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DATES TO KEEP IN MIND

AUGUST

- 1 Tarago Ball
- 3 Bank Holiday
- 10 7.30pm Fire Brigade East Group meeting, Marulan
- 12 Community bus
- 13 CWA 10am
- 14 Bushfire Brigade meeting
- 17 Progress AGM 7.30pm
- 19 Bungonia Times meeting
- 22 Bushfire Brigade inspection at Inghams'
Braidwood Public Meeting on Vegetation Protection Act
- 26 Community bus
- 29-30 WIRES Training Course

OCTOBER: October 17th, Dinner Dance, Tarago

NOVEMBER: November 14th, Tarago Gymkhana

GARDENING IN AUGUST

This is a good time to plant and prune roses and fruit trees. Fruit trees can also be pruned directly after flowering. Vegetables, such as broad beans, peas and onions, rhubarb, strawberries and asparagus crowns can be planted. Flower seedlings such as stock, viola, primula, wallflower, russel lupins, delphiniums, foxglove, poppies, sweet william, calendula, alyssum, snapdragon, verbena, and dianthus may be planted. Virginia stock seed may be planted directly into the soil.

THE MILLION STAR HOTEL

With a million stars above us,
And a winter's frost below,
We will go riding on our pony
To the welcoming fires of home.

As the gum trees brightly glisten,
With the remnants of the frost of night,
The sun will bid us welcome
On this perfect winter's day.

by Vanessa Kemp, Bungonia.

POETS' PATCH

Here is the first local poet to contribute to this new section of our newsletter - poetry which grows out of our local natural environment. Congratulations, Vanessa! Vanessa Kemp is a newcomer to Bungonia and says she is still getting used to the peace and tranquillity, in contrast to the noise and constant bustle of the city. She says this poem came to her while she was out walking on her property.

BUNGONIA PROGRESS ASSOCIATION

PRESIDENT: Ray Dole 4844 7179

SECRETARY: Moira McGinity 4844 4266

TREASURER: Cherie Jenkins 4844 4241

HALL HIRE: Moira McGinity 4844 4266

NEXT MEETING: 7.30 pm Monday 17th August at the Community Hall (AGM)

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AUGUST 17, 7.30pm

Village signage: The Council is proposing to upgrade the entrance signage to all local villages. A draft design for Bungonia has been prepared and, if acceptable, the logo will be properly drawn and submitted by the Council. This will be discussed at the meeting in August. Please contact M.McGinity for further information. One suggested design is reprinted below, from Councillor Evans' notes in the July "Bungonia Times":



BUNGONIAN OF THE YEAR: Continuation of this award will be discussed at the August meeting. If you want the award to continue, please come along and voice your opinion.

RECIPE BOOK: Remember to copy out your family recipes and send them to us for inclusion in the Bungonia Recipe Book.

BEAUTIFICATION OF THE VILLAGE: At the next meeting we want to consider a plan for the beautification of the Village. Come along as we need lots of ideas. If you live in the Village it is important that you have your say.

CHURCH NEWS

CHRIST CHURCH, BUNGONIA

Enquiries: Peter Dennelly 4844 4324

Dennis Jenkins 4844 4241

Minister: The Rev'd Nick Hearnshaw 4821 4976

Keyboard: Judith Dennelly

Flute: Bianca Dennelly

Saxophone: Heath Dennelly

Guitar: Heath Dennelly

Percussion: Karina Edwards and all other children

NEXT COMMUNION SERVICE

Sunday, August 9th, at 5pm

Communion Services are held every 2nd Sunday, and Children's Services every 1st Sunday.

Every other Sunday there is a family service at 5pm. Come and enjoy the singing and a cup of tea afterwards.

GROUP STUDY SESSIONS

Tuesday nights at 7.30pm in the village. Supper! All welcome.

