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- 7 STAC at Windellama 5.30pm**
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# Community Notice Board

## WINDELLAMA EMERGENCY HEROES

In mid-November 2019, Windellama Rural Fire Service Brigade (WRFS), dispatched by air, two personnel to Grafton to assist in fighting the enormous fire that had gripped that area. Little did WRFS know, that for the next two months they would be continuously called upon to protect people and properties in various locations in the South-East of the State.

Those persons were no sooner back, when WRFS committed units to a RFS Strike Team to battle the Black Range Fire at Braidwood. Whilst undertaking this task, on the 5<sup>th</sup> December, a further 2 crews were sent to a fire at Tirranaville. The 7<sup>th</sup> December saw 2 units of WRFS from the Black Range Fire move with the Strike Team to deal with the Currowan Fire at Mongarlowe with orders to protect people and properties. This fire was to achieve Mega-Fire status.

As this was going on, a further deployment of WRFS crews was undertaken on the 16<sup>th</sup> December to fight the Green Wattle Fire near Taralga/Wombeyan Caves. WRFS were now severely stretched and committed over 200Kms of our area on a 24 hour basis.

Eventually the Currowan and Tianjara Fires combined into a Mega-Fire and the Strike Team was forced back to defend the Nerriga township and surrounds. Although some outlying properties were destroyed, the town itself was saved by this Strike Team, who valiantly stood their ground and refused defeat. On the 21<sup>st</sup> December a unit and bulldozer of WRFS were completely overrun and isolated by this fire at the Corang River. Following their training, they allowed the fire to pass over and around them and calmly fought their way out. Personnel were then rotated night and day through those WRFS units at Nerriga until 28th December. But still no rest for WRFS!

Within 1 hour of the Bungonia RFS briefing on 28<sup>th</sup> December the Bungonia Fire broke out. Trucks of the WRFS were dispatched on an ad-hoc basis. At the same time others were deployed to Mogo Rd and Roberts Rd when the Currowan Fire jumped the Shoalhaven River to the South. On the 4<sup>th</sup> January 2020 the Mega-Fire jumped the Nerrimunga Gorge **and** the "Horseshoe" at Stewarts Crossing. More personnel of WRFS were reacted to these, bringing these fires to a standstill. **Finally**, on 9<sup>th</sup> January after almost 2 months of units continually going all ways, day and night, the members of WRFS as a Brigade could rest. The Jacqua Creek/Bungonia and Spa Road Windellama Fires were not under control until the 15/16<sup>th</sup> January. Of course individuals are still involved in "mopping up" and on stand-by duties as this is being written.

A few salient points need to be made at this time:

- a. The cooperation in working with the National Parks and Wildlife Service was first rate.
- b. Out of the area Brigade members sleeping "rough" in the Fire Shed to help their "brothers-in-need".
- c. Strike Teams and Rear Area Fire Teams from Yass and The Hills District of Sydney serving alongside the WRFS to protect the Windellama area.
- d. The magnificent camaraderie of local brigades, eg. Bungonia, Tarago, Tallong, Nerriga, Taylors Creek, Gundry etc working with WRFS with one purpose in mind...to look out for each other and the community.



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- e. The excellent relationship now established between the Brigade Captain and Brigade President. All organisations need to have the operational arm and the administrative arm working in harmony to achieve success. Happily, this partnership is now firmly focused on Brigade and community needs.

Mention needs to be made here of the bulldozers and operators from Coopers and Divalls earthmoving, led in their containment efforts by Danny McGaw. This member's team continually trailblazed for the dozers both within and out of the active fireground area.

To those remarkable wives and women who worked well into the night in order that the "boys" would be properly fed during their deployments. Although later joined by Windellama Progress Association to assist in this, full credit must be given to these unselfish women of the Windellama community

Last but by no means least, the WRFS cannot thank the Windellama Community enough for their generosity and total support during this emergency. According to them, it has been unbelievable. From Ali and Sandra at Johhno's Store, upon leaving, giving their keys to a local saying "Whatever the fire brigade want, open the doors and let them take whatever they want" to the many donations of foodstuffs and sandwiches from you all. You've been great.

A crisis it has been. However, in all crises there are those that rise to the demands of the occasion and those that do not. In this case, those members of the WRFS who stood up to protect and assist their community and fellow man are **true** emergency heroes.

WRFS Thank you.

Gary Lourigan

Vice President

Windellama Progress Association

### **Windellama Progress Association**

Windellama Progress Association Meeting

**All Welcome**

Wednesday February 3rd at 4.30 pm at  
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### **Vale**

Betty Clarke, born 25th August 1930, died  
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Lover of Gardens



On Saturday 21st of December the Windellama Community raised \$9563.00 for the Rural Fire Service. The picture above shows our auctioneer Gary Lourigan in full flight. Congratulations and many thanks to Koby Andrews and his many helpers for making the day such an outstanding success.



