

Windellama Historical Society

The following is an extract which will appear over 3 issues. It comes from one of Max Laidley's books of Family History.

Max is a grandson of George & Sarah Hockey of Connors Creek, now *The Willows*; Max's mother Pearl Hockey married one of the local school teachers, Francis Laidley.

It contains information on the building of a slab house.



As many of our ancestors lived in houses made of slabs, it may be of interest to know a little more about such houses which were vastly different to the houses we have today. In this appendix some of the problems for a typical farming family taking up land (as it was called in those days) are described with the main emphasis being on their housing.

Arrival at the site

Imagine the work facing the farmer and his family when they arrived at their undeveloped land miles from the nearest neighbour and many miles from the nearest town.

For the first few nights they might sleep under their wagons before they could make some very temporary shelter. Their cattle, horses, and other livestock would require attention too, to prevent them from straying.

The tasks facing them would be too much for a man and his wife unless they had the help of some sons, even if only half-grown, or some other man. We can only guess about the circumstances of our ancestors but they probably had the assistance of brothers, cousins or brothers-in-law.

The first things to be built were a stockyard and

a temporary house beside the stockyard. When the stockyard was built the horses and cattle would have to be herded there every night until they became used to their new surroundings and would not stray. The temporary house would become a feed shed after the permanent house was built.

A bark hut

The temporary house (or hut) could be built within a week or so, using sheets of bark on a framework of poles cut from the surrounding bush. Stringybark saplings stripped of their bark were joined together with wooden pegs to make the walls and the roof.

Stringybark trees about 3 or 4 feet in diameter supplied the bark. Horizontal cuts were made about 8 feet apart in the bark of a standing tree. These circular cuts were joined by 1 vertical cut and the bark was prized off the trunk with a spade or a pole with one end cut like a chisel. This gave a sheet about 8 feet wide by about 10-13 feet long.



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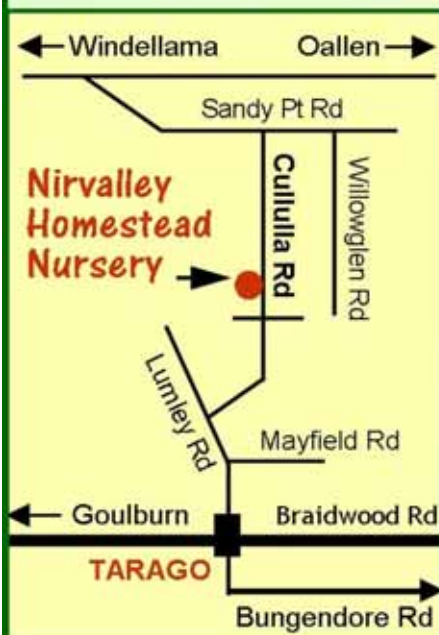
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In Your October Garden

From Irene Turner

This month most of our fruit trees and blossom trees should be flowering.

Vegetables to sow now:

Seeds - cucumber, marrow, zucchini, melons, pumpkins, squashes, and chillies.



Parsley, capsicum, sweet corn, (cover

the corn with straw after the seeds are up). Parsley likes damp soil.

Bean seeds - dwarf and climbing. I like Purple King.



Celery seeds or seedlings - it is a heavy feeder, needing lime.

When plants start to grow, add a side dressing of sulphate of ammonia and plenty of water.

Flowers:

Seeds or seedlings - ageratum, alyssum, asters, balsam, carnations, cosmos, dianthus, gypsophila, larkspur, linaria, lobelia, Livingstone daisy, marigolds, nasturtium, pansy, petunia, phlox, portulaca, snapdragon and verbenas.



Dahlia seedlings, dwarf varieties, can go in now. They grow to 60cm; flower in colours of yellow, red and pinks. These do not need staking.

Taller Dahlias grow from tubers to 1.5m-2m in height. These need a firm stake. Tubers can be dug up and kept in a dry place - replanted each year.

Feed your Spring bulbs now.

Tomato Stem Rot

Caused by the tomatoes drying out too much, which makes the skin go hard. When you water the skin will not expand, that creates water logging, which causes the stem to rot.

Bottom End Rot - happens much the same, also by the tomatoes sitting on wet soil.

APHID SPRAY

1 teaspoon of detergent

1 teaspoon of Euc. Oil

To 1 litre of water

Mix and spray on roses.



Keeping **Cabbage white butterflies** at bay - I sprinkle Dolomite over the young cabbages, the butterflies do not lay their eggs. Reapply after rain.

You can grow nasturtium around the garden, the butterflies lay their eggs on them.

Try growing wormwood bush (autemesia absinthium) beside your vegetable patch. The butterflies hate the smell. Don't grow near your compost heaps, the worms hate it.

