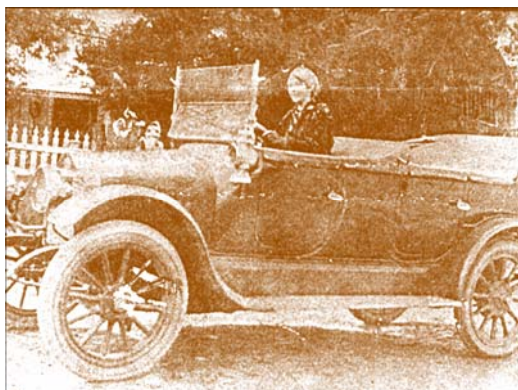


### **TARAGO & DISTRICT PROGRESS ASSN. Inc.**

- The Community Centre Committee met on 26 July and agreed to follow up on successful funding recipients. The committee will meet with Ian Coillet of Capital Region Area Consultative Committee for further advice.
- The tourist map is now in place (in front of the BBQ area at the rec. ground) and there will be a few minor changes and additions to put on this. I would truly appreciate any ideas of dates for the buildings on the map as well as changes you feel necessary. Our thanks to Goulburn Mulwaree Council for their valuable assistance.
- We are still negotiating with Council re the entry sign on the Bungendore Rd. and for planter boxes to be built under each sign.
- Cid Riley and I met with reps. from Council regarding tree planting. They will supply and plant a Manchurian Pear hybrid (Pyrus Chanticleer) starting at the 100k sign on the Goulburn entry side of the Braidwood Rd. Unfortunately this cannot be done until early 2007 but a limited pot stock planting will happen in October. This particular species has been deemed best for our conditions and the responsibility for care and upkeep will rest with the community. This is a wonderful start to the beautification of our district and hopefully we will be able to continue the same in other areas.
- The Stickers & Logo competition was launched at the Trivia Night and the closing date is November 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- The Big Screen Event will take place in October/November. There will be a special showing for the school students as well as two feature Australian films. This will be promoted in Goulburn, Braidwood and Bungendore and hopefully more people will become aware of what we have to offer.
- A reminder that our AGM will be on Sunday November 19<sup>th</sup> and that membership renewal is due at this time.

Please feel free to contact me on 4844 5518 or email [dlaughtane@smartchat.net.au](mailto:dlaughtane@smartchat.net.au).

Marianne Ronayne, President,  
Tarago & District Progress Assn. Inc.



### **Landcare Council Meeting**



The next General Meeting of the Upper Shoalhaven Landcare Council is to be held at

**Windellama Hall  
from 6.30pm (BBQ) for 7.30pm meeting  
on Wednesday 27th September 2006.**

Representatives from each landcare group and other interested people are invited to attend.

**RSVP to David Rush is essential.**

**Ring 4842 2594 to register or to send agenda items.**

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Nine Windellama area landholders attended one of three Weed Removers - Pasture Improvers training courses held across the Upper Shoalhaven Catchment last month and found the course "of great value".

Participants found that they can achieve more productive pastures through effective and integrated weed management activities using a range of cost-effective tools. Using pasture composition assessment, weed identification and setting targets for improving pastures (and keeping them in healthy and competitive condition) participants found the two-day course very helpful and say they will be continuing with their pasture assessment and management activities into the future.

David Rush

Upper Shoalhaven Landcare Coordinator

***A Blast from the Past - Taken from the  
November 1998 edition of the  
Windellama News  
By Tom Bryant***

### **‘MINERVA’ at Sandy Point**

The property "Minerva" at Sandy Point was named after a car, possibly one of the earliest in the Windellama district. The car, a Minerva was owned by the Sweeney family of "Dundee" on the Cullulla road.

Minerva cars were made in Belgium from 1899 to 1939. The Sweeney's car was about a 1913 model. Parts of the car were removed from the district about 30 years ago by a vintage car restorer. It is believed that the rear axle of the car still remains on the property at Sandy Point.