CLEANING AND FLOWER ROSTER

August - Shinfield family

COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

4	Ken Moran
7	Kate Farrugia
13	Dennis Jenkins
14	Dennis and Cherie Jenkins' Wedding Anniversary
18	Helen Allen
26	Dean Walters
27	Ray Dole Jr.
30	Ray Dole Sen.
31	Leon Moran

COMMUNITY BUS: This runs between Bungonia and Goulburn every second Wednesday, for a small cost. For further information contact Ruth Travers 44.4290. The next bus dates are August 12th and 26th.

GOODBYE

REG IRELAND, of "Little Hill", Tarago Road, Bungonia, passed away on Friday, July 10th, after a long illness. He is survived by his wife, Gilda, and their family. Bungonia residents extend to Reg's family and friends their sincere sympathy.

WEATHER REPORT

<u>JANUARY 1998:</u>	Average maximum temperature:	29.9°
	" minimum "	: 16.5°
		Rainfall: 88.5mm
<u>FEBRUARY:</u>	Average maximum temperature:	31.6°
	" minimum "	: 16.7°
		Rainfall: 11.5mm
	Rainfall since January:	100mm
<u>MARCH:</u>	Average maximum temperature:	29.2°
	" minimum "	: 14.3°
		Rainfall: 0.0mm
	Rainfall since January:	100mm
<u>APRIL:</u>	Average maximum temperature:	21.5°
	" minimum "	: 10.3°
		Rainfall: 89.5mm
	Rainfall since January:	189.5mm
<u>MAY:</u>	Average maximum temperature:	15.3°
	" minimum "	: 7.2°
		Rainfall: 73.5mm
	Rainfall since January:	263mm
<u>JUNE:</u>	Average maximum temperature:	11.9°
	" minimum "	: 4.3°
		Rainfall: 83mm
	Rainfall since January:	346mm

Courtesy David Thompson

ST.BARTHOLOMEW'S, WINDELLAMA

Contact: the Rev'd Kevin Stone, Christ Church, Addison St, Goulburn, 4821 3631
Communion services 11.30am, 4th Sunday.

CHANGE OF TIME for special service ST.BARTHOLOMEW'S DAY
August 23rd, service 2pm, followed by afternoon tea at Hall.
Anglican Women's 62nd birthday. This church celebrates its
140th birthday next year.

LANDCARE



PINES RADIATA, THE MULTI PURPOSE TREE.

INVERARY CREEK LANDCARE GROUP.

The field day at Inverary on 12th June concentrated on the many attributes of *P. radiata* in landcare and farm forestry in the drier areas of the Southern Tablelands. No other single species can offer as much as radiata, it is a very hardy and easy species to plant and manage with a minimum of care. The recent exceptionally dry season of 1997-8 Summers has proven it's durability. The 1997 plantings have shown up to 98% survival in contrast to Eucalypt plantings which really suffered.

ACID SOILS.

These problems can be addressed where soil degradation is now irreversible. With correct ground preparation involving ripping and mounding, pines will grow successfully on very poor soils of pH less than 4.0, where pasture establishment is impractical. Not only will they grow successfully, they will address the erosion and water quality problems as well as producing an excellent economic return within a 30 year rotation.

SALINITY.

This can also be treated with *P. radiata* planting. In dryland salinity areas we have shown at Inverary, that radiata is quite salt tolerant, but again mounding is essential to give adequate drainage for early establishment.

P. radiata is really a multipurpose tree:-

- * Easy and cheap to establish and manage.
- * Ideal for shelter, wood lots and windbreaks with or without natives.
- * Much more efficient than natives for carbon dioxide uptake, so reducing the Green House effect.
- * The best alternative for farm forestry in this area.
- * Ideal species for riparian areas for erosion control.
- * Have been shown to increase biodiversity.
- * Will improve the soil not deplete it.

In light of the above I feel frustrated with the NHT guidelines, which prescribe all revegetation be with natives only. These guidelines need modification to allow flexibility to allow plantings of the most suitable species for the project under consideration.

