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ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH TARAGO

On December 7th 1902, the foundation stone of St Joseph's Church at Tarago was laid. Fifteen months later, His Lordship, the Right Rev Dr Gallagher returned to Tarago to officially bless the church. Four hundred people attended the blessing ceremony. This was a very positive start for a small country church. In the Goulburn Herald on March 15 1904, it was written:



TODAY, THE CONGREGANTS OF ST JOSEPH'S, FACE ANOTHER CHALLENGE.

"Father Benedict preached a very eloquent sermon on the day's ceremony. The impression made will not soon fade. The Rev. Father Leonard, on whom, with the Tarago people, rested the responsibility of providing the funds, seemed bent on accomplishing this purpose. He announced that the amount expended on the church was over £500 of which £450 was in hand, leaving a debt of about

£50. Owing to the generosity of the great congregation assembled on Sunday this was paid off."

Together the congregants of St Joseph's Church Tarago rose to the challenge of paying off the initial debt of the construction of the church. Today, the congregants of St Joseph's, face another challenge. Due to diminishing numbers of congregants, priests and limited funds, the church is now facing closure. The last

Sunday mass was said in January. This closure is open to review so please contact us if you would be interested in attending once monthly Sunday masses, and help us keep the church open.

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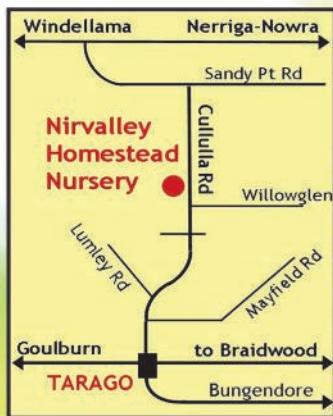


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This was followed by a debriefing at the Nerriga Hotel over lunch.

New members are welcome.

For further info please contact:

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Did you identify these volunteers ?

L to R on mowers - Max Limon, Stan Marsh, Ken Vassel, Peter Marsh, John Reynolds.

Standing at back - L- R ... Alex Green, Rob Willson



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WIRES Rescue & Immediate Care Course: 19th & 26th August 2012

WIRES stands for Wildlife Information, Rescue and Education Service. We're a NSW-based, not-for-profit organisation that is probably best known for rescuing, rehabilitating and releasing sick, injured and/or orphaned native wildlife. Last year WIRES received more than 100,000 phone calls asking for assistance or information. Across the state, WIRES volunteers rescued approximately 60,000 birds and animals.



On the consecutive Sundays 19th & 26th August WIRES Southern Tablelands Branch (your local Branch) will be conducting a two-day Rescue and Immediate Care Course in Goulburn. Designed for anyone interested in becoming a WIRES volunteer, the course will equip you with the basic but essential knowledge needed to safely rescue wildlife and to provide for their immediate needs. You'll also meet local carers and learn about opportunities to get involved in the support of native animals in your area.



If you'd like to find out more about the course or about becoming a WIRES volunteer, come along to a Free Information Evening at the Goulburn Workers Club at 6.30pm on Monday 23rd

July. The evening will give you an insight into the WIRES organisation, becoming a wildlife carer, other roles, an opportunity to meet existing volunteers and carers and the opportunity to register for the Rescue & Immediate Care Course.

For further information or to register, please contact the WIRES Southern Tablelands Training Officer by email (preferred) at annwyn2@gmail.com or by phone on 0408 028 675.

Get Well Wishes

To Peter Hook wishing him all the best and a speedy recovery

The Times Team send their apologies to the Taylors Creek Landcare for accidentally omitting their article from the June edition. You can find it this month on page 29.



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Funding is available for the following activities

- Soil Conservation Earthworks such as diversion banks, gully control structures, rock ramps and flumes to control active erosion.
- Fencing to protect degraded gullies and streams.
- Provision of alternate stock water systems when water sources are fenced
- Revegetation of gullies and degraded streams.

Contact the HNCMA on (02) 4828 6749 for more information. Or you can visit your local office on Ground level, 159 Auburn Street Goulburn OR at Clarence House, 4/9 Clarence St Moss Vale.



Inside Your Local Council

Keeping you in touch with the latest from Goulburn Mulwaree Council - Media Releases

Former Mayor recognised with OAM

Former Goulburn Mulwaree Mayor Paul Stephenson has been recognised for his years of service to the Goulburn Mulwaree area, receiving a Medal of the Order of Australia in the Queen's Birthday Honours List.

Mr Stephenson was a member of the former Mulwaree Shire and Goulburn Mulwaree Councils, for fourteen years. He was the last Mayor of Mulwaree Shire before its amalgamation with Goulburn City Council, and was the first Mayor of Goulburn Mulwaree, before retiring at the 2008 election.

Current Goulburn Mulwaree Mayor Geoff Kettle praised Mr Stephenson's efforts, saying the OAM was due recognition.

"Quite simply, Paul's record speaks for itself. He has made a tremendous contribution to the Goulburn Mulwaree area, no more so than when he secured \$40 million in Federal and State Government funding to build the Highlands Source Project," Cr Kettle said.

"Even though he may no longer be a public figure as such, he is still making a positive contribution to the community as chairman of the Veolia-Mulwaree Trust; an organisation that he set up in 2005 to distribute funds to community organisations.

"While many people immediately associate Paul with the Highlands Source Project, it should also be remembered that Goulburn Mulwaree Council received the AR Bluett Memorial Award in 2007 while he was Mayor.

"The Bluett Award is the highest accolade a Council can be awarded, and Goulburn Mulwaree was recognised for its sound and progressive management and community leadership at a time when the area was experiencing major water supply problems.

"This is something that Paul can feel especially proud of, when he reflects upon his career in Local Government.

"I know that Paul is now enjoying a thoroughly well-deserved retirement down the coast, and I hope that the fish never stop biting."

Fifes Bridge proposal

A proposal to name a bridge in Windellama will go on public exhibition for community comment.

The proposal would see the existing, unnamed bridge formally given the name 'Fifes Bridge', with the proposed name to recognise more than 150 years of continuous ownership and farming of surrounding land by the Fife family. It is noted that 'Fife' was previously included on Council's list of approved names, but was

removed from the list after it was utilised for the naming of Fife Place, off Ducks Lane in South Goulburn.

While Goulburn Mulwaree Council has a general policy of avoiding duplication in road and place naming, it is suggested that the possibility of any confusion between a road in South Goulburn and a bridge at Windellama is remote.

Council believes there would be positive benefits in identifying a bridge which currently has no formal name.

Woodlawn Mine reopening

Goulburn Mulwaree Council will lodge a submission with the Department of Planning and Infrastructure, raising its concerns regarding a Part 3A Application for the reopening of the Woodlawn mine near Tarago.

Council's concerns relate to the increased demand on the area's road network, particularly by B-Double vehicles, and the lack of proposed use of the local rail network; and ensuring that the correct amounts of Development Contributions under Section 94 of Council's Contributions Plan 2009 are paid.

