



## Report from the Progress Association

This year's Field Day, to be held on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> November, promises to be bigger and better than the extremely successful event run last year. The grounds will be packed with a record number of exhibitors, including many new and interesting displays. Mud bricks, straw bale construction, fish farming and solar & wind power generation are sure to attract interest. There will be cattle, sheep, goats, miniature ponies, pigs and piglets in the animal section, and we have been promised a milking demo. Following his successful debut last year, Neville Burns of Reptile Awareness, will be showing off his collection again. We will also have live music again this year.

The children have not been forgotten. Face painting, cake decorating, jumping castle and animal nursery, balloons and show bags will keep them occupied. There will be a large range of goods for sale – perhaps early Christmas shopping?

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE.

The committee of Progress would like to thank the enthusiastic band of workers who, under the direction of Merv and Greg, have put in many hours of hard labour concreting paths, verandahs and finishing off the landscaping to make the hall a much more attractive venue for functions such as the Field Day.

The next meeting of the Progress Association will be held on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> November at 2 p.m. All members of the community are welcome to attend.



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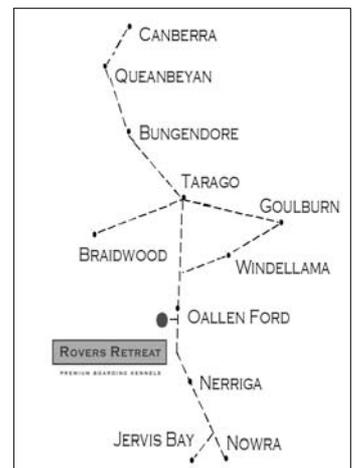
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## ORIENTATION FOR KINDERGARTEN 2009

Children who turn 5 before 31<sup>st</sup> July 2009 will be eligible to attend. Please ring for an information package.

Dates for Term 4 are 7<sup>th</sup> November and 21<sup>st</sup> November

## DRESS UP DAY

On the last day of Term 3 the Student Parliament organised a Dress Up Day. The theme was to come as your favourite character or to wear your favourite clothes. Some students came as 'cool dudes', some wore their pyjamas, some came as characters from TV and we even had a gorilla!



## SMALL SCHOOLS SPORTS DAY

Four schools – Breadalbane, Tirranna, Tarago and Windellama came together for a Sports Day. The students in Years 3 – 6 played AFL and the younger students played a variety of sports and games.



## CHOCOLATE PROJECTS

The students in the 2 – 6 class have been doing a project on Chocolate. They have researched where chocolate comes from, made a list of as many chocolates as they could think of, graphed favourite chocolates and completed a project where they had to design a new chocolate. The projects were very yummy and delicious as most brought samples of their new chocolate!

## CRICKET SUPER 8s GALA DAY

The students in Years 3 – 6 participated in the Gala Day. They competed against students from Wollondilly, Goulburn West and Goulburn South. They all played their best with many catches being taken, a few bowling the opponents out and a few hitting fours and Toby W hitting a couple of sixes.



## EVENTS FOR TERM 4

- 3 day camp at Long Beach – Years 2 – 6
- Orientation for Kindergarten and for Year 6 going to High School
- Visit from the Electoral Commission
- Presentation Night – Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December – Please join us.

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## Landcare Update



The Landcare Muster, **Tending the grass-roots: strengthening community environmental networks** is being held in Queanbeyan on 14 -18 November. This is an important Landcare event. Those who attended last year's muster found it very interesting. For information please ring Sandra (02) 48445047.

The **Christmas meeting**, which is also the Annual General Meeting, will be held at Shirley and Merv Cornish's Adrook Farm on Saturday 13 December.

**Busy bee at Oallen Ford:** On the 23rd September, six Landcare members concreted in steel posts along fifty metres of river bank at Oallen Ford. On the following Saturday there was a good roll up members who helped suspend steel cable through pre-cut holes in the now solidly concreted posts and then securely anchor the cable at both ends. The barrier was erected to help protect a vulnerable part of Shoalhaven River bank from erosion causing traffic.

And don't forget to visit the **Landcare tent** at the Windellama Small Farms Field Day on 1 November.

### Willow Glen Road Gardeners

The next get together is at  
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## Windellama SES First Aid

By Graeme McFarlane

Only the one callout this month and what a busy night it was, not only for us but the local brigade as well.

It was good to see every one working together as people in a small community should, and lets hope we get the chance to work as one again. At the incident, the brigade and three of the first aid team were at the site; Kevin and myself assisted the ambulance and Bev gave the radio a real workout - it was a rather busy night, well I think it was night when it was all over.

Well done to every one involved as it could have been worse then it was. On a lighter note we looking forward to seeing everyone at the field day and the country fair.

Til next time stay safe.

## Windellama P&C Association

### Change is on the way

The October P&C meeting largely focused on making final arrangements for Field Day activities, including the Cow Pat Lotto and Children's Area. Acknowledgement was also made that we will need to call on volunteers for assistance in mid November when the P&C takes on kitchen duty for the upcoming Country Fair.

However the major (and unexpected) news of the meeting came with the Principal's Report, when Rosemary Chapman announced that she will be retiring at the end of 2008. Rosemary has been a driving force at the school for many years now and her departure will be a great loss to both the students and the broader community. The P&C in particular will miss her support and encouragement.

