



John James Croker and his wife Charlotte nee Tickner established the property known as 'Pleasant Hill' around 1865 or maybe earlier. John's father and mother, James and Dinah established Oallen and at least James resided at 'Pleasant Hill' for a time prior to his death in 1868. James' son William Henry established 'Timberlight' and was known as 'Timberlight Bill', his other son Samuel established 'Willow Glen' and his eldest child, a daughter married Joseph Temple of Nerriga.



This photo of 'Pleasant Hill' was taken possibly around 1900 or earlier. My father who was born in 1923 cannot remember it this way. It was a slab built building with six bedrooms, a parlour, sitting room, dining room, kitchen, pantry and cook room.

There were many out-houses and sheds including a butcher's shop with slaughter yard nearby, a grocery shop (where my grandmother made sweets, in particular toffee and sold them), store-rooms, dairy, blacksmith

shop, stables and a wool-shed which hosted many dances. At this residence John's son John William Carpenter and daughter Emily were born. Emily married the first school-teacher at Windellama, William Calthorpe and following his early death, she married Archie Bassingthwaite and lived at Larbet.

John Wm. Carpenter married Charlotte Amy Middleton and took over the running of 'Pleasant Hill' following his mother's death in 1925, his father died in 1905. John and Charlotte (known as Amy) had four children born - Selby, Vene, Maudie and May.

'Pleasant Hill' boarded many a schoolteacher. Sadly this grand old residence ceased to be lived in after my great grandfather's death in 1945. I can vaguely remember visiting the vacant house on many occasions in the early 1950's and can vividly remember the cooking room with the white-washed walls and the black cooking utensils all hanging neatly on the walls and the dutch oven and water fountain hanging in the fire-place.

Parts of 'Pleasant Hill' were used to build my great grandmother a new house near 'Roseview', now called 'Beltana' which unfortunately burned down when it was almost completed. I can remember watching it burn one night when I was about four years old. Sometime about 1960 it unfortunately caught fire and the only thing that remains of 'Pleasant Hill' today is the concrete slab for the tank and a mulberry tree which is near to where the stables used to be.

By Rex Hockey

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The Museum is open on market days- the third Sunday each month. Come and see the new machinery shed, which houses various items of farming equipment including an old wool press.

At the Museum we also have a selection of Tom Bryant's books about the history of the area, as well as bookmarks and postcards with images of early Windellama – all reasonably priced.

**Our next meeting will be at the Museum on Friday 5th October at 2pm.**

For more information please phone one of the following members:

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## EEL FOUND DEAD

One of last months features in Wild Windellama was about eels and quite coincidentally our neighbour found this Long Finned eel dead in the Nerrimunga Creek. It was rather green, slimy and smelly but didn't stop our youngest from retrieving him from the water for the photo. This eel was 105 cm or 41 1/2 inches long and quite heavy but still far short of the 3m monsters that may lurk in the deepest waterholes. There was no obvious cause of death.



"Dell" the Koala

He is a male about 4 years old and has been nicknamed "Dell" for Windellama. "Dell" has been DNA sampled and will no doubt help provide important scientific data on Shoalhaven Koalas as there are so few of them and they are rarely seen let alone physically examined. We have already established that his favourite food is Scribbly Gum Leaves and we have been taking him "meals on wheels" of these leaves every few days cut from his own patch of Windellama trees. Alternate meals from Scribbly Gum leaves on Rocky Hill in Goulburn seem to be fairly popular with him too.

We hope Dell makes a speedy recovery, however, initial examination suggests he has lost sight permanently in a least one eye. The photo shows his best eye but it too has been affected by the disease. A special thanks to Patricia and Vanessa for their help with Dell.

## GREY SHRIKE THRUSH ARE BUSY AGAIN

Wild Windellama October 2006 featured the Grey Shrike Thrush, (*Colluricincla harmonica*).



Grey Shrike Thrush

I managed to get this photo last week of a Grey Shrike Thrush that has made a home inside this hollow post. There is a neat bark nest inside and 3 mottled eggs. These birds have very melodic calls (as per their scientific name) and are one of the sounds of Spring in Windellama.

## OFF- FISHAL RESPONSE TO MY ENQUIRY ABOUT A FISHWAY FOR THE TALLOWA DAM

According to the Manager of Aquatic Rehabilitation at the Dept of Primary Industry ..

