inquiry has found, however, that there is a general misconception in the community that local government “controls between 10 & 30 per cent of the public purse.” Perhaps this is why ratepayers believe “that local Councils’ capacity is much greater than it actually is”.

The Inquiry also found that “public confidence in local government is high & indeed better than for state or national government.” The problems & pressures (and added costs) however are many as the public expects councils to deliver more & more with its limited resources – “most citizens think local government earns two to six times the revenue that it actually receives”!

Add to this the widely held view that “both State & Commonwealth Governments are offloading their responsibilities onto local government without adequate compensation.”

It seems the Inquiry has found that “the total burden of ‘cost shifting’ may be costing NSW local government anything between \$70m & \$350m per annum (or 2-5% of total revenue).”

But more about this Inquiry next month along with details about the new committee structures.

Should these or any other issues interest you and if you have matters you want me to raise in Council, please contact me on 02 4844 6269 or write c/- 694 Collector Road, Tarago 2580 or send an email to dasturji@goulburn.net.au

Cr Denzil Sturgiss

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St. Michael's, Bungonia

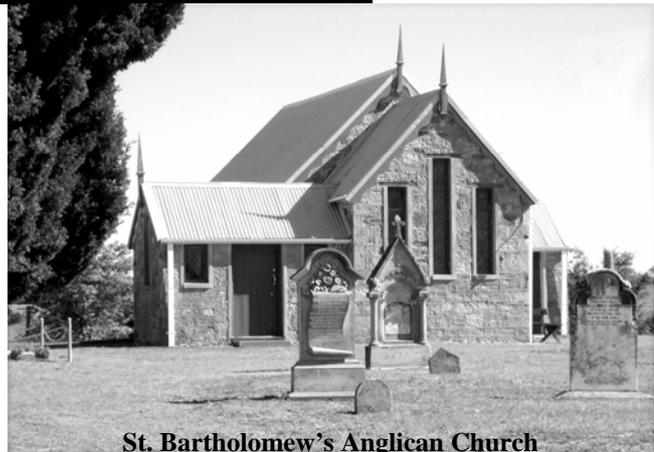
on Good Friday 14th. April at 3pm.
Stations of the Cross

St. Joseph's Church, Tarago

9th April 10.30am Mass
23rd April 10.30am Holy Communion

Parish Priest: Fr. Tony Percy
Assistants: Fr. Damien Styles and
Fr. Francis Kolencherry

Contact 4821 1022



St. Bartholomew's Anglican Church

Church Services

April

St. Mark's - Bronte

Sunday 9th 11.30am PATRONAL FESTIVAL

St. Bartholomew's - Windellama

Sunday 16th 11.30 am EASTER SUNDAY

May

St. Mark's - Bronte

Sunday 14th 11.30am

St. Bartholomew's - Windellama

Sunday 28th 11.30am

Notices

Our Patronal festival at Bronte on Sunday 9th will begin at 11.30 am and be followed by a light luncheon in the Church grounds. A plate of food to share would be appreciated. Everyone is welcome.

The next meeting of the Windellama Anglican Women will be Tuesday 9th May at the home of Dinah Gegg "Fassifern" Windellama Road Windellama at 12pm.

Our Harvest Festival was a great success. Many thanks to the contributors, the spirited bidders, the very persuasive auctioneers Jade and Graham Kinder and to Shirley Cornish for the delicious celebration cake.

Our Rector Robert Lindbeck may be contacted on 4821 3631

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April 2006

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
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3 Bungonia Quilters Senior Week	4 Craft Afternoon Willow Glen Garden Club	5	6	7	8 Open Gardens Marulan	9 St. Mark's Bronte Patronal Festival Open Gardens Marulan
10 Bungonia Quilters Open Gardens Marulan	11 Craft Afternoon	12 Windellama Garden Club Field Day Meeting	13 End of School Term Working Bee	14 Good Friday St. Michael's Bungonia	15 Bungonia Markets	16 Country Markets & Car Rally St. Bartholomew's
17	18 Progress Meeting	19	20	21 News Deadline Queen's Birthday	22 Fire Brigade Meeting	23
24 Bungonia Quilters	25 ANZAC Day Craft Afternoon	26	27	28	29 Fire Brigade Auction	30 Windellama Garden Club Outing

For details of times and places see articles inside this issue
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