



This is an article reprinted from the Goulburn Herald 27/4/1896 concerning an Hospital Benefit Ball at James Gegg's woolshed, also a photo of James and his wife Elizabeth (Lizzie)nee Tickner, who was a sister to George Hockey and 1st cousin to John James Croker's wife Charlotte.

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Windellama



A very successful ball was held in J A Gegg's wool shed at Windellama in aid of the Goulburn hospital, initiated at a suggestion of Mr Gegg, undertook the secretaryship and carried out the duties so energetically as to secure success for which credit was deserved. The various arrangements were carried out by means of donations in money or kind so that the gross

receipts without deduction would go to the institution; and the ladies of the neighbourhood gratuitously provided the refreshments.

The attendance was large including almost every person for miles around either taking part in the festivities or interested spectators willing to contribute their share to the financial result. The dancing space was occupied by about 60 couples and the floor was in capital condition. Amongst those present were residents of Windellama, Bungonia, Nerriga, Marulan, Jerrara, Boro, Collector, Nadgingomar, Bronti and other places. Goulburn was also represented.

The room is a spacious one and it was tastefully decorated in a profuse and artistic manner with greenery and flowers, while in many parts

of the building were displayed appropriate mottoes such as "Welcome in the Cause of Charity"



and "Assist the Needy". The decorations were effected by the Misses Gegg, Sweeney and Ryan, assisted by Mrs Calthorpe, and to these ladies very great credit is indeed due.

Refreshments were laid in a large marquee adjoining the ball-

room, and the tables and the wants of the guests were carefully attended by a large staff of ladies headed by Mrs Gegg.

The principal part of the refreshments were contributed by Mr Thos and the Misses Sweeney, Mesdames J A Gegg, Calthorpe, Croker, Henderson, R H Roberts, W Goodchild, J J Ryan, Purcell, T Hockey, Burgess and W & C Muffett. The committee also desire us to mention the kindness of Messrs Hammer & Oxenberry, E Stevens and T Byrne of Goulburn, each of whom contributed kindly and liberally to the refreshment tables.

The music was supplied by the members of the Goulburn model band, who gave their services gratuitously, as did also Mr F Fenton, who presided at the piano. Assistance was also given by the Feltham Bros of Marulan who are first class violinists and also by Mr B Donnelly of Goulburn and others.

The music gave complete satisfaction to the dancers. The band was driven out from Goulburn by J W McCabe who placed his four in hand drag at the disposal of the committee and in other ways assisted in the success of the undertaking. The piano was lent by Mrs Henderson. During the night those who were not dancers were entertained with songs and recitations. The hospital will benefit by the ball

Holistic news from La Granja Alpacas

What an exceptionally hot summer it has been. We have had weeks of over 30 degrees and up to 40. Heroides and I have been flat out keeping up with the Alpacas water in their troughs.

Luckily Heroides had holidays over Christmas and New Year and has just had annual leave. There has been fencing to do and weeds to dig out.

Thank goodness all the Alpacas were shorn at the beginning of December, and the pregnant ones are now blossoming. However the two new crias Blancanieve and Quetzalcoatl, meaning Snow white and the name of an Aztec King, were getting very hot, as their mothers went off to graze they lay in the shade. Blancanieve was born two weeks before shearing, and so was too young to be done and Quetzalcoatl was born two days after shearing. Actually we had to get the vet for his birth as he was stuck in the birth canal, all tucked up and very difficult to get out, but luckily he was fine.

We decided to get a table out and the ropes that Heroides has used with the vet with castrations and give them a poodle cut with clippers. It took two of us, me holding their necks and backs and Heroides clipping. Quetzalcoatl was a very good little boy but Blancanieve is a little more feisty and she now has half a scarf around her neck which we overlooked! Still they feel much better and have been pranking around the paddock.

We have just switched them and their mothers and two weaned girls for the females that are due with their births in late February and March. They have come into the maternity paddock and the others have gone out to the back, but they still all have access to shelter and are fed La Granja mix every day. We have seven girls due, mostly to our Appaloosa stud, Marlecchino, but two are pregnant to Pesito(our white suri) and Surenio (our black suri).

Six very friendly young weanling boys are in the front paddock, they eat from my hand, some will be wethers and others future studs. Please note the advertisement in the classifieds, they are for sale and of course we always have females too and can do packages and two of our studs have to go to good homes too.