"regarding the fishway on Tallowa Dam, as I understand the Sydney Catchment Authority are in the middle of the tender process for the construction contract. Under current planning, construction is scheduled to commence this financial year".

Some inside sources I spoke to reckon that the dam wall is just about to be raised in height, so I'm not so sure they will construct a fishway until the dam wall is finished, stay tuned.

## KOALA RESCUE

Mrs Wild Windellama has a knack for spotting Koalas and she found this one (No 4 so far) crossing the road. Unfortunately he was bumping into things and is almost (or completely) blind, most likely from the disease Chlamydia. With help from WIRES and NANA volunteers, we bundled him up and he was then taken to Goulburn for some medical attention. National Parks and Wildlife have been notified and they are assisting where they can, but it looks like he will be in veterinary care in Goulburn for some time and his future after that is uncertain.

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Some of the volunteers working on the paved area





## At Your Goulburn Library



### What's on @ Your Library in October

**Thursday October 4**—Celebrate Spring: paint a terracotta pot and take home a plant.

**Time:** 10:30am—11:45am

**Cost:** \$4.50

**Age:** 8 years and over. Please wear old clothes

**Monday October 8**—The St George Foundation Zoomobile from the Taronga Zoo will be bringing Australian native animals for adults and children to enjoy. There will be 3 sessions held during the day.

**Time:** 10:30am—11:30am or 12noon—1:00pm or 2:00pm—3:00pm

**Cost:** \$4.50 for adults and children

**Age:** Children 4 years of age and over and all adults

**Wednesday October 10**—Celebrate the novels of Roald Dahl. There will be Roald Dahl books to borrow, a quiz and craft. Please note food will be served at this workshop.

**Time:** 10:30am—11:45am

**Cost:** \$3.00

**Age:** 7 years and over

Limited places are available in each workshop. Please book and pay early to avoid disappointment. Payment must be made at the time of booking.

The library also has a selection of board games that are available to be played in the library during the school holidays. Just ask at the loans desk to see the games on offer. Colouring in sheets and pencils will also be available in the Kids Room.

The Goulburn Library also has a wide range of books for children 12 years of age and under that make great holiday reading and audio books, which can make a car trip bearable. If you need help in finding some books to take away on holiday please ask library staff.

The Goulburn Library is open

Monday to Friday 10:00am – 6:00pm,

Saturday 10:00am – 1:00pm and

Sunday 2:00pm – 5:00pm.

The library is closed on public holidays.

For further information please contact the library on 4823 4435.

**Neshan** The Australian International Exhibition of the Badge, the Logo and Coat of Arms At the Goulburn Library: Friday 12th October to Friday 19th October, 2007

The Exhibition designed by Ardeshir Ghoulipour has had a successful showing in Canberra, Binalong, Adelaide, CIT Canberra Institute of Technology and Sydney, with many people showing interest. As a result of the exhibition the material will be compiled into a series of research books for students of Iconography, Politics and History.

\* Exhibition will be opened by Paul Stephenson Mayor of Goulburn Mulwaree Council on Friday 12 October at 11am.



### Literacy for Life @ Your Library

A new collection of resources for improving literacy skills in adults is now available at Goulburn City Library.

The Literacy for Life @ Your Library collection includes graded readers, simplified books and books with CDs. While the main collection is at Goulburn City Library, smaller collections are also available at Crookwell, Gunning and Yass libraries.

The Literacy for Life collection was made possible by a grant from the Library Council of NSW. It is supported by an interactive website at [www.readwritestr.com.au](http://www.readwritestr.com.au) which provides a range of activities encouraging literacy skills.

Regional Library Manager Janet Smith said the resources were ideal for people learning English and those keen to improve their literacy skills.

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# MULWAREE TRUST

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The following community organisations may apply for a Grant:

- Non-profit organisations or groups
- Schools
- Preschools
- Progress Associations
- Rural Fire Brigades
- Community Health Services
- Churches
- Charities
- Any other non-profit organisations which comply with community grant guidelines.

Applications will be received from within the Goulburn Mulwaree community or communities within a Council area which immediately adjoined the former Mulwaree Shire Council area.

Applications must be received on the Mulwaree Trust Grant Application Form 2007/08. A copy of the Guidelines and Application Form are available by contacting Goulburn Mulwaree Council on (02) 48234444.