A full copy of the Environmental Assessment is available at

http://majorprojects.planning.nsw.gov.au/index.pl?action=view_job&job_id=4661

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2nd September	7th October
4th November	2nd December

Steering Committee Meetings

21st June	22nd August 2012
19th September	24th October
21st November	

Christmas Dinner proposed Date:
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Friends

I often state that I have few friends but many acquaintances. Lately I have given much thought to this statement and have changed my mind. I have many friends.

I have walked a convoluted route through life to arrive at a home in a country I never thought to call my own. I was a brash young thing roaring around the world and inhaling every new experience. (No, not that kind of inhaling!) I breathed in the fresh air of a Canadian winter, marvelled at the rushing rivers and the scent of lodge pines hanging in the summer air.

I cavorted around Los Angeles ogling ridiculously large cars of the seventies and equally large homes unlike anything I had seen elsewhere.

Hawaii. The aroma of pineapple; coconut tanning oil, ozone on the waves, hot sand, cold drinks and my first experience of a domestic ice making machine.

Then on to New Zealand, where I stayed long enough to make friends. I was one of those people who really did take an empty plate to a party! I walked up mountains and learned that, 'hey bro!' meant hello, a hangi was the best barbecue I had ever tasted and that life was great. A smile was a genuine welcome and when I tried to burn down my kitchen, I learned what friends really are.

Finally, by some miracle, I survived the journey from New Zealand to Australia on a Russian ship in the midst of a cyclone. Arriving in Canberra by train I immediately began looking for a country home, with plenty of room for my, by then, large brood.

To cut a long story short, after two decades my significant other discovered the house we now live in and eleven years later here we still are, with no plan to move on - ever!

It is not the house, though we love it, nor the area in which we live. It is the real friends we have made here. It is knowing that if we go away, our neighbours will keep an eye on the house; if I see a snake I know my neighbour will be over at the first scream. If there is a sadness, we share it over a cup of tea, but it is the joy felt at the many get togethers that keeps us here, whether it is a meal, or garden club, a visit to the pub for fish and chips, or book club; a visit by someone on their way to town and a quick cuppa, or sitting outside as the sun goes down and just feeling the serenity!



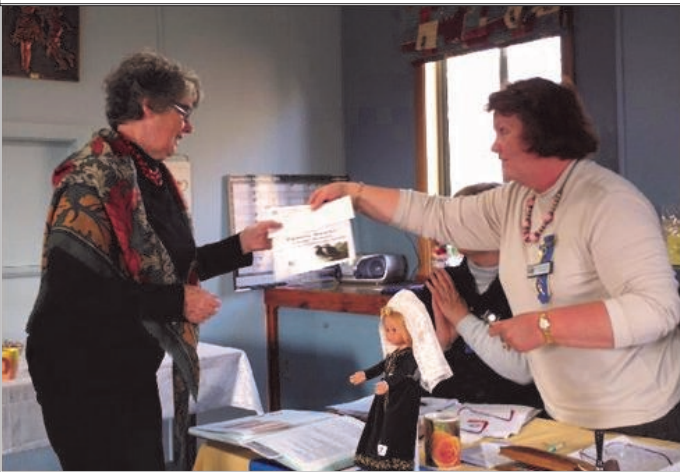


CWA NEWS
Tarago Branch
of the
Country Women's Association

2012 STUDY TOPICS - Country: Timor-Leste, Fauna: Emu, Flora: Emu Bush, Product: Apples.

Numbers were slightly down for our June meeting due mostly to seasonal colds but for the rest of us it was down to business. Our President, Michelle Robinson, presented Pam Hawke with her prize for the Icelandic doll which came 3rd in the State. Well done Pam! This beautiful doll will be on display in our new cabinet (purchased with funds contributed by Veolia Mulwaree Trust).

Photo below: CWA President Mrs Michelle Robinson, presenting Pam Hawke with a State Award for her Icelandic doll (in the foreground).



Michelle gave a detailed report on the State Conference held in May. The Health Research Fund Annual Project for 2012-2013 is Crohn's Disease (which causes ulcers right through the body), typically affecting 20-30 age group but now evident in older age groups, and for which there is currently no government funding.

There were 14 items on the business agenda covering a range of topics including roads, police shortages, dangerous dogs, education, noxious weeds and health. Two hundred and forty five Branches were represented with a total of 477 voting members. Of particular concern was the threat of urban development on traditional farming land around cities and its impact on Australia's future food production and our water supply. Cobargo and Jindera Branches raised concerns about the foreign acquisition of prime farming land and proposed precise definitions for the Foreign Investment Review Board to decide whether these acquisitions are in Australia's national interest. The proposal is "... that the Foreign Investment Review Board Criteria preserve Australian ownership of Australian agricultural & mining land by setting the trigger point below \$5 million for foreign investment." There will be further discussions by the Executive before the final proposals are put to both State and Federal Governments.

Agriculture & Environment:

Ruth alerted us to the implications of MYRTLE RUST - first detected on the Central Coast of NSW in 2010. The rust can start as small purple spots on the leaves. Individuals, retailers, plant industries, councils and other organisations are working with state and federal governments to eradicate this disease. A surveillance and control program is underway.

If you see signs of Myrtle rust:

- Don't spread spores by touching or picking suspected plant.
- Take photos, not leaf samples and send pictures to: biosecurity@industry.nsw.gov.au
- Contact the Exotic Plant Pest Control Hotline on 1800 084 881.

International: Members listened patiently to the story of 'The Boy and the Crocodile' - the Legend of East Timor, illustrated by children from the Familia Hope Orphanage, East Timor. Nobody should feel the trauma of East Timor's violent birth more than the orphans of that struggle. Yet the children at this orphanage are full of conviviality and optimism. The orphanage was established by Australian Isa Bradridge and his East Timorese wife Ina in 2003, and Isa still runs it. It provides a sanctuary for 30 children full-time and acts as a drop-in centre for many more. All proceeds from the book go to the Familia Hope Orphanage. If you'd like to know more about the story behind the book, see pictures and videos of the kids and collaborators on the project visit theboyandthecrocodile.com.au.

Cultural: 'Travelling the Silk Road' exhibition at the National Museum is on until 29th July and well worth a visit. Sally has our 'item' in hand and we'll have to be 'on our toes' after the next meeting for the first and final rehearsal.

The next Scrapbooking day will be Wednesday 20th July at 10 am at the CWA rooms and Canasta Cuties will meet on Friday 29th July. 'Everybody's Birthday' High Tea is on Thursday 19th July at 2.30pm at the Goulburn Heritage Motel. Cost \$25 to be paid at next meeting.

From the Bookworm: *The Trader's Sister* by Anna Jacobs is a wonderfully atmospheric novel set in Europe, the Orient and Australia's Swan River Colony. Ismay Deagan has one wish in the world - to leave Ireland and join her brother, Bram, in Australia. However, her father orders her to marry their vicious neighbour Rory Flynn, even though she loathes him. After Rory brutally attacks her, Ismay disguises herself as a young widow and sets sail for Australia. When she meets Adam Treagar on the ship, she finally starts to believe her dreams of future happiness may come true. But will Ismay's past catch up with her and threaten her new life before it's even begun?