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**Dates:** **Canberra** – 20 & 21 November; Chemcert Refresher (one day to renew Chemcert Acc.) 21 August & 1 Dec  
**Braidwood** – 17 & 18 October; Chemcert Refresher, 16 October 2006  
**Bungendore** – Chemcert Refresher, 4 November 2006

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**Dates:** **Braidwood** – first course fully subscribed; second course to be advised

For further information contact

**Program Coordinator:** Tiffany Royds **Phone:** 48421225 **Fax:** 48421624

**Email:** [tsroyds@bigpond.com](mailto:tsroyds@bigpond.com)

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# Landcare Update



President: Greg Knights Ph:4844 5157  
Sec: Shirley Cornish Ph 4844 5101 Fax 4844 5364

A keen group of 20 people gathered on 26<sup>th</sup> August at the property of Henry Detjen to plant 700 trees. The weather was perfect after the previous grey day of showers and wind, and with the rip lines dug on a previous occasion by members, the trees were soon planted, watered and a number were protected with tree guards.

President Greg Knights welcomed new Member Leon Robar who attended his first Busy-bee and also welcomed new Members Ian & Terri Toy into our Group.

The next project to be carried out is a **DIRECT SEEDING DEMONSTRATION** on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> September on the property of John and Kerry Quarantino in Minshull Road.

This will be a great learning curve for anyone interested in planting trees from seeds. The Group will have a day or two of collecting local seed and will also purchase a nucleus for this project.



## Weather Watch

**16th July to 15th August**

Adrook, Oallen Ford Road, Windellama

44ml / 8 days

Timberlight, Oallen Ford Road, Oallen

45.4ml / 12days

Amaroo, Roberts Road, Windellama

30.5ml / 8 days

Gar-den, Oallen Ford Rd, Windellama

39.5ml / 9 days

Johnno's Corner, Oallen Ford Rd

37ml / 5 days

Hollow Log, Willow Glen Rd, Tarago

44ml / 4days



**NERRIGA LANDCARE GROUP, INC**

ABN 89 582 597 504

President: Di Roberts

Secretary: Helen Rolland

Treasure: Di Roberts

Public Officer: Helen Allen

## NERRIGA

The Department of Lands has verbally granted approval for a small amount of funds to assist with the continuation of the riparian work at the Corang River Bridge on the Nerriga to Braidwood Road.

A successful day of fundraising was had at the Windellama Markets. Thank you to all who participated in supplying various items for sale, and manning of the stall at the Windellama Hall.

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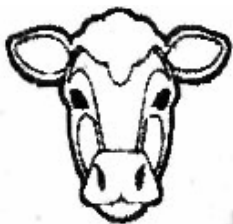
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## Windellama Brigade Open Day 17<sup>th</sup> September

The Windellama Rural Fire Brigade will be holding their Open Day on the **17<sup>th</sup> September**. The Open Day will be held in conjunction with the Windellama Market Day at the Windellama Hall & Grounds. There will be Brigade vehicles on display, pamphlets and literature available as well as having your questions answered, come along and meet up with us there.

### Brigade Vehicles

All Brigade vehicles have undergone service and have been inspected by the RTA and are ready for the coming fire season.

A crew of six from Windellama Brigade was called on recently to assist with a large fire in the Braidwood area.

### Remember the regulations when Burning-Off

Notify your immediate neighbours 24 hours before you light the fire. If you cannot contact them directly, place a note in their mailbox or through the gate chain and so on as this is an attempt to notify them. Notify the Local Brigade Captain **Lynton Roberts 4844 5118** 24 hours before you light the fire (as a courtesy).

### Bush Fire Danger Season 1<sup>st</sup> October to 31<sup>st</sup> March

With the Bush Fire Danger Season due to begin on 1<sup>st</sup> October to 31<sup>st</sup> March (**This may be varied by the Commissioner, NSW Rural Fire Service**) there are precautions that can be taken. More information can be found by accessing the Rural Fire Service web site ([www.rfs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au)).

### Prepare You Property for the coming fire Season

Is your property prepared against bush fires and grass fires?

Are ground fuels cleared around the house (long, dry grass, dead leaves and branches, thick undergrowth)?

Are you gutters cleared?

Is the roofing firmly fixed (cleaned of dry leaf debris)?

Are firebreaks prepared (a well watered lawn can act as a firebreak)?

Have screens or shutters been installed and underfloor areas enclosed, if possible?

