



Our toy exhibit is proving to be very interesting, with lots of comments on the easy things that kept kids amused for hours on end.

Come and visit our museum and have a look at the toys of yesteryear, I am sure that they will bring back old memories for some of us. The toys will be on show for a limited time, so don't miss out!

The Museum is open on market days – the third Sunday of each month, from 10am

There is a selection of Windellama local history books, by Tom Bryant and books by local poet, Rex Hockey, for sale in the Museum, as well as bookmarks and postcards with images of early Windellama.

New members are welcome.

For any enquiries please contact: Joanna Croker 4844 5125
Cynthia Hudson 4844 5005

One of the early settlers to the district was Thomas Hockey and his wife Margaret nee Knowland. Thomas was the son of a convict John Hockey who received his ticket of leave whilst working in what is now the Dapto/Albion Park area. Thomas made the original purchase of the property now known as 'The Willows'. The following is from the Hockey Family History compiled by Max Laidley, one of Thomas' Grandsons.

Chapter 1

Thomas & Margaret Jane lived at Terrys Meadows until some time after the first of their 11 children were born at the end of 1860. Then, as explained more fully in Chapter 2, they moved to the Nowra district & sometime later they moved to the Nerriga district before settling at Windellama (around 1870) for the rest of their lives.

Samuel Hockey, the older half-brother of Thomas, had married Mary Ryan at Dapto in 1848, & she was a cousin of Thomas' wife Margaret Jane, so the two families had strong ties. They moved about together searching for gold with some success before settling at Windellama.

The movements of the Hockey family are not well documented but it seems that both Thomas & Samuel found some gold & then decided to become farmers at Windellama sometime before 1867. Both were residents of Shoalhaven River in the Nerriga district and of Windellama until 1870. Then they were of Windellama only.

At Windellama, Thomas settled at Little

Budgong Creek (more generally known as Connors Creek), built a slab house there & raised sheep. But it wasn't until 1878 that Thomas owned his land at Connors Creek.

In 1886 Thomas also had grazing land at Charleyong south west of Nerriga & he then added to his holdings at Connors Creek by purchasing Portion 1 in the Parish of Mullengullenga, County of Argyle, at a cost of £16/13/4. This 40 acre block of land was at the source of Connors Creek which flowed east through the land he had already acquired downstream. Altogether he obtained 5 blocks in Mullengullenga & 13 blocks in Cullulla, a total of 740 acres, mostly along the banks of the creek. It is not known if Thomas raised any other animals or traded with the miners like his half-brother Samuel did.

Thomas & Margaret's original slab house at Connors Creek had only 2 rooms. The kitchen was a separate building & there was a large outdoor oven for baking bread. Later a dormitory with 3 bedrooms & a bathroom was built near the house to accommodate the children as the family grew. Other buildings included storerooms, a milking shed for 1 cow, a small shearing shed & pens for sheep. All these buildings were in a cluster on high ground quite close to the creek but above flood level. Rain water collected from the roofs was stored in galvanized iron tanks for drinking but creek water was used for washing & for gardens.

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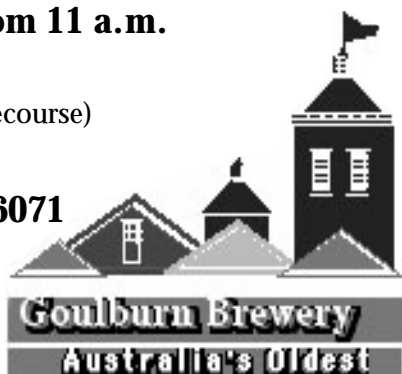
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Thomas' brother-in-law Edward Warrington, lived at Connors Creek in a hut at the western end of the property in what came to be known as Neddies' paddock. He lived there for a few years with his wife & family before he died in 1895.

Thomas spent a lot of his time mining for gold at Yellow Springs Creek where he had a hut. Yellow Springs Creek flowed into the Shoalhaven River well to the east of Connors Creek and west of Nerriga. Sometimes Thomas only had his dog for company but at other times he would go with a neighbour or one of his sons. Sometimes he would use a wheelbarrow to carry his tools and food. At other times he would take a dray. While there he would make damper as he did not like bread. He is reputed to have found lots of gold in his mine.

Once while there with Dave Sturgiss a piece of timber in the mine fell, hitting Thomas on the head and damaging his nose which later became cancerous. He then took to wearing a cloth cover over his nose.

Thomas and Margaret lived at Connors Creek for the remainder of their lives. Thomas died on 13 June 1916 & Margaret died on 10 July 1919. They were buried at Windellama Cemetery near Samuel & Mary.

