

Huntsman Spiders

Huntsman spiders in Australia belong to the Family Sparassidae and are the large hairy spiders that are often seen either under bark or other narrow spaces outside the home or they are just as comfortable inside scooting along your walls. There are 13 genera and 94 described species of Huntsman, but even though sometimes wrongly called Tarantula, they are very timid and relatively harmless to humans. A bite from one of these spiders is supposed to be a little painful but not poisonous, you would have to be very unlucky to be bitten as they always prefer to escape than fight.



The spider in the photo with this story seemed to be very happy taking refuge in our hallway, and we generally tolerate their presence in our home. They often come in when there is rain about, so probably just trying to stay dry, and they never give us much of a problem.

If you really can't stand them in the home the best way to catch them is to simply place a large plastic cup or similar over the top then slide a piece of cardboard underneath and take the whole lot out into the garden. This is much easier than cleaning a squashed spider off your wall.

The mating courtship is lengthy and involves a lot of caressing and other rituals.

The mother Huntsman lays about 200 eggs into her silken egg sac and stands guard over it until her young are hatched. After the spiderlings hatch the family stays together for a

few weeks until they go their separate ways. 200 children would certainly wear anyone out.

Huntsmans live for around 2 years and their food is insects and other invertebrates.

Windellama Hum

Low frequency industrial noise has been a problem in many areas of the western world over the last 40 years or so. It is not the sort of noise that you can get away from by closing a door, it seems to come from all directions and is often described as sounding like a distant diesel engine, throbbing or pulsing of the noise can be a feature.

Scientific studies have shown it is not caused by Tinitus or any other health issue related to hearing.

At first you may need to consciously listen for the hum, at night is the easiest time as other background noises are less, and it is just at the threshold of the lowest tones that you can hear. Once you are familiar with it, it can be a real nuisance.

When these noises have been a problem for a community they have been given names such as the "Taos Hum" for the noise heard in Taos, New Mexico or the "Bristol Hum" in Bristol in the U.K.

There is a hum problem in Windellama, the cause is still unknown but it is being heard by a number of households that I know of. It is NOT a local noise. The E.P.A. have already done some preliminary testing with conventional noise logging equipment and the results were inconclusive.

The Hum can be present for a week or two, 24 hours per day and then disappear for a few days, then for some reason return. If you think you are experiencing the Windellama Hum please contact me on (02) 4844 5149 or by email as we need a bit more evidence of the presence of the Hum before the EPA will return to do more testing with their new low frequency noise logger.

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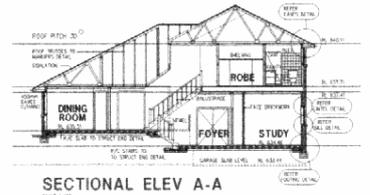
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LIVE weather and fire information should be checked daily, particularly as fire season begins 1st October and all the latest FDI and local important messages will be updated daily.

Along with the fact you can download all the RFS publications to "prepare for the season ahead" and for those involved in the brigade, you can even check out the maintenance roster and latest notices on training and other activities.

The brigade will be displaying the website features at the Field day, so if people have any questions or suggestions they can catch up with us there.

NSW Fire Danger Rating

The fire danger index used on signs tells you the potential for a fire on any given day. NSW is broken into NSW Fire Areas and each area has it's own daily Fire Danger Rating which normally comes into force from mid night to mid night for each day. How every extreme cases this can change. Here's what the ratings mean:

FDI	Spread (kph)	Description
0-2	0.3	High humidity, rainfall and the bush is wet. Head fire stopped by roads and tracks.
3-7	0.6	High humidity, rainfall, little wind and bush is damp. Head attack easy with water.
8-13	1.3	Warm conditions, some wind and the bush is dry. Head attack generally successful with water.
20-49	2.6	Hot, windy conditions and the bush is dry. The use of open fires is prohibited. Head attack will generally succeed for FDI up to 40. For FDI greater than 40, head attack may fail except in favourable circumstances and close back burning to the head may be necessary.
50-99	5.4	Very hot, windy and the bush is very dry. Fires may be unmanageable. Direct attack will generally fail. Back burn from a good secure line with adequate manpower and equipment. Flanks must be held at all costs.

