



## Windellama Historical Society

By Rex Hockey

I could pre-empt this by saying, in the days before OH&S and Work Cover when you didn't need a Certificate for Plain Common Sense, but I will refrain.

The Windellama greater community has overseen the inception, implementation and completion of many projects, all vital community facilities without which the residents would have been far the lesser. This does not purport to portray the only projects, just the ones that I have knowledge of, one way or another.

The first two buildings built on the present school site commencing in 1880 were both envisaged, implemented and completed by the community to facilitate the teaching of their children; albeit they were both built by my Great, Great Grandfather John Croker, but as far as I am aware he received not remuneration, it was his contribution to the district and no doubt many others assisted in the building. I was at a loss for a while as to the builder of the second school building as the records state built by John Croker, and I also had a Great Grandfather John Croker, however, when I asked my father did he know, he stated that as it lasted for some twenty years it would have been the first John as he had seen the second John's building first hand and it wouldn't have lasted that long! There were a number of other school buildings in the district, Jacqua, Cululla and at the Church, even before 1880 and it would be a pretty good assumption that these were also community projects.

A need for a 'community hall' was envisaged by the residents, around 1920, and a number of property owners guaranteed a loan and so the Windellama Hall became a reality. It remained in the hands of the guarantors until it was paid off. My Grandfather Tom Hockey volunteered six weeks to put in the first dance floor which was secretly nailed. Each floor board was drilled at an angle on the front edge and nailed ensuring no nails were visible or contaminated the floor for dancing. He also built the brick chimney that still remains, and I might comment here that I very much doubt the bricks were put into place with just mortar!

The third tennis court, where the Museum now stands was added to the fist two in the early 1950's. It was levelled and prepared with ant nest (the ones that have the little red pin head sized pebbles, or road ant's nest). The dug up ant nest was brought in on the back of trucks and shovelled onto the

court as evenly as possible and then the metal rim of a wagon wheel was drug back and forth and criss crossed and then the cement roller was put over it; this procedure was repeated and repeated until it was perfect. I might add that I did a bit of pulling the wagon wheel and rolling, but only at the times when I wasn't getting in anybody's way. I have no doubt that the first two courts were also community made as would have been the ones at Jacqua and Sandy Point.

Following the building of the present building that Mr. Mac teaches in there arose a need for an under-cover area where pupils could eat their lunch and gather together when it was raining or the sun was scorching down, yes, back in the 1950's it was just as hot as now, even though we are led to believe temperatures are hotter now. So, the P & C and residents in general got together and did what only they could do, and the school weather-shed became a reality. This is now the canteen area, again because of community activity.

The next item of need for the school (1956) was a tennis court, which with the added assistance of the Shire grader (not sure if Mulwaree Shire knew or not, but what they didn't know didn't hurt them) and the tennis court took shape in exactly the same way the third tennis court did at the Hall. I should make note that one of the driving forces behind the tennis court was the new Lower Class Teacher, Mr. John Moon, who was an avid tennis player, and quite good. John used to hit up with the likes of Ashley Cooper and Neal Frazer (they were Davis Cup players who played when Australia used to win it! For those who don't know) prior to being posted to a Rural School. He devoted many hours coaching in his and our 'Play Lunch' and 'Lunch' times, I should know, I was one of the many beneficiaries of his expertise.

A sporting area for athletics and cricket etc. was made a reality, again with the assistance of the Shire grader and completed in 1958, followed by the building of the Teacher's Residence around 1959/60.

Our local Fire Shed was another community project, with very minimal out-side assistance which was completed in far more recent times.

Probably many more projects were carried out of which I am not aware of during the period 1958 to 1997 when I was absent from the district. Windellama has always risen to the occasion when it needed to and I am sure it will continue to do so.