All their children left home and became independent of their parents as they married, except for George Henry the youngest son. He remained to manage the property as his father spent more time searching for gold & the property passed to him after Thomas died.

No great fortunes were made from the property or from gold. When there were poor returns from the wool, families were close to poverty & when the returns were good, the money was used to pay debts, to improve the property and to buy a few small luxuries.

The original buildings remained in use until the 1950's and the property was sold by George's son Reg who had worked it after George died in 1949. The new owners named it 'The Willows' as there were several willow trees growing on the creek banks near the house. To the west of the woolshed there were pine trees forming a windbreak. In good seasons the homestead area looked quite pretty. The temperature ranged from freezing to very hot.

A View to VIEW Voice, Interest, Education of Women.

The 2009 National VIEW Convention in Adelaide was, by all accounts, a huge success, with those attending bringing back a wealth of information as well some exciting news, the first of which is that local young lady and National Councillor, Fiona Spottiswood, was elected to the executive position of National Vice President.

The second item of news is that the 2010 50th Anniversary of VIEW Clubs of Australia's National Convention will be held in Canberra. This could be one of the biggest events in the history of VIEW and will certainly bring a lot of business to the city and surrounding area. All throughout 2010 there will be several events to celebrate this incredible milestone for the woman of VIEW.

The two Goulburn Clubs have had interesting guest speakers this past month. Spring was the theme for the Day Club's luncheon meeting so they invited Sally from Gehl's Garden Centre along to the club where she talked about waterwise gardening, bringing with her to display several new succulents and native trees.

The Evening Club invited Graham Northey, from RJ Sidney Craig Funeral Directors, to talk about the new Crematorium being built in the St Patricks Cemetery in Goulburn in the very near future. With the help of visual aides, Graham gave an excellent account of the renovation work to be done on the existing chapel and construction of extensions. Also included will be upgrades to the roadway, parking area and entrance as well as extensive landscaping. When complete, this facility should be first class and an asset to the whole community.

There is always something interesting happening within the VIEW community. The list of guests, opportunities and events is endless and really worth a look.

VIEW is fun and friendship. If you would like to attend a dinner or luncheon meeting as a guest, please don't hesitate to contact long time VIEW member, Sue Maas, on Mob 0418275402 or 48494407.

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Every Thursday at 10.30 am in the Regional History Room (RHR), the Library presents free 1-hour introductory how-to sessions for people wanting to do research into topics of historical interest.

Currently we have a range of fascinating topics available, each session providing practical advice, as well as useful hints and tips:

- Discovering ... Ancestry.com
- Exploring ... FamilySearch.org
- Searching ... NSW & Other online BDMs
- Revealing ... the SMH online archive
- Extending the sources: Cemeteries & Newspapers
- Searching for Soldiers
- Looking for Land
- Digging into the Discs ... CD-ROM resources
- Investigating ... RHR local databases

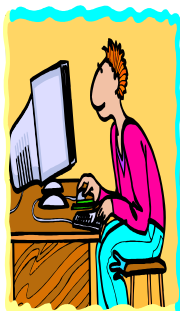
Upcoming sessions are advertised monthly on the website at www.strl.nsw.gov.au and flyers are available at the Library front desk. If you would like further information on these sessions, contact Lynn Bonomini at strl@goulburn.nsw.gov.au or by phone on 4823-4435.

Bookings are preferred for all sessions, but particularly for those involving use of the internet or the Library's computer resources. To book in, just ask our helpful Library staff, or contact the Library on 4823-4435 or email strl@goulburn.nsw.gov.au to ensure your place in one or more of these fascinating sessions.

Website Stats

Our stats are now very consistent with approximately 1500 hits every month.

It is the quickest way to read your Windellama News in colour & to catch the bargains early from the Classifieds section.



Topics in the HOT program include:

Discovering ... Ancestry.com

Learn how to effectively access the worlds leading family history online resource, with more than 3 billion names in their comprehensive and diverse collection of genealogical databases.

Exploring ... FamilySearch.org

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Learn where and how to search within the Library's collections for clues to your ancestors' land and related property information.

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A very big thankyou to everyone who contributed to the erection of the Memorial Wall and Native Garden and it would be unthinkable not to mention Merv Cornish, Greg Knights, Mick Ryan, Alan Martin and the chief cook Cathy Meehan all of whom were there every day. All the Native Shrubs were donated by Nirvalley Homestead Nursery and Shepherd's Hill Nursery donated a 'Firefighter' rose.

In excess of 100 people attended at the Fire Shed on September 26th and Zone Manager Peter Alley officiated and both he and Group Captain Stuart Martin planted a 'Firefighter' rose.