Protect young seedlings from **snails & slugs** by using any of the following around the plants:



Wood ash, shell grit, sawdust, sharp sand, coffee grounds, Dolomite or lime.

Beer Traps - put beer in old margarine containers, with the lid on and a slit cut into the top. Bury at ground level. This attracts snails and slugs, they fall in and drown.

Mulch of rice hulls spread over the strawberry patch will keep slugs at bay and clean fruit.

Ducks are great at searching out the snails and slugs under bricks and rocks around the garden and they make a tasty meal of them.



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Windellama Locals Linking Landscapes

Since December 2009, The Windellama Locals Linking Landscapes project has been going from strength to strength. The project combines the strengths of the Windellama Progress Association, and Windellama Landcare networks with support from Southern Rivers Catchment Management Authority. The community came together in February 2010, with 65 people attending a planning meeting where the seeds for a "Shared Landscape Vision" were planted.

Since then, 13 local landholders have received management plans for their properties, with seven landholders (a total of 511.5ha) receiving funds for works including: fauna friendly fencing, weed control, erosion control, grazing management for conservation outcomes, alternative stock water; paddock subdivision and feral animal control. These works were funded on a sliding scale (between 50 per cent and 80 percent funded), depending on how well the plan met the objectives of the "Shared Landscape Vision".

Workshops have been conducted to address issues recognised at the planning meeting. These included a box gum woodland workshop, carbon farming workshop and soil and salt expo. Those who attended indicated

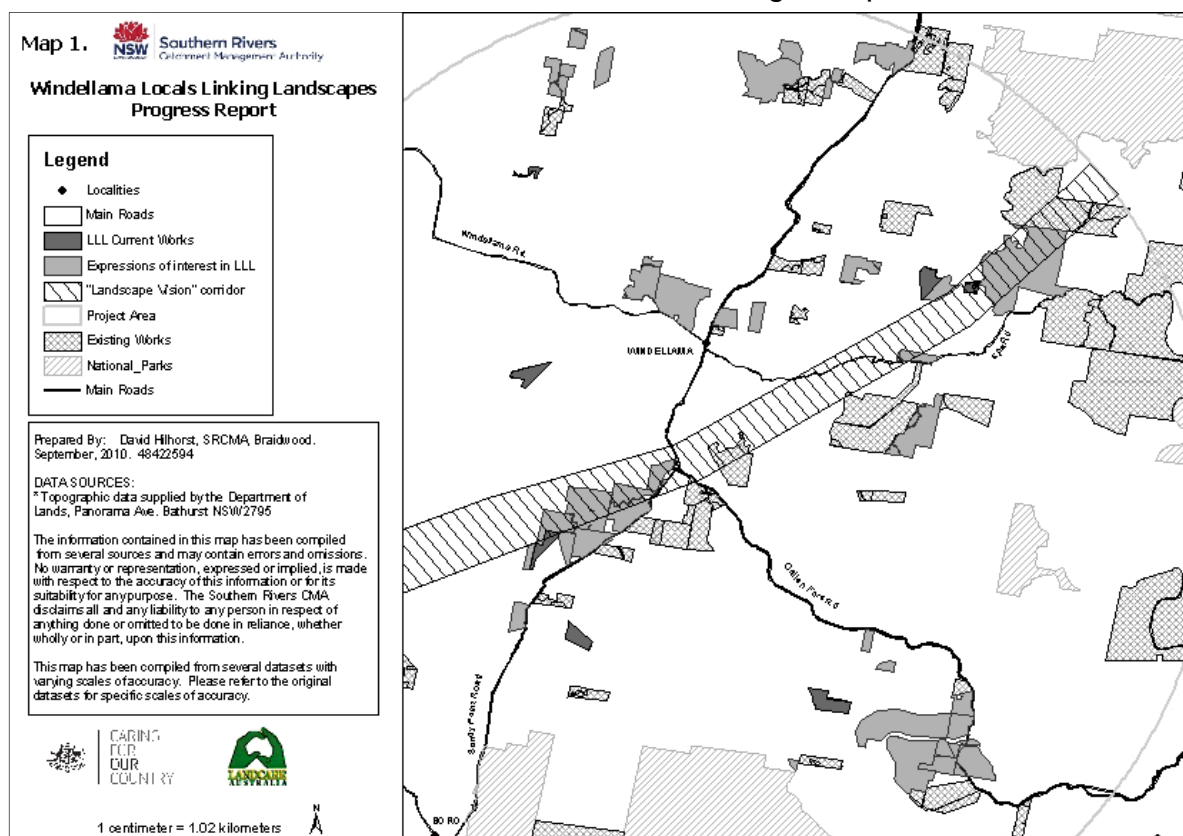
they enjoyed the outings and gained valuable knowledge about their land in the context of the "landscape".