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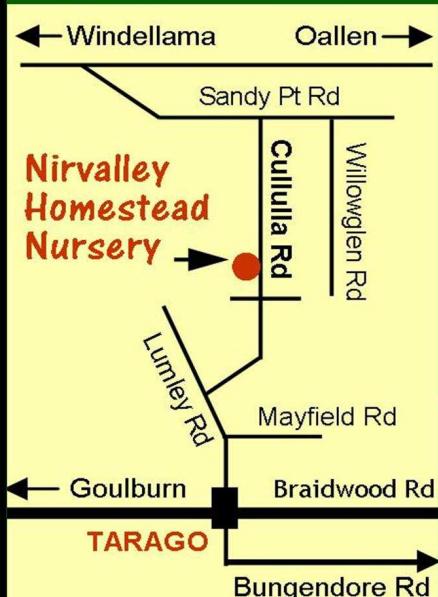
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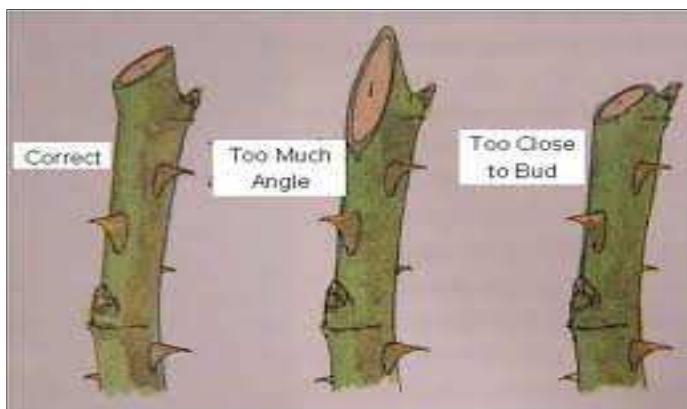
From Irene Turner



You can plant roses and fruit trees this month. Also deciduous flowering trees such as flowering cherry, crab apple, peach, lilac, laburnum (golden chain tree), hawthorn. Also liquidamber, box elder, golden elm, claret and golden ash and silver birch.



Japanese maples can be grown as a pot specimen or in a court yard; give it a cool spot with shade in the afternoon, as hot summer winds can burn the leaves. Make sure you dig plenty of old compost in the hole before planting and water in well. Stake only if needed.



Roses and fruit trees can be pruned this month. Make sure you take and mummified fruit off and prune any broken diseased branches. Place secateurs in bleach - (1 part bleach to 2 parts water), between trees or roses to stop cross infection.

## Vegetables

Sow broad beans, peas and onion seeds only. Plant strawberries, rhubarb and asparagus crowns.

## Flowers

Seedlings of stock, viola, primula, wallflower, russel lupins, delphiniums, foxglove, poppies, sweet William, calendula, alyssum, snapdragons, verbena, dianthus.

Seeds of Virginian stock.

## Natural Remedies

### Sore throat:

slippery elm bark is a great herb for soothing irritated tissues and promoting healing. Make a paste, letting it dissolve slowly down the throat. For children simply give them half a teaspoon of raw honey every few hours.

### Colds and Flu:

First keep your family's immunity boosted by eating a healthy diet, one rich in vitamin C, found in citrus food. Use cold & flu tablets containing herbs; andrographis and Echinacea, plus zinc and vitamin C.

Zinc supplements for instance may reduce the length and severity of illness caused by the common cold.

Elderberry tea is antiviral and can relieve upper respiratory symptoms, such as runny nose and congested sinuses.

Ginger tea (slices of fresh ginger infused in hot water with a teaspoon of honey) is also antimicrobial and helps to keep the lungs clear of infection.

### Sinus Infections:

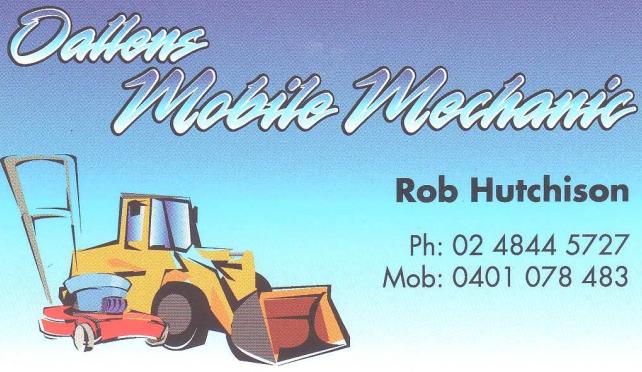
Fill a large bowl with hot water. Add 2-5 drops each of eucalyptus, lavender and thyme essential oils. Place your face over the bowl with a towel over your head and breathe in the steam for 10 minutes. This combination of herbs will help clear congestion, fight infection and soothe mucus membranes.