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Goulburn Herald and County of Argyle Advertiser (NSW : 1848 - 1859), Saturday 15 July 1848, page 4

## FIGHT BETWEEN PADDY SINCLAIR THE ENFIELD GENERAL, AND WILLIAM SPARKES, ALIAS JOHNNY HEKI, FOR £100 TO £80 A SIDE.

For the gratification of a portion of our readers we copy the following account of this combat from 'Bell's Life in Sydney,' (although it is to be understood that we do not profess to do so generally.) It took place in the neighbourhood of Cook's River, near Sydney, on Wednesday the 5th of July. The following are the particulars of

### THE FIGHT.

Round 1.—As they toed the scratch, the disparity in their condition was apparent to all: Sparkes showed splendid training, with his flesh firm, and apparently in vigorous health; while, on the contrary, Sinclair exhibited looseness of muscle, and a flabbiness altogether the reverse. As they threw themselves into position, the attitude of both was strikingly beautiful—Sparkes keeping his arms at a judicious elevation, and Sinclair shewing far greater caution than he exhibited at his first meeting. No time was lost: Sinclair feinted with his right, Sparkes retiring, when the Pet unceremoniously followed him up, planted his left on the windpipe, and Sparkes, after an ineffectual attempt at retaliation, slipped down.

2.—Sinclair rushed determinedly at his man, catching him heavily on the ribs. Heki beat a retreat round the ring, when, after a few exchanges, in which Sinclair nabbed an unenviable mouthful, the latter retorted with a round handed blow on the back of the neck, which sent Sparkes to earth.

3.—No lack of confidence in either men; Heki essayed his left, getting home slightly on the ribs, and on receiving a like visitation got down.

4.—Sinclair feinted, and almost simultaneously threw in his dexter mawley on the jugular,



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## Windellama SES First Aid & CFR



Well Windellama News readers a New Year is upon us, 2020 to be precise, 2020 is perfect vision when you see an optometrist and the way I see it is that if people do not step up to the plate and join our Community First Responder Team, you will regret the fact that we can no longer carry on with so few

members. There are in fact only 5 active members left, placing an unreasonable strain on those members still remaining.

May I point out that we are covering Painters Lane then across to Bungonia Heights, Bungonia Village, then all roads that take you towards the Shoalhaven up to Oallen Ford, then across the river to Braidwood – Nerriga Road along to Stuarts Crossing, back up Boro Road to the Braidwood Road and back through Tarago, Lake Bathurst which then completes the circle to Painter's Lane.

This a much greater area than our RFS has to cover, so you can see our dilemma.

It does not take a Rhodes Scholar to work out that there are a vast number of people in that area, so I am at a loss to see why there is not interest shown in this worthwhile activity. We have only had 2 minor complaints, to my knowledge, that is, from patients treated.

We have about 80 callouts per year.

The Ambulance Trainers are a very capable well liked team of people and they instruct us on the Fourth Saturday of the month at our SES Unit at the Windellama Hall Complex at 0830 to app. 1200 hrs. The subjects we must cover yearly are extremely interesting. You also are awarded a certificate of competency at the end of each year. Our SES Training is on the second and third Monday of each month at 1830 hrs till app 2100 hrs, we are still looking for new members in this section too. We have been pleased to welcome 2 new members lately, so all is not lost in the SES side of things.

I can be contacted on (02) 48447143 if you want more info.

I must say a big thank you to the men and women of the RFS, it has been a terrible time for you and the people directly affected by the raging infernos.

Many of the usual community event have been cancelled this year. Put your Collective heads together and come up with an idea for a get together to try and help the people affected by recent horrific events forget just for one day, what tragedy has befallen them. Just have a jolly good CHIN WAG.

It is now up to you as members of the areas contained within the boundaries listed above to decide whether you want the CFR to stay with you.

I can assure you it will be your loss if you do in fact lose this service. We do our best to help people in need.

Happy New Year to you folks.

Kevin Muffet

### Craft @ Windellama Hall

We are back at the Windellama Hall from the every second Tuesday of the month.

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# Windellama Garden Club Incorporated News

## **November Rainfall**

November rainfall did not improve and 8mm of rain is all we got!

## **December Rainfall**

Over the month of December we received a spit of 1.5mm.

## **2019 Total Rainfall**

Total rainfall at our place for the year was 440.25mm, not good. Monthly ave was 36.69mm. It probably would be O.K. if we received 36.69mm each month but it doesn't happen like that, unfortunately.

## **January Rainfall**

Up to today the 20<sup>th</sup> of this month we received 9.5mm in drops of 0.5 – 2mm. After lunch today we received 8mm the best we have had for some time. Unfortunately, we have missed out on good falls received by other areas.

## **Fruit Trees**

Our fruit trees are still alive, just. However, the vines like raspberries, Black Berries and even some Grape vines look like they are dead, time will tell. The level of water in our dam is lower than low and the bullshit told by the Real-estate Agent that we had a spring fed dam is most disappointing. We were counting on a regular supply of water to maintain our garden.

## **Garden Vegetables**

We have been experimenting or rather still on a steep learning curve in growing different things in our plastic covered grow tunnel. Getting the watering method under control is one problem and the heat build up another but we are slowly learning. The capsicum, chillies, eggplant, cucumbers and mixed lettuce are growing well. The tomatoes also are growing and flowering well but not setting fruit. It was the same when we grew them outside, it wasn't until late February that we got fruit and last year, still picking into May.

With the tomatoes I'm starting to believe the hot weather is one reason why they don't set fruit. Dad only use to grow Grosse Lisse and Mighty Red because they set fruit in the hot weather. I have tried Grosse Lisse here but they appear to succumb readily to fungal problems.

## **Flower gardens**

What with the drought, snow, lack of water and grasshoppers these gardens are virtually non existing.

## **Bird Life**

We still have the normal contingency of birds competing with our 4 aged hens for feed.

## **The Bush**

The Gum Trees in the bush on the eastern side of our place are severely stressed as said before, but now dropping their bark and adding more to the pile of litter on the ground.

## **Grasshoppers**

I found a stockist of Green Guard a product that creates a virus in grasshoppers and thus controls them. However, they only had 5 litre containers that cost an arm and leg to purchase. It does come in 1 litre containers but they did not stock it and or interested in getting it in.

## **Country Fair**

Will not be happening this year due to the drought and most member gardens non-existing. Personally, I think this event needs something to rejuvenate it. What ever idea is required will need to be something for everyone and that the killjoys can't throw stones at!

Harry Simm

Secretary Windellama Garden Club Inc.



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## **AGM**

The Windellama Landcare Group held their Annual General Meeting at the Windellama Landcare shed (HQ) on Saturday 14 December and the new Committee was elected as follows:

**PRESIDENT:** Tony Greville

**VICE PRESIDENT:** Mandy Wilson

**TREASURER:** Henry Detjen

**SECRETARY:** Sandra Greville

**WORKS MANAGER (G.O.D.):** John Pearce

**Assistant G.O.D.s:** Doug Gurney and Chuck Mulkins

**CATERING OFFICER:** Irene Turner, assisted by Judy Yates, Sandra Greville and Lloyd Turner

**STORES MANAGER** (and Royal Taster): Lloyd Turner

**TECH ADVISOR:** David Hillhorst

The elections were followed by the Christmas party.

## **What we can offer you -**

After a successful first **Healthy Soils workshop** in October, the series of workshops will continue this year – with particular emphasis on rehabilitation of burnt soils if needed. Details to be announced in early February. For more information call Tony Greville on 0418 412 460

## **Wild Windellama**

This two volume set is a collection of Carina Clarke's articles which have appeared in the Windellama news over a number of years. Accompanied by Carina's beautiful black and white drawings of the plants, birds and animals of Windellama, the articles are delightful and informative. Each of the two spiral bound volumes has an index.

Wild Windellama is \$15 for the set of two. If you would like to purchase a set, please call 0418 412 460 or email [grevilles@activ8.net.au](mailto:grevilles@activ8.net.au)

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## SOUTHERN TABLELANDS BRANCH

# A LONG ROAD AHEAD

By Kay Muddiman – Media Officer

I'm sure that everyone reading this is as devastated and heartbroken about the bushfire crisis as I am - and sadly it's not over yet. Many fires are still burning, especially in inaccessible areas, and will continue to have a massive impact on our wildlife and their habitat. NSW has been hit hardest with an estimated 800 million of the 1 billion animals affected to date and approximately 5 million hectares of land burnt - with experts saying that some species have likely gone extinct while others are teetering on the brink. Appallingly, nature in NSW may never be the same again - but it is vital that we do all within our power to assist the natural recovery of both our native wildlife and our mutual environment. There is a very long road ahead.

Summer is always a busy time for wildlife rescue but, because of the conditions, this season has been frantic. In December 2019 alone there were over 20,000 calls to WIRES 1300 line, a 14% increase on the previous year, and volunteers attended over 3,300 rescues. Unfortunately, that pace has continued into 2020 and shows no signs of slowing down any time soon.

Our branch is always in need of more members, and this catastrophe has only reinforced that need as we are struggling to keep up with the number of calls we are getting for assistance. Being a member does not require you to be an actual carer unless this is your wish, there are many other ways in which you can help. For example, administrative positions, transport of animals to and from carers and vets, fund raising, sewing/knitting pouches, making possum boxes, helping with constructing aviaries, pens and shelters to name just a few. This support is absolutely vital so that we can provide the best possible care and outcomes for the creatures that come our way.

The WIRES mission is to actively rehabilitate and preserve Australian wildlife and inspire others to do the same. Following the catastrophic events which have befallen our country, this is a mission that is now even more important than ever.

If you would like to join us, or find out more information as to what is involved, please visit the WIRES website <http://www.wires.org.au> and check out the information under



*Yellow-faced honeyeater drinking from a birdbath and a Red-throated skink after having a drink and a dip in a special shallow water dish. (Photos by Kay Muddiman)*

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Changes to Waste Management Centre opening hours. From Monday 2 May 2016 Goulburn Mulwaree Council's Waste Centres will operate different hours.