Mr. Anderson's 2020 Vision launched last year aims at encouraging farm forestry on cleared farm land to treble the area planted by the year 2020. Surely then if we are to actively promoting the concept of landcare then we should be promoting commercial plantings where obviously *P. Radiata* is the answer.

If it is desirable to fence out degraded areas then why not revegetate with commercial species such as radiata. Farmers are now looking towards alternatives for income and should be encouraged to plant commercial dual purpose species. I fully agree with the concept of retaining and improving native vegetation, but can see room for flexibility.

At present the implementation of the 2020 Vision and the NHT guidelines are working in opposite directions. The ecological ideals behind the NHT vision for the future may be sound, but must be flexible enough to face economic realities.

LIBRARY SERVICES FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG ADULTS

Goulburn Branch Library has many services to appeal to children and young adults, which includes books, videos and audio cassettes to cater for every taste.

The Junior Easy and Leap Frog collections are full of fabulous picture books to interest children who are learning to read. Some recent titles include 'Gotcha' by Gail Jorgensen, 'Around the world with Phineas Frog' by Paul Adshead and 'Tickling Tigers' by Anna Currey.

The Junior Fiction collection consists of books for children who have made the transition to chapter books. Popular and classic books can be found in junior fiction including 'Little Women' by Louisa May Alcott, 'The Paw Thing' by Paul Jennings and 'Selby Spacedog' by Duncan Ball.

Junior and Young Adult subject collections are a primary resource for students completing assignments and they can also be a great way to explore the world, past and present. Many questions can be answered by exploring the subject collections. Recent library acquisitions have included 'Essay writing made easy', 'Just resumes: 200 powerful and proven successful resumes to get that job' and 'Australian explorers: Unlocking the Great South Land'.

Young Adult Fiction is a collection especially for 13 to 18 year olds. The stories in this collection include tragedy, science fiction and humorous. Popular and up coming authors can be found including John Marsden, Cynthia Voight and Catherine Jinks.

Storytime is a service offered by the Goulburn Branch Library to children under school age, and their parents and carers. Storytime is held every Tuesday and Thursday at 11:00 am during the school term. Storytime usually takes 45 to 60 minutes and consists of sharing a story and participating in an activity which can range from craft to organised special events. Storytime is free, and no bookings are required, just come along to the Kids Zone.

The HSC Resources File is full of information which can assist senior school students, with their assignments. A variety of material is included in the file including Infocus, Hot Topics and Exam Papers. Infocus is made up of articles taken from national magazines and newspapers that are related to HSC subjects. Hot Topics is a series of pamphlets on current Australian legal issues, including controversial issues such as native title and firearms control. Exam papers and Trends and Issues in Crime and Criminal Justice are also included in the HSC Resources File.

For a closer look at any of these library services come in and visit the library and find out what we can do for you.