The Craft Circle meets on Mondays from 9.30am at CWA rooms. You don't need to be a CWA member and there are no fees. If you have an interest/skill in sewing or handicraft you are very welcome to join us.

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CWA NEWS—Tarago Branch

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For Sale: Trestle tables and forms. Still some left if you're quick! - contact Secretary Jane Crick on 6281 2594(ah) for details.

Happy Birthday: to Angela Palmer, Ruth Fergus & Shirley Bradley.

Monthly Raffle: won by Pam.

Special Guest: After our meeting Caroline Campbell, owner of Nirvalley Nursery, brought along a selection of her beautiful plants and answered our gardening questions. This was followed by a delicious buffet.

Next Meeting: Wednesday 11th July at 10am in CWA rooms, Tarago.

Passing Thought: ON TURNING 80 -'That's the time of your life when even your birthday suit needs pressing.'
Bob Hope

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Dirty Little Secrets

A brutal and unrelenting struggle for life and death is going on right now. We don't see it or hear it, yet it's happening right under our feet, literally. Legions of weird and wonderful creatures battle for survival in one of the harshest environments on earth, the soil!

We may often think of soil as just dirt and rocks, yet it's teeming with life from bacteria and fungi, through to nematodes, earthworms and even the occasional wombat. A single gram of soil can contain billions of bacteria and fungi alone and more than 20,000 different species of living organisms. Soils are in fact the most bio-diverse habitat on the planet.

Yet most of our knowledge about soils relate to aspects such as their texture, structure, nutrient levels and pH. These factors are critical to what types of crops or pastures we can grow or whether it's a good idea to build infrastructure on them. However for the biota that live in the soil, these chemical and physical properties simply determine the food, shelter, water and air that is available to them and are critical to their ability to survive and flourish.

Our actions as land managers can greatly influence what happens to soil biota, through our efforts to

improve fertility and change vegetation or by removing biomass through grazing or harvesting crops. These actions are sometimes beneficial and detrimental to life in the soil and in turn the productivity of our agricultural systems can be influenced by the health of the very same soil biota.

In an effort to improve our knowledge about soil biota and how this interacts with our agricultural management, the Hawkesbury Nepean and Southern Rivers Catchment Management Authorities, with funding from the Australian Government, will be supporting the formation and activities of three soil food web microscope landholder groups.

We are currently seeking expressions of interest from landholders to be part of a Goulburn, Braidwood or Moss Vale group. These groups will be provided with resources such as microscopes and will be supported by a CMA Catchment Officer. The groups will meet regularly and will be able to seek input from experts and organisations. The groups will largely determine their own direction and focus around the concept of observing soil biota at a microscopic level.

Please contact the Catchment Officer, Alice Taylor on 4828 6747, to register your interest in this new and innovative approach to understanding soil health. Places will be open to anyone managing agricultural land, but are limited to twenty five for each group, so don't hesitate to make an enquiry if you are interested.

Alice Taylor | Catchment Officer



Catchment Management Authority
Hawkesbury-Nepean

SOIL MICROSCOPE GROUPS ESTABLISHING

The Hawkesbury Nepean and Southern Rivers CMA's are establishing three Soil Microscope Groups in: Goulburn, Braidwood and Moss Vale. Participants will be exposed to expert speakers, gain practical experience in analysing soil health and biology through the use of microscopes in workshop session and practical soil days in a fun group environment.

Want to learn more about the microscope groups?
Attend one of our free information evenings:

Location	Date	Time
Goulburn	Tuesday 17 July	6:00-8:30pm CWA Rooms 2 Montague St. Goulburn
Braidwood	Wednesday 18 July	6:00-8:30pm National Theatre Wallace St. Braidwood
Moss Vale	Thursday 19 July	6:00-8:30pm CWA rooms 66 Elizabeth Street

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TARAGO PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWS

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District Cross Country

A few weeks ago we had our district cross country at Wollondilly PS. The district carnival incorporates students from schools throughout, and around, Goulburn. The sun was just warm enough for the spectators yet the day wasn't too hot for the competitors. All our students did a terrific job and they came away with these results:

8/9 years		11 years	
Jaiden Moritz	41 st	Jacob Babic	24 th
Sebastian Lesniak	60 th	Damien Headland	26 th
10 years		Temia Humphries	35 th
Adonis Katrivessis	41 st	12/13 years	
Liam Moritz	46 th	Michelle de Ruyter	18 th
Emma de Ruyter	39 th		
Tanisha Williams	45 th		
Emily Clark	46 th		

What a fantastic effort from these students. Thank you to the parents who brought their children along so they could have the chance to compete.

District Athletics Carnival

We had several students representing our school in lots of different events. It wasn't just our school that our students were representing, they were there as competitors from the GCoSS group; Breadalbane PS, Collector PS, Tirranna PS, Windellama PS and of course our school. Our students all performed well and I'm told they behaved well on the day too.

Well done to all our competitors on a great day. A very big congratulations must go to Michelle de Ruyter for her effort in the senior girl's discus. Michelle came third with a throw of 15.50m! Great work.

Farewell Miss Vaughan

As some of you may be aware our librarian, Miss Carly Vaughan, recently left us to travel and teach in Europe. Miss Vaughan's last day was a day of mixed emotions. We were all sad to see her go but excited for her for the opportunities that lay before her. Carly wrote a very touching letter to the parents, students and staff at the school as well as the Tarago community.

Dear Students, Colleagues and Parents and members of the community.

Thank-you. It is only two words, I know, but they hold all my gratitude for the experiences I have had working here for the past 14 months. When I arrived in Term 2 last year, I had no idea how profoundly working at Tarago would change me as a teacher and as a person. The experience I have gained will serve me well in my future career and has given me a firm starting point for my teaching experience. There have been challenges and triumphs alike during my time here and I am proud to have been able to call

myself a teacher at this school.

I have made great friends amongst staff, students and parents alike and feel torn about leaving you all.

Bronwyn, Meredith, Cathy and Megan, your assistance and friendship has been a comforting and supportive guide for my future and I hope always to call you friends. The school is incredibly lucky to have such dedicated and supportive teachers and staff looking out for the well-being, learning and development of our future citizens. Your expertise and empathy for the needs of all those in our small community are valuable beyond measure. Thank-you for allowing me to come in as a whirlwind of changes to transform the library into what will hopefully become a valued learning space that is well loved by the students and other members of our community.

To the parents of the school, especially those who have gone out of their way in the past and recently to help me sort through the library and finish its transformation or assisted in getting equipment, sets and production pieces ready at the end of year performance. You have been a wonderful, encouraging and outgoing source of understanding and support. Your involvement in our school, however small it seems, is invaluable to the continued development of our small community. Your support for the staff and students and general school will continue to bolster the quality learning experiences of the students and help us all to succeed in continuing to make Tarago a wonderful place to be.

