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WINE AND CHEESE NIGHT:

Those local residents and their visitors who joined in the convivial atmosphere of the regular get-to-gether were treated to a surprise exhibition of artworks by some local artists. The depth of talent displayed was very surprising and resulted in some enthusiastic bartering being entered into.

A local lady, not to be outdone by the artistic fraternity, put her talents to good effect with her offering of delicious calamari rings, and chicken sticks which satisfied the inner man [or person!]

A very agile four legged local made good use of the hall rafters to get a good overview of the two legged locals and their frivolities.

A civic minded local lady drove another merry local to their front door at the end of the festivities.

THE RTA BIG BIKE RIDE

Volunteers from the Progress Association and the CWA were on hand early to prepare the catering for the many hundreds of participants riding from Goulburn to Marulan, on Friday 25th February.

Many of the riders expressed their appreciation for the excellent catering and many others made a cash donation to boost the days takings.

The day yielded a much needed financial boost for both groups.

The Editor

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ADVANCING BURRINJUCK

A monthly report on State Parliamentary matters by Katrina Hodgkinson MP.



Goulburn says NO to CityRail cuts

The Nationals' Member for Burrinjuck, Katrina Hodgkinson, said today that she has received an overwhelming response to her petition opposing the Carr Labor Government's cuts to the CityRail Southern Highlands Timetable.

Residents of the Goulburn region have responded with over 500 signatures, opposing Bob Carr's cuts to rail services," Ms Hodgkinson said.

"More signed petitions are coming in every day."

"I have already begun to present these petitions to the NSW Parliament."

"Many of the signatures have come from smaller villages such as Marulan, Wingello, Taralga, Tarago, Bannister, Bundanoon and Penrose."

"I have also received many letters protesting the timetable cuts."

Ms Hodgkinson said that each individual story highlights the grave difficulties that locals will face if Bob Carr's timetable cuts are implemented. Elderly residents will be unable to visit their families or attend medical appointments. Younger people without cars will be disadvantaged, as will people with disabilities that make it difficult for them to use bus transport.

"CityRail has always been subsidised by the NSW Taxpayer, as a public service," Ms Hodgkinson said.

"Presently fares only cover about 20% of CityRail costs."

"I want an explanation from Bob Carr as to why he wants to further restrict the access of Goulburn area residents to these services as they are paying for them with their taxes," Ms Hodgkinson said.

"I will continue to present this petition to Parliament to keep the pressure on the Carr Government to stop the cuts."

Ms Hodgkinson said that copies of the petition can be obtained by calling her electorate office on 6226 3311 or freecall 1800 00 2580'

GOULBURN POULTRY CLUB

NOTE CHANGE OF DATE

POULTRY AUCTION

17TH APRIL

**GOULBURN POULTRY PAVILION,
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The Echidna, more properly referred to as the Short-beaked Echidna to distinguish it from the larger Long-beaked Echidna of Papua New Guinea, is readily recognised by its covering of long spines. Fur is present between the spines and, in the Tasmanian form, may be so long as to obscure these. It is distributed over most of Australia from regions of winter snow to the deserts and has no particular habitat requirements other than a supply of the ants and termites on which it feeds.

A toothless and highly specialised feeder, it breaches an ant or termite nest with its forepaws or snout and extends its long tongue into the galleries. Insects adhering to the copious sticky saliva with which the tongue is covered are drawn into the mouth and masticated between a horny pad at the back of the tongue and a similar structure on the palate. A considerable amount of soil and nest material is ingested and this forms the bulk of the distinctive cylindrical droppings.

It is a solitary animal, occupying overlapping home ranges which lack fixed nest sites, and usually seeking shelter under thick bushes, in hollow logs, under piles of debris, or occasionally in a burrow. A female with suckling young probably spends most of the period of lactation in a burrow.

In arid regions, it avoids temperature extremes by sheltering in caves or crevices and activity is restricted to the night. In more temperate climates the pattern of activity depends upon the air temperature: an Echidna tends to forage around dawn and dusk but, in winter, particularly in southern latitudes, it may be active in the middle of the day.

The male has a spur on the ankle of its hindleg similar to that of the male Platypus but lacking a functional venom gland. Mating occurs in July and August, during which time a single female has been observed to be followed by as many as six males. About two weeks after copulation, a single soft-shelled egg is laid — probably directly into the pouch on the belly of the female. It hatches after about 10 days and the young remains in the pouch for a further 3 months, suckling on milk exuded from the numerous pores of the paired mammary glands. By the time it leaves the pouch, the juvenile has a covering of short spines: the relationship between it and its mother over the subsequent 7–8 months is unknown but juveniles tend to be first seen from September to November when they are a year old and weigh 1–2 kg.

The spiny coat provides an excellent defence. When suddenly disturbed in the open on hard ground, an Echidna curls into a ball of radiating spines; if on soil, it may dig itself below the surface while remaining horizontal, disappearing like a sinking ship. By extending its spines and limbs, it can wedge itself securely in a rock crevice or hollow log.

