



## WINDELLAMA PROGRESS ASSOCIATION HALL Inc.



### Report from the meeting conducted on Tuesday 21st November

A full agenda was discussed at the last meeting of the Progress Association and the following decisions made. Bungonia Progress Association was invited to field a team against Windellama for the annual cricket match on New Years Day. The match will begin at 2.00 p.m., at Windellama and we are hoping to retain the "Golden Box" trophy. Players and spectators are most welcome. Afternoon tea will be served following the match.

Dwindling interest in the New Years Eve dance has resulted in cancellation of the event this year.

The ever popular "Just Trivia" evening will be returning on February 10<sup>th</sup>. Full details are elsewhere in the "News". Please come and join in the fun – raffles, games and of course trivia will ensure a "hot" night. Children will be catered for again. Plate to share for supper please.

Kellie Green, President of the P. & C. reported on the wonderful "Monster Anniversary" happening held recently at the hall. A wonderful time was had by all. Many thanks to Shirley Cornish for the imaginative and colourful celebration cake, to "Animal" for the music, the children for the decorations, the P. & C. for the organisation and all who came and made this night such a success. It is hoped this will become an annual event.

It is proposed to amend the constitution of the Association and we are interested to hear from any members who may have ideas on improvements to this document. We would like to have the amendments ready for a vote at a properly convened general meeting of the association following the Annual General Meeting next May. Input from members is very important. A copy of the constitution is available to all members on request to the Secretary.

The Field Day raffle was a great success. There can, of course, be only one winner and this was Pam Williams. Congratulations. Many thanks for the support of all who purchased tickets and to Judy and Carl Alcock for their very generous donation towards the prize.

Next meeting Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December, at 7.30 p.m. followed by a Christmas supper.

Frances Knights, Secretary.

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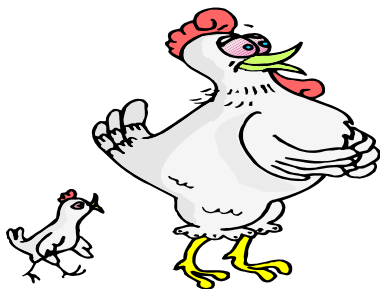
If you need any tips or want to let me know where you will be (and maybe a contact number) then give me a ring.

I will be working most of the holiday period.

The police BBQ is on 17 December 2006. Start time is 1pm. Please bring with you a chair or picnic rug to sit on. If anyone wishes to bring a dish or salad then please feel free. As always Annette and I will supply sausages and bread and drinks for the kids. Of course all persons will need to BYO alcohol.

If you have any queries or problems don't hesitate to give me a call on 4849 4411 or pay me a visit any-time.

Yours in Policing  
Glenn 'Butch' Cassidy



## Cracking Up

Keeping chickens isn't all it's cracked up to be. Being self sufficient? Moving to the country to have a quiet life? It's just as well I didn't know what the correct description of 'quiet' life meant.

Two weeks ago I spent quite a deal of time at 1am chasing roo shooters off of the property next door. Living very close to a creek, I am constantly dodging the world's most venomous snakes. Next door's goats seem to think the grass is greener on the other side...my side.

The chickens, bless their little hearts, have just come in to lay again. Basil the rooster has got a new spring in his step. The chickens are now all pregnant. I had only one laying box that the hens liked. They all laid their eggs in the one favourite place and proceeded to settle down stacked on top of each other to hatch their eggs.

So...I had to make new boxes for them. I divided the supposed fertile eggs (Basil is getting a bit long in the tooth) so that each hen had three or four eggs to hatch. But they kept migrating back to the 'best' box, so I put doors on the boxes to keep them in their allocated bedrooms. So then I had to organize individual feeders and waterers for them all, which is a terrible nuisance at dinner time when I have to give them their cooked evening meal divided into equal portions and of course one for Basil (he has to keep his strength up!).

