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Rainfall

Australia is the driest continent, excluding Antarctica, and no continent has less runoff from its rivers. Much of the country is arid, with sandy and stony desert receiving less than 250mm a year. The driest area is around the salt lakes of SA where annual falls of less than 100mm are common. There are many reasons for this dryness. The interior is far from the ocean and lacks the mountain ranges needed to extract moisture from winds. In WA, where the arid zone reaches the coast, a cold current reduces the amount of moisture in onshore winds. More importantly, much of Australia lies in the belt of anti-cyclones, which are responsible for many of the world's deserts. In an anti-cyclone, cold dry air is descending from the upper levels of the atmosphere, producing mostly fine clear weather and an outward flow of winds from the centre. Moisture-laden winds are usually unable to penetrate and bring rain.

The reliability of rainfall is of vital importance to agriculture. The regions of most reliable rain lie in the SW of WA, western TAS and in the S and W parts of VIC. Here the influence of persistent westerlies ensure that there is little variation in the annual rainfall. At the other extreme, a zone stretching from around Birdsville QLD across to the WA coast show great variability, a fact made more serious by the low annual rainfall. As an example, