

**REPORT FROM THE PROGRESS ASSOCIATION**

A good representation of members of the Progress Association attended the Annual General Meeting on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> May. The following executive and committee was elected.

President	Cathy Meehan
Vice President	Lloyd Turner
Secretary	Frances Knights
Treasurer	Irene Turner
Ordinary Committee	
Members	
	Allan Chapman
	Pat Freebairn
	Greg Knights
	Andrew McMillan
	Valma Reynolds
	Bob Shaw

The past month has seen various functions catered and there are still more planned.

Thank you to the Garden Club. They have very generously donated a new microwave oven to the hall – life will be less fraught in the kitchen from now on.

Elsewhere in the News is notice of the Outreach Meeting to be held at the hall on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> July. Please seriously consider attending to put your views to Council on the traffic problems and road deterioration we have experienced since Main Road 92 was opened and traffic density increased, some say, 300%.

Windellama Progress Association meets at the hall on the third Monday of each month at 2 p.m. All members of the community are welcome to attend.

Frances Knights  
Secretary

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## 'Wild Windellama' Books Available

\$10 each

'Wild Windellama' is the name of a booklet written, printed and distributed by Carina Clarke in 2002.

Carina was compiling 'Wild Windellama 2' when she passed away in 2004. The Upper Shoalhaven and Upper Deua Landcare Council with Caring for our Country and Windellama Landcare support have reprinted Volume 1 and published Volume 2 for the first time. The books are available through Windellama Landcare and through the Braidwood office of the Southern Rivers CMA or can be downloaded for free from the Upper Shoalhaven & Upper Deua Landcare website.

[www.uppershoalhavenlandcare.com.au](http://www.uppershoalhavenlandcare.com.au)

The books collate over 100 articles written by Carina for the Windellama News. The articles are full of humourous, informative and insightful descriptions of the wild and wonderful behaviors of all the creatures that Carina encountered in her years living at Windellama.

Below is an example of an article she wrote for May, 1998.

### Two Bits of Winter Gold, by Carina Clarke, May 1998

There's not much out in the way of flowers in the bush, but we do have some rather colourful birds around. Two species which bring bright flashes of golden-yellow at this time of the year are the Eastern Yellow Robin and the Golden Whistler. Both are insect eaters catching insects mainly on the wing. The Robin is here all year round but the Golden Whistler is mainly around in the cooler months, replacing the Rufous Whistler.

#### Eastern Yellow Robin *Eopsaltria australis*

Both sexes of this rather cheeky bird look alike, grey above getting more olive on the rump and bright clear yellow underneath. They have a habit of sitting sideways on vertical trunks and posts. At this time of the year they are usually in pairs or small groups. The most common

calls are a loud 'chyop-chyop!' and especially in the late afternoon, a monotonous piping rather like a truck backing.

#### Golden Whistler *Pachycephala pectoralis*

In this bird only the male is brightly coloured, the female and juveniles are dull brownish-grey birds with a paler underside and slightly reddish edges to the wing feathers. The adult males have a black head with white under the chin. The back and wings are olive-grey and the bright gold of the underparts extends around behind the neck as a collar. The voice is a sweet whistle the most commonly heard call being a rising 'wheat-wheat-wheat-WWWHITTLE!'.

## School P & C

### P&C Afternoon Auction and Evening Fireworks

#### Saturday 11 June starting 2pm

The annual P&C long weekend fundraiser is back again. On Saturday 11 June we'll be holding a fantastic auction of goods donated by businesses from all around the district. Whether you're looking for animal feed, hardware, gardening tools, kitchenware, books, beauty products, great food vouchers or discounted access to local services, you'll find it at the hall starting at 2pm.

In addition there'll be all the usual family favourites – the gum boot throwing competition, the pick-a-jar stall, the Windy Wheel of fortune, face painting, show bags and glow products, and lots of scrumptious food and drinks.

To top it all off, around 6.30pm (once it gets dark) there'll be a spectacular fireworks display.

It's a wonderful way to support the local school, a great event for the entire family and an even better way to spend a long weekend Saturday afternoon!

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## Documentary: 'The First Millimetre'

There would be few in this area who do not know the value of that critical top layer of soil: *that first millimetre* on which we all depend in one way or another. For some, it is the foundation of their livelihood, for others it provides a rural life style; for all of us though it is an insurance against the effects of global warming. 'The First Millimetre' is also the apt title of a documentary, recently shown to local audiences, that illustrates, with footage from four countries, how vital that first layer is to farmers, graziers and pastoralists. The documentary is being presented by George Gundry whose work on 'Willeroo' is included . It was enthusiastically received by around twenty from Collector and Breadbane Landcare at a dinner at the Collector Hall , an interesting mix of Landcare and local landholders at Tarago, and twenty five or so from the Braidwood area who attended a session earlier this month.



'The First Millimetre' is an entertaining documentary with stunning footage and a truly futuristic emphasis on people in the landscape. By capturing new insights, through stories and experiences, it highlights the changes taking place in landscape and farm management across the planet in the United States, Mexico, Africa and Australia. It is worth seeing this film for the cinematography alone as the images show, particularly in Africa and Mexico, the fascinating and at times dramatic changes to the landscape and to the people. By interspersing sequences of children and their expressions of love and hope for the land, the producer underscores the importance of their role in ways that are powerful and very moving. This film is about a diverse range of people replacing ineffective practices with wise management and decision-making that involves practical, and usually simple, measures to maintain the level of production while monitoring the impact their actions have on the land.

How is this achieved? To sum it up briefly:

by working in harmony with natural functions, like rainfall, sunlight and soil by reversing the decline in fertility and restoring agricultural and rural community prosperity

by identifying grassland as a major sequester of the planet's legacy load of CO<sub>2</sub> and how to manage perennial grasses for maximum carbon uptake (**PA250104 grass**)

By recognising ruminant animals as important tools to revitalise soils thus helping to dispel the belief that hoofed animals are always destructive.



Each screening was followed by robust discussion which enabled participants to become engaged in expanding on the issues from their own experiences or seeking clarification through questions and answers. There was discussion on the process of carbon sequestration with some lively exchanges between differing views (by the way the documentary has a very good explanation of the carbon cycle), and on why altering the grazing sequence makes such a difference (it is less about when to take stock out and more about when the grass is ready for them to go back in). In fact, it's the natural movement of stock that holds the key, and a bison rancher explains that when these animals originally roamed free and had their own rhythms they 'knew' not to graze below what grasses could tolerate. Fencing, however, confines the stock, and the decision when to move is taken by humans. The question is: 'When do I decide it's time to move them on?'

Overall, the documentary and discussion sessions I attended were very worthwhile as they gave me a much better understanding of both the concepts and practices. But I'm not sure that viewers with no background knowledge would be able to get 'the big picture'. The documentary seemed to be designed to interest and inform in segments rather

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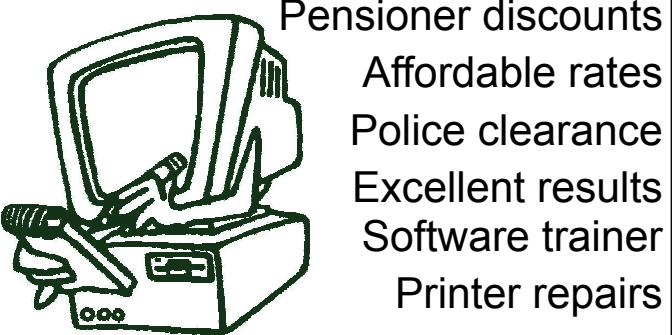
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than describe and explain the actual theoretical underpinning or methodology which makes the holistic management system so uniquely capable of transforming the way we can work the land. This lack of an overall structure could have been corrected if the founder of Holistic Management had prefaced the individual sequences with a brief outline of his vision, thus integrating the excellent segments on carbon, stock movement, grazing habits and the role of fire. Maybe the producers were hesitant about overwhelming their viewers. If so, they unfortunately underestimated the capability of people who elect to participate in this educative process. Our local audiences obviously came prepared to learn and understood the challenges that face them on their land.

