

Firewood

It's the coldest winter for a number of years so most of us are out looking for firewood more often than we'd like. Mostly overlooked as a great source of firewood are both Wattle and Snappy Gum (*Eucalyptus mannifera*)

We all know that Yellow Box is a good firewood but sometimes over-rated, Snappy Gum is often dozed up into windrows. Snappy gum is best when it has been dead about 3 years and is not damp from lying on the ground. The wood is light pink in colour and usually splits very easily. It gives off very good flames and burns when people are clearing and this is such a waste.

Snappy Gum (*Eucalyptus mannifera*) is common right across the Southern Tablelands. It is very versatile and grows in most positions from gully lines to hill tops and can be recognised from the following features:-

- * Smooth white bark often with silver grey blotches and sometimes patches of red in summer or where other branches rub against the trunk,
- * mostly NO SCRIBBLES,
- * little or no stocking of bark at the base,
- * smallish dull green leaves at most stages ,
- * 4 to 7 buds and fruits in each cluster,
- * fruit size varies but mostly around 5mm in diameter, slightly domed disc, 3 or 4 valves.

Interestingly one of my favourite botanical books "Native Trees and Shrubs of South Eastern Australia" by Leon Costermans says the wood of *Eucalyptus mannifera* is "of little value" . Obviously Mr. Costermans had never used it as firewood.



Eucalyptus mannifera



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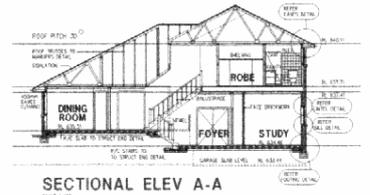
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A VOTE FOR EXPERIENCE and a PROVEN TRACK RECORD

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Give me your vote on September 13 so I can continue to

- be a voice on Council for rural and city ratepayers
- work to keep rates affordable and fair, and
- work for a water supply that will guarantee the economic future of Goulburn

Call me on 4849 4605 to talk about how I can best continue to represent your interests

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A Vote for Experience

Denzil Sturgiss was born in Goulburn and raised in the Tarago district where he continues to work his own land. Denzil was first elected to Mulwaree Council in 1999 and was also successful in the 2004 amalgamated Goulburn Mulwaree Council's first election. He has always stood for a fair go for everyone wanting to live "a country lifestyle". He knows ratepayers right across Goulburn Mulwaree want sound infrastructure that includes continuing improvements to rural and urban roads, better waste management services, a guaranteed water supply to meet the needs of a growing Goulburn city, local employment opportunities, affordable rates and improved public amenities such as a multi-function centre that will draw people from across the region to Goulburn.

In his local community, Denzil:

- *Is a Life Member of the Tarago Sporting Association and the Tarago District Show Society*
- *has given 40 years service to Rural Fire Brigades*
- *Is on the Tarago Hall Committee.*

In local government, Denzil has been active on several Council Committees Including:

- *the Sports Council*
- *the Goulburn Recreation Area Management Committee*
- *the Facilities Committee*
- *the Southern Tablelands Zone Bushfire Management Committee*
- *Woodlawn Bioreactor Community Liaison Committee.*

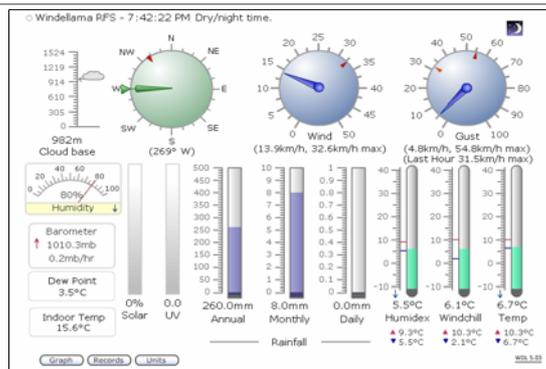
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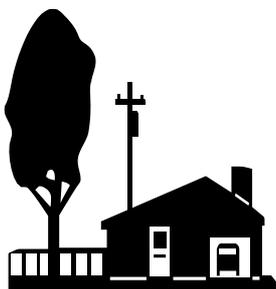
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Lawn cemetery upgrade starting soon

Goulburn Mulwaree Council is currently writing to Grantees of lawn grave sites at Section 9 of the General Cemetery and Sections P1, P2 and P3 of Kenmore Cemetery to inform them of a \$150,000 improvement program starting in mid September.

Council will also write to people that have reserved a plot in the affected lawn areas to update them regarding the work. Grantees are the people listed in Council's records as being responsible for the plot of a friend or relative.

