

Caring for the Community and Landscapes of the Windellama Region

An exciting proposal for the Windellama community was put to the Windellama Landcare Group in December, by David Hilhorst of the Southern Rivers Catchment Management Authority (SRCMA).

The purpose is for the broader Windellama community to undertake integrated projects that have an emphasis on “Caring for our Country” and “linking local landscape features”. The projects could be jointly funded under the Catchment Authority’s Catchment Action Plan and the Commonwealth Government’s Caring for our Country Program. Funding is on the basis of \$1 for \$1: with the community and individual contributions being labour and resources in kind. The objectives include engaging landholders and community groups in conservation activities, improving knowledge and skills for the protection and restoration of native vegetation as well as improving soil management practices and skills.

An important criteria for receiving government funding is the capacity and willingness of the community to participate in the development and planning of the projects and assist in the implementation and management of the projects. While the starting point has been Landcare, the intention is that the priorities, development and funding should reflect the views of the broader Windellama community including community groups, such as the Progress Association and Windellama Rural Fire Service as well as individuals, landowners and land managers.

Following the December Landcare meeting and informal discussions, the Windellama Landcare and Windellama Progress Association agreed to support the proposal and work together to sponsor and coordinate the development of a funding proposal, provided that there is strong community support.

A public meeting is to be held to indicate the level of support and community priorities. David Hilhorst of SRCMA will give a detailed explanation of the proposal to the meeting. The meeting will be attended by representatives of Windellama community groups, members of the Windellama community as well as groups and individuals from areas adjoining Windellama, broadly the Windellama Region. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the proposal, put forward points of view, and develop priorities and the organisation of the projects.

We would welcome your attendance to discuss and contribute to the proposal.



**The meeting will be at the
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Saturday February 13th**

from 9:30am to 3:00pm

- morning and afternoon teas and lunch will be provided -

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Mum Buys a Camera

By Tom Bryant

About 1926, my mother, Daphne Fife (later Bryant) decided to buy one of those new fangled personal cameras. Cameras had been around for years but it was only in the early years of the 20th century that people started buying the new smaller personal "box" cameras.

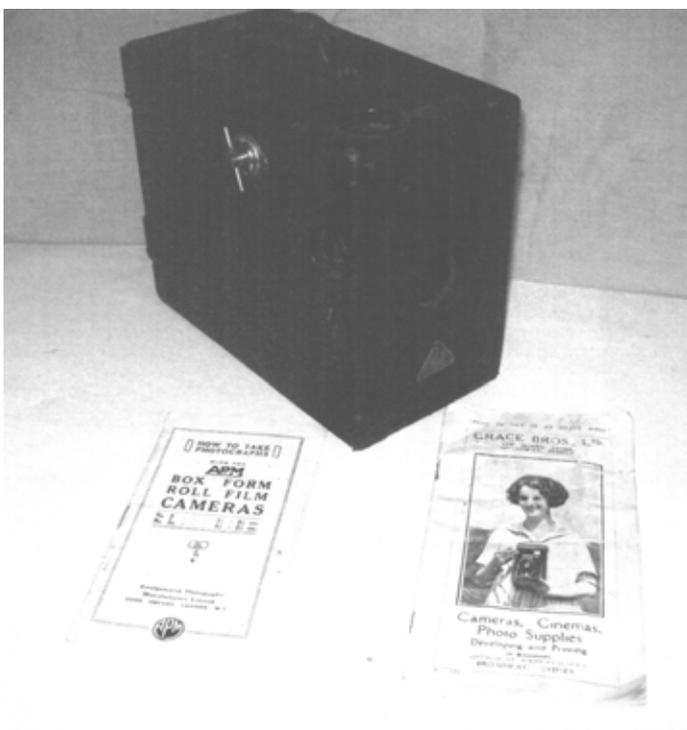
In the early days most of these sort of things were bought by mail order from the big department stores in Sydney. Mum would have written to Grace Brothers on Broadway in Sydney for a catalogue. On receiving the catalogue she chose an APEM brand box camera, model 2a costing 16/-(\$1-60). It took a 2½"x4½" (62x112 mm) photo.

Imaging mum's disappointment when in due course the camers arrived but it didn't work. So back it went to Grace Brothers for repairs. But the camera didn't arrive back and after three months it was declared lost. After an extensive search of the Goulburn Railway Parcels Office it was found in a dark corner, so all looked well.

This time the camera worked fine. I can still remember the camera in use in my early days and mum used it until the film was no longer available. In those days your chemist developed your film, black & white of course.

I still have the camera which is still in good working order, and I still have the instruction book and catalogue.

The camera, instruction book and catalogue.



A couple of photos taken with the camera



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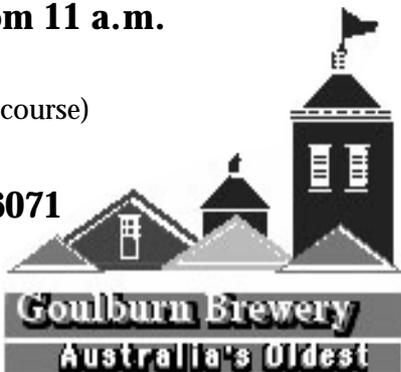
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Main Road 92 Upgrade, Nowra to Nerriga

December 2009 update

Site work on Stage three, the final stage of the 54 kilometre MR92 Upgrade commenced in July. This \$25 million contract, awarded to NACE Civil Engineering Pty Ltd, is expected to be completed in late 2010.



Earthworks are well underway on the sections east and west of Sassafras and as earthworks are completed traffic is being switched progressively to the new alignment. Pavement works have also commenced with 2.3 kilometre of subbase being laid at the western end near Bulee Gap and 4.5 kilometre of subbase being laid at the eastern end near Tianjara Creek.