The Wall was constructed from donated rocks of all shapes, sizes and colours by the community and is topped off with black marble donated by 'Twistwood'.

The idea was to show appreciation for those community members who have been a part of the Brigade since its inception in the early 1950's or late 40's (this detail is proving a little elusive but not impossible) who are sadly no longer with us.

A number of plaques have already been fixed to the wall and a number of names have been shortlisted to be added in due course. Should anyone have knowledge of someone who should be included, please let us know.

The **'Blue Forms'** have been mailed out and maybe a gentle reminder is on order to those who have not yet returned them. It is so much easier in the event of an incident to advise landholders if we have the latest contact details etc. So, please return the completed forms in the prepaid envelopes provided.

Please keep a vigilant eye open for tell-tale smoke rising from the surrounding terrain which could indicate a problem.

Training Day is November 28th starting at 2.30pm, finishes at 6.30pm and will focus on a Multi-scene Scenario. BYO bbq after training.

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Cheers until next time

By Rex Hockey



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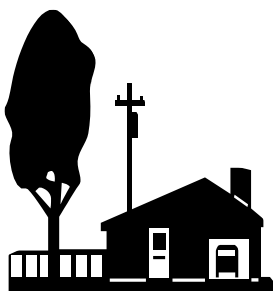
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Parenting a "Problem" Adolescent, (Part 2)

"We must recognise that significant body changes including brain changes also occur during adolescence and that this is one of the greatest periods of physical, psychological and social transition in a human being's life".

Puberty generally sees the rise of pubic and underarm hair, of menstrual changes and desire for intimacy in girls, of 'wet dreams' and desire for intimacy in boys and with hormones being produced in massive amounts to meet changes in the body and brain. The prefrontal cortex of the brain for example has not yet developed properly upon which adult emotional, problem solving and decision-making amongst other functions rely.

Males may be confused about how to impress a girl or what to say to girls. Some males may feel confused, guilty and scared about being attracted to or fantasising about other males.

Females may feel unsure or insecure about the intentions of boys or even how to attract boys and how to not get pregnant. Similarly some girls may also be confused, guilty and scared about being attracted to or fantasising about other girls.

Both girls and boys alike may despair with having pimples or not having the 'right shaped nose or legs or hair colour and be fearful of never having any friends or being liked by a dominant peer group. What may seem to be insignificant issues or problems in the view of parents or adults may be major problems or issues for teenagers.

Some children may go through physical and emotional changes of puberty earlier than others. For early bloomers, they may feel pressured to take on adult roles or to do adult things before they are mentally and socially developed enough to fully understand the consequences of what they are doing. Learning about life can have its dangers and pitfalls if one is not yet competent to understand the risks involved in so-called adult activities such as sex, living with a partner, going to clubs or parties where there is alcohol consumption, managing financial issues (especially related to mobile phone and credit card charges) and so on.

Effective communication, commitment and understanding is going to be vital in how to cope with teenagers and how best to support and nurture them.

Adolescents may have a variety of different health and learning related needs, problems or issues. The most significant sorts of problems for parents and their children during early to mid adolescence relate to differences in the way the world is perceived and ways of coping with stress and bodily changes.

The parent needs to show interest, to be actively involved with and to learn about their child and their new world rather than combat it or ignore it. The parent needs to know when to allow independence and when to intervene and this is not always an easy thing to do. Being a positive role model as a parent is perceived by some writers as important for a child's development.

Health and learning related problems/situations may include:

- ADD (Attention Deficit Disorder) or ADHD (Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder).
- Anxiety, distress, phobias and obsessions and even anxiety disorders.
- Eating disorders such as Anorexia nervosa or Bulimia or alternatively poor diet leading to obesity.
- Bullying and abuse.
- Grief and loss (e.g., death of loved ones or favourite pets, loss of childhood and innocence, grief or apprehension regarding changed body image).
- Poor literacy or academic skills.
- Aggressive physical or acting out behaviour from males.
- Gender identity and role confusion or marginalisation especially re sexuality.
- Depression and withdrawal.
- Suicidal or self-harming thoughts and actions.
- Lack of sexual knowledge leading to risky or unsafe sexual behaviours and practices.

It is important to remember that the building of a positive child-parent relationship especially but not exclusively during the early periods of adolescence is crucial. Regardless of the way that the child and parent respond to change, this will be long lasting, especially for the child's development into adulthood.

The strong desire for being independent and all grown up must also be tempered by the child's need for some stability, comfort, love, guidance and understanding. This will be a compromise that both parents and the child can agree to and live by, albeit with undoubted hiccups along the way.

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