A new teaching principal is now being sought. As part of the recruitment process The Department of Education is putting in place a selection committee. The meeting voted that P&C President, Fran Satchell, be appointed as the parent representative to sit on this committee.

**Only two more meetings before the end of year. The next one will be held on Monday 3 November at 6.30 pm. All are welcome.**



## **Council Committee Community Representative Expression of Interest**

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Council is inviting interested persons to participate in its decision making processes in an advisory capacity as part of the following Committees:

- Environment Advisory Committee
  - Community Services Advisory Committee
  - Facilities Advisory Committee
  - Community Transport Committee
- Economic Development & Tourism Advisory Committee

Expressions of Interest will be accepted for appointment from the period December 2008 to September 2009 (period may be renewed).

Expression of Interest forms and information on each of the Committees are available from Councils website [www.goulburn.nsw.gov.au](http://www.goulburn.nsw.gov.au) or by contact Amy Croke, Executive Assistant to Coporate Services on (02) 48 234 552 or by emailing [amy.croke@goulburn.nsw.gov.au](mailto:amy.croke@goulburn.nsw.gov.au).

All Expressions of Interest must be received by 4.30pm Wednesday 14 November 2008.



## **Garage Sale**

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### **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 there are precautions that must 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)). During the Bush Fire Danger Season, fires in the open air are restricted. This means that barbecues and camp fires may only be used under certain conditions.

### **Total Fire Bans**

Total Fire Bans are declared during the Bush Fire Danger Period and are notified to the public on radio and television. This means that no fire can be lit during this period. Remember if you fail to comply with the fire regulations, you can be fined up to \$5,500 or twelve months jail.

Take Care when using vehicles. Although we have had some good rain lately care is still needed when using vehicles in long dry grass.

**Motorised machines** driven or **used in any grass**, crop or stubble must be fitted with safety guards so constructed as to prevent any heated areas from coming into contact with combustible matter.

A Timely Reminder to All: It would be very helpful if everyone would keep an alert eye open for signs of smoke following a storm, especially one that has a lot of electrical activity such as the one last Tuesday (14<sup>th</sup>). The tree in the accompanying picture was struck in this storm and was a solid green stringy bark about 750 mm diameter and was completely demolished. It is not uncommon for

smoldering debris to lie semi-dormant following a strike and come to life when a fresh breeze springs up a day or two later. Vigilance buys time which is very handy in bad conditions.



Training: 1.00 pm Saturday 22nd November being a Multi Incident Scenario. For more information telephone Wayne Back 9792 5726 or Jim Meehan 4844 5558

Next Meeting: 7.30 pm Saturday 22nd November

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## What plant is that?

### Identifying plants in pastures

Can you identify the plants that are in your paddock? Do you know when they grow and why they grow there, their requirements, suitability, toxicity or management?

Pastures are made up of a number of different plants. Some are useful, some are weeds and others are just "gap fillers" that are neither good nor bad.

Introduced temperate pasture species are great feed but some management need to be considered to enhance their survival in a paddock.

Prairie Grass (*Bromus cartharticus*) is so palatable to horses it needs to be rotationally grazed for short periods to prevent it being grazed out. Tropical species like Kikuyu (*Pennisetum clandestinum*) and *Setaria* contain oxalates that can cause health problems in some horses.

Clover is an essential part of a diverse pasture providing nitrogen to the soil and grasses and is readily eaten by livestock. Different clover species have different requirements for persistence in a pasture.

Native grasses such as Weeping Grass (*Microlaena stipoides*), Wallaby Grass (*Austrodanthonia* spp) Spear Grass (*Austrotipa* spp) and Red Grass (*Bothriochloa macra*) provide excellent grazing for horses and respond to fertiliser and regular grazing. Other natives such as Kangaroo Grass (*Themeda australis*) do not respond well to fertility and will not survive under constant grazing.

Weeds are a common problem in paddocks. Bare ground caused by constant grazing, hard hooves and grazing habits leave pastures vulnerable to weed invasion. Serrated Tussock (*Nassella trichotoma*), Chilean Needlegrass (*Nassella neesiana*) and African Lovegrass (*Eragrostis curvula*) are grassy weeds that are difficult to identify and can invade a pasture leaving very little useful feed for animals to eat.

Controlling broadleaf weeds by spraying needs to occur prior to flowering. It is often difficult to identify plants like Paterson's Curse (*Echium plantagineum*), Fireweed (*Senecio madagascariensis*) and Spear Thistle (*Cirsium vulgare*) when they are in their vegetative growth stage. There are other forbs that are

useful. Plantain (*Plantago lanceolata*) is a useful pasture species that is often confused as a weed.

NSW Department of Primary Industries runs Paddock Plants, a pasture recognition field day. If you would like to know more about plants in your pasture, come along to a Paddock Plants day. At the field day you will learn about plant management, identification and suitability. Experienced DPI staff will be on hand to answer your questions.



The Goulburn Small Farms Network is subsidising Paddock Plants, so is free to attend (normally \$25) and it takes just a few hours. Numbers of participants are limited so you get the most from the day. There will be a Paddock Plants day at Bungonia on 20<sup>th</sup> November.

For further information and enrolment details please contact Helena Warren on 4828 6646 or email [helena.warren@dpi.nsw.gov.au](mailto:helena.warren@dpi.nsw.gov.au).

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