Finally, to the students. You have been a wonderful source of inspiration and learning for me as a teacher. You have dared me to provide you with the best learning experiences possible and have made me proud when you have risen to the challenges I have set you. I hope that you never lose confidence in yourselves, you are an amazing bunch and I will miss you all a lot. I hope that I have left you with a desirable collection of books and inspired you to read them. I say goodbye (for now) with a sad smile for all the memories being at this school has provided and hope that each and every one of you continues to try your hardest to be your best.

I leave Tarago with head full of memories and a heart full of gratitude and respect for a community who have provided me with opportunities I could never have had anywhere else. For those who would like to follow me as I set out on my next grand adventure, I

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Tarago Public School

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will (hopefully) be keeping a regular blog which can be found at the address:

<http://littlemissvaughan.wordpress.com/>

Coles and Woolworths Initiatives

Thank you, once again, to all those families and community members who are supporting us with the Woolworths Earn and Learn Stickers.

Don't forget there are a few ways you can get your stickers to us. Stickers can be placed on the cards provided and then returned to school once the card is full, stickers can be sent to school and placed in a separate box or you can hand the stickers into the shop. If you are in need of extra cards we have PLENTY and will gladly send them home with students. Another card has been attached to the newsletter for your convenience. The Woolworths initiative has been extended until August 12th.

The Coles initiative has started again today and runs until August 14th. As was the case last year, vouchers are given out for every \$10 you spend.

I would like to thank you all in advance for your support with these two schemes. We did well from your support last year.

Bronwyn Livesey - R/Principal

Small school's soccer team with Mr McCartney



Photo below: Miss Vaughans last day.



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Willow Glen Gardeners



It was raining cats and dogs outside as we pulled into Alan and Ni's eucalypt and agapanthus lined driveway, but this wasn't enough to deter many of our Willow Glen gardeners from the monthly meeting.

A garden containing a wonderful sense of humour is instantly apparent as we are greeted by a forlorn looking fellow upside down in a garbage bin advising visitors that "Trespassers will be composted"!

Enticed inside by a warm fire, we gathered in the lounge room sipping hot tea while we discussed our gardens and waited for the worst of the deluge to pass. There were few problems reported this month, other than the never ending battle of the weeds of course and with winter now upon us, many have taken to viewing their dandelions and sorrel from the comfort of the kitchen window hoping to reclaim their little patch of Australia when the weather warms up a bit.

We collected our umbrellas and headed out for a wander around the property despite the unfavourable weather. You see, us garden folk are a brave bunch and aren't afraid to don gumboots and raincoats for the chance of a free lavender cutting!

Around every corner lies a new vista, vegetable gardens overflowing with strawberries, celery and beetroot. Salvias bursting with pink and French lavender blooming in beautiful blue guide you past bay trees and sculptures towards the circular rose garden.

Over the last 12 years Ni and Alan have used a wide variety of different plants and trees including jacarandas, lavender, daisies and rosemary combined with a range of perennials and carefully placed garden artistry to create a series of beautiful gardens with a very welcoming feel.

You can now find the Willow Glen gardeners online!
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Kate Mortiz

VIEW Club Times

Lake George Day VIEW Club - 3rd Tuesday of month at 11.30 for 12 midday.

Bungendore Evening VIEW Club - 1st Monday of month at 6.45pm for 7.15pm.

Goulburn Day VIEW Club - 1st Thursday of month at 11.30am for 12 midday.

Goulburn Evening VIEW Club - 2nd Tuesday of month at 6.30pm for 7pm.

Braidwood Evening VIEW Club- 1st Thursday of the month

For contact details for these clubs, please call Sue Maas on 4849 4407 or 0418 275 402.

Cookery Corner



CHEESE AND HERB DAMPER ROLLS

- 3 cups self-raising flour
- 90 gms butter
- 1 cup (125g) grated tasty cheese
- 1/4 cup chopped fresh parsley
- 1/2 small red pepper, finely chopped
- 2 eggs, lightly beaten
- 2/3 cup milk
- 1 teaspoon milk, extra
- 1/2 teaspoon poppy seeds

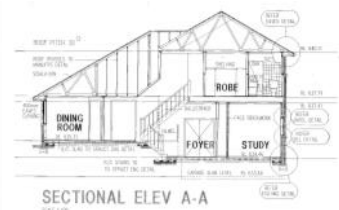
1. Grease a deep 23cm round cake tin.
2. Sift flour into bowl, rub in butter, stir in cheese, parsley and pepper.
3. Add combined eggs and milk, mix to a soft dough.
4. Gently knead dough on lightly floured surface until smooth.
5. Divide dough into seven portions, roll each portion into a ball, place evenly in prepared tin.
6. Brush tops with extra milk, sprinkle with poppy seeds.
7. Bake in moderate oven about 45 minutes, or until rolls are well browned and sound hollow when tapped. Pull rolls apart before serving.

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Regenerative Farmers Converge on Tarago

This week, some of Australia's most progressive Regenerative Farmers gathered in Tarago to discuss strategies on combating rising farm and business costs, and how looking at options around farm design and planned grazing management, can provide solutions to the future profits on family farms.

Farmers from Tarago, Braidwood, Bredbo, Blue Mountains, Windellama and Young, on the NSW western slopes, were in town for a meeting of the minds. Jacmarall Farm was the venue for this event, situated 2min south on the Mayfield Rd where Nick Huggins & Mariette van den Berg were hosts for the day.

Guests to Jacmarall Farm were treated to talks and discussion around solution based thinking and low cost Regenerative Design to increase yields based on a range of topics like:

- * Climate factors influencing design & forms of farm production.
- * Effects of wind and extreme weather on the growth of forage and animal production.
- * How trees interact with rain.
- * Earthworks for water harvesting and storage.
- * Soil & Human health.
- * Bio-regional organisation and Terms of Trade.

The term " We need to farm like gardeners and garden like farmers" was brought up at the meeting with a focus on using less land, and producing more food per acre. Regenerative farming Consultant & Designer from Sydney, Gordon Williams, and Martyn Noakes, a farmer & Permaculture designer from Bredbo discussed options that farmers have when looking to turn around family farms at very low cost.

Nick Huggins, the host of the event, took the lead on discussion around the inclusion of low impact earthworks for water harvesting and farm roads, design of tree systems that stack multiple functions and become highly productive form of alternate value added production for family business.

The group was formed on the basis of continued education and sharing that knowledge with farmers in their respective communities on Regenerative Farming and advancing farming business profitability using methods taken from; Permaculture, Holistic Management, Biodynamics, P.A. Yeomans, Natural Sequence Farming and the list goes on.

The group, with great pride, took in part the name of local Tarago farmer and Holistic Management educator Mr. George Gundry of Willeroo, and named the collective of farmers 'The Gundry Group'. All members of the group were educated by George in the advanced methods of Planned Grazing Management and ecosystem function.

A great day was had by all at Jacmarall farm and the group now meet every 6 weeks at various locations in and around the Southern Tablelands of NSW.

The group would like to send a special thanks to the Tarago CWA, for catering for the event and looking after the Gundry Group members every nutritional

need, serving up morning tea of scones and slices, and topping it off with 2 selections of soup and fresh baked DOJO bread from Braidwood. Thanks to Maggie, Michelle & Erica for their outstanding effort.