There are no significant predators of adult echidnas but dingoes occasionally eat them. Young animals are perhaps eaten by large goannas. Distribution is sparse, particularly in the arid parts of the range, but the species remains ubiquitous and in no apparent danger.

M. L. Augee

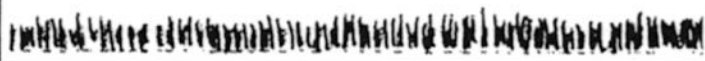


The long tongue of the Short-beaked Echidna is covered with copious saliva to which insects adhere.
Above: *Tachyglossus aculeatus aculeatus*. Photo: G. B. Baker

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Saturday 9th April 4pm

Saturday 23rd April 4pm

Parish Priest: Fr. Tony Percy
Assistant Priest: Fr. Simon Falk
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BUNGONIA COUNTRY WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

April CWA News

The RTA BIG BIKE RIDE was a great success enjoyed by both participants and all volunteers as was the CWA Group Meeting.

Our entries in the CWA Group Handicraft Competition held in Goulburn 12th March won an outstanding 626 points, placing us 2nd in Group, 1st place had 627 points. Two items were selected to be exhibited in the State competition, both are pieces created by Colleen Cooper, and Kath Hoggs' cardigan will also be exhibited in the Southern Group Comp. later this year. Congratulations to those members of our Branch who entered, A great result.

Birthday greetings are for two members, Lorraine McNeil & Shirley Smith, may you both thoroughly enjoy your day.

Next Meeting will be held Thursday 14th April, as usual visitors are more than welcome. By the way Judy Knott won last meetings' raffle.

Coraline Engert

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History in Focus: In The Shed Geissler Motors/STRL Photographic Competition 2005



What is in your shed? And who really cares anyway?

Well, we do! Southern Tablelands Regional Library's third photographic competition commences mid April, and this year we are focusing on **sheds** across the Southern Tablelands region. We want to know what the people of Goulburn Mulwaree, Palerang, Upper Lachlan and Yass Valley keep in their sheds, what they look like, and even who uses them. Do you have a garden, storage or tool shed; a garage or bike shed; a shearing shed; or any other variation on this theme? If so, we would like to see it, and we're prepared to reward the best 'shed' photographers with prizes across a range of categories.



This year STRL is also pleased to announce that **Geissler Motors** have joined us to promote the event and to sponsor our major prizes. As a result, we can offer better prizes than ever before!

STRL's **History in Focus** biennial photo competitions first began in 2001 where heritage and potential heritage sites were featured. In 2003 we highlighted people at work. The aim of the STRL photo competitions is twofold: to foster historical interest in the people, the landscapes and features of the Southern Tablelands region, and to enable STRL to acquire contemporary images of them for use by current and future researchers. All images acquired through these competitions enhance the library's existing Regional Collection, which is maintained in the Regional History Room of Goulburn Branch Library. Copyright on all images acquired remains with the original photographer.

Our competition commences during the National Trust Heritage Festival (9-17 April) and closes in August, so there's plenty of time for potential photographers to find a shed and to click their way into the history books. Entry form brochures will be available from mid April at all branches of the Southern Tablelands Regional Library, including Braidwood, Crookwell, Goulburn, Gunning, Murrumbateman and Yass, as well as from our generous sponsors: Geissler Motors, Magnet Mart and All State Garages. These brochures include details of entry conditions, details of categories available, sponsors and prizes, awards and potential acquisition by the STRL.

If you would like further information about our **History in Focus: In the Shed** photographic competition please contact your local branch library, or Lynn Bonomini on 4823-4435, or via email at stl@goulburn.nsw.gov.au. Help us to capture and preserve images of this historic Southern Tablelands region for future generations.



STOP PRESS

Goulburn and Crookwell Branch Libraries are proud to be hosting "Family History @ The Australian War Memorial" presented by Margaret Lewis of the Research Centre of the AWM. Margaret will introduce sources for family historians and discuss accessibility of the AWM's rich store of information about Australians at war and war service. As an introduction to ANZAC Day, Margaret will also present some fascinating insights into alternative sources associated with the Gallipoli campaign. Margaret's visit will begin at Crookwell Library from 10.30am - 12 noon on Wednesday 20 April. Her talk will then be repeated at Goulburn Branch Library at 2.00 pm the same day. Bookings are essential. For bookings at Crookwell Library, phone 4832-1048. For further information and for bookings at Goulburn Library, phone 4823-4435.

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Don Stoneman and Kevin Cooper, have been approached to take us to the Depression Village on Saturday, April 9th. We shall be meeting at the Hall at 1pm if anyone is interested in coming along.

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Next Meeting 7.30pm Monday the 10th April
at the Hall.

As of publication there is not any report for last month.

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