Are vents into the roof space screened with fine wire mesh?

Have flammable items been removed from around the house (eg. woodpile, and obvious flammable materials such as paper, boxes, crates, hanging baskets, wooden garden furniture etc)?

Are LPG gas tanks vented away from the house?

Has the emergency 000 telephone number been placed near the phone?

### Prepare your house for a bush fire or organising sufficient Water Supplies and Fire Fighting Equipment, Prepare your house.

#### Things to Consider Include:

Hoses long enough to reach all sides of house, attached to taps.

Heavy duty hoses with wide-spray nozzles, if possible.

Reserve water supplies from tank, dam, or swimming pool, if possible, since mains water will be in high demand. Try to store water during winter months.

Gate valve fitted to water tank (a 38mm Storz coupling will assist the Brigade).

Have gate valve to fit portable pump as well.

Regularly check petrol or diesel portable pump, if you have one, to ensure it starts easily.

Install a sprinkler system in your garden and on roofing, if affordable.

Gather buckets (preferably metal), mops, spray backpack units, ladders, rakes and shovels in one place for ready access during a fire.

Battery operated radio and torches in case of electricity failure.

**General Meeting** 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2006, 6:30pm (earlier time)  
**Training Day** 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2006. commencing 9am

Till next time **please drive carefully** and take care, see you at the next meeting and training day.

**All welcome.**

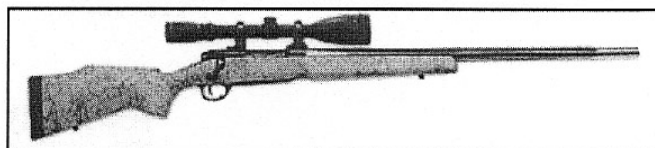
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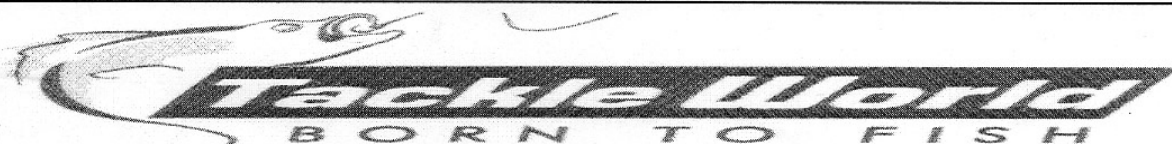
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## A Senator's View

I welcome the invitation to speak to you through the Windellama community's website and "The Windellama News".

The communication revolution, which has already made such an impact on so many of our lives, has brought with it many opportunities and is changing our World and the way we can speak with each other.

For example, even just a few years ago, who would have imagined that people in the Windellama community and surrounding areas would have their own website, including an electronic noticeboard on what's happening. And this is only just the local tip of the iceberg.

The information that is potentially available to people in our regional areas is unbelievable. All of us now on the internet in and around Windellama can with just a few touches of a keyboard and clicks of a mouse find out the most detailed information on just about anything we need and want to know for our daily lives.

It's amazing what you can discover, and how quickly. However, the internet is not just important for improving our personal lives. It is now a crucial part of every aspect of Australia's business and a vital tool in our democracy. And, every Australian no matter where they live deserves the chance to be able to access what the internet has to offer them.

That's why the continuing debate over the future of Telstra and the services it provides for the "bush" is a fundamental and important issue. I believe it would be madness for the sale to go ahead for the remaining government ownership of Telstra on the basis of what's been promised so far, let alone what's likely to be delivered to the residents of regional Australia.

As my Senate colleague, Labor's Shadow Minister for Communication, Stephen Conroy, said a few days ago, the Howard Government is "trying to shepherd Australia down an IT goat track when the rest of the world is building five lane superhighways".

Sad but true. We deserve better.

