

## BIG LOCAL TURNOUT FOR QUARRY MEETING

Over 110 local residents showed up at the Windellama Hall on Tuesday night ( Feb 22) for a meeting that was called to discuss a controversial issue involving the Hi Quality Quarry on Oallen Ford Road. The quarry management have an application before council to increase the amount of waste received from 20,000 tonnes per annum to 125,000 per annum with an additional 25,000 tonnes of recycled waste.



The meeting was convened by the Member for Goulburn, Pru Goward, in response to an approach by residents voicing their concerns regarding the above proposal.

Also present representing Hi Quality was Spencer Buchanan, Quarry Planning Consultant; and Garry Stafford, Quarry Manager.

The Goulburn Mulwaree Council was represented by the Mayor, Geoff Kettle, and the Director of Planning & Community Services, Chris Stewart; and Councillor Denzil Sturgiss.

The main concern for residents was the impact such a large increase in tonnage would have on their community . These concerns ranged from environmental issues at the quarry; the risks of sharing the local roads with additional trucking movements; and the deteriorating and dangerous condition of the roads along the haulage route.

A few present said they had no argument with the way the quarry site was managed, however there was a complaint about excessive dust from the site, and a query about whether

asbestos was being dumped (yes it is but Hi Quality have a licence to do this).

In spite of assurances to the contrary some residents living nearby the quarry see this asbestos as a constant threat to their well being which is understandable considering the consequences of contact with airborne asbestos particles.

There was a request for the results of water testing carried out at the quarry site to be produced as many results had not been available to the Environmental Monitoring Committee for several years. Garry Stafford said he would try to chase up these records.

On the issue of trucks, several accounts were given of near misses with quarry trucks on the haulage route with predictions of an inevitable tragedy resulting from vehicles being forced off the road by trucks or colliding with same.

It appears that although quarry trucks (the green ones) are strictly speed monitored, trucks contracted to the quarry by outside customers are not; and these are the trucks exceeding the speed limit and terrorising drivers, especially on the Cullulla Road.

The quarry response was that they had little control over contracted drivers and that these drivers were subject to normal RTA restrictions. It was generally felt that on this account alone the DA should not be approved.



When questioned about the clause on variation of waste received, Spencer Buchanan stated that on some occasions trucking rates could be much higher than the planned 56 movements per day.

The panel was made aware of the increased

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traffic flow on the designated haulage route since the opening of Main Road 92. These were mainly ACT vehicles and it was claimed this addition to traffic was only exacerbating the existing problem. It was suggested that this traffic would increase on completion of the Oallen Ford Rd road sealing program.

It was generally felt there was a need for a reduction in the speed limit along the haulage route. The meeting was informed by council that speed limits were set by the RTA and any request for a speed reduction should be made to that body.

It was pointed out by our local WIRES representative that a raise in the level of heavy traffic would result in an increased toll on our wildlife, causing pain and suffering and adding to the dangerous conditions when animals are left lying on the road. It was requested of the community that where possible these bodies should be checked and moved off the road and WIRES contacted if needed.

An application has been made by Hi Quality to allow their trucks to run during school bus hours. There appeared to be unanimous objection to any such safeguards being removed, especially in light of the increased numbers of schoolchildren being bussed to school each day .



On being questioned about road funding, Chris Stewart stated that the council relied on State funding and that such funding was limited and had to be spread over the entire Goulburn Mulwaree Council area.

Garry Stafford said that Hi Quality, under an arrangement with the council, made a regular contribution towards road repairs, but these payments would not exceed the agreed



amount. It is evident that both council funding and Hi Quality contributions have been insufficient to keep the haulage route in good repair.

It was pointed out to Spenser Buchanan that the original DA which became operational in 2004 was for a total of 728,000 cubic metres of waste received. This is equivalent to 473,200 tonnes.

It was put to Spenser that to include tonnage from his present proposal, this figure was to be pushed up to a total of 2.5 million tonnes. The questioner claimed that as these new tonnages varied so much from the original DA, a new DA and Environmental Impact Statement should be applied for.

Spenser Buchanan said he knew of no reference to such an eventuality in the original DA. The questioner then produced the relevant details on a weight limit from the relevant E.I.S. This is a line of enquiry that needs to be followed up.

Although the meeting at times became heated, it was effectively moved forward by Pru Goward who obviously has much experience at handling such occasions.

On completion of the meeting an appeal was made from the floor that any residents wanting to express their concern on the issue should make a submission promptly .

To those so inclined they would need to include the reference :

MOD/0006/1011 & MOD/0039/1011

Submissions must be received by March 2, 2011.

An extension was reluctantly agreed to on the night, however, you will need to notify Stephanie Mowle at the council on 4823 4444 during office hours about a late submission.

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Crookwell Evening VIEW Club began their new year in January, celebrating Australia Day with four members recalling and sharing their own unique life stories with the club.

The February dinner meeting of Goulburn Evening VIEW Club was the AGM, with special guest Zone Councillor, Margaret Gooch officially inducting the new committee for 2011. The evening was also made very interesting with ten members bringing along and displaying various items of their favourite craft and sharing their talents in a short talk on these items.

The talents were varied, from jewellery making, Danish cross stitch, tapestry, embroidery, creative album making, to patchwork, painting and much more. This created a lot of interest amongst the members who were very keen to take a closer look following the meeting.