Applications will be accepted at any time. There is no closing date as applications are assessed during ongoing funding rounds throughout the year.

The Mulwaree Trust manages the community Trust Fund established by Veolia Environmental Services (previously Collex Pty Ltd), operators of the Woodlawn Bioreactor near Tarago.





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## **COUNCIL MEETING BRIEFS 18 SEPTEMBER 2007**

### Green Waste Success

Council's new green waste service is proving a success, with 60 per cent of households in Goulburn and Marulan already presenting bins for collection. This is 10 per cent above the estimated participation rate for the first two months of the service.

The first collection in July had a high level of tree/bush cuttings and the August collection was predominately grass clippings. Correct use by most residents ensured contamination rates were low.

Some 50 tonnes of green waste has been collected and Council expects this to rise significantly over the warmer months.

### Jennifer Lamb Veolia Arts Scholarship

Goulburn Mulwaree Council will administer and support a new arts scholarship program established by the Mulwaree Trust. The scholarship will be named in honour of Council's recently retired Art Director, Jennifer Lamb.

The Mulwaree Trust has provided \$30,000 over the next three years for the Jennifer Lamb Veolia Arts Scholarship. To supplement the scholarship and extend the life of the program, Council will contribute a further \$2000 a year from its community grants and donations fund.

Two annual scholarships will be provided, including for study in an artistic discipline aimed at young artists (under 30-years) and for a practicing artist to assist with the development of a major body of work.

### On Site Sewerage Management Systems Project

Council is working to ensure on-site sewerage management systems (OSMS) across Goulburn Mulwaree do not cause pollution or unhealthy conditions.

As part of an OSMS project, Council has inspected 600 of the estimated 3500 systems located in the Local Government Area. This includes inspections of aerated wastewater treatment systems plus septic tank and trench systems.

While undertaking inspections, staff also provide education and information for operators of OSMS systems. The first year of the project has been funded by \$49,500 from the Sydney Catchment Authority and an equal contribution from Council.

Council's goals include to identify and inspect all local OSMS, develop a comprehensive database and adopt a partnership approach with householders and service agents to support the continual improvement of systems.

The OSMS project will continue next year subject to further funding from the SCA.

### Draft Goulburn Mulwaree Bicycle Strategy on Exhibition

The Draft Goulburn Mulwaree Bicycle Strategy is on exhibition for public comment until 26 October 2007.

Subtitled 'Making Goulburn Mulwaree a Great Place to Ride', the draft strategy aims to make cycling easier, safer and more attractive. It caters for a wide range of riders including school students, commuters and recreational cyclists, as well as walkers and joggers.

The document can be inspected during business hours at Council's Customer Service Centre, Goulburn Branch Library at the Civic Centre (corner Bourke and Clifford Streets, Goulburn), Marulan Post Office and Tarago Service Station.

### Water Supply Status Report

At 31 August 2007 usable water storage in Goulburn was at 62.7 per cent, including:

41.6% at Pejar Dam

92.6% at Sooley Dam

Total consumption last month was 6ML a day in Goulburn, which is well below the allowable target for Level 3 restrictions of 7.8ML. Average daily water consumption in Marulan was 203.6kl.

### Financial Assistance Grants

Goulburn Mulwaree Council will receive a Financial Assistance Grant of \$3.77 million from the Local Government Grants Commission for the 2007/2008 financial year.

The grant includes a general purpose component of \$2.6 million and a local roads component of \$1.18 million

### Council Meeting times

Ordinary Council Meetings will continue to be held at 6pm on the third Tuesday of the month.

The time provides an opportunity for members of the public to attend.

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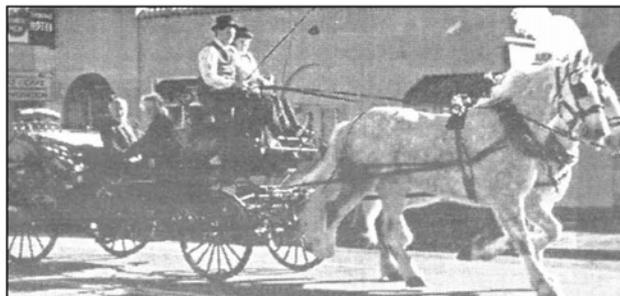
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