Signage will also be installed at the cemeteries and Council will also start advertising the project .

The main component of the work, including site preparation and the laying of turf, will take place from 16 September to 3 October, weather permitting. During this time people will not be able to access individual grave sites as it will be a construction area.

To allow the work to take place, items that have been placed on the top of graves will need to be removed. As these items belong to families and friends of those buried at the cemetery, Council has allowed more than a month for people to remove them themselves.

Any remaining monuments will be placed in storage for at least two months, to allow for collection by the Grantees or their representative.

At the completion of work, the areas will be maintained as uniform lawn cemeteries, with no items to be placed on the grass areas. Each grave site has two places for vases to be placed in the beam.

If people have any questions regarding the project, please contact Council on 4823 4464 from 8.30am to 4.30pm Monday to Friday.



Briefs From council meeting 19 August 2008

Mayoral and Deputy Mayoral Election

Following the Local Government Election on 13 September, a Special Council Meeting will be held on 30 September to allow the new Council to elect a Mayor and Deputy Mayor. If by that date the nine Councillor positions haven't been finalised, the meeting date will be rolled over to the following Tuesday, until all Councillor positions have been filled.

Vandalism

Vandalism in Goulburn Mulwaree has cost Council more than \$34,000 over the past 12 months. During August alone, Council staff removed graffiti from a number of sites across the Council area, replaced several signs that had been damaged or illegally removed or repaired other utilities that had been vandalised.

Water saving rebate amended

Council has amended its water saving rebate, which applies to water efficient showerheads and washing machines. The changes are necessary to achieve an equitable rebate scheme that offers an amount of money that reflects the value of the water saved. The new changes will be introduced over the next four weeks.

Tourism Website

Goulburn's tourism website is currently receiving an overhaul. The site, www.igoulburn.com, has already undergone a number of changes, with final fine tuning currently taking place. The website will be officially launched in conjunction with the new edition of the Goulburn and Surrounds Visitor Guide in September.

Do you have new neighbours?

Why not pass on your copy of the *Windellama News* to them. This is probably the best way for newcomers to find out about the local activities and also to find about our local trades and services.

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WHAT'S ON IN OUR AREA THIS MONTH

Gallery hosts 'Speak Up'

Arts and Disability Action Strategy Forum

A new Goulburn based Disability Arts Network has formed following a productive 'Speak Up' Arts and Disability Action Strategy Forum held at Goulburn Regional Art Gallery recently.

The aim of the forum was to identify specific community needs that could be aided by targeted arts and disability projects. It was coordinated by Alison McLaren from Accessible Arts and attended by community members and representatives from a range of disability service providers

"The forum was designed to find out what gaps there are in services, and any opportunities for improved services for people with a disability in the arts," Goulburn Regional Art Gallery Director Jane Cush said.

"Alison McLaren has been visiting a number of regional centres and will prepare a report on needs and strategies for arts and disabilities. We look forward to seeing the results, which will be aimed at improving the quality of life for people with a disability in our community."

Some of the core needs raised at the forum included:

- greater affordability of arts opportunities
- better transport to arts venues and events
- better physical access to venues and events
- more facilities and venues
- more opportunities for training, mentoring and employment in the arts industry
- more opportunities for people with a disability to get involved in local networks

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- stronger relationships between disability and arts organisations
- better, more positive attitudes towards disability issues in the arts.

"One of the strongest needs in our community was for all the arts and disability organisations to network and liaise, especially on specific projects," Ms Cush said.

"A practical outcome of the forum was the formation of a Disability Arts Network, which will meet every three months at varying arts institutions. The first one is scheduled for 10 November at 3pm at the Goulburn Regional Art Gallery. Anyone interested and involved in the arts and disability sectors is welcome to attend."

Some practical training in Disability Arts Access from Accessible Arts is also tentatively planned for Monday 1 December at the Gallery.

To celebrate the International Day of People with a Disability, an art exhibition is also planned for Goulburn Mulwaree Council's Civic Centre in Bourke St, Goulburn, opening at 1pm on Tuesday 2 December 2008.

For more information, please contact the Gallery's Public Programs Officer Kirsten Jeffcoat on 4823 4442 or email kirsten.jeffcoat@goulburn.nsw.gov.au



SPEAKING UP: Attendees at the 'Speak Up' Arts and Disability Action Strategy Forum included (l-r) Alison McLaren from Accessible Arts, Stephen O'Connell from Goulburn Regional Conservatorium, Viv Cox from the Department of Ageing Disability and Home Care, Glen Simkus, Goulburn Regional Art Gallery Public Programs Officer Kirsten Jeffcoat, Val Gordon from Anglicare, Nathalie Wade from Essential Personnel and Wade Haidinger.