So looking forward to the new births and I love the surprise when they appear, there is nothing in the world like Alpacas. I will be able to announce what they are and their names in the next article. Namaste Joy Allenby-Acuna Alpaca caregiver

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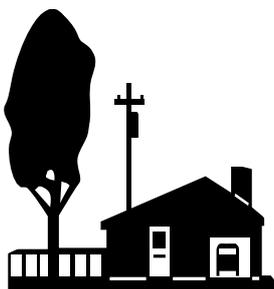
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Who will put trees back on farms now?

In June 2008, the Federal Government dissolved the national network of 19 Private Forestry Development Committees (PFDCs), regional groups whose key objective was to put trees back into over-cleared farm land.

The philosophy behind PFDCs aligns with the concept of 'teaching someone to catch a fish, rather than giving them a fish' - in this case helping farmers to implement self-funded, profitable tree growing options, rather than dispensing one-off lumps of money to plant trees.

Because of this approach, the PFDC program ran on a shoe-string budget, using just \$1.4 million dollars of Federal money to run 19 groups covering the nation. This is in stark comparison to Federal programs like Natural Heritage Trust which cost \$2.5 billion and Caring for Our Country (\$2.25 billion).

Governments have long recognised that most farms have been extensively cleared of trees and other native vegetation.

While clearing was a nation building necessity to feed a growing population and earn export income, even farmers admit a host of environmental problems have emerged.

Dryland salinity, soil erosion, loss of habitat and biodiversity and, perhaps most crucial in a world alarmed about global warming, a loss of long-term carbon storage in trees and perennial vegetation are all pressing issues.

In 2002, the Wentworth Group of Concerned Scientists called for significant re-vegetation of farmland - up to 34% of farms to be put under trees - noting it would result in economic and environmental improvements.

More than 60 per cent of Australia's 769 million hectare land mass is under agricultural production. In other words, the majority of land where re-vegetation can occur is privately owned farmland.

Around 70 per cent of the 149 million hectare national forest estate is privately managed, much of this being native forest on farms.

The formal network of national forest reserves (23 million hectares) and public multiple use forests (9.4 million hectares) have little scope for future expansion, relative to what could be achieved on private land given the right incentives.

Given these statistics, it is glaringly obvious that the focus for re-vegetating cleared landscapes, and the improved management of native trees has to be on *private farmland*.

Yet convincing farmers to re-vegetate is not an easy task. Droughts, fluctuating commodity prices and declining terms of trade means that farmers need compelling reasons to spend money planting trees. In most cases, that reason must be clear evidence that trees will contribute positively to the farm business – either through direct income from wood or carbon sales, or indirect income from stock shelter, improved farm environmental function or higher land values. Research has shown that planting 10-20% of a farm to trees can lead to improvements in agricultural productivity.

Moreover, there is considerable scope to use low quality wood from farm plantations to generate bioenergy, leading to reduced fossil fuel use, making a positive contribution to climate change, and all without using valuable food sources such as grains.

To date, most re-vegetation on farms has been funded by the taxpayer through environmental programs such as Natural Heritage Trust, National Landcare Program and their new replacement, Caring for Our Country.

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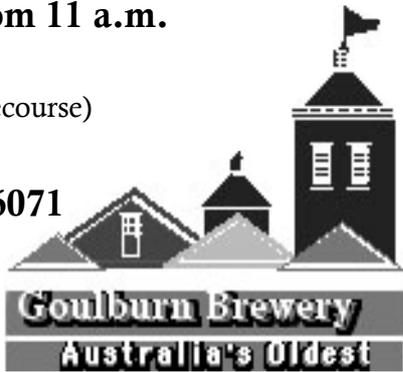
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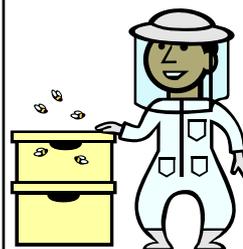


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These programs have produced some worthwhile environmental projects, but will never generate the scale of revegetation scientists such as the Wentworth Group are demanding. Moreover, they will forever be dependant on the public purse.

The solution to this problem is to assist farmers to develop farm re-vegetation options that provide demonstrable and quantifiable benefits to the farm business. This is the only way we will move away from small scale *ad hoc* piecemeal publicly funded re-vegetation approach, to a model which delivers broad scale adoption and is mostly funded by farmers themselves.

Farmer funded models require an intimate knowledge of local farming systems and identification of tree growing options which can be integrated onto farms with minimal disruption to agricultural income.

In 1996, the PFDCs were established with precisely this strategy in mind. Their objective was to deliver re-vegetation and forest management options for farms which worked on a significant scale, and would contribute to regional forestry investment, employment and improved environmental performance.

Getting farmers to adopt new tree-based farming systems is a long term strategy. It will not happen in the typical political timeframe of an election cycle, or even within a decade.