Now, I'm not getting any eggs at all, and if Murphy has anything to do with it, the new babies will all be cute hungry little roosters.

I took the plunge the other day and went to visit a friend. I took two joeys, clean pouches for them, bottles of formula and tissues for toileting. On the way there, I picked up an injured kookaburra and a top-knot pigeon. I stopped to check on two Eastern Grey kangaroos and a wombat that had been hit by vehicles and left in the road.

My male goose is attacking everything that moves to protect his two wives. I have to fight him tooth and nail with a broom to retrieve the eggs that are layed or I'll finish up with dozens of the little blighters.

I keep racking my brain trying to remember why it was I moved out of Sydney

Marian Hardy

## Windellama SES First-Aid

By Graeme McFarlane

On the 4th November we attended the Small Farms Field Day at the Hall. Many thanks to the whole team for their attendance on the day. Although there were only three of us at the van, Shirl was in the field; Pat and Irene were in the Hall; Anne-mare was wandering around at different venues; Noel was with the Fire Brigade.

Although people were at different locations we were all there to provide the best first-aid service possible.

We were also at the Country Fair. Which we have attended along with the Field Day since 2000 and hope to continue for many years to come.

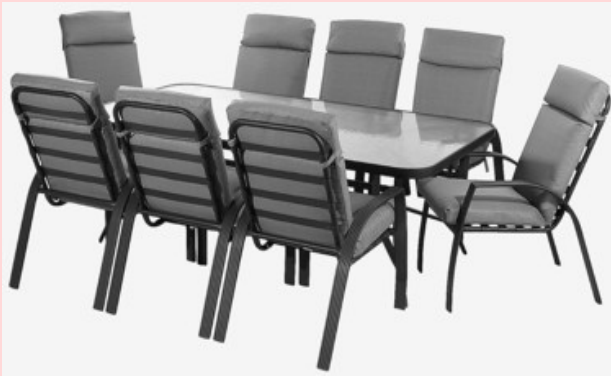
On the 25th November we will be at the Pauline Fathers again, this one will be big as it is their food festival.

In at the SES we are doing our chain-saw course at the moment. A couple of our members helped out on the 11th November with the Convoy for Kids.

Well, this will probably be our last piece for the year, so from the whole team, may you all have a merry Christmas and a great New Year.

Don't forget if you need first-aid help over Christmas or any time, just call and we will get the nearest person to you asap.

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## Call for Better Care of Country Cancer Patients.



A study published in the *Medical Journal of Australia* shows that people with cancer in regional NSW are 35 per cent more likely to die within five years of diagnosis than patients in cities, and the further away the patients live the greater the mortality rate. For some cancers, remote patients are up to 300 per cent more likely to die within five years of diagnosis (MJA 2004;180:618-622).

Cancer patients in remote areas are also more likely to be diagnosed later, when their cancer is more advanced and difficult to treat. However, even when that fact has been accounted for the differences in mortality continue.

The gaps in services and care are further highlighted in Mapping Rural and Regional Oncology Services, a report released by the Clinical Oncological Society of Australia (COSA) early this year that surveyed key staff at the 157 regional hospitals in Australia that administer chemotherapy.

In rural and remote centres, across-the-board service provision is much poorer than in the benchmark metropolitan centres. Only one in five of the regional hospitals has a resident oncology service. Access to a visiting service varies widely, to as little as once every six months; and 38 per cent of the regional hospitals are administering chemotherapy without access to any oncologist at all. On top of that, significant numbers of nurses and GPs don't have the appropriate training or qualifications, especially in more remote areas. And even in regions with comparatively more resources, few can offer patients access to adequate allied support to deal with psychological problems and other issues they may face, for example.

It sounds bad. But an editorial by representatives of COSA and the Cancer Council, published in the *Medical Journal of Australia*, argues that the problem is "not insurmountable" and makes some recommendations to address the issue (MJA 2006;185(9):479-480).

