



The Census Taker Author unknown

It was the first day of census, and all through the land
The pollster was ready ... a black book in hand.
He mounted his horse for a long dusty ride,
His book and some quills were tucked close by his side.
A long winding ride down a road barely there
Toward the smell of fresh bread wafting, up through the air.

The woman was tired, with lines on her face
And wisps of brown hair, she tucked back into place.
She gave him some water as they sat at the table
And she answered his questions ... the best she was able.

He asked of her children ... Yes, she had quite a few;
The oldest was twenty, the youngest not two.
She held up a toddler with cheeks round and red;
His sister, she whispered, was napping in bed.
She noted each person who lived there with pride
And she felt the faint stirrings of the new one inside.

At the number of children she nodded her head
And he saw her lips quiver for the three that were dead.
The places of birth she 'never forgot' –
Was it Kansas? Or Utah? Or Oregon? Or not?
They came from Scotland, of that she was clear
But she wasn't quite sure just how long they'd been here.
They spoke of employment, of schooling, and such;
They could read some, and write some ... but not really much.

When the questions were answered his job there was done
So he mounted his horse and rode off toward the sun.
We can almost imagine his voice loud and clear:
'May God bless you all for another ten years'.

Now picture a time warp – it's now you and me,
As we search for the people on our family tree.
We squint at the census and scroll down so slow
As we search for that entry from long, long ago.
Could they only imagine on that long ago day
That the entries they made would affect us this way?
If they knew would they wonder at the yearning we feel
And the searching that makes them so increasingly real.
We can hear if we listen the words they impart
Through the blood in our veins and their voice in our heart.

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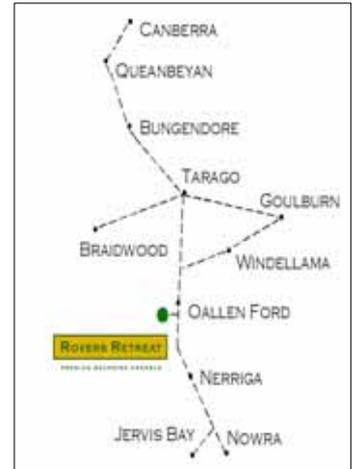
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- Enter the cow pat competition - lots of fun with **\$1,000 prize.**
- **FREE** Dog exhibitions
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- **FREE** Straw bale exhibitions
- Check out your Field Day Guide for the times of various **FREE** lectures.

Entertainment for children is also available in a designated centrally located area; including a jumping castle, face painting, animal nursery, and pre-schoolers craft activities to name a few.

Entertainment for all ages with live music in our comfy seating areas where hot & cold food, hot & cold refreshments are available all day; making for a relaxed & friendly family atmosphere.

The Windellama Museum is open to all for a look into the past and also the history of the Windellama area. There are also various craft / market stall holders, vintage machinery, local spinners & weavers, local emergency services & much more to pique your interests.

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P&C gears up to host Field Day Children's Area

Once again the Windellama School P&C is getting ready to host the **Children's Area at the Field Day**. For a one-off \$5 entry fee children will be able to participate in any of the specified children's activities throughout the day. The jumping castle, face painting, food decoration and preschool activities will all be there, along with the ever-popular petting nursery.

The **Cow Pat Competition** is also back, bigger than ever. Massively popular last year, we've increased the number of squares and upped the prize money to \$1,000. Tickets are just \$5.00 and are on sale now via the school and at various hardware and produce stores in town. They will also be available for purchase on the day.

As usual, we are looking for child-friendly animals to populate the nursery and for parents to help out staffing the area on the day. If anyone can assist please let us know.

Next meeting will be at 6.30pm, Monday 2 November at school.

Charleyong Bridge CLOSURE until 11 December

The bridge will be closed to traffic on Tuesdays & Wednesdays ONLY, from 8.30am to 3.30pm.

Traffic will be allowed outside these times. The school bus & emergency services will also be able to cross the bridge when required.

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Our next excursions will be to The Women's Expo and Penrith Markets, and G & S fans are off to see Yeomen of the Guard at The Q on 30th October.

Vicki's Good Read: The Lieutenant by Kate Grenville about early settlement in NSW.

Our saddest news was the passing of President Sally Phillip's dear husband Norm. He has been very much a part of our CWA activities and will be missed by us all. Daughter Zoë came over for a week to be with Sally at this difficult time. Our thoughts and prayers are with you both.

On the upside, some members who have undergone operations and long periods of treatment are recovering well. We hope that our support has helped them along the way.

Over a delicious lunch, Jane Crick gave a very informative and interesting talk about her travels to America and UK with her Churchill Scholarship. We welcomed our special guest Jean Cargill, from Braidwood Branch who had been invited to chair the AGM.

The following members were elected to office:

President: Sally Phillips
Vice Presidents: Virginia Boyd, Jane Crick
Secretary: Maggie Corby
Treasurer: Lynda Hargan
Agricultural & Environment Officer: Ruth Corrigan
Cultural Officer: Vicki McMahon
Handicraft Officer: Pam Hawke
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Publicity Officer: Maggie Corby
Councillors: Sally Phillips, Maggie Corby
Congratulations to all those elected, especially members taking up office for the first time.