Ursula Stephens

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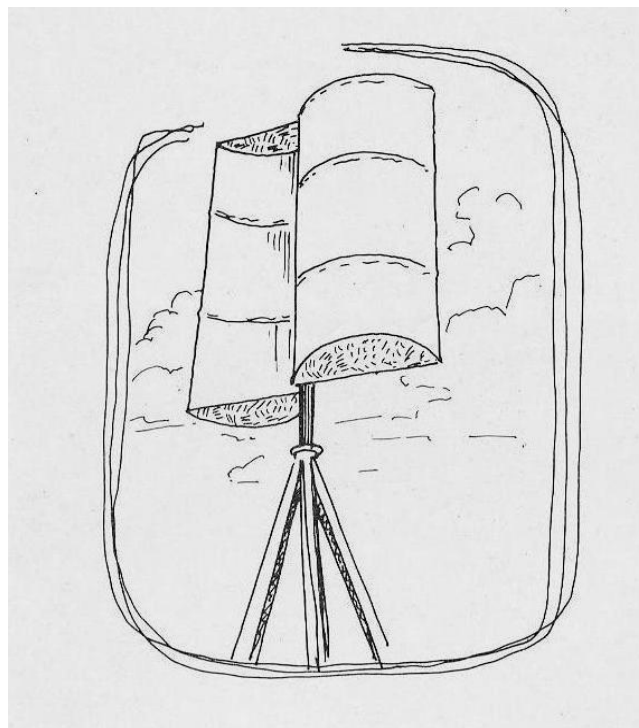
## Windellama SES First-Aid

By Graeme McFarlane

Another busy day at Trinity on Saturday 12th August which kept Keen and myself on our toes. Then we had a relaxing day at Pauline Fathers on the 13th August. Thanks to Irene, Ken and Kevin for their time. Also thanks to Kevin who attended the Cancer Day for the Garden Club, I believe the cakes were great.

Well things are busy also at the SES as we are doing some interesting courses at the moment; the next one is map reading which should be interesting.

Til next time, stay safe.



## The Savonius Rotor

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By Paul Alessi

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## Scorpions

Windellama is home for at least one species of scorpion and the critter in the picture here is most likely a Marbled Scorpion (*Lychas marmoreus*), he was found under a log by one of our kids.

Scorpions have been around for over 400 million years so are a very successful species. All scorpions are nocturnal and as such not often seen. They are members of the arachnid family.

Scorpions have between 6 and 12 eyes depending on species and two of these eyes are on their back, and if that's not bizarre enough, they glow in the dark when viewed under ultra violet light.

The small species we have here are supposed to have a very painful sting but are not deadly poisonous.

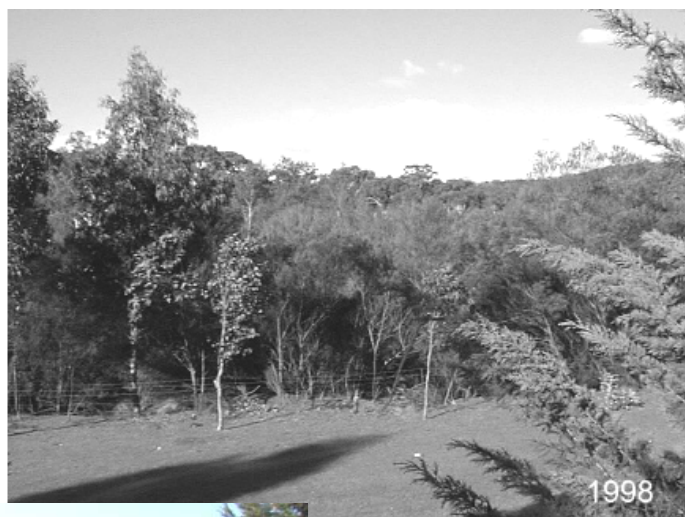


## Before and After

One interesting aspect of the photo of the opening of the bridge over the Nerrimunga Creek in last months Windellama News is that there was very little vegetation in the background, this area now has a lot of trees and shrubs.

The first series of aerial photographs of Windellama were taken in the 1940's are now held in archives in Canberra and are available for viewing. They show that many areas of farmland were much more open then than they are now.

The following photos were taken at the same spot on our property over a 33 year period and the young man on the bike is now in his 40s. The cleared flats from 1973 were by 1998 thick with tea tree and Eucalypt scrub and by 2006 completely revegetated.



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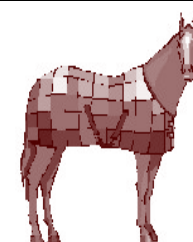
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