



WINDELLAMA SMALL FARMS FIELD DAY



Field Day 2008

The field day was a culmination of all the many months of hard work to get the hall and grounds ready. Exhibitors started to arrive on Thursday. Friday proved the adage, "many hands make light work", as this year we had more helpers and all the preparation happened with the minimum of fuss.

Windellama lived up to its reputation and all tents had to wait to be erected on the Saturday. Saturday started out overcast and drizzle, but cleared later.

Raffle Winners were:-

1st: Perter Reeves of Mr Nice Cream - Hamper Manly

2nd: Beryl Vine of Goulburn, Crochet Rug

3rd: John Corduckef of Tallong, Coles Voucher
Lucky Gate Winner was Jane Wilkes of Royalla.

The weather didn't keep the people away, so thank you to all who helped to make it a very successful day.

Cathy





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SMALL SCHOOLS AT CAMP LONG BEACH

Years 2-6 students from the five small schools went to camp Long Beach. They were participating in programs on Team-work. They included Initiative Activities, Bush Engineering and Raft Building. They enjoyed visits to the beach with some doing beach fishing.



WINDELLAMA CUP

The Annual Windellama Cup was held again. Parents attended for a picnic lunch and then the 'races'. The winners were:

The RJC Stakes for Insects : Austin

The R & J Carey Handicap for Frogs : Cameron

Krystal, with her snail "Slimey", won the Windellama Cup.



ELECTORAL COMMISSION

Brian McKivat from the Electoral Commission visited and talked to the children about the importance of voting and how to vote. The children participated in a 'mock' election.



REMEMBRANCE DAY

Years 5 & 6 conducted a Remembrance Day Service and laid a wreath at the flag pole. All students participated and contributed to making the wreath.

KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION FOR 2009

We have now completed our Orientation. There will be six students commencing in Kindergarten in 2009. The children attended school for seven days as part of the Orientation Program. The first day back to school for all students will be Wednesday 29th January 2009.

PRESENTATION NIGHT 2008 – Monday 15th December – 6.00pm for Tea

This event celebrates the achievements of the students from throughout the year. All students receive a class award and there are many special awards also presented. The children will perform some items. Everyone is welcome to attend. **RSVP to school please by 12th December. BBQ tea provided – please bring your own salads.**

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How do you BBQ?



Members of Landcare are invited to the Landcare Christmas party to be held at the Garanvale Woolshed, Braidwood on Friday the 12 December beginning at 6 pm. There will be a bus leaving from Windellama Hall at 4.45 pm. The bus will return to Windellama Hall, leaving Garanvale Woolshed at 10 pm. This is a night out for all Landcare volunteers of the Upper Shoalhaven Landcare groups with music provided by Johnny Huckle

The following day, **Saturday 13 December, is the Windellama Landcare Group Christmas meeting at Shirley and Merv Cornish's Adrook Farm, which will begin at 10 am. And it is also the Annual General Meeting. Bring a plate to share – a salad or a dessert.**

Rabbits –

We've had an email from Peter Pigott, of the Upper Shoalhaven Landcare Council – who says that the Bureau of Rural Sciences, in the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries & Forestry in Canberra, has a number of pest animal and weeds publications that are available for download from the BRS Shop website. They are also currently distributing hard copies of *Rabbits: A threat to conservation & natural resource management - How to rapidly assess a rabbit problem and take action*. This publication is free and BRS will cover postage costs.

There is a separate report in the News about the Landcare Muster, Tending the grassroots: strengthening community environmental networks held in Queanbeyan on 14 -18 November which was attended by some of our members.

If you would like to join us at the Christmas party at Braidwood, please let Sandra know by 2 December – and please ring Cathy if you are coming to the AGM. We need to know for catering purposes.

Reminder – membership subs are now due.

Christmas greetings from Cathy and Sandra and everyone from the Windellama Landcare Group.

Tending the Grassroots Conference Strengthening Community Environmental Networks

14-18 November 2008 - Queanbeyan

This very informative conference was attended by Warren Yates, Mervyn & Shirley Cornish. The conference was over 5 days - one day included a bus tour.

The conference was divided into 3 sections and therefore involved 3 different groups and presenters.

14 & 15th - Natural Resource Management - (NRM) Networking Partnerships Conference {Landcare NSW Inc. & Conservation Management Network}

Day 2 - 15th November

Three top presenters for this entire day:

Brett De Hoedt (typical radio announcer/comedian/entertainer) pressed home all through his presentation - Go Radio, media, newsletters, local newspapers, to get or keep our group 'in the face' of the Council, Government.

Ross Colliver -Trainer & Developer of people/groups,

Jo Roberts - Dept. Environment, Water, Heritage & the Arts.

Day 3 - 16th November

NSW Landcare Muster (Landcare NSW Inc.) Facilitator for most of the day was Ross Colliver - consultant to the Landcare Network Readiness Project. Workshops on & off all day.

Day 4 - Bus Trip to Bredbo

Day 5 - 18th November

Resilient Landscapes, Resilient Communities, from Murrumbidgee Landcare Inc. & Upper Murrumbidgee Catchment Co-ordinating Committee (UMCCC). There is a website called PlaceStories where a group or individual can lodge a 2 minute story about a Landcare Project.

www.landcarensw.placestoriesdev.com

The full report on the conference will be available at the AGM on 13th December.