Since joining the CWA two years ago, it has been a privilege to enjoy the company of a strong and warm-hearted group of women, dedicated to supporting each other and the community, willing to step on a scone to achieve their goals! I look forward to another year, probably as busy as the last, hopefully with less wind and more rain!

Crafty Corner: Come and join us on Mondays at 9.30 am for quilting, patchwork, creative embroidery or just a knit 'n 'natter! BYO lunch and a smile.

Next Meeting: Wednesday 18th November at 10 am. New members very welcome.

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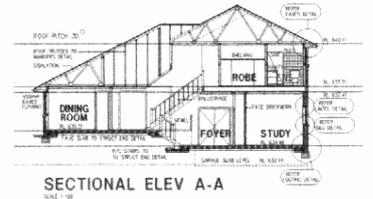
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Not really a lot to report this month as I am still waiting for Katinka's baby and Chuchi is not due until the 17th of this month. She is now 368 days and I go by 335 but I have had one as late as 370 days so there is a chance yet.

We have had about 40mls so far this month so everything is looking very green, I love spring as it gives one fresh hope, all the trees are blossoming and budding too.

Unfortunately no goslings have eventuated and I feel very sorry for the mother geese sitting so long with nothing at the end. Either the males have not done their dash or because the creek lacks water, the matings were not successful. Very disappointing.!!

Never mind we have had seven chicks and two other mothers sitting. Ducks and guinea fowl laying but so far not sitting. Our one and only cria is bouncing around the paddock and just enjoying being alive, he plays with his full sister and she loves it. It was a fluke that the two maidens were there as I brought them in for haltering, but a good job as he now has someone to play with as the other crias have not arrived yet. He tries jumping on his aunties too but they are not so good at putting up with him.

All for now then and hope to catch up at the Field Day, I shall be in the Hall with a helper and another friend spinning Alpaca, I will have my book and some fleeces for sale, so see you then.

Peace and happy Alpacaing

P.S.

Katinka had her baby at 6.45am on the 9th October, fawn, small and easily, 369 days. We have called him Alejandro.

Also the geese have turned up trumps, one girl has had five goslings but one was squashed in the nest and another was flat on its back today. I wrapped it in Alpaca fleece(another use for this lovely product) and gave it Rescue Remedy but it did not survive. I find they rarely do once ill. One female duck is sitting at last so may have ducklings.



On Sunday 11th October, whilst the weather outside was not very inviting, the atmosphere at the Loaded Dog was "on fire". 42 people enjoyed a very hearty breakfast, all for a good cause. For the second year Mark and Nicole put on a fantastic Pink Ribbon Breakfast to raise money for Breast Cancer. In an hour and a half they raised \$1600!

All the food was donated by the hotel, while Kerrie and Vicki donated their time to help cook and serve. A special thank you goes to Belinda

Tarlinton for her help on the day and to Wendy Cooke for donating the wine for the raffles. Everyone who attended enjoyed themselves and no one left with an empty stomach.

The wheels are in motion for next year's event: a Pink and Blue Ball, to not only raise money for breast cancer but also one for the boys to join in. Money will be shared with prostate cancer research and support. More details later - please watch this space.

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MILO SUPER 8s CRICKET

The 3-6 students participated in the Milo Super 8s Cricket fun day on 25 September. We fielded 2 teams with some great catches, bowling and hitting by our young team. The Goulburn schools had all Year 5/6 teams so our younger teams competed well against them.

BOOMERANG THROWING

On 30 September, Rod Slockee from Batemans Bay visited our school for a second time this term to teach us more about Aboriginal culture. Rod is a proud Yuin man and he showed us how his ancestors threw and used the boomerang. There were some scary scenes with boomerangs going in all directions but after a while everyone got the hang of it!

MUSIC HERO DRESS-UP

The school parliament ran a mufti day on 30 September to raise money for veggie garden seedlings. Students came dressed as a famous musician or singer. It was a very colourful day with music being played in the playground at lunchtime!

UNDER THE SEA DIORAMAS

The K-2 class proudly displayed their dioramas at the recent school assembly. There was some high quality work put into the dioramas and everyone was very impressed.

SOLAR SYSTEM POWER POINTS

Students in 3-6 completed an automatic power point presentation of a planet in term 3. They added information, graphics and music and made the show operate automatically. Some of these were shown at the assembly.

UPCOMING EVENTS IN TERM 4

- First Day of term 4 – Monday 19 October
- Kinder Orientation Day - Session 2: Fri 23 Oct
- Windellama Cup Activities: Tues 3 Nov
- Afternoon Show: Wed 4 Nov
- Year 3-6 students excursion to Berry Sport & Rec Camp: 9 November
- School Photos: Tues 17 Nov
- SPACE EXPO: Wed 18 Nov



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