These are just some of the pages you will see when you log into your local Brigade's website.

Windellama Rural Fire Brigade - Training Officers Report

Our last training day on 23/8/08 was well attended. We had a period of discussion on radios with many members purchasing some fairly impressive handheld units from a member of the Bungonia brigade. We then ran a theory session on Grass Fires a convoy firefighting, thanks to the expertise and experience of Lynton Roberts. Five of our firefighting units and crews then headed for the oval at Windellama Hall for a grass fire scenario. All this in preparation for our next training day and the upcoming fire season. NEXT TRAINING DAY: will be held on Saturday 27/8/08 starting at the fire shed at 12 noon. Weather permitting, we will be then heading off to a nearby property where we will conduct a controlled burn and training in convoy firefighting techniques and strategies using real red stuff. Please attend if possible -this form of firefighting is the most common situation you will be involved with in the area - practice and familiarity with the methods and equipment is most important. Hope to see you there.

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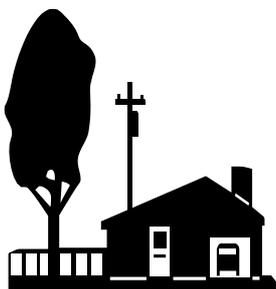
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Kids hit the decks for skateboard clinics

Looking for things to do this coming school holidays? Why not grab your skateboard and head to Goulburn Skate Park for the highly popular 'StreetWise' skateboarding workshops.

Places for participants are limited, but those who miss out will still be able to watch the action. The cost is \$40 per participant, which has been subsidised by Goulburn Mulwaree Council.

Council's Parks Technical Officer Debbie Sibbick said the two days of workshops would provide Goulburn's skateboarders with safety awareness and even some new skills.

"The Streetwise program groups participants in sessions according to their ability, which cater for Beginner, Intermediate and Advanced," Ms Sibbick said.

"The program targets girls and boys aged between 6 and 15 years old. These interactive coaching sessions are led by some of Australia's best freestyle sporting athletes and nationally recognised accredited coaches, so you know your child will be in good hands.

"All participants in the Streetwise program must wear a helmet at all times during the workshops."

The StreetWise workshops will be held at Goulburn Skate Park Thursday 2 and Friday 3 October, with sessions running for four hours over two days.

All StreetWise participants will also receive 2008 membership with Skateboarding Australia, personal accident insurance coverage, Simbyotik discount voucher, Slam skateboarding magazine, mania magazine, StreetWise school ruler, lots of stickers and more.

Simbyotik skateboards, protec and c1rca footwear encouragement prize packs will also be awarded.

To participate in one of the StreetWise sessions, be one of the first to register at either the Goulburn Mulwaree Civic Centre Reception or Library, Sportspower Goulburn, Liquid Blue or by calling 4823 4444.

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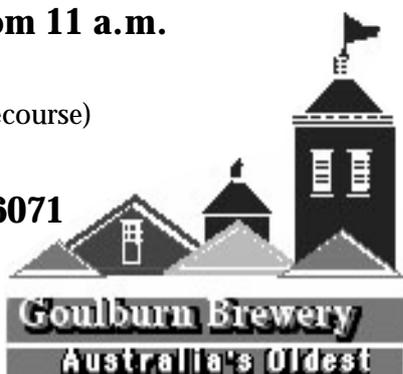
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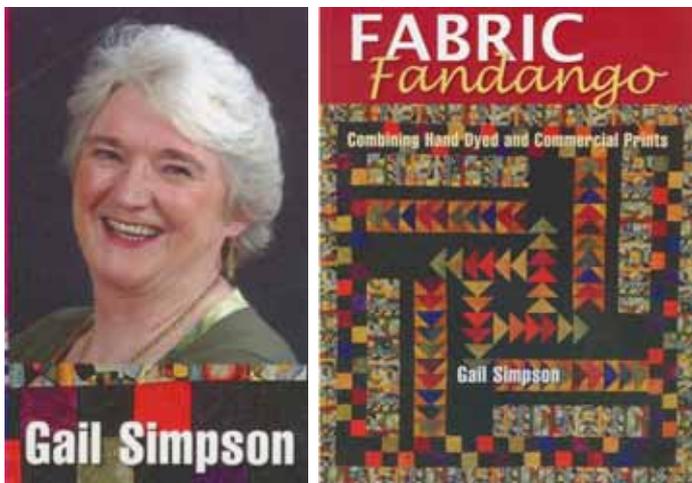
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Goulburn's 1st Annual Quilting Jamboree will take place at the end of October. It is being held at the Best Western Centretown in Lagoon Street and is being co-ordinated by Adelle Higham from The Sewing Patch. The guest tutor is Gail Simpson from Tahmoor.