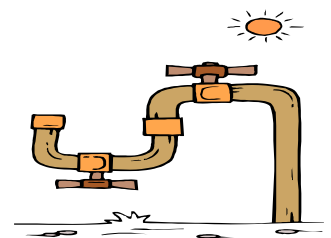
The main recommendation is to build "regional cancer centres of excellence" linked to metropolitan centres and providing more multidisciplinary care such as specialised psychologists, dieticians and genetic counselling.

COSA recommends the centres be formed around places where there are already radiation units, as half of all cancer patients need radiotherapy and set-up costs are high. No such centres exist, according to Craig Underhill, head of COSA's Rural and Regional Oncology Group, but some have come close.

A survey of medical oncology trainees found they are more likely to work in rural and remote areas if there is at least one other oncological specialist there, if locum cover is available so they can attend conferences and workshops, and if they have access to clinical trials - issues that could be addressed through those links.

Let's work together to do something about this situation. Please let me know if you or your family has been affected by lack of oncology services in regional NSW.

## Water availability for rural residents



Goulburn Mulwaree Council will continue to make water available to its rural residents for domestic purposes. Throughout the current drought, Council has made water available to rural households from Goulburn city's supply through registered local water carriers.

General Manager Luke Johnson, said several concerned residents had contacted Council recently after hearing reports that availability to rural households may cease. He assured residents availability would continue.

"Council closely monitors the removal of water from the city supply by carriers through a weekly log system, to ensure water is provided to only rural households in the Goulburn Mulwaree local government area and only for domestic purposes," Mr Johnson said.

Mr Johnson said many of Goulburn Mulwaree's rural households had been dependent upon water carting for drinking water and household use at various times during the current drought.



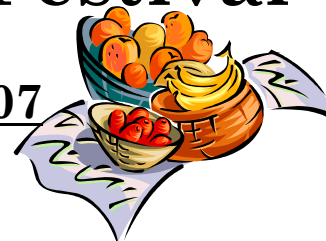
## *Lavender at Laggan*

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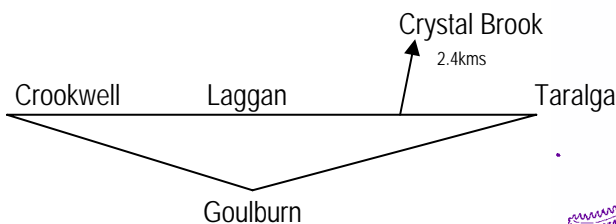
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## At Your Goulburn Library



### Library hours for Christmas and New Year

The Goulburn Library will be closed as from 12.00pm on Friday 22 December to 10.00am on Tuesday 2 January 2007.

Have a safe and happy holiday.

### 'Calling all kids': things to do in the school holidays @ the Goulburn Library

It's never 'too cool' to hook a ride to a fictional world created by your favourite author, especially during the summer holidays, according to the Australian author Emily Rodda. Emily Rodda and the dragons from her "Deltora" series feature on the posters, stickers and bookmarks for the recently launched "**Read around Oz**", Summer Reading Club for public libraries in New South Wales.

**Read Around Oz** is open to all children 5 years of age and over.

To participate is simple:

Participants must have their own library card. If a child is not already a member find out how easy it is to join the library by talking to library staff.

Come in and register from Monday December 11 onwards at the library loans desk and pick up a reading kit that includes the very important reading log.

After registering start reading. Participants need to read a minimum of 5 books, magazines or graphic novels. All items read must be borrowed from the Goulburn Library. Participants can also read books from the Premiers Reading Challenge lists. Ask at the library loans desk for the lists.

Return completed reading logs to the library by Monday January 22, 2007 to be in the running for the major prize of a gift voucher to the value of \$50.00.

**Read Around Oz** is free to join; all young people need is a library card, a general interest in reading and a sense of adventure.

For further information contact the library on 4823 4435 or come on in and talk to library staff.