**Goulburn** Waste Management Centre open 7 days per week from 8am to 4pm.

**Marulan** Waste Management Centre to be open from 8am to 4pm on Saturday and Sunday, plus 8am to 12noon on Friday and Monday.

**Tarago** Waste Management Centre to be open from 8am to 4pm on Saturday, Sunday and Monday.

**All Waste Management Centres** will be closed on public holidays and from 12 noon on Christmas Eve.

Marulan and Tarago Waste Management Centres will also be closed from 12noon to 12.30pm on opening days to enable the operator a dedicated lunch break.

the 'Volunteer' tab.

If you would simply like to find out more about our wildlife, WIRES has also developed a Free Online Community Course called 'An Introduction to Australian Wildlife.' This course has been designed for people of all ages as an easy introduction to Australian wildlife for individuals and families who are unfamiliar with Australian native animals. You can access this free course at

<https://www.wires.org.au/training/community-wildlife-course>.

In the meantime, a reminder - one thing we can all do in these dry times is to put out water for our thirsty wildlife. It really is a lifesaver - not only for birds and mammals, but all the other 'sometimes forgotten' little creatures that not only share our environment, but are crucial to its health and wellbeing.

Should you need advice or help with injured or distressed wildlife, please ring the WIRES Rescue Number 1300 094737. Your call will be logged and directed to the appropriate branch electronically when, as always, our volunteers will be only too happy to assist.

Until next time - take care all.

Kay



## FIRST 2020 FUNDING ROUND OPENS

Local organisations undertaking community projects in 2020 are encouraged to apply for funding assistance with the first round of Veolia Mulwaree Trust grants which opened today.

The Veolia Mulwaree Trust provides valuable financial assistance to not-for-profit organisations and community projects through its grant and donation programs. Eligible organisations are invited to apply for a donation of up to \$1000 for small projects or complete a full grant application for eligible community projects which comply with Veolia Mulwaree Trust grant guidelines.

Schools, community preschools, charities, service clubs, health services, emergency services and many sporting and recreation clubs are among the organisations in our local area which have received Veolia Mulwaree Trust funding since 2005.

Applications are submitted online at <https://mulwareetrust.smartygrants.com.au/>

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## NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE

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### Windellama Rural Fire Brigade

#### Captain's Message

A big thank you to our brigade members! For quite a few it was their first season and they worked damn hard and achieved fantastic results. To our tried and trusted crews you performed brilliantly as well and it was great to see some of the old team stepping back up to help again. Many thanks to our neighbouring brigades and also our Group Captains who helped us in so many ways. We are especially proud of the help we were able to give to other areas in the state and other brigades near as us well. To be there at Nerriga on that difficult day will stay with me forever.

The community support for the brigade was overwhelming at times and made us incredibly proud to be a part of it, we have also strengthened bonds with the Windellama Progress Association who helped and supported us along the way.

The rains are starting to make things a bit safer at this time but Summer is not over yet, please stay safe everyone.

Kind Regards

*Paul Alessi*

Captain Windellama Rural Fire Brigade

#### Reminder on how to stay informed during Bushfire Season

- > Listen to ABC Radio and watch ABC Television
- > Call- Bush Fire Information Line - 1800 NSW RFS (1800 679 737)
- > For credible information follow on Facebook -  
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- > If you didn't attend Windellama Rural Fire Brigade's get ready day or collect information at the community fundraiser or community information days at the Windellama Hall you can still get ready using [www.myfireplan.com.au](http://www.myfireplan.com.au)
- > Remember – If there's a fire in our area, our volunteers will be out fighting the fire and unable to provide direct or personal updates or answer phone calls. In managing the fire, updates are provided through to the RFS who then update the official information sources for the community.

**In an emergency call Triple Zero (000)**

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I hope everyone has had some of the rain, after such a dry spell.

If plants are suffering from the dry heat give them a good trim, and a good soak with Seasol, after the worst of the heat is over.

### **VEGETABLES TO PLANT NOW;**

Asian greens, beetroot, broccoli, brussel sprouts, cabbages, carrots, cauliflower celery, chives, kale, kohlrabi, leeks, lettuce, parsnips, radish, silver beet spring onion, swede and turnips.

### **FLOWERS;**

Like petunia, and others that like the hot weather they can still go in.

Lightly prune roses and give them a feed of rose fertilizer, to help with Autumn flowering. Ensure camellias don't dry out now that their buds are forming. Prune off burnt and discoloured hydrangea heads.

Lift and divide clumps, of liliun bulbs, once all the leaves have turned yellow. Tie tall dahlias to stakes with soft ties as plants grow.

### **Watch out for Spider Mites**

During hot, dry weather, these minute sap-suckers can be especially troublesome. The adults have 8 legs. They are mostly noticed by the damage they cause- dried-out, discoloured leaves, and distorted flowers- and fine webbing they hide under. They don't like being wet, so it's worth spraying water under affected leaves, natural predators such as mite-eating ladybirds and lacewings do a good job of cleaning up infestations.