Nick Huggins



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We had the Brigade AGM on Thursday 31st May at the CWA Rooms. Several individual reports were presented and overall the Brigade remains in reasonable condition. The last 12 months have been pretty quiet fire wise but the amount of fuel now present in the area is of concern as the inevitable next dry period will present a significant fire risk in our district.

Key positions in the Brigade as elected at the AGM are:

President:	John Shiel
Captain:	Ken Vassel
Secretary:	Keith Hunter
Treasurer:	Cath Graham
Senior Deputy Captain:	Warren Seymour
Deputy Captains:	Graham Evans, Ben Howarth, Ron Granger, Lex Maas, Simon Reynolds
Training Officer:	Bob Brown
Equipment Officer:	David Goch

Our Group Captain, Stuart Martin, thanked the outgoing committee for their efforts over the last 12 months and welcomed the incoming committee.

The next training day will be Sunday 29 July meeting at the Tarago Fire Shed at 11:00am until around 12:30 pm followed by a sausage sizzle. Any questions regarding the Brigade, please don't hesitate to contact me (Keith Hunter) on 4849 4256 or email to krhunter@harboursat.com.au.

If you are a Brigade member and haven't been receiving the occasional email from me, please send me your email address so that I can keep you informed.

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We will no longer be serving hot chips, fried foods and burgers— at least for the time being, while we monitor these changes.

Sunday papers There will be a surcharge of 50c on the Sunday papers only.

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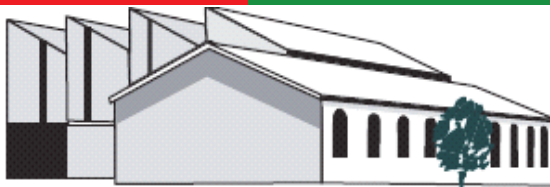


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Goulburn Evening VIEW Club

members met on Tuesday 12th June at the Blue Plate Restaurant. New member Patricia Morgan was very warmly welcomed. The very special guest for the evening was Jeffrey Landers, thirty four years in eye care, from Sydney and representing a company called Quantum.



Jeffrey Landers and Jan Wright, Goulburn Evening VIEW Club, June meeting.

Quantum Reading

Learning Vision is a leading distributor of technology for people who have a print disability, with over two decades of experience in the field and committed to serving the needs of customers across Australia and throughout the world. Jeff was extremely informative, using visual aides to show the ladies the physiology of macular degeneration, glaucoma and diabetes retinopathy, main causes of low vision and had brought along several products that are available through his company, for everyone to look at. Jeff wanted get the message across that there is a large range of products available for those who have low vision, and hoped that everyone would go away and spread the word. Charlotte McCarthy thanked Jeff for attending and passing on to the members such wonderful information.

The club reported that the premiere evening at the Lieder Theatre for the performance of "When the Rain Stops Falling", was a huge success and all members involved with support on the night were thanked by President Helen McAleer. The Area Gala Luncheon Day

held in Canberra at the end of May was also a wonderful success, very well organised and ladies representing all the clubs in the area had a fantastic time. In July, Carol James has been invited along to talk about Goulburn's 150 year celebration in March 2013.

Annual National VIEW Convention 2012 is this September. VIEW members will be travelling to the Big Banana, stunning Coffs Harbour, on the New South Wales north coast. Plans are currently well underway with preparations for an unforgettable event. The Novotel Pacific Bay Resort will host both conference days as well as the spectacular Gala Dinner, which will be held in the Bay Marquee on the resort grounds. VIEW members and special guests will travel from all around the country to be in Coffs for this wonderful event.

Lake George Day VIEW Club welcomed a very special guest to the May Luncheon, Peter Hugonnet, a member of the Bungendore Anzac Day Committee, who spoke about Women on Submarines. Peter provided a slide presentation with his very informative talk. Kerry gave a vote of thanks to Peter on behalf of the club. Lake George Day VIEW will be celebrating their eighth Birthday in August with a luncheon at the Bywong Community Hall and the theme will be to wear bling or come as a pirate.

Resolutions - the Voice of VIEW. The Resolutions Process represents the 'V' in Voice, Interests and Education of Women, giving VIEW a platform to raise issues that the membership believes reflects the values of VIEW. One of the priorities of VIEW is to effect positive change within the community. For the past 50 years VIEW has played an important role in supporting women and now, in the 21st century the organisation is working to meet the challenges presented by a society that has changed markedly since the Club began in 1960. Each year, VIEW members present, debate and vote on issues of national importance to women and the community. This process is finalised at VIEW's Annual Convention, where they are formally debated by up to 1,000 women attending each year. The chosen resolutions become the public focus of VIEW in lobbying governing bodies and influencing outcomes.

VIEW is a wonderful national organisation that welcomes women of all walks of life to learn, laugh, live and make lifelong friends. For all enquiries, please don't hesitate to call long time VIEW member, Sue on 0418 275 402.

Sue Maas



Jan Browne, 50 years in nursing thanked by Helen Bradley at April Goulburn Evening VIEW meeting.



Tarago & District Landcare

Tarago Hall Garden Re-design

Like all good plans, last month working bee, sometimes they hit a few bumps along the way. A long story short, we have ironed out a few small hurdles and we are set this month to get a start on the garden at the hall.

As I mentioned last month the solution is to reduce the height of the garden to half, use that soil removed to take the garden to the foot path and back into the grassed area of the hall grounds to take in three trees planted 1m in from the garden. This will reduce the council mowing and the use of herbicides to manage the grass. We would use old newspaper, cardboard and degradable matting like duet matt, to cover the mound after the earthworks. This will stop the grass and weeds in their tracks, give the soil biology something to feed on and regulate the soil temperature. A thick layer of mulch will be food for soil fungi to eat after the paper and matting have broken down in a few years. Then in spring we will replant the mound with dense plantings of plants that will suit Tarago gardens and give locals some design ideas.

Next Meeting

Our next ordinary meeting will be starting at 8am at the Tarago Hall on Saturday 30th June. A BBQ will follow the working bee and all are welcome to lend a hand or come and see the action unfold. And the following day will be our next ordinary meeting will be held at the Tarago Hall on July 1st 2012 at 9.30am.

Veolia Mulwaree Trust - Grant Application

We, as a group, have placed a grant application with the Veolia Mulwaree Trust for their next round of community funding.

Here is a small insight into our project brief that formed our application to the Trust:

'Tarago Landcare Group has a requirement to carry out its work in the community efficiently and effectively and it could better achieve this important goal if it had job-specific tools. The use of quality tree planting and maintenance equipment in its Landcare projects would help ensure the health and safety of the group's members. This advantage would encourage more people of all ages to get involved with our group in caring for the land in our district.'

Fingers crossed that our application is successful. The types of tools we are looking for will range from; shovels, petrol driven Augers, 7x4 Gal trailer for the gear and also pruners, chain saw and water pump just to name a few. The total value of the application is \$11,066.42.