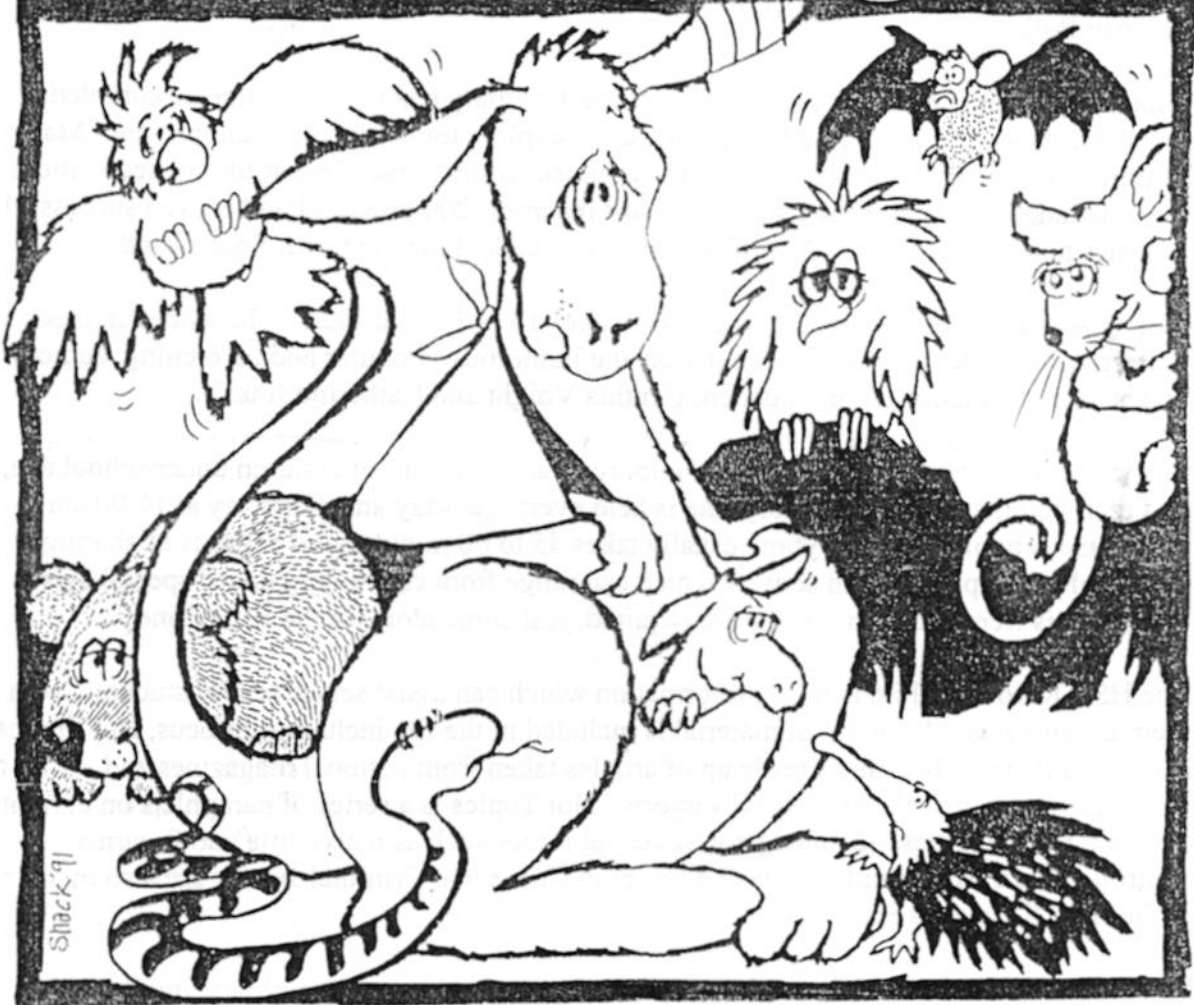
Rowena Gibb
Children's and Young Adults' Librarian
Goulburn Branch Library

W.I.R.E.S.

Wildlife Information & Rescue Service

BASIC TRAINING COURSE

29th - 30th August



FOR MORE INFORMATION PHONE

Jo ... 02 6236 3001 (h) or 02 6232 9090 (w)

or Clinton St. Vet Clinic ... 4821 1881

anyone interested is welcome to attend our regular meeting at the RSL Club,
Monday 10th August, 7.30pm.

we care for injured and orphaned native wildlife

COUNTRY WOMENS' ASSOCIATION

PRESIDENT: Shirley Smith 21.5606

SECRETARY: Ruth Dole 4844. 7179

TREASURER: Colleen Cooper 21.1856

PUBLICITY: Pat Young 4844. 7178

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, August 13th, 10am, CWA rooms.

RAFFLE WINNER: Ruth Dole

LAWN MOWING: Pat and Ray. Thank you.