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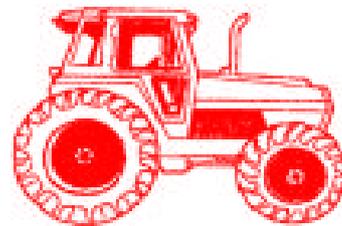
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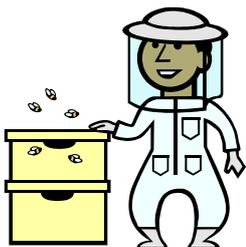
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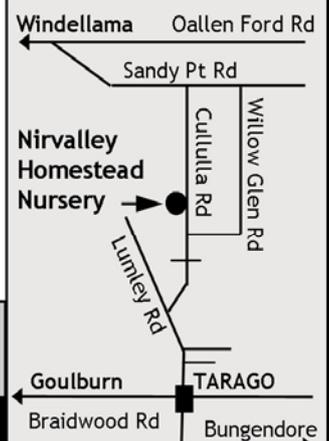
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Vegetables:

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Potatoes if the frosts are over, grow seed potatoes.

Seedlings – cabbages, peas, silver beet.

Peas & silver beet like the ground to be limed.

Flowers:

Seedlings of violas, verbena, dianthus, carnations, stocks, wallflowers, dwarf sweet Williams, nemesia, polyanthus, petunias & phlox.

Petunias & phlox will stand light frost, provided they are well acclimatized.

Gladioli bulbs can be planted now; they like plenty of sun, good drainage & a light dressing of complete fertilizer. If your soil is heavy, plant the bulbs 12cm deep; if light & sandy plant 20cm deep. The gladioli will flower about 90 days after planting the corm.



Chrysanthemums can be purchased now. You can lift & divide old plants & also take cuttings now.

Lawn

You can sow lawn seeds now, if you have plenty of water to keep up to it. Prepare the soil with compost & remove the weeds before planting the seeds.

Established lawns – spray broadleaf weeds or bindii; *Weed & Feed* for lawns will take care of most weeds.

Lime

What it does – Lime if used moderately is a valuable aid to your garden. It changes the ph of your soil from acid to alkaline. Lime has the power of liberating chemicals otherwise locked up in the soil, and an excessive application may adversely affect plant growth.

Some chemicals – potash, magnesium, molybdenum & perhaps nitrogen are readily soluble and so are available to plants in a slightly alkaline soil condition. On the other hand, slightly acidic conditions assist solubility of iron, copper, zinc & manganese.

Agriculture Lime – also known as carbonate of lime or ground limestone, is the safest form of lime to use in the home garden. It may take several weeks or even months to appreciably reduce soil acidity.

Dolomite – its' action is very like agricultural lime, it is ground from naturally occurring limestone which contains a percentage of magnesium as well as calcium carbonate.

Strongly acid – (ph 4-5.5)

Parsley, potatoes, tomato, sweet potato, cow pea, maize, millet, oats, rye, radish. Azalea, ferns, heath, iris, orchard, rhododendron, camellia, daphne & boronia.

Moderately acid – (ph 5-5.6)

Beans, Brussels sprouts, carrots, choko, endive, kohlrabi, peanuts, rhubarb, soyabean, crimson clover, vetch, aster, begonia, canna, daffodil, jonquil, larkspur, petunia, primrose, violet, most bulbs.

Slightly acid – (ph 6-6.5)

Broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower, cucumber, egg plant, pea, sweet corn, barley, pumpkin, rape, squash, turnip, red clover, sweet clover, white clover, candytuft, gladiolus, Iceland poppies, pansy, rose, snapdragon, viola, wallflower, zinnia & strawberry.

Very mildly acid – (ph 6.5-7)

Heavy application of lime is required.

Asparagus, beet, celery, lettuce, melons, onions, parsnips, spinach, Lucerne, carnation, chrysanthemum, dahlia, stock, sweet pea & tulip.



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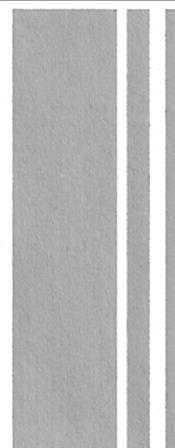
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