Here are some of the outlined benefits of having these tools for our projects:

'Many of the Landcare members and community supporters involved in our Landcare tree planting projects are of an older age or very young, and if the

Landcare group had job-specific tools to use on its projects their success would be ensured because members would work more efficiently, effectively and safely. In addition members would be more enthusiastic about the regeneration and health of district ecosystems, while maintaining their own physical and mental health.'

Lumley Road Poplar Trees

A few weeks back we sent a message to TADPAI via our Vice President David Goch on the condition and constant hard pruning of the Tarago village iconic Poplar Trees along side the TSA Recreation grounds. Our verbal concerns were, by all accounts, not on TADPAI high priority list. Before our next meeting, the Tarago Landcare Group will be writing a formal letter to TADPAI with our views on the state and health of the trees and their historical importance to the town with a full history of development and our future vision for the trees health.

Also keep in mind that if you have any Landcare issues that need solutions on your property, please come down and get involved at a working bee or monthly meeting and meet others that have overcome similar challenges and learn how to regenerate your land.

Tarago & District Landcare group meet on the first Sunday of each month at 9.15am for a **9.30am start** in the Tarago Hall. For more information please contact Nick Huggins (Secretary) on 0417 010 965 - nick@globallandrepair.com.au or Leanne Wells (President) on 4849 4573 - lkhwells@yahoo.com.au or Chris Elford (Treasurer) on 0428 249 461 - elf.of.oz@gmail.com.

Nick Huggins
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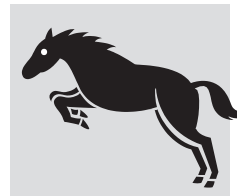
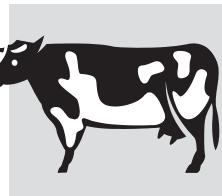
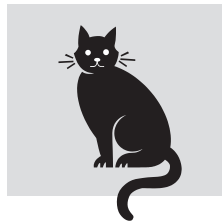
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Tarago & District Show Society

The Show Society Annual General Meeting was held on Monday the 21st May 2012 at the Loaded Dog. The normal Show stalwarts attended and several people who couldn't be there volunteered their services for the committee if nominated. I am pleased to say that all positions were filled with the new committee a duplicate of the old. The newly elected committee is:

President:	K. Hunter.
Vice president:	G. Burns.
Secretary:	L. Alaimo.
Treasurer:	K. Wells.
Public Officer:	A. Sturgiss.
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Publicity Officer:	M. Ronayne.

Additional Committee Members: C. Burns, T. Hunter (CWA rep), M. Ronayne, K. Moritz, P. Micallef.

I would like to thank the committee for their sterling efforts over the past 12 months. The Show Society is in good shape thanks to their input and the work of our many volunteers around show time. I am pleased to write that all of our old committee stood again and I strongly believe that with this group we will continue to improve both the Show and the Showground but we also need your help and input.

On that note we are still awaiting advice from the Veolia Mulwaree Trust regarding our request for a grant of \$14,000 for a zero turn mower and to replace three of our boundary fences. The third consideration of our grant will be at the Trust's meeting in late July. Hopefully we will be successful this time around as we now have the support of the TSA and Hall committees for the mower. We had a meeting with two of the Trustees (Paul Stephenson and John Reynolds) at the Show grounds in June. Whilst they couldn't give us an indication of the status of our current request it was at least a chance to impart our views and gain a better understanding of how they think about grant applications. We also discussed our future intentions regarding a new kitchen and replacement of the covered areas.

At the AGM we decided to increase the Show membership fee to \$8 for individuals and \$15 for families. This is still pretty good value as it gives free entry to the Show for members (\$10 for normal adult entry). So if you wish to join please contact one of the committee members or send your membership fee to: The Treasurer, Tarago Show Society, c/- The Loaded Dog, 1 Wallace St., Tarago 2580.

The next Show Society meeting is at the Dog at 7:30pm on Monday 2nd July 2012 and as always, it is open to the public. Don't forget we are always keen to get advice from the public so don't hesitate to contact myself or any of the committee if you have any recommendations for improving the Show or grounds.

Keith Hunter - President

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Soil Health – Directly Linked to Human Health

By Maggie Corby - Tarago Landcare

(Preamble: Nick Huggins)

On the 4th of June, Upper Lachlan Landcare group hosted a day-long presentation in Crookwell on how the health of our soil is directly linked to our health. Maggie Corby, Tarago Landcare Member, has done a wonderful job of putting details of the presentation into this concise story for the Tarago Community, so we can all be aware that these chemicals are being used to grow your food right now.

Soil and Human Health

'Today's soils are tired, overworked, depleted, sick and poisoned by synthetic chemicals' - Peter Tompkins, "Secrets of the Soil".

We recently had the opportunity to hear presentations by three inspirational speakers covering soil health, plant health, animal health and human nutrition and how that affects our well-being.

The first speaker, Rhonda Daly, is a fourth generation farmer from Young and the founder of YLAD Living Soils, with husband Bill in 2001.

YLAD Living Soils was established in recognition of the growing concern among farmers toward problems associated with conventional agriculture's ever-increasing amounts of artificial fertilisers, chemicals and pesticides, together with current land management practices, were leading to a decline in soil fertility and a steady rise in associated problems with animal and human health. It was also a direct response to Rhonda's recovery from a life-threatening illness.

Rhonda spoke passionately about restoring soils to a balanced, healthy, biologically alive system that will produce healthy plants, animals and people. Having witnessed the degradation of soil eco-systems and the negative impact on environmental and human health from her own personal experience, Rhonda realised that the quality of our food is directly related to the health and nutritional balance of the soil and she is an advocate of reducing toxic chemicals in agriculture.

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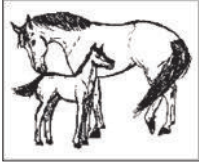
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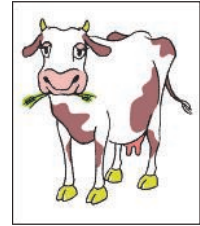
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Soil Health - Directly linked to Human Health

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- same period.
- Levels of production decreased 89% followed by an increased frequency of 56% in pests, weeds & disease.
 - Australian farmers spent \$1.57 billion on weed management in weed related issues.
 - Animal & insect pest management accounts for a total of \$768 million.
 - At least 17 pesticides registered for use in Australian agriculture are suspected carcinogens & 48 are potential hormone disruptors and that includes the commonly known 'RoundUp'.
 - 8 chemicals with known safety risks have been under review by our regulator for more than 13 years (some for more than 15 years).

Our bodies are not designed to cope with this onslaught of deadly toxins.

Male fertility - male sperm count has dropped 95% and Female infertility has increased by 265,000% in the last 70 years. Farmers have twice the rate of cancer compared to other Australians. We need to better protect the health of Australian farmers, families & wildlife.

To be continued next month

Letter to the Editor



On behalf of the hundreds of people who have attended the ANZAC Day dawn service since 2003 I would like to extend heartfelt thanks to Geoff and Chris Burns for organising it.