The organisers are looking forward to a couple of great two-day workshops with Gail on Wednesday 22nd and Thursday 23rd October; and Saturday 25th and Sunday 26th October 2008. The workshops will include tips, tricks, tools and techniques that Gail has learned over her many years in the industry.

Gail has wonderful skills with colour, which she demonstrates in her hand-dyed fabrics and in her book 'Fabric Fandango'. Some of the tools used in the class are renowned US quilter Kaye England's Nifty Notions rulers. Kaye supports Breast Cancer Research in the US through the sale of her rulers.

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The changes include:

The introduction of a single application for program funding;

A reduction in the number of application funding categories, resulting in a simpler, easier-to-use application process;

Applications based on purpose rather than art form; and

Moves towards more results based reporting.

The Arts Funding Program supports organisations and venues to deliver performances or exhibitions, business or audience development projects and arts and cultural infrastructure and activities.

The closing date for applications is Friday 10th October.

2009 Arts Funding Program Guidelines and the Program Funding Application and Project Funding Application forms are available for download from the Arts NSW website at www.arts.nsw.gov.au.

Craft Afternoons

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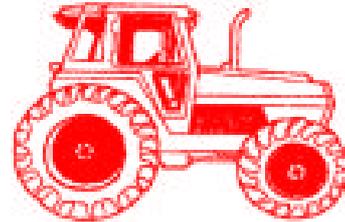
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From Irene Turner



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Roses should be growing new leaves now. Feed them to help with the new growth.



Vegetables to sow now:

Seeds of carrots, parsnips, beetroot, peas, cabbages, silverbeet, radish.

Cucurbits – cucumber, zucchini, marrows, melons (rockmelon & watermelon), pumpkins, squash.

Parsley, capsicum, sweet corn and tomatoes; keep in a warm place protected from late frosts, or keep tomatoes indoors until the ground warms up.



Beans – both climbing and dwarf varieties; keep water up to the beans when flowering so you will get a good crop.

Flowers:

Seedlings of ageratum, alyssum (sweet Alice). Seeds of astors, balsam, carnations, cosmos, dianthus, gypsophila, larkspur, lobelia, Livingstone daisy, marigolds, nasturtium, pansy & petunias, phlox, schizanthus (poor man's orchid), portulaca, snapdragon, verbena.

Bulbs – when spring flowering bulbs have finished flowering this month, feed them with complete fertilizer for next years' flowers.

Dahlia – you can get them in seedling form, mainly dwarf varieties. The taller dahlias, purchase tubers, these taller dahlias will need staking.



Fruit Fly Trap

1 litre clear plastic container

Wrap a 2.5cm wide band of black tape evenly around the bottle, about 5cm from the base.

Next add 5cm wide tape just above the first. This tape should be bright yellow, 5cm above the first.

Then add a third band of the black tape, 5cm above the second.

Drill a line of 6mm holes, 2.5cm apart; through the centre of the yellow strip all the way around the bottle.

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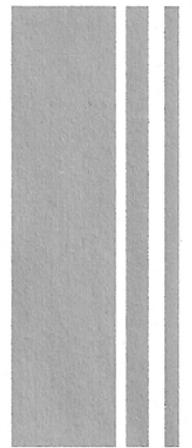
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