

THE IMPORTANCE OF BSE SURVEILLANCE



A couple of Sundays ago I was enjoying a family drive when I noticed a crossbred ewe out by herself in a paddock of oats. As we drove past I saw that the ewe was determinedly walking in a tight anti-clockwise circle just like a horse being lunged. Today's question is how much is this ewe worth.

Some might suggest this ewe is quite valuable as this is a handy party trick. Others might regard her as worthless. My veterinary advice, observing from a distance and travelling past at 98 km per hour, is that she probably has a terminal brain disease and so has very limited career prospects. The most likely diagnosis is Listeriosis caused by small bacterial abscesses in the brain.

However, you might be surprised to learn that this ewe could be worth \$50 to the owner while the incentive payment for cattle that qualify is \$300. Your veterinarian will also receive a solid incentive to submit a report and samples to diagnose the cause of the problem.

This ewe is also valuable to our livestock industries. Her value is because Australia cannot just claim to be free of the livestock diseases scrapie and BSE (mad cow disease); we must prove to our trading partners that we are out there looking as well. We therefore have a quota of cattle and sheep with signs of brain disease that we need to examine each year.

I would like to remind you of the true horror of BSE. It was first diagnosed in British cattle in 1987 and probably arose because these cattle were fed meat and bone meal produced from sheep that had been infected with scrapie. Scrapie is a slow developing brain disease of sheep that causes them to lose weight and develop unusual nervous signs such as rubbing and wool pulling (hence scrapie). It is caused not by bacteria or even a virus but a strange infectious protein. A This protein is tough and started surviving more benign meat and bone processing regulations previously introduced in Britain.

Between 1987 and 1998, BSE killed 183,000 cattle and cost Britain an almost incredible 600 billion pounds. In case you just skimmed over that figure, it is well over a trillion Australian dollars. Even worse, the BSE agent infected and killed 150 people who died a slow,

degrading death from variant CJD. It was the beef industries worst nightmare.

While Britain felt the greatest impact of BSE, it also appeared in a wide range of European countries as well as in Asia and North America. It is not surprising that the leading text "Veterinary Medicine" described BSE as "the most economically devastating agricultural animal disease in the developed world."

Veterinary authorities in Australia have developed a range of measures to ensure that BSE and scrapie do not enter Australia. Tight controls are in place to prevent the importation of infected animals and animal products. It is also illegal to feed ruminant by products to cattle and sheep.

However, we need surveillance to show our trading partners that we are free of BSE. This is why you are encouraged to present sheep or cattle showing signs of progressive brain disease for diagnosis. Sheep must be over 18 months of age. Cattle over 30 months of age (and less than nine years old) also qualify if they show signs of progressive brain disease. These signs include changes in behaviour, abnormal head or ear positioning, teeth grinding, blindness, circling and tremors.

I hope you don't see any stock with these symptoms, but if you do remember it is both in your own interest and in the interests of our grazing industries that you speak to your vet about having them investigated.

Fundamentals of Cattle Production

Friday 26th September 2008

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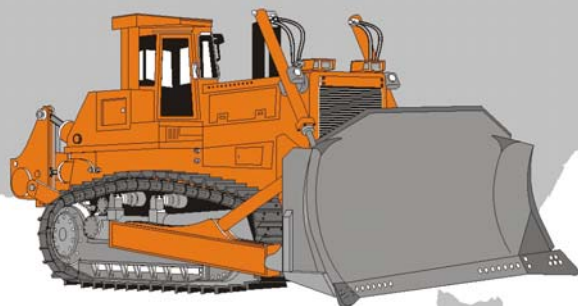
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The Goulburn Library is a community resource for people of all ages including children.

STAR Box Programme

Rural preschools and playgroups are invited to participate in the Southern Tablelands Regional Library STAR Box Programme. Each STAR (Southern Tablelands Active Reading) Box contains a selection of books and other materials including activity books, big books and music CDs to introduce children to the benefits of library membership and a life long love of literature. To participate in the STAR Box Programme a representative from a preschool or playgroup needs to join the library on behalf of the organisation. Upon becoming a library member the preschool/playgroup gets an exciting box of books for 8 weeks. The programme has been running successfully for 18 months but we are looking for more participants. The STAR Box Programme was made possible by a grant from The Mulwaree Trust.