Culture Day will be held at the Workers' Club on Monday, July 27th. This is where the Southern Tablelands' branches get together and if they so desire, they can enter an act such as a comedy skit, poetry, or singing in a choir. Most of the ladies hold a beautiful tune. Some of the skits are very funny. I can still remember one of the branches doing "Grandfather Clock".

CWA is not all serious. Most of the time we have a lot of fun. Anyway the above starts at 10am. There is a small charge which goes to a very worthy cause.

Anyone who would like to come to one of our meetings or would like to join us for a cuppa, will be most welcome.

Bungonia Hotels

After the death of John Sceales the Victoria Inn was unlicensed for a number of years. J G Lynch was insolvent and the Court wouldn't issue a license to Margaret Sceales. In 1854 /55 John Armstrong was granted the license for the Victoria Inn and he held the license until 1872 when the Victoria Inn was burnt down. The Hope Inn in Hay Street was unlicensed at the time and John Armstrong applied to the Courts to have the license transferred to that building. He was successful and the old Hope Inn was renamed the Victoria Inn.

The Hit or Miss Inn was situated about 1 mile from Bungonia on the Jerrara Rd. (used to be known as the Marulan Rd.) and was opened in 1837 by Nathan Mandelson who held the license until 1840 when he moved to Goulburn and William Shields was granted the license. He was the licensee until 1843 when the Inn closed.

Nathan Mandelson a pastrycook, born in Warsaw in 1804, had arrived in New South Wales 1833 and had "carried on business in Sydney" before opening the Hit or Miss. An item in the Sydney Morning Herald describes it thus "The farm consisted of 400 acres. The Inn contained 5 bedrooms and a parlour, neatly fitted up and furnished with a Tap Room, Bar, kitchen and every necessary household utensil. Upon the premises were erected an eight stall stable and coach house, a large and substantial stock yard and men's huts with several secure paddocks. The store was immediately opposite"

M. McGinity

ABOUT OUR NEWSLETTER

Our Advertising Charges:

For Sale/Wanted	\$2.00	(maximum 3 lines)
Advertising	\$3.00	(business card size)
Quarter page advertisement	\$5.00	
Half page advertisement	\$10.00	
Full page advertisement	\$20.00	
Insert ready for inclusion	\$10.00	
Double page at discount	\$30.00	

All correspondence and money can be left in the "Bungonia Times" letterbox (the one with the yellow lid) outside the Brooks' home in Bungonia by 6pm on WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19.

Please ensure that all contributions are received by this date. For any late items, a fee will be charged at the rate of \$5 extra per item.

If anyone would like to have "The Bungonia Times" delivered to a Post Office Box or to ensure that it is delivered to a mail box, please send your mailing details to Pauline Dickson, "Netherfield", Tarago Road, Bungonia, 2580, with a cheque for \$12 to cover the cost of postage for a year. Please make the cheques payable to "Bungonia Times".

BUNGONIA BUSHFIRE BRIGADE

CAPTAINS REPORT FOR 1997/1998

The last fire season was potentially a very bad one, with extreme fire weather extending from November right through until early April, and it was a credit to the local residents in general who took great care with fire, and the members of the Brigade who sacrificed their own time to be on call, to respond quickly and contain the incidents before they had a chance to spread.

A total of 12 incidents were attended during the last 12 months and 255 man hours were spent on these incidents. Fast and efficient responses to these incidents, meant that they were dealt with effectively. I feel however, that pagers could assist quicker responses in some cases.

The highlight of the year was the opening of the new Fire Station by local MLA and the member for the Southern Highlands Peta Seaton, with Rural Fire Service Commissioner Phil Koperberg and many other local dignitaries, and a large crowd in attendance. This was the culmination of years of hard work by many people, and was a very enjoyable day. Work on the Fire Station has been ongoing with working bee's to carry out concrete work, relocate the Stan Jones Memorial Bell, erect the radio mast and install a base radio at the Fire Station.