The Locals Linking Landscapes project aims to achieve "landscape relevant" outcomes. This requires co-operation across boundary fences, with project design considering functional connectivity, riparian protection for whole reaches, and landscape processes such as the implications of groundwater recharge/discharge on salinity and erosion.

The second round of funding called on those who had already received funding to discuss extending their projects with neighbours. The resulting "clusters" of interest (see map 2), are an indication of the effectiveness of this approach and the commitment of the local community to having a positive influence on the landscape.

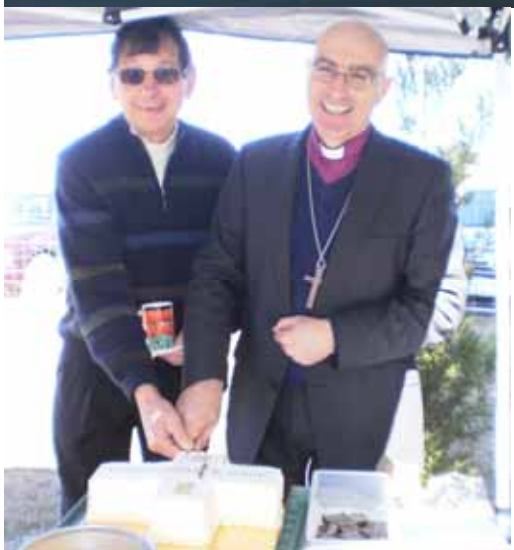
Congratulations and thank you to all who have been involved so far. If you would like further information or would like to become involved, please contact David Hilhorst, Southern Rivers CMA, Braidwood on 4842 2594.

Funding from Caring for our Country (Australian Government) and Catchment Action NSW (NSW Government) has been gratefully received for a second and third round of effort. Twenty-four people have already expressed an interest in receiving funds, so get in quick.





St Bartholomew's 151st Birthday Celebration



Local church wardens Graham Kinder & Dinah Gegg were pleased that Bishop Stuart Robinson was able to accept the invitation from the congregation of St. Bart's to attend the celebration.

The 151st anniversary of St. Bart's went off well. The little church was full of parishioners to hear the Bishop Stuart Robinson conduct the Holy Communion service along with Rev. Harley Lockley.



The Bishop and his wife Jane were delighted to be with us all and had an enjoyable morning. The congregation then went outside to enjoy a finger food luncheon supplied by all who came with a plate.

The weather was just glorious on the day. The beautiful cake in the shape of a cross was expertly done by Shirley again, (thank you Shirley) and was cut by Bishop Stuart and Harley.

Photos courtesy of Lynn Stockford & Pam Williams



Church News

Catholic Church Services

Parish Priest: Fr. Dermot McDermott
Assistant: Fr. Sunhil Kadaparambil

Presbytery & Parish Office
Phone 4821 1022

Sunday Mass will be at 9am. on the 2nd & 4th
Sunday at St. Patrick's **Marulan**.

Mass Times in **Goulburn** are:

Saturday Vigil Mass:

6pm (DST) at St. Peter & St. Paul's
Sunday: 8am. at Our Lady of Fatima,
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St. Bartholomew's – Windellama

Sunday 24th – 11.30am

NOVEMBER

St. Mark's – Bronte

Sunday 14th – 11.30am

St. Bartholomew's – Windellama

Sunday 28th - 11.30am

In November we welcome Rev. Vanessa Bennett to our parish as our resident rector.

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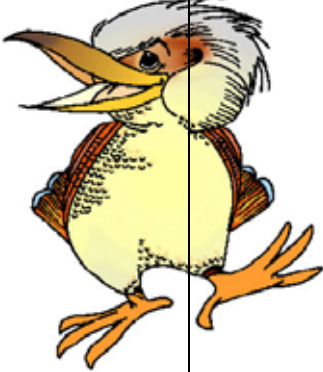



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October 2010

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|  | | | | 1 | 2 Bargains in the Bush @ Nerriga Hall Bungonia Markets | 3  |
| 4 Public Holiday | 5 Willow Glen Gardeners | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 St. Mark's |
| 11 School Resumes P&C Meeting | 12 Craft Arvo | 13 Windellama Garden Club | 14 School Playgroup | 15 | 16 Tree Planting @ Tomboye | 17 Landcare planting at Oallen Ford |
| 18 Progress Meeting | 19 Craft Arvo | 20 Nerriga Gardeners | 21 School Playgroup CanAssist Meeting | 22 Kindergarten Orientation Day | 23 Fire Brigade Training & Meeting | 24 St. Bart's |
| 25  | 26 Craft Arvo Council Meeting @ Bungonia Hall | 27 Development Workshop | 28 School Playgroup | 29 | 30 Tarago Car Boot Sale | 31  |

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