I have been fortunate to have been a small cog in the wheel over the years and can assure everybody that the whole thing doesn't start at 5.30am. Many hours have been spent by Geoff organising speakers, ministers, participating wreath layers and others involved in the service. The acquisition of flags, posters etc. has been an ongoing work and much appreciated by all who attend the Gunfire Breakfast at the hall following the service. Donations into the Diggers hat over the years have resulted in over \$2,400 being given to Legacy.

Chris and Geoff were also responsible for creating the garden of red and white roses and rosemary by the memorial. Their contribution to the community also includes Chris' 6 years of organising the Clean Up Australia Day activity.

Geoff and Chris are not leaving the district, they are just taking a well earned break for a while, then to follow a slightly different community direction.

I feel that what they have contributed to the Tarago Community should not go un-noticed.

Marianne Ronayne

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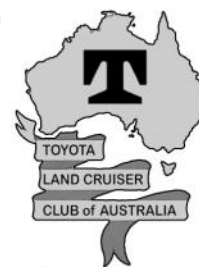
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June Article

TIM HAYES DONATION

We were fortunate indeed to have received an offer of native plants from Tim Hayes who lives near Goulburn. On the 5th May, Tim even delivered the plants, which he had raised from seeds that he himself had collected in the area, to our Landcare igloo at Gilead.



Photo above: Ruth, June and Tim Hayes with plants Tim has donated.

Tim is passionate about native plants, ranging from the largest eucalypt to the tiniest forb. He has sold plants at markets, including the Tarago School Car Boot Sale. After

years of collecting and raising seeds, Tim has a wealth of knowledge in this area, something he is keen to share with our group. To this end, arrangements were made for a field day in the Spring to help us identify the smaller plants that will be flowering at that time. He will also return in the summer to help us collect seed from local native plants.

I sought his help with identifying some of the plants that have survived on Sunnybrook, in a very tough area in which we have had little success over the past decade. Tim obliged by making a quick visit on the 18th May.

We look forward to further visits from this very kind and knowledgeable expert in this field.

PLANT PROPAGATION at our IGLOO

It was great to see how the plant propagation has progressed since my last visit. The Sunnybrook Snow Gum seeds that I had planted a few months ago are now ready to be planted in the paddocks, thanks to the care by Ruth,



June and the other members of our group. Many other plants are at different stages of growth, from tiny seedlings just emerging to plants that have been "pricked-out" and potted into individual tubes. Well done to all those who have participated in bringing our ideas to fruition.

Joan Limon

The TADPAI meeting was held on Monday 18th June 2012. New faces for this month included John Reynolds, Rod Thiele, Adam, Jacob and Aydan Saad.

Village Beautification

Many thanks to the TADPI and Landcare volunteers for their time and effort in village beautification working bees; to Goulburn Mulwaree council for supplying soil and mulch; and to Veolia for providing workers and machinery.

Hall Renovations

Hall renovations are ongoing and are expected to be finished soon. The final tally for fundraising on the Rockquiz night was \$1072.00. Please accept our thanks to everyone who supported us on the night by attending or providing sponsorship.

Pedestrian Crossing

Work is continuing on the pedestrian crossing.

Anzac Day Sub-committee

We had an additional volunteer for the ANZAC committee. Welcome to Peter Marsh.

Clean Up Australia Day Sub-committee

No nominations have been received yet, but we expect more interest closer to the date. Veolia have again expressed an interest in supporting local activities, as they are sponsors of Clean up Australia Day.

Solar Power for the Village

We had a report from Michael Vaughan that he is continuing research into self sufficiency.

Skate Park for Tarago

We are still looking for interest from young people in the area for the development of a Skate Park, Jacob and Ayden attended the meeting to express their interest, and we are looking for more support. Please let us know by 'liking' the Tarago Skate Park Facebook page, by email to nshep3@optusnet.com.au, or come along to the next TADPAI meeting if you would like Tarago to have its own skate park.

Next Meeting

You are invited to join us for dinner at the Loaded Dog between 6:00 and 7:00pm and the meeting will start at 7:00pm on Monday 9th July.

Have a great month.

Neil Shepherd
Secretary

Church times for April

St John's, Lake Bathurst:
22nd July 9am, Holy Communion

St Josephs, Tarago: - TBA

St Andrews, Tarago:
8th July 9am, Holy Communion



Taylor's Creek Landcare



July Article

FIELD DAY - LUKE POPE

Our May meeting was a combination of a mini field day, then delicious soups followed by a talk from Luke Pope, agronomist from the Department of Primary Industries, based at Cooma. Luke explained that the area he covers is huge: from the Victorian border, through the Monaro to Tarago and Bungendore. We had a great turn-out of members and also welcomed Maggie and David from the Tarago Landcare Group. Issues raised by members on the farm walk at Nardoo included: liming; weeds; fertilizers for native pastures; erosion control; connectivity of native vegetation.

To lime or not to Lime? Lime is used to raise the pH of soils. 5.5 to 6.5 is the best level for plant growth, but our Tablelands soils are naturally acidic with 4.5 being the average. The more acidic the soil, the harder it is to change the pH and the more Aluminium which blocks the supply and availability of nutrients. Lucerne is particularly sensitive to aluminium as are barley and trefoils.

The roots of perennial plants can go down 60cm. Adding lime normally only affects the top 10cm of soil, so plant roots grow down to that level then hit the acid soil. In sandy soils in very wet periods, lime can reach down to 15cm after 4 years, but will not go any deeper. Earthworms and dung beetles do not move lime. Lime is useful in naturally neutral soils where agriculture has induced acidity in the top layer. Cutting Lucerne particularly acidifies soil so top-dressing with lime is helpful.

It is important to choose plant species to suit our soil, rather than trying to change the soil to suit the plants. Cocksfoot, mature Phalaris, couch, lovegrass and all native grasses are quite tolerant of acidity. Chickory is not an option unless you have absolutely no flat leaf weeds such as Fleabane, thistles and Pattersons Curse. Phalaris is sensitive in its early stages so lime is needed. The granular form of lime is Calciprill which will go down the fertilizer chute. Old varieties of Phalaris are still good whilst later varieties are more acid tolerant. Luke recommends doing a soil test with the sub-soil reading (10-20cm) particularly important. Initially use a garden test kit to test every 2cm.

It takes 15 years to recoup your money from liming pastures, though superphosphate is more efficient after liming. Its use in growing Lucerne is the exception. David Smith recalled that lime had shown improvement in his pastures after 3-4 years with reduced thistles and increased density of pasture plants.

Connectivity - Corridors and Reserves.

This involves the linking of areas of native vegetation which is particularly important for native fauna such as birds. It is important to provide a mixture of species, especially pollen and nectar plants such as grevilles, banksias and, of course, wattles.

For corridors, research has shown a minimum of 30 metres wide being ideal and no longer than 1.2 km long before a reserve is provided. The reserve needs to be 10ha in size and, ideally, circular to reduce predation. The reserve can be at the junction of several properties and can be native grasses, not only trees and shrubs. These reserves can be grazed when necessary. It is important not to lock up corridors and reserves permanently. They can be tactically grazed, being open most of the year but de-stocked at critical times such as late Spring/early Summer when plants are setting seed and during Autumn when there is a significant rainfall event leading to new growth.