### **SUPPORT FOR LOCAL ARTISTS IN 2020**

The Veolia Mulwaree Trust is encouraging local artists to apply for a Veolia Creative Arts Scholarship in 2020.

Two scholarships valued at \$3000 each are available to local creative artists working in any arts discipline, including but not limited to, performing arts, visual arts, literature, multi-media and screen arts.

The scholarship program commenced in 2008 and has provided support to more than 40 artists including musicians, authors, painters, film makers, print makers, sculptors, poets and photographers. The Veolia Creative Arts Scholarships were established to support the creative culture in our region and recognise the valuable contribution artists make to enrich our community.

The selection committee, headed by Patron of the Veolia Creative Arts Scholarship Jennifer Lamb, will award two \$3000 scholarships for artists to further their arts practice or to undertake a program of arts study.

Scholarships are available for practicing and emerging artists from any one of the seven Local Government Areas serviced by the Veolia Mulwaree Trust, including Goulburn Mulwaree, Oberon, Shoalhaven, Upper Lachlan, Wingecarribee, Wollondilly and the former Palerang Council area.

Applications open today and close on 20 March 2019 and are submitted online via <https://mulwareetrust.smartygrants.com.au/>

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## Willow Glen Gardeners

January's meeting of the Willow Glen Gardeners Club was held at the State Emergency Service (SES) hall at Windellama, where we all benefitted from a talk and demonstration of Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR). One of our members, Kevin, is a long-term SES member and gave a detailed and entertaining presentation on this important subject.

Before beginning the presentation on CPR, we discussed the important role that the SES plays in our everyday lives, lending assistance throughout the year to people in distress. Whilst the Rural Fire Service has quite rightly been the focus of a lot of media attention during the current devastating bushfires season, organisations such as the SES also play a critical role in this emergency and beyond.

We understand that the Windellama SES is looking for new members, so if you have the time and inclination to help your fellow Australians when they are in need, please contact your local SES group and ask about joining.

With the aid of a few dummies (not the Garden Club members), Kevin demonstrated the correct technique for applying CPR. The pressure required to manually get the heart pumping blood is substantial, and sometimes results in breaking ribs. When asked if you should stop if this happens, Kevin responded that a few broken ribs beats dying any day.



We all had a turn at practicing on the dummies to get the timing and pressure right. It can be quite exhausting if you have to keep it up for some time. Kevin reckons the key to success is to keep your back straight.

After tiring ourselves out trying to resuscitate the practice dummies, we moved to one of the highlights of every meeting, that is, morning tea. As usual, members brought a variety of delicious contributions and Kevin had to speak harshly to get us back to the table to continue with the training session.

There was a good discussion on snake bites, and what to do if bitten. Snakes don't always release their venom when they bite, but its best to be on the safe side. Keeping as motionless as possible appears to be the best solution when combined with a pressure bandage, as the venom travels via the lymph system, not the blood, and walking to get help simply pumps the venom around the body. So always keep your mobile phone or equivalent with you, so you can call for help.

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We closed our session with a few quick reports on how everyone's garden is going. Sadly, the drought and heat have taken their toll on most members' gardens, with almost everyone reporting stressed plants, and rabbits, birds and grasshoppers exacting a heavy toll on what is left.

Like everyone else, we are looking forward to some good rain, but when that will occur is anyone's guess.

## Tarago & District Mens Shed News

Christmas is now a blur. Its 2020 and the new year is well underway. What a start. Lots of fire related concerns for members and friends. Some members have been out fighting fires day or night. Less able others have been at home or with friends wondering what will happen with the next wind change. The Men's Shed motto is "Shoulder to Shoulder". We have been endeavouring to do just that. The shed has been open most meeting days in December and January.

RUOK at this rather trying time with the heat, smoke, dust, and wind that seems to have been around our area for nearly two months? You'd certainly be excused for not being OK both physically and mentally, given the conditions and the unprecedented and dreadful stories and pictures we're hearing and seeing about people and towns not that far away. Some beggar belief and certainly makes you pause and think: 'am I as prepared as I could be?'

I would like to encourage you to get in touch or drop by the Shed if you need assistance, talk things over or see how others are handling the current situation. We have members from all walks of life with a wide range of skills who might be able to help if you have a particular difficulty or are just seeking information or assurance. There are also a wide range of services available that you may not be aware of that can assist or guide you through situations. Our members are scattered right through the villages and bush areas and understand the special challenges facing town and bush dwellers.

At our last AGM held on Sunday 15th December at the Town Hall several key positions swapped around. Owen Manley was nominated and accepted as President, Lou Alaimo - Secretary and then a few weeks later a new treasurer appeared in Ken Wells. The past Committee members have remained, some with new titles or roles. We welcome our three additional committee members to share the work. The new team wishes all those involved with establishing the shed in 2019, the best for 2020. We also remembered Keith Hunter as a foundation member. The AGM summary concluded that, after 3 years operation our financial situation is sound.