The last of the clearing work in Sassafras is now complete.

Work has commenced on the reinforced soil wall on the eastern side of Sassafras on Sassafras Hill. Some of the reinforced concrete panels have been delivered and excavations for the foundations are complete.

Weather conditions this month have generally been favourable except in the middle of the month when rain east of Sassafras stopped work and caused road conditions to deteriorate.



This stage will deliver 20 kilometres of upgraded road from Tianjara Falls to Billy's Hill near Bulee Gap and will link the first two stages of the upgrade. Much of this stage of the construction is adjacent to Morton National Park or through Sassafras. While most of the road works closely follow the existing alignment there will be major improvements to the steep incline east of Sassafras.

Stage one, the 24 kilometres from Hames Road, Nowra to Morton National Park, was finished in June 2007 and Stage two, the nine kilometres from Bulee to Nerriga, was officially opened to traffic in September 2009.

For all enquiries concerning operational matters relating to construction activities, please call the NACE Civil Engineering Pty Ltd site engineer, Merv Eagle on 0424 667 174, or the project supervisor, Bob Meins on 0412 464 866.

Motorists are advised to drive carefully throughout the construction area as the road conditions are variable on the remaining sections of gravel road. Particular care should be taken in wet weather as the unsealed sections of the road can be slippery and suitable only for 4WD vehicles.

While work is underway motorists may be escorted through construction works to ensure the safety of travellers and workers as heavy plant and machinery are in use on the road.

This may involve a short delay and restricted speed through the worksite and motorists are advised to allow additional time when planning their journey.

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Over the Christmas Break

We were very fortunate not to have any call-outs in our area. The Windellama brigade had been call on to assist other Brigades in the area over this period with fires at Lake Bathurst, Bungonia and Nerriga.

A very big thank you to 7 Brigade members who attended two large fires outside our area. Four members attend the fires in the Ulladulla area and three members attended the fires in the Armidale area.

Remember: as mentioned previously, lightning strikes cause many problems in our area, so once again, please be on the lookout for smoke rising after the storm has passed. Fire can still start days after the storm. If you notice smoke give us a call.

Remember: Avoid the use of slashers/ mowers, angle grinders, welding equipment, etc. on days of extreme heat.

Training

For information or enquiries on any courses and training contact the Captain Jim Meehan on 4844 5554 or Wayne Back on 9792 5726. For dates and times of training check the Brigade website.

General Meeting

27th February 2010

7:00pm

27th March 2010

7:00pm

Training

27th February 2010

2:30pm

Village scenario, gas bottles.

27th March 2010

2:30pm

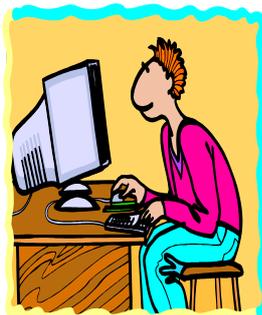
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Please take care on our roads and see you at the next training and meeting. **All welcome.**

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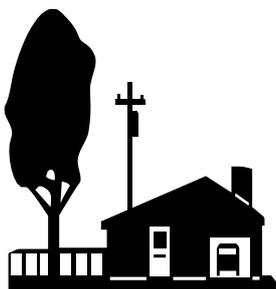
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Landcare Update



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- Vice President: Lloyd Turner
- Secretary: Sandra Greville
- Treasurer: Joy Sutcliffe
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Caring for the Community and Landscapes of the Windellama Region

At the general meeting that followed the AGM, Sky Kidd, the Landcare Co-ordinator, introduced David Hilhorst from the Southern Rivers Catchment Authority who spoke about a project called Local Landholders Linking Landscapes (LLLL).

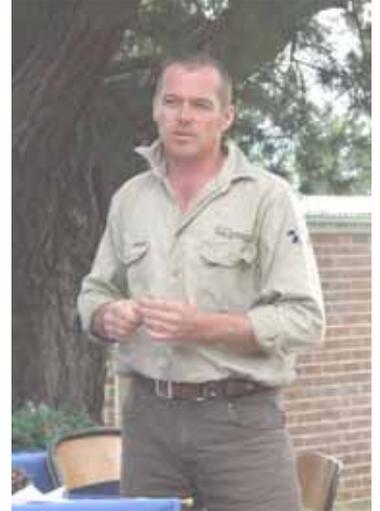
The Southern Rivers Catchment Management Authority is trialling the project as an innovative way of delivering funding. The aim is to target areas where work is needed across the community and to work out what is needed to provide continuity in the landscape for ecosystems.

The Windellama community is being offered the opportunity to put this project to work in

Windellama. This is a process that will involve the wider local community, beyond just the Windellama Landcare members.

The meeting decided to become involved and seek wider involvement and support. The proposal is now being sponsored jointly with the Windellama Progress Association.

A public meeting has been organised by Windellama Landcare and Windellama Progress Association for **Saturday 13th February 2010** at the Windellama Hall to hear David and provide broader community input and assist in developing this exciting proposal for the Windellama community.



Please see the public notice elsewhere in the Windellama News

Rainfall Stats

16th Dec. to 15th Jan.



Rosewood, Windellama Road, Windellama	107ml / 8 days
Timberlight, Oallen Ford Road, Oallen	ml / days
Amaroo, Roberts Road, Windellama	127ml / 8 days
Gar-den, Oallen Ford Rd, Windellama	133.5ml / 12 days
Johnno's Store, Oallen Ford Rd, Bungonia	134ml / 8 days
Tarkierelea, Fernleigh Close, Windellama	113ml / 8 days
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