The main training activities have included the Shire Competition day, in which Bungonia Brigade competed and ran a creditable 5th in the open section, a very successful household fire safety day, a first-aid weekend, plus Bar B.Q. fund raising days.

On the equipment side, Bungonia 3 and Bungonia 4-2 are in good operating condition and Bungonia 4 is running O.K. for use around the village. Bungonia 4-1 was sold as we were unable to bring the vehicle up to RTA standards. With the loss of this tanker, I feel that we should be looking to either purchase another 4WD tanker or to better utilise the 10 shire pumps and 14 shire tanks placed in the Brigade area, so that at least another 2,000 litres of tanker capacity is available at all times during the Fire Season.

Many thanks for all of the help and support that I have received in my job as Captain throughout the year.

Charlie Klein.
Charlie Klein
Fire Captain.

ST.STEPHEN'S UNITING CHURCH, MARULAN

CONTACT: Maureen Eddy 4841 1648

Church service 2nd Sunday, 9am.

Ladies' Fellowship 3rd Monday at 1pm. Contact Jill Farnworth 4841 1849.

Kids' Club Friday afternoons 3.30pm. Contact Dorothy Weeks 4841 1650

ALL SAINTS', MARULAN

Church service 8am 1st Sunday

ST.PATRICK'S, MARULAN

Mass is celebrated 4pm every Sunday



SPIDERS

MYTHS, FACTS & FAMILY FUN

The Australian Museum has a new exhibition dedicated to the wonderful world of Spiders! Leave the Baygon at home and hurry to see some of the biggest live tarantulas in the world!

Whether you love them or hate them, there's no denying spiders hold a certain creepy fascination. The Australian Museum's latest exhibition, *Spiders!* leaves no stone unturned in its exploration of this fascinating creature and its lifestyle.

An exhibition such as *Spiders!* takes around twelve months to pull together and once again, the Museum has proved itself to be an excellent source of both education and fun for all ages and persuasions.

A visit to the *Spiders!* exhibit casts some light on the many myths that surround this misunderstood creature. For example, despite rearing up in an impressive threat pose, Funnel-web spiders can't jump. And throwing further doubt on spiders' evil reputations, no-one has died from a spider bite in Australia since 1981.

Enclaves and sections within the exhibition are dedicated to various themes and aspects of the arthropod's existence.

The spider lab allows people to examine spiders under microscopes, observe them feeding and bring in their own creepy crawlies for identification. The role of the spider in pop culture is the theme of the Spider lounge room. Sit down and watch Spiderman and other spider cartoons, read some comics and relive great spider performances in the movies. If this isn't enough to keep the kids occupied, the museum has interactive games that are sure to keep older kids amused, as well as play spaces and big

webs for the younger children to crawl around in.

Five species of live tarantulas flown in from overseas are the undisputed stars of the show. Only females of each species were given passports (ensuring no breeding would take place). For the arachnophobes among us, this is perhaps your only chance to see the biggest, hairiest and scariest spiders in the world up close in relative safety. A glass panel is all that separates observers and the intimidating but spectacular Mexican Red

Legged Spider – the superstar of the species. Thanks to her striking fiery looks, she and her extended family have had a string of hit film appearances and have rubbed thoraxes with some of Hollywood's A List stars. Most famously, these tarantulas have appeared with Harrison Ford in *Raiders of the Lost Ark*, worked with John Cleese and Michael Palin in *Fierce Creatures*, William Shatner in *Kingdom of the Spiders* and Sean Connery in *Dr No*.

The Goliath Bird Eating spider is the Arnold Schwarzenegger of arthropods – females often reach 25cm leg spans and weights of over 115g. Goliath is a big spider with a big appetite, feeding quite regularly on lizards and frogs. The King Baboon Spider inhabits the dry acacia scrublands of Kenya, Tanzania and possibly other east African countries. They are renowned for having a very short temper and must not be handled – unlikely to be a problem for those visiting the museum. The exhibition closes on May 3rd.

■ SOPHIE GORDON