**ASMA grant.** The Australian Men's Shed Association advised the Shed request for funding was

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*Hello Everyone,*

*The market days keeps us quite busy in the museum, with lots of new comers to district very interested in the History of Windellama.*

*We have some old favorite publications reprinted as well as our Birthday publication and Tom's latest booklet on Lansdowne Bridge, all available at the museum.*



*So lots to choose from.*

*Call in to the Museum on the next market day to purchase your copy as well as having a look around our wonderful Museum and its nice and cool inside.*

*Windellama History is preserved in our wonderful museum, with lots to look at and lots to talk about, so come and visit at the next Market Day.*

*We have a selection of history books by local Authors Tom Bryant & Rex Hockey, for sale as well as the ever popular "Wild Windellama" by Carina Clarke.*

*The museum is open on Market Days - every third Sunday of each month, from 9am till 1pm also by arrangement.*

*NEW MEMBERS and GUESTS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME*

**For any enquiries please contact:**

**Rex Hockey: 48 445147**

**Marcia Tatam: 0423283514**

**Julian Woods: 48 44 5270**

partly accepted and we have received \$1680. This has allowed us to purchase the hazardous material storage cabinet and men's health DVDs on yoga, tai chi and meditation.

### **Member's Profile:**

**Martin Payne** spent most of his early life in Durban, a coastal city on the east coast of South Africa. Born in 1962 to English parents, who had emigrated in the 1950s, most weekends from the age of 7 were spent racing dinghies and later keelboats.

The early 80's saw Martin complete an Electronic Engineering Degree from Natal University. Two years national service in the Signal Corps followed. His first jobs had his electronics design experience fully utilised since almost all products were designed from scratch as imports were severely limited. Whilst doing national service and after, he was able to continue sailing regularly. Celestial navigation was an interest and he obtained Yachtmaster Ocean certification in his mid 20s



Jeanette was from Cape Town and visiting Durban representing the Western Cape at Underwater Hockey. They met at the Point Yacht Club in Durban in 1989 and married a few years later. 1994 was spent sailing and travelling. Initially a yacht delivery from Cape Town up the west coast of Africa and on to Greece. Then possibly the best 3 months ever, being a skipper and hostie in a flotilla, in the Greek Islands. Being paid to have fun and free Greek cuisine every day! Towards the end of 1994 they hitched a ride on a yacht to Antigua in the Caribbean. A year away was a good break but it was back to reality in 1995.

Seeing the way South Africa was developing, having son Christopher in 1996, "becoming responsible", they decided to investigate UK and Netherlands but emigrated to Australia. In 1998 they were finally able to move to Sydney. They stayed for 4 years, Martin initially working at Cochlear (hearing), doing an MBA at Deakin University and son Jason arriving in 1999.

The thought of living in the country seemed both appealing and possible. They brought land on Mayfield Road, built a basic house and moved at the beginning of 2004. The move to Tarago occurred after Martin had started his own Electronic design and manufacture business. The business 'Micro Solutions' was manufacturing opening roof controllers and solar tracker controllers. Jeanette doing the admin and Martin the hardware and software design. Much of the manufacture was contracted out.

A friend had suggested going off grid and that idea took hold. The Off Grid Solar Accreditation in 2004 was initially to build his own system but resulted in the start of something bigger.

2006 saw a bad drought (but not as bad as now!) and lack of water encouraged the purchase of 25 acres at the end of King Street in Tarago that included a permanent spring fed creek. He now considers he is well and truly home. They are presently in the early stages of building a Certified Passive house in the new Tarago estate in Mulwaree Street. A project trying to prove one can build a comfortable, sustainable home as a net exporter of power, all at a reasonable price.

The solar installation business started slowly but in 2007 solar started to take off in Australia as

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rebates and feed in tariffs were introduced and panels prices plummeted. Solar is now the core business although the electronic controllers are still produced. Trading as C J Solar and specialising in providing off grid solar solutions to rural areas, Martin utilizes his skills, experience and interests to get the best possible long-term solutions for customers. They have now installed many systems in and around Goulburn Mulwaree and Palerang areas. After upgrading his skill to “fully licenced electrician” he is now one of only a few electricians being responsible for the whole solar installation. He is unmistakably clear about what he provides; “Not cheap but good stuff”.

Soon after moving to Tarago, Martin became involved in the community, becoming the first president of Tarago and District Progress Association Incorporated (TADPAI) in November 2004. The earlier years were spent supporting his young sons riding their ponies at Tarago Pony Club or at local gymkhanas.

Martin was an early member and keen supporter of the Men’s Shed. He is also regularly seen on polling days handing out “Vote Greens” cards and catching up with customers and friends.

Sport and fitness are important. Hauling solar panels onto a roof and batteries off a trailer certainly gives the muscles a workout. The horses have sadly become lawn mowers but the laser dinghy makes the odd trip to Canberra and skiing at Perisher is now the winter passion. He considers the Men’s Shed a much-needed addition to the growing village. A place where locals can share knowledge and skills gained over a lifetime and support friends in need.