Given the success of the first round of sessions which focused on the documentary, the next logical step could be a follow-up session for those who, now curious, want to know more. The documentary then would clearly be just a beginning.

Jean Underwood

## **Historic Mosaic to honour Caroline Chisholm**

Thousands of people are expected to attend the unveiling and blessing of a unique tribute to Caroline Chisholm in Goulburn at the end of June.

As part of the restoration of the Sts Peter and Paul's old Cathedral in Goulburn, itself a building of national heritage significance, the parish of Goulburn are honouring Caroline Chisholm through the creation of a magnificent public artwork – an exquisite mosaic depicting her contribution to Australia.

The mosaic is being created by internationally renowned mosaic artist, Nola Diamantopoulos as an enduring memory of Caroline Chisholm and her contribution to the nation.

It will be unveiled and blessed by Archbishop Mark Coleridge at a public unveiling ceremony on 29th June, 2011.

In Australian history since European settlement, Caroline Chisholm features as one of our most prominent pioneering women.

When she arrived in Australia and witnessed the living conditions of the women and children of the early colony, she was determined to improve their situation. In "Fifty-One Pieces of Wedding Cake" Mary Hoban wrote of her:

"Caroline Chisholm's role as 'founding mother' was freely acknowledged in her lifetime. A writer in Henry Parkes' paper, the Empire, in 1859 claimed that 'If Captain James Cook discovered Australia – if John Macarthur planted the first seeds of its extraordinary prosperity – if Ludwig Leichhardt penetrated and explored its, before unknown, interior – Caroline Chisholm has done more: she has peopled, and she alone has colonized it in the true sense of the term.'"

Caroline Chisholm had a long and enduring relationship with the people of southern New South Wales. She travelled through Goulburn, raising money and escorting young immigrant girls to their workplaces as domestic servants to many country farms.

The celebrations commence with Mass at 10.00am followed by the unveiling and blessing at 11.30am.

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## SMALL SCHOOLS CROSS COUNTRY

The students, staff & parents of 5 small schools converged on Windellama on Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> to enjoy a run in the hills around the school. The day was a great success with a yummy lunch provided by the school's P&C. The school came 3<sup>rd</sup> in the overall point score and had 8 runners represent at the District level.



## READY, SET, GO!

## WINTER GARDEN PLANTED

The change of seasons has seen a bit of activity at the school veggie garden. The summer plants were heaved out and the winter crop went in recently.

With regular care and attention, the students look forward to a bountiful crop of winter veggies such as broccoli, bok choy, snow pea, rocket, chinese cabbage and lettuce.



**Out with the old.....**



**...and in with the new!**

## P&C AUCTION & FIREWORKS

We'd love to see you all at the annual Auction & Fireworks community day at Windellama Hall on Saturday 11 June!

## UPCOMING EVENTS IN TERM 2

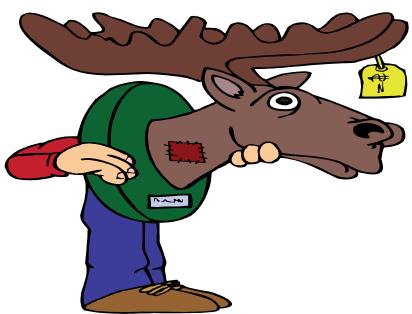
- 25 May – K-2 Simultaneous Read Day at Tarago
- 27 May – World Vision Smiles Day fundraiser
- 8 June – Soccer Gala Day at Goulburn
- 11 June – P&C Auction & Fireworks Fundraiser
- 16 June – Rugby League Gala Day in Goulburn
- 22 June – Tarago CWA International Day visit

# *Windellama Country Markets*

## **Sunday 19th June**

**10am - 2pm**

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