Shirley Cornish

Christmas starts with the Spirit of Christmas Fair



December is Christmas month, and for residents of Goulburn and district the Christmas experience launches on 6 and 7 December at the Spirit of Christmas Fair, where one of the highlights is the decorated Christmas trees. Groups such as churches, schools, children's organisations, and service clubs, as well as individuals, are invited to decorate trees and celebrate the joy of Christmas. These beautiful trees will be on display throughout both days of the fair, which will also feature stalls with a wide variety of items, as well as refreshments and activities. The Spirit of Christmas Fair, which has become a much-anticipated event on the calendar, offers an opportunity for Christmas shopping to be done in a relaxed and happy environment, while at the same time enjoying the trees and contributing to charitable causes.

During the past two years, the fair has featured as many as 30 decorated trees, some with beautiful and clever ornaments hand-made by children. Other trees have included an "edible" tree decorated with gingerbread men and popcorn, one with hand-knitted decorations, and another with an exquisite collection of hand-painted eggs. The organisers expect this year's fair to offer the same excitement and flair, if not even more.

The Spirit of Christmas Fair will be held from 10 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. daily on Saturday, 6 December and Sunday 7 December 2008 at St Joseph's School Hall, Reynolds Street, Goulburn. Entrance will be by gold coin donation and all residents of Goulburn and district are invited to share in this warm and community-minded event.



The official opening will take place from 6 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. on Saturday 6 December. Guest of honour will be Mr. Jim Nichols, Citizen of the Year. The event will include entertainment as well as the announcement of the winners in the 8 categories.

For an entry fee of \$20 per tree, groups are invited to decorate a tree and celebrate the joy of Christmas. This may be done between 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. on Friday 5 December.



The fair is an initiative of Soroptimist International of Goulburn Inc, which has been serving the Goulburn and district community for over 52 years with volunteer work and fund-raising to help provide much-needed equipment for local schools, hospitals and other organizations, as well as assisting overseas projects. This year, funds raised at the fair will go to the Children's Ward at the Goulburn Base Hospital, Legacy and the Goulburn and District Education Foundation.

For more information and entry forms, contact the Goulburn Tourist Information Centre on 1800 353 646 or Nerida on 4822 6986.





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Bush Fire Danger Season 1st October to 31st March

With the Bush Fire Danger Season due to begin on 1st October to 31st March there are precautions that must be taken. More information can be found by accessing the Rural Fire Service web site (www.rfs.nsw.gov.au). During the Bush Fire Danger Season, fires in the open air are restricted. This means that barbecues and camp fires may only be used under certain conditions.

DURING THE FIRE SEASON

Where possible the use of movers should be restricted, avoid using mower during the heat of day. There are a number of precautions, which must be taken during the fire season, in particular when there is an extreme fire danger or total fire ban. The following should be avoided:-

- Driving vehicles in long dry grass – because of hot exhaust systems.
- Do not park vehicles in long dry grass – because of hot exhaust systems.
- Avoid the use of slashers/ mowers, angle grinders, welding equipment etc.
- Don't drop or throw down any lit cigarette, match or anything burning.
- No barbecues or campfires during a total fire ban.

Total Fire Bans

Total Fire Bans are declared during the Bush Fire Danger Period and are notified to the public on radio and television. This means that no fire can be lit during this period. Remember if you fail to comply with the fire regulations, you can be fined up to \$5,500 or twelve months jail.

Lighting Strikes

Remember as mentioned in last months article lighting 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.

Training

For information or enquiries on training contact the Captain Jim Meehan on 4844 5554 or Wayne Back on 9792 5726. The next training session in October will be on Structure fire-fighting.

General Meeting

31st January 2009 7:30pm

Training

31st January 2.00pm

Followed by BBQ - BYO meat

The Brigade would like to thank all those who have helped us over the last 12 months. We wish everyone a safe and Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Till then **please drive carefully** and take care, see you all at the next meeting.

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PREPARATIONS for the first Australia Day Ute Muster in Goulburn are revving up, with everything "ready to roll".

The event, to be held on next year's Australia Day weekend, is expected to attract over 2000 people a day to the Goulburn Recreation Area.

Organiser, president of the Goulburn and District Tourism Association Frank Wilcomes hopes it will become an annual event, cementing Goulburn's growing reputation as a motoring events city.

The Ute Muster will feature entertainment over the three days including James Blundell and the Sunny Cow Girls, Acca Dacca, Snake, Jester, Jetty Road, Kirsty Lee Akers and the Garth Brooks Tribute Band.

There will also be a Trade Fair, Ute Queen competition, a karaoke talent quest, as well as bush poets. The 'Whip Cracking Sheilas' will also give demonstrations over the weekend.

For ute aficionados there will be a traders afternoon on Saturday and Sunday, Show and Shine competition and lots more.

Also on display will be the Ute of the Year from the last Deniliquin Ute Muster, James Kingdom's Super Pursuit Ford Ute.

Bar and food will be provided by the Goulburn Greyhound Club in the concourse.

The RAAF Roulettes aerobatic team had also been booked to fly overhead.

There will be about 300 campers with utes staying at the Recreation Area and expected numbers of up to 2000 spectators a day.

Mr Wilcomes said the Ute Muster would be something new for Goulburn. "It will bring new people and new dollars into the town."

Mr Wilcomes has been involved in Canberra's SummerNats for the past 14 years as well as the Sydney Car Show and was a member of the organising committee of the spectacular Hot Rod Nationals in Goulburn at Easter 2006.

He said Goulburn could become known as a motoring events centre.

"We have Wakefield Park, we had the first Grand Prix here in 1922 and they were going to establish a road circuit around Rocky Hill, but it went to Bathurst instead," he said.

Mr Wilcomes said Early Bird tickets were available from mid November to end of December from the website or the ticket booking office on 0409 123 396.

Contact Frank Wilcomes on 0409 123 396 or www.australiadayutemuster.com.au

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