Footnote. Martin designed, installed and commissioned, the 8kW solar system at the Men’s Shed which now provides us with an income stream.

**Excursions** and activities add diversity to our Shed life. We have scheduled:

28 February - membership renewal and Shed insurance due;

15 March - a BBQ fund raiser at Bunnings Goulburn so that we can maintain our low membership fee,

25 March - A Men’s Health Day that will involve 6 other sheds, 2 key speakers, lunch and hopefully a performance by the Australian Rugby Choir.

April - a BBQ at the shed.

May - a camping trip to support recent fire ravaged areas.

### **Stay alert:**

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### **Jokes.**

What do you call a group of ardent chess players. Chess nuts.

(True story). Niece brings new boyfriend home for first time. His name is George. As they walk up the drive the pet cockatoo says “Hello George, Hello George”. Impressed the new boyfriend asks , “how does the bird know my name”? She says, exasperated, “it’s, name is George”.

See you at the shed. 10AM-2PM Wed. and Sat.

Contact Lou Alaimo, Secretary at [taragodistrictmensshed@gmail.com](mailto:taragodistrictmensshed@gmail.com) or 0428 328 686.

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**Horse part Arabian**, 3 yrs old, regd, 14.2 hh, chestnut mare. \$3,000 Ph 0429 461 490

**Alpaca Wethers** Variety of Colours, ages 12 months – 3 years.Halter Trained Wethered, Needled & Shorn. \$400.00 each. Phone 4844 7267. Faye & Keith. Qualigo.

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## AGISTMENT

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**Horse Agistment** available at 41 Burrabinga Road Tarago. Please phone 0429 461 490 for enquires

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## CARS, BIKES, TRAILERS, etc. FOR SALE

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**1987 Mercedes** 300E \$4500 All Offers Considered. 48445180 for details.

**Nissan Pathfinder**, very good condition, new tyres - excellent vehicle to drive and well maintained - V6, 250,000 Ks, Recent full airconditioner service - Compliance plate late 1999, \$6,000. Phone 48459147.



## CHURCH INFO

### Catholic Church Services

Parish Priest: Fr. Dermot McDermott

Assistant: Fr. Assin

Deacon: Chris Van Gessel

Presbytery & Parish Office  
Phone 4821 1022

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Sunday Mass will be at 8am on the 2nd & 4th  
Sunday at St. Patrick's **Marulan**.

Mass Times in **Goulburn** are:

Saturday Vigil Mass:

6pm at St. Peter & St. Paul's

Sunday: 7am. at Our Lady of Fatima,  
Nth. Goulburn

Sunday: 10am. at St. Peter & St. Paul's

St. Joseph's Church, **Tarago**

Mass: 3rd. Sunday 8 am

St. Michael's, **Bungonia**

Rosary: 7 pm. Thursdays

Enquiries: 4821 1022

### **Fees for Hire of Hall or Supper Room at Windellama Hall**

<b>*HALL</b>	<b>ALL DAY</b>	<b>\$200</b>
	<b>DAY 4hrs or less</b>	<b>\$100</b>
	<b>EVENING/NIGHT**</b>	<b>\$200</b>

\*Includes Supper Room & Kitchen

\*\* \$2 per hour for heating

#### **SUPPER ROOM** (Includes Kitchen)

<b>ALL DAY</b>	<b>\$80</b>
<b>DAY 4hrs or less</b>	<b>\$40</b>
<b>EVENING/ NIGHT</b>	<b>\$100</b>

# Use of the premises prior to your booked  
function will incur a surcharge of  
Supper Room Fee

**To Book please ring W. P. A. Secretary,  
Leanne Lourigan on 4844 5545**



### **CHURCH SERVICES**

#### **St Bartholomew's Windellama**

Services for February

23rd

10.30 am

Reverend Canon Peter Bertram

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#### **St. Andrews (Anglican) - Tarago**

2nd Sunday 9am

St. John's - Lake Bathurst

4th Sunday 9am

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### **NERRIGA**

#### **ANGLICAN CHURCH SERVICES**

**Held at Nerriga Church**

**2nd Sunday each month at 2pm**

**(Except Easter & Christmas)**

**All Welcome**

## Classified Advertisements cont

**20 inch 7 spoke mag wheels** in great condition near new tyres 95% tread on them. Ideal for Commodores. \$800 ONO call Richard on 0403542471

**Camper Trailer** Queen sized bed with large room. Plenty storage room. Comes with zipon canopy/shelter. Easy to erect/store/transport. \$3500 ono Ph 62301774 or 0417749064

### RURAL RELATED FOR SALE

**Seed Spreader.** As new \$1000 o.n.o. Post hole Driller. As new \$600 o.n.o Quad Bike for Sale - recent fully Serviced - \$2000 o.n.o. Tri Motor Bike with attached Trailer. great for using around stables . Not registered for road use. \$2000 o.n.o. Water pump for sale. Never been used. \$1000 ono. 48459147 after 7pm or 0405499186

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**Lucerne Hay** Prime soft green small bales \$15 8 x 3 x 3 bakes of lucerne or beardless wheaten available phone 0428493194

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### WANTED

**Holden one Tonner HQ to HZ.** Any condition running or not Ph Garry 48445980

**Info on star picket straightening service.** Call Margaret 0459142230 / 48445566

**Horse agistment** for mini mare from November to May to avoid coastal itch. Please call Tanya 4456 5589

### SERVICES

#### Belinda's pet minding

Why stress your pets out by putting them in Kennels or boarding and saving on having to get them vaccinated to put them in boarding.