Yet, since their inception, PFDCs have assisted numerous farmers in regional Australia to grow more trees on their farms, to better manage native forests and most importantly, to understand how re-introducing trees onto farms can provide multiple benefits.

Farm forestry now represents around 8 per cent of the total national planted forest estate. Our understanding of what is needed to increase this level of planting on farms has improved dramatically, thanks largely to PFDCs working at the most basic level with farmers.

PFDCs have amassed and passed on to farmers a wealth of detailed regionally specific technical and economic knowledge – knowledge which does not exist in metropolitan based government departments and which can only be delivered with the local credibility that building a network with farmers and state government agencies can deliver.

The corporate knowledge embodied in the PFDC network is immense, and not matched by any other state or Federal agency which deals with commercial forestry on private land.

The timing of the decision to cease PFDC support, with a Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme (CPRS) set to commence in 2010, and forest carbon sinks being a key plank in the Government's fight against climate change is difficult to reconcile.

Over the past decade, there has never been a more pressing need to advise farmers on how to best integrate trees into their farms than now. This need will escalate should agriculture – which accounts for 15 per cent of Australia's greenhouse gas emissions - be brought to account under the CPRS.

There is no-one to fill the void left by PFDCs. State Government forestry agencies long ceased giving advice to farmers on tree planting, as they became corporate government entities who must return a profit to treasury. Likewise, state Departments of Agriculture have cut farm forestry extension staff, and other forestry research agencies have been rationalised.

Environmental organisations and agencies cannot perform the task. Their expertise is in environmental rehabilitation, but with little experience advising farmers on commercially attractive re-vegetation solutions for farms. Moreover, they lack the commercial forestry networks required to bring tree-growing projects to fruition.

The long-held vision of seeing farms with significant tree cover, producing multiple benefits for the environment, the farm business and combating climate change appears to have suffered a major set-back.

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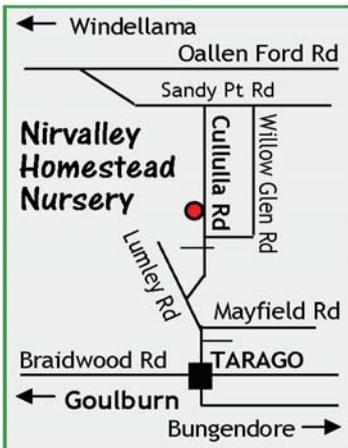


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March in your garden

Autumn trees should start to show some of their display this month.

Vegetables

Plant seedlings of cauliflower, cabbage, brussel sprouts or broccoli; feed them with liquid fertiliser to get these plants established.

Seeds of lettuce, turnips, radish and white onions.

Flowers

Seedlings of alyssum, pansies, viola, stocks, poppies, calendula, carnation, dianthus, polyanthus, larkspur, snapdragons, statice, verbena and Virginian stock.

Plant **seeds** directly into the garden beds. Also wallflowers & sweet Williams.

If the weather is not too hot, plant seedlings of hollyhocks, Canterbury bells, aquilegia, delphiniums and penstemons; these are perennial.

Watch for caterpillars on roses, pinch them off wearing gloves.

Black aphids appear on Chrysanthemums; they can be controlled by spraying with Malathion.

Cuttings of geraniums, fuschia and hydrangeas can be done this month.

Fruit Trees

Apricots

Mould – spray with Bordeaux in August or September (when buds show pink). Also spray in April with Bordeaux (at leaf fall) and rake up fallen leaves and dispose of them.

Cherry Slug – spray in January with Carbayl or Malathion or mix garden lime and spray with that.

Apples & Pears

January to March – if codling moth or fruit fly appear, spray with Lebaycid. Give the fruit 2-3 weeks after spraying before harvesting.

Plant of the Month

Papaver – Iceland poppy, Arctic poppy, Oriental poppy, Opium poppy.



Iceland poppy – there are 50 species, many extremely showy. The petals may take days to reach their full diameter of up to 30cm. A silken cup brimming with the purple-black stamens that protect a many sided seed capsule. The fragrance is acrid and somewhat disturbing.

Where winters are suitably cold these magnificent blooms grow from a mass of fleshy roots planted out in Autumn at 45cm intervals. They spread quickly and should not be disturbed for several years. If spent flowers

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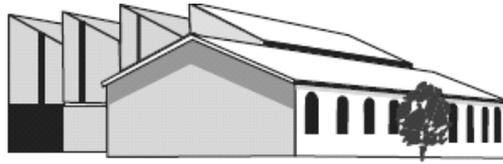
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