Direct seeding achieves a good mix of species whereas tube-stock planting is far more labour intensive. Competition from weeds can kill the vulnerable young plants. *Vulpia* can crowd out anything else and is the most economically damaging weed in SE Australia. Weed control before planting is essential.

Weeds - Serrated Tussock (ST) and African Love Grass (ALG).

Both are long-lived and unpalatable, apart from ALG when young in Spring when it is 55% digestible. ST is of no use at all.

ST- winter active, germinates in Autumn, grows and sets seed in Spring, though quite young plants if stressed can set seed when very small at any time.

ALG- summer active, awakens in Spring, grows through the summer and sets seed every time it gets a chance, dormant in winter.

Control: Hand pull and chip out plants- no off-target damage. However plant must be taken away as seeds can still spread and germinate. Chemicals- Glyphosate: use only when growth is green and fresh, in Spring and Summer (not now). Flupropanate eg Taskforce. Absorbed through the leaf and roots, residual, can only be washed out by 4 inches of leaching rain. In drought years it has a residual effect up to 3 years. Mix the 2 chemicals together at full rate for both, give a long-lasting effect in Spring.

Luke was thanked for travelling all this way for a night meeting and for his most interesting talk, giving us all food for thought. He may be contacted on ph 0401 993 956, or land line 6452 3411 or lastly, email luke.pope@dpi.nsw.gov.au.

CORRIDOR PROJECT

Ruth has located the large topographic map which our group used about 12 years ago to mark existing native vegetation as well as proposed plantings. This will help with the planning of our new projects, the first part of which will be on Willeroo, Sunnybrook and Nardoo. Joan is still endeavouring to obtain a fairly up-to-date aerial photo of our catchment which will certainly assist in this planning stage.

We were then joined by Alex Green and Henry Gundry from Veolia. It was very pleasing to see these gentlemen taking up the offer to attend our meeting. Pylara and Woodlawn form a large part of our

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catchment area and we need to work together for a common goal. Alex brought a map showing double-fenced tree lines. A corridor 7km long has already been fenced from the Bungendore Road through to the back of Laurie & Jenny Hallam's place but they need our advice as to the species to be planted. Infigen has conducted a working bee to plant several hundred trees in one part of the corridor. Another corridor is planned for next year, along Collector Road, joining Bungendore Road right through to Willeroo. Veolia is to be commended for their actions. This is a wonderful start towards connecting corridors throughout our catchment areas.

Henry advised that we are welcome to collect seeds from any of the remnant trees and bushes on these properties, whenever the time is right. We are very grateful for this assistance from Alex and Henry on behalf of Veolia and look forward to working with them in the future for the good of our environment.

Thanks to all our members who supplied the delicious meal at our last meeting. It was very welcome on a cold evening, especially for those who had participated in the farm walk prior to the meeting. Visitors and new members are always welcome at our meetings which are held on the third Monday of each month. Please contact Ruth on 4849 4543 or Jean on 4849 4218 with any enquiries.

Joan Limon

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Horticultural Advice & Gardening Tips

Compiled by Wanda Gawne



July '12

Don't cut off any frost damage on your plants just yet. Leave till spring and then cut back plants for new growth.



Watch for **cabbage moth caterpillars** on your brassicas. Pick off and squash or give to the chooks or spray with Dipel.

Be careful not to water your veges after lunchtime if you can. Keep a watchful eye out for **snails and slugs** and use a beer bait or coffee spray if you spot them.

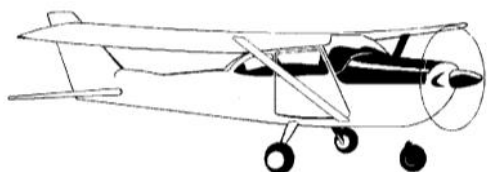
Put **wood ash** from your fire place onto your vege plots and turn the soil over. You can also spread it over your garden beds or around your fruit trees.

Watch citrus for **scale insects**. Scale won't harm or flavour your fruit but can cause dieback and sooty mould thus reducing your tree's vigour and consequently the quantity of your harvest next year. Citrus do well with a winter spray of White Oil or a Horticultural Oil as it rids the tree of 'over wintering' pests.

It's almost time to prune your fruit trees and roses. Remove any DEAD, DISEASED or DIAGONAL (crossing branches that touch) wood first. Then reduce the height of the plant cutting just above an outward facing bud. Cut back any branches growing inwards to leave you with a vase shape plant. Spray with Lime Sulphur as per winter spray directions. Don't cut back your Banksia roses now, wait till after flowering in Jan or Feb.

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July's theme: Gold, Gold, Gold

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Fri 13th July, 12.30pm to 1pm

Angela D'Elia, GRAG exhibition officer/curator. How to write and or respond to a proposal or EOI.

Fri 10th August, 12.30pm to 1pm

Janenne Gittoes, GRAG Gallery Officer. How to prepare works for hanging and presentation. How to hang.

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HANDY HINTS

Taken from Marjorie Bligh's
"Homely Hints on Everything."



Onion Hints- The maggot that causes the decay at the base of the onion will die of malnutrition if you can be bothered to plant your onion plants among other plants throughout the garden, as he requires several for his nourishment, so it is only by chance he'll find more than one. Also the onion smell is increased protection for other plants. Keep your onions as dry as possible to avoid neck rot, by watering the soil and not the plant.

Do not plant onion seedlings into soil that is manured with blood and bone or animal manure, or they will be subject to onion maggot. Lime the bed for onions, a double handful to a square metre plus a vegetable fertiliser.

Prevent onions from sprouting during winter storing by burning the dry roots over a flame for a few seconds. Hang them up in old stockings so air can circulate.

Onion Weed- Pour a teaspoon or two of kerosene carefully down the centre of each clump and they turn to jelly and die.

Passionfruit- If it won't flower, restrict its roots by pushing the spade deep into the soil about 50cm around it in circumference. It doesn't like rich soil. Sandy is its preference. Empty your cold tea on it and it will give a heavy crop.

Lilac Trees- If you have an open fire, put the ashes around your lilac tree, for better blossoms. They also need lime.

Lavender Tip- Simplify the stripping of lavender by rubbing the heads against the inside of a wire sieve.



Milk Thistles- Get rid of them in your garden, as aphides breed on them.

Peas- Dig a trench, put in a thick layer of dry newspapers, then straw, blood and bone, dolomite, sheep manure, soil, then the peas, and wait for results. Stake them with fencing wire shaped like a small arch, as used for pegging out rabbit skins. If you haven't any wire, put hay each side of row so they won't flop over. Use this method with beans too.

Potash- Bracken fern is one of the richest sources found in nature. Cut and burn it, add to soil you are growing your beans and peas in, although all vegetables thrive in soil with a good potash content. Seaweed is a valuable source too, also wood ash straight from the fire.



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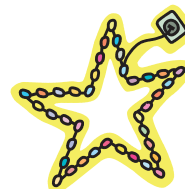


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