I will come to you . Leaving your animals in their own homes. I have Vet Nurse experience of 10yrs .

I have a miniature pony stud and also breed and show guinea pigs. I will feed Horses , Dogs, Cats, Goats, Sheep, Chickens Ducks,. Medicate animals daily if needed .

Servicing Windellama , Bungonia, Quialigo and Goulburn.

Contact Belinda on 48447168 or 0490814131

**For hire:- gyprock sheet lifter**, one man operation , 3 metre lift height .Makes sheeting walls and ceilings easy. Cheap rates . Phone Bob 48445001 evenings .

### CLEANING

Needing a house cleaner? I clean homes weekly, fortnightly or monthly. Will service Windellama, Quialago, Bungonia area. I am currently the school cleaner for Windellama Public School, which I have been cleaning for the past 6 years. Contact Belinda 4844 7168, or mobile 0490814131

### LAND FOR SALE

35.5 acres bush block, 3 bedroom house, out buildings, Creek and dam, Oallen Ford Rd Windellama. Please call 0427 5560 69

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**Cheques: payable to Windellama News**

**PO Box 705, Goulburn. 2580**

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**\* Unpaid adverts will be cancelled after one month**

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All advertising enquiries to

Ray Plant 4844 5156

# COMMUNITY INFORMATION

## Windellama Progress Association

Michael Still (President) 0413 059 587  
Leanne Lourigan (Secretary) 4844 5545

## Windellama Rural Fire Brigade

Paul Alessi (Captain) 4844 5149  
Rex Hockey (President) 4844 5147  
Peter Pokorny (Secretary) 4844 5759

## Windellama News

Ray Plant (Secretary/Treasurer) 4844 5156  
Gayle Stanton (Editor) 4844 5156

## Windellama Garden Cub Inc.

Harry Simm (President/Secretary) 4844 7061  
Sharon King (Treasurer) 4844 5980

## Windellama Hall Country Markets

Lloyd Turner 4844 5214

## Windellama Historical Society

Rex Hockey (President) 4844 5147  
Julian Woods (Secretary) 4844 5270

## Windellama Landcare

Tony Greville (President) 0418412460  
Sandra Greville (Secretary) 0418412460

## Windellama CFR

Kevin Muffet 4844 7143

## Windellama School P&C

Ian O'Donnell 4844 5927

## Willow Glen Gardeners

Warren Yates 4844 5350

## Wires (wildlife rescue)

Southern Tablelands WIRES 1300 094737

## Justice of the Peace

Linda Shannon 0490041167  
Geoff Burns 4849 4330  
Leanne Lourigan 0427201469  
Suzanne Robens 0490774981

## Southern Tablelands Athletics Club (STAC)

Gill Shepherd 0419639254

## Nerriga PSA

Helen Rolland (President) 4845 9115

## FOR ALL EMERGENCIES eg. FIRES / ACCIDENTS PHONE 000

For Mobile users & Landlines



## Important Phone Numbers

### Rural Fire Brigades



Windellama	Paul Alessi	4844 5149
Tarago	Warren Seymour	0419 665 393
Taylors Creek	Dave Elward	4849 4240
Mt Fairy/Boro	Tony Hill	0412 128 755
Bungonia	Terry Lewis	0408 223 380
Gundary	Tony Kent	0437298200
Nerriga	Justin Parr	0438459129/ 48459129
Charleyong	Michael Marston	0409 120 450
Bushfire Information		1800 NSW RFS or 1800 679 737

[www.windellamarfs.com.au](http://www.windellamarfs.com.au) or [www.rfs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au)

**WINDHELLAMA PH: 4844 5359 or  
CHANNEL 21**



### AMBULANCE 000

Ambulance Booking 13 12 33  
Goulburn Ambo Station 4827 0444

### Windellama SES 132 500

Kevin Muffet 4844 7143  
Poison Info. Service 13 11 26  
Goulburn Base Hospital 4827 3111

### Police

Tarago Station -  
Snr. Constable Gary Handseker 4849 4411  
Goulburn 4824 0799

### Other

Goulburn Railway Station 4828 5816  
Train info & bookings 13 22 32  
[www.countrylink.info](http://www.countrylink.info)  
Country Energy - interruptions 13 20 80  
Lifeline 13 11 14



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17 SES Meeting @1830	18	19 Tarago & District Men's Shed 10 am-3 pm	20	21	22 Tarago & District Men's Shed 10 am-3 pm	23 Service at St Bart's 10.30
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