### Cards for sale

Next time you're at the library have a look at the beautiful cards we now have for sale. Currently available at all branch libraries there are 4 different cards, each featuring an image from the STRL Regional Photograph Collection. With two cards in black and white and two in colour, the cards have been produced to promote the local region, to make images from the regional history collection accessible to the public and to exhibit some of the excellent talents of local photographers. Cards are blank for you to add your own message.

Cards are priced at \$3.00 each, \$10.00 for a set of the 4 cards, or a dozen cards of your choice for \$30.00. Envelopes are included with all cards.

Any profit from the sale of cards will be put towards producing more unique cards with views of the Region.

### *The History of Goulburn NSW* by RT Wyatt

Newly reprinted and available in time for Christmas is Ransome T Wyatt's classic work: *The History of Goulburn NSW*. This is not a new edition – there are no fancy additions, corrections or unexpected amendments to Wyatt's landmark work. In a handy, paperback format, this reprint does however contain the entire text and drawings of Wyatt's classic book, which was first published in 1941. Copies of *The History of Goulburn* are now available from Goulburn Branch Library (and other selected outlets) for \$30.00 each, along with other local titles such as *Grand Goulburn* by SJ Tazewell (\$21).

The Goulburn Library is open  
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## MONSTER CELEBRATIONS

The Monster Celebrations was a very successful night. There were lots of people, great costumes and everyone had heaps of fun. Congratulations to the P & C on their organisation and fantastic decorations.



## WINDELLAMA CUP

The 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Windellama Cup – for insects, frogs and snails, was held on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November. There were lots of colourful hats and many entries in the races. There were a few problems finding frogs and snails due to the dry weather but the “imported” frogs and snails were very fast.

## MAKING ENTRIES FOR CRAFT – COUNTRY FAIR

Every year the children make entries for the Country Fair. This year the children made Farmyard Scenes and Vegetable people. The older children made their own and then helped the younger children. They all had a great time making their entries.

## REGIONAL DIRECTOR'S VISIT

The Regional Director of Education, Mr Graeham Kennedy, visited the school recently.

The children performed a small circus for him. He enjoyed the performance.



## PLAYGROUP 2007

We would like to try and get the Playgroup running in 2007. The Playgroup can operate here at school. Usually parents and their children (aged up to 5) meet fortnightly for 2 hours. The children can play, paint, draw, do some craft etc and parents help, have a cuppa and a chat. There is a charge to join the Australian Playgroup Association but this covers insurance for children and parents. If there is anyone interested in helping to get this started please contact the school. We need a minimum of 5 families to get started.

## KINDERGARTEN 2008 ORIENTATION

Orientation will begin in Term 3 2007 for children who will turn 5 before 31<sup>st</sup> July 2008.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- \* The Afternoon Show  
6<sup>th</sup> December
- \* Visit to Nursing Homes to sing carols.  
13<sup>th</sup> December
- \* Presentation Night  
18<sup>th</sup> December
- \* First Day 2007  
Teachers – 29<sup>th</sup> January  
Students – 30<sup>th</sup> January

## PRESENTATION NIGHT – MONDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER at 6.00pm

The annual Presentation Night is always a highlight of the year. The children perform items – this year there will be a cooking theme. They will also receive their certificates and books for work throughout the year and all the special awards.

Please join us for a BBQ tea and to join in the fun

## KINDERGARTEN 2007 ORIENTATION

Orientation will begin next term for children who will turn 5 before 31<sup>st</sup> July 2007. **Last date for this year - 1<sup>st</sup> December.**

## ENROLMENTS FOR ALL GRADES FOR 2007 BEING ACCEPTED

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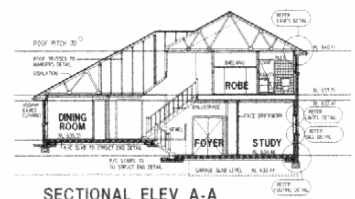
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