The next dinner meeting will be held on Tuesday 8th March, at the Lilac Steak house in Lagoon Street, with Pru Goward as guest speaker, to celebrate International Women's Day.

In May the club is holding a fundraising evening at the Premiere of "Stepping Out" at the Lieder Theatre in Goulburn. Supper will be provided and all monies raised go toward the



Smith Families Learning for Life Programmes.

The club is also holding a cake stall at the Riversdale Vintage Fair on Sunday 13th March. This would be an excellent opportunity for

women to have a chat to the VIEW Club members and learn more about VIEW.

Lake George Day VIEW Club held its AGM February meeting in the Bywong Community Hall on Tuesday, 15th. The ladies self catered and put on a delicious two course luncheon. Margaret Gooch, the Zone Councillor was special guest and conducted the official part of the meeting when she set up teams with volunteer leaders of each team for the club's committee for the year. The team members will work together and share the duties. These teams replace individual committee members working in a team. The club will trial this new structure for a time then assess its workability.

The clubs have plans in motion for many and varied activities to fill the calendar over the next 12 months. Some that come to mind are stalls at various venues, bus trips to shows, theatre nights, brunch on the lake for International Woman's Day, craft weekends and much more.

VIEW Clubs in the local area can be found in Goulburn, Crookwell, Bungendore, Braidwood and Queanbeyan. Bungendore, Goulburn and Queanbeyan have day as well as evening clubs.

All VIEW clubs welcome guests and potential new members, so if you are interested in being a part of this very interesting woman's organisation, have any inquiries or would like to attend a dinner or luncheon, please don't hesitate to contact long time VIEW member, Sue Maas on 4849 4407 or 0418 275 402.

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February already, how did that happen ????  
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Everyone has been very fit and well, except me and I have had a bacterial infection and it laid me very low for at least two weeks. So Heroides was doing all his usual farm work plus feeding everyone.

Still feel weak and worn out but now getting there, after a dose of antibiotics, I cannot remember the last time I had those, and am

now dosing myself up with all sorts of herbs and natural remedies.

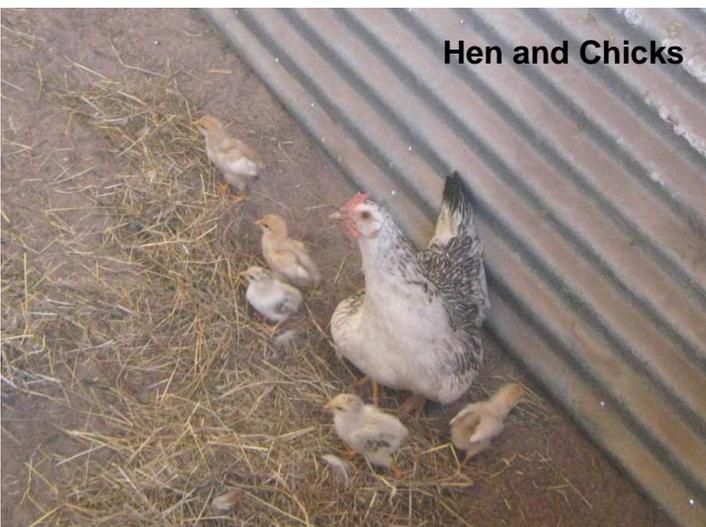
We have had eight baby chicks from two hens and more expected from two more. Some Appaloosa !!!! Heroides has culled two roosters, as we had about six.

Now that I am back eating we are using all our vegetables in the patch and also the fruit from the orchard, pears, plums, and blackberries. I love blackberry pie and crumble, with apple of course. No chemicals here of course.

The Alpacas all missed me and I fed them for the first time yesterday and Ninfo and Guacho gave me a kiss and Guacho clucked as I am his Mother. A few of the girls enjoyed a neck rub too. Today I sat with them when they had their morning sunbake after their breakfast.

We have had swallows nesting on the side of the house and so far they have raised two families of four each time and are still visiting. I hope they come again next year.

Book still available.

**Hen and Chicks**

Namaste  
Joy

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## TALENT OF WPS ON DISPLAY

The students of Windellama PS are a very talented bunch. They sing, they dance and perform regularly at the school assembly every 3 weeks. With an extra room for rehearsing and performing, students are able to express themselves freely. Our students will also put on a short concert at the Art, Craft & Flower Show this Saturday! Please feel free to join us for our assemblies – just check our website for dates!



## SWIMMING SUCCESS

Even though we are out in the bush, Windellama students still show skill in the water. At the small schools carnival recently we saw Georgia from our school crowned as Junior Girl Champion. Three of our swimmers competed at the recent Goulburn District Carnival.

## CLEAN UP, AUSTRALIA!!

Our school will again travel to Windellama Hall on 3rd March to do a tidy up of the grounds. This is the 3rd year of clean up at the Hall. Last year there was a lot less rubbish so we are hoping there is even less rubbish this year so we can spend more time playing on the great big oval!



*A snap from last year's clean up day at Windellama Hall*

## UPCOMING EVENTS IN TERM 1

- . Mini Concert at the Windellama Art, Craft & Flower Show on 26 February
- . District Swimming Carnival 23 February
- . Clean Up Day at Windellama Hall – 3 March
- . Combined Small Schools Writing Day at Breadalbane PS & Collector PS on 4 March
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