BookMania

BookMania is the Goulburn Library's reading club for children of primary school age. To participate all children need to do is have their own library card, register for BookMania at the library desk and read books, magazines or listen to talking books that they have borrowed from the library. To register for BookMania a child needs to fill out a simple form at the library loans desk, which a parent/guardian needs to co-sign. Upon registration participants receive a flash BookMania backpack, which contains the very important reading log. The reading log is for participants to list every item they have read or listened to. There are opportunities to win prizes throughout the reading log by reading lots of books. BookMania is ongoing and is not a competition allowing children to read at their own pace.

Holiday Workshops

The library is once again holding school holiday activities for primary school aged children. The main event for the holidays will be a visit by the St George Zoomobile from the Taronga Zoo Education Centre on Thursday 2 October. The Zoomobile brings a selection of Australian animals for children and adults to enjoy. Information about school holiday workshops is available at the library loans desk or be checking out the News and Events page of the Southern Tablelands Regional Library website www.strl.nsw.gov.au

The Goulburn Library is open Monday to Friday 10:00am – 6:00pm, Saturday 10:00am – 1:00pm

The following article is reprinted from the September 9th, 1941 issue of the Goulburn Post from the collection of Maree Elliot

WINDELLAMA Hospital Egg Appeal

WINDELLAMA: For the eighth successive year the public school received an official visit on Thursday afternoon last from representatives of the Goulburn district Hospital.

The visitors comprised Matron Stevenson: the treasurer. Mr. F. H. Lansdowne: the secretary, Mr. F. Jennings, and Sister Kemmls, and the occasion marked the presentation of books won by the school and pupils in connection with the 1940 annual Egg Week appeal for the hospital.

Mr. Lansdowne opened the proceedings by entertaining the children, and incidentally the guests with some well-chosen stories, which were followed by generous applause.

Mr. Jennings outlined the generous support given by the Goulburn district schools to the appeal, and stated that Windellama had headed the list once again with an approximate total of 2000 eggs, closely followed by Bourke Street, Goulburn. After congratulating the teacher and pupils their fine effort, Mr. Lansdowne presented (*text is unreadable*) to the teacher for the school library. The teacher, in responding, said that he was glad once again to welcome the visitors, and assured Mr. Lansdowne that the pupils would again this year do their best to aid the hospital when the 1941 appeal was launched. He stressed the fact that such activities were invaluable when carried out in the right manner in fostering the correct spirit of citizenship in the pupils.

The Matron, in presenting another hook to the winner of the boys' section, Norman Gegg (about 800 eggs), made similar remarks, and passed a compliment on both the interior and exterior appearance of the school

Sister Kemmis presented the prize for the highest number of eggs.(approximately 500) collected by a girl, won by Hilda McGaw, and also remarked upon the civic value of these occasions.

The proceedings concluded with the serving at a dainty afternoon tea by Mrs. and Miss Gegg and Mrs. H. MCGaw, who were duly thanked by the visitors.

PERSONAL

Mrs. McKane, of Spa Road, has returned home after several weeks' treatment at the District Hospital.

Mr. Manfred McGaw, of "Morton," Is a patient in St. John of God Hospital, when he was taken last week suffering from a poisoned foot.

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Contact 4821 1022

There are no regular Masses in **Marulan**

Mass times in **Goulburn** are:

Saturday vigil Mass 5pm. at
St. Peter & Paul's Old Cathedral
Note the earlier time during winter
Sunday 8am. at Fatima, North Goulburn
Sunday 10 am. at Sts. Peter & Paul's.

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Anglican Church Services

SEPTEMBER

St. Mark's - Bronte
Sunday 14th – 11.30am

St. Bartholomew's - Windellama
Sunday 28th - 11.30am

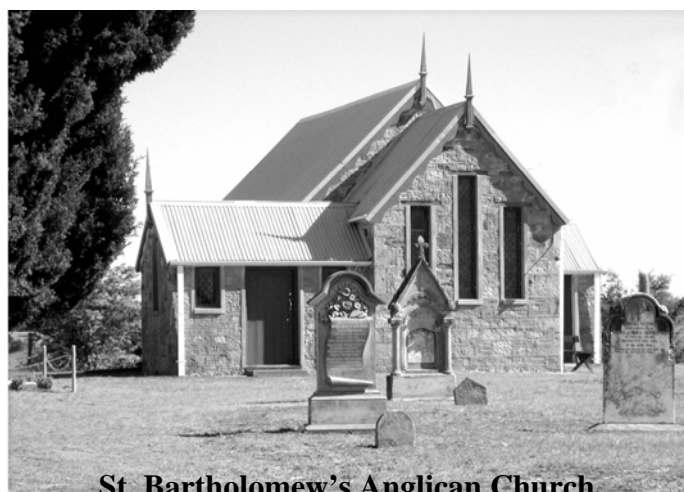
OCTOBER

St. Mark's - Bronte
Sunday 12th - 11.30am

St. Bartholomew's - Windellama
Sunday 26th - 11.30am

Our Rector Robert Lindbeck may be
contacted on 4821 3631

Although both our Churches are
nominally Anglican, worshippers of all
denominations are welcome at all services.



St. Bartholomew's Anglican Church

Got something to tell us about ?

You can get your information into the
Windellama News by either
writing and depositing into the letter box
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Community Grants 2008/09

The Mulwaree Trust invites funding applications to support charitable purposes or projects for the benefit of the community.

The following community organisations may apply for a Grant:

- Non-profit organisations or groups
- Schools
- Preschools
- Progress Associations
- Rural Fire Brigades
- Community Health Services
- Churches
- Charities
- Any other non-profit organisations which comply with community grant guidelines.

Applications will be received from within the Goulburn Mulwaree community or communities within a Council area which immediately adjoined the former Mulwaree Shire Council area.

Applications must be received on the Mulwaree Trust Grant Application Form 2008/09. A copy of the Guidelines and Application Form is available from our website www.mulwareetrust.org.au or by calling (02) 4822 2786.

Applications will be accepted at any time. There is no closing date as applications are assessed during ongoing funding rounds throughout the year.

The Mulwaree Trust manages the community Trust Fund established by Veolia Environmental Services, operators of the Woodlawn Bioreactor near Tarago.



Coming Events...

All at Windellama unless otherwise advised.

October

- 4th Bungonia Market Day
- 6th Labour Day - long weekend
- 13th School resumes
- 19th Hall County Markets
- 26th Daylight Savings starts

November

- 1st Small Farms Field Day
- 4th Melbourne Cup
- 15th Windellama Country Fair

December

- 19th School holidays begin
- 21st Hall Country Markets

Fees for Hire of Hall or Supper Room at Windellama Hall

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

*Includes Supper Room & Kitchen

** \$2 per hour for heating

SUPPER ROOM	(Includes Kitchen)
ALL DAY	\$80
DAY 4hrs or less	\$40
EVENING/ NIGHT	\$100

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Frances Knights on 4844 5157**

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Card required for household waste, or fees apply.

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Tipping Fees for Tarago

Sorted Waste - Domestic Residents only

Car, station wagon, small ute or small trailer	\$ 7.00
Medium trailer, large ute or 1-tonne truck load	\$13.00
Large trailer load	\$20.00

Unsorted Waste and Non-Residents Waste

Garbage & trade waste (uncompacted, per cubic metre)	\$45.00
Garbage and trade waste (compacted, per cubic metre)	\$ 80.00
Other unsorted waste—	2 x sorted rate per category

Hard fill demolition waste

0-5 tonne	\$125.00
5-12 tonne	\$250.00
12-20 tonne	\$600.00

Animals – Note: Animal carcasses cannot be dumped at Tarago as there are no facilities for burial.

Car Bodies	\$30.00
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Tyres – Car Tyres (each) - per tyre	\$ 5.00
Motorcycle tyres (each)	\$ 4.00
Truck tyres (each) - per tyre	\$15.00
Tractor tyres (each) - per tyre	\$55.00

Community Information

Windellama Progress Association

Cathy Meehan (President) 4844 5554
Frances Knights (Secretary) 4844 5157

Windellama Rural Fire Brigade

Jim Meehan (Captain) 4844 5554
Bev McGaw (Communications) 4844 5147
Bonita Armstrong (Treasurer) 4844 5387

Windellama Field Day Committee

Cathy Meehan (Sec) 4844 5554
Frances Knights (Treas) 4844 5157

Windellama News

Denise Johnson (Editor) 4844 5087
Gayle Stanton (Editor) 4844 5156
Cathy Meehan (Sec / Treas) 4844 5554

Windellama Garden Cub Inc.

Pam Williams 4844 5194
Colleen Ellis 4844 5207

Windellama Hall Country Markets

George & Annemarie Webb 4844 5038

Windellama Historical Society

Sandra Greville (Secretary) 4844 5047
Joanna Croker 4844 5125

Windellama Landcare

Mick Ryan (President) 4844 5012
Sandra Greville (Co-Secretary) 4844 5047
Cathy Meehan (Asst-Secretary) 4844 5554

Windellama School P&C

Fran Satchell (President) 4844 5737
Heather Caulfield (Secretary) 4844 5120

Nerriga Landcare

Di Roberts (President) 4844 5344
Helen Rolland (Secretary) 9555 8676

Nerriga Rural Fire Brigade

John Rolfe (Captain) 4845 9160
Justin Parr (Snr. Deputy Captain) 4845 9129
Marie Kennedy 4845 9126

Jacqua Creek Landcare

Sue Armstrong (Secretary) 4844 4364
Ken Moran (Chair) 4844 4234

Wires (wildlife rescue)

Marian Pearce 4844 5244
Southern Tablelands WIRES 4822 3888

Community Health Goulburn

4827 3913

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4823 4499

Justice of the Peace

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Important Phone Numbers

Rural Fire Brigades

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Tarago	Des Kingston	4849 4503
Taylors Creek	D Elward	4849 4240
Mt Fairy	Greg Brooke	0429 425 840
Bungonia	Ian Tapper	4844 4460
Gundary	Dennis Borlan	4821 6821
Nerriga	John Rolfe	4845 9160

**PHONE 4844 5359 or
CHANNEL 21/209 Base**



Windellama SES First Aid

Graeme McFarlane	4844 5506
Kevin Muffet	4844 7143

Police

Tarago Station - Constable Gerard Hespe	4849 4411
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Goulburn Base Hospital

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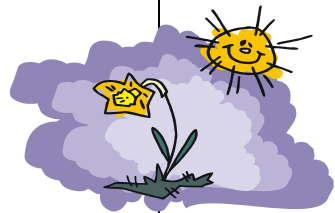
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SEPTEMBER 2008

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
1 <i>Wattle Day</i> School P&C Meeting	2 Willowglen Gardeners Get together	3 Windellama Garden Club Meeting	4	5	6	7 Fathers' Day
8 Bungonia Quilters	9 Hall craft arvo	10	11	12 Kindergarten Orientation	13 Council Elections Garden Club Trivia Night	14 St. Mark's – Bronte
15 Bungonia Quilters	16 Hall craft arvo	17	18	19	20 Hall Working Bee	21 Hall Country Markets & Community Garage Sale
22 Bungonia Quilters	23 Hall craft arvo Progress Meeting	24	25 <i>13 weeks to Xmas</i>	26 Historical Society Meeting Kindergarten Orientation	27 Fire Brigade Meeting & Training Day Landcare Working Bee	28 St. Bart's - Windellama
29 Bungonia Quilters School Holidays begin	30 Hall craft arvo					

For details of times and places - see articles inside this issue
Emergency phone numbers are on the back of this page.