For children simply add the drops of essential oil to their bath water.

### Cold Sores:

As soon as you feel the tingling sensation that heralds the onset of a cold sore, make a strong cup of lemon balm tea. Allow to cool, then dab on the spot every 30 minutes.

To fight the virus from within, make a tea by combining equal quantities of these dried herbs: Echinacea, licorice root, lemon balm, yarrow, chamomile and St. Johns wort. Infuse 2 tablespoons of this mixture in hot water for 10 minutes to make a tea. Drink 3-4 cups a day.



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## Tarago Pony Club Alive and Thriving in 2011

Despite the rumours that our Pony Club had closed down we are alive and well in 2011. Our rally day on Sunday 12th June 2011 was fun, informative and productive.

Instructors Lynda Howell and Gill Shepherd ran our members through stable management and saddle fitting in the morning and a ridden session on use of the correct aids of seat and legs. The stable management included correct grooming for this time of year, trimming the bridle paths, tails and saddle blanket areas for comfort and correct feet and leg handling for picking out hooves. The saddle fitting session covered the types of saddles and their uses and an intensive check of the current fit of our members saddles, finishing with a demonstration of a correctly fitting saddle and it's influence over the rider's position and effectiveness.



The afternoon was spent by the Dads and helpers installing our 22500 litre water tank which was provided by a Grant from the Veolia Mulwaree Trust in 2010 and we sincerely thank the Trust for their generosity with funds and allowing us an extension of time to get this project completed.

The Pony Club shed now has water and as the shed is also an emergency/evacuation meeting

point for the Tarago District this will service the whole community and not just our members. While the tank was being installed our members were treated to a driving display by Pony Club dad Daryn Post with his lovely shire mare Bella. Members were able to observe this heritage art first hand and learn the special harness requirements of this discipline. After the display our members received bareback instruction from Lynda in the sand dressage arena.



Farrier Ian Fraser, Pro shod Farrier Services paid us a visit and trimmed some of our members horses and was on hand to discuss their horses feet care needs. We plan to have an instructional day about feet care this year at one of our rallies so keep checking this column for details. We would plan to take our members to some of the Zone 27 gymkhana's firstly in an observation role with a view to preparing them for the competitions later in the year.

With 2 qualified instructors ready and waiting to teach you we need more members. We offer a small but enthusiastic club for you to join with your horse or pony. **Our rally days are held on the second Sunday of each month with our next one on Sunday 10th July 2011.** Gear check is at 9.00am but please do come earlier as Peter our enthusiastic cook prepares delicious egg and bacon rolls and hot drinks for breakfast. Sausage sizzle lunch is also available and the catering for the day is at a cost of \$5 per family. Please let us know if you are coming so we can have enough food and drink for everyone.

If you would like any information about the Pony Club please see our page on [www.tarago.org.au](http://www.tarago.org.au) or call me on 4849 4221, or our President Scott Weston on 4844 5753 or Treasurer/Instructor Lynda Howell on 4849 4565.

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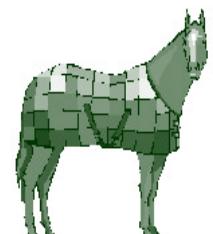
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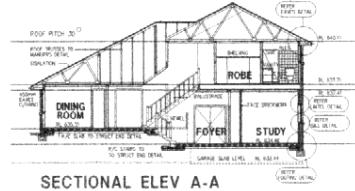
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Sunday 10th – 11.30am

St. Bartholomew's – Windellama

Sunday 24th - 11 30am

#### **AUGUST**

St. Mark's – Bronte

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> – 11.30am

St. Bartholomew's – Windellama

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> – 11.30am

We extend an invitation to all to join us in the celebration of the 152nd anniversary of St. Bartholomew's Church. A finger food luncheon will be held in the grounds of the church following the service.

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11	12 Council Outreach Meeting	13	14	15	16	17 Windy Hall Country Markets
18 Progress Meeting  Term 3 School Begins	19	20 Nerriga Gardeners	21 School Playgroup	22	23 Fire Brigade Training & Meeting	24 St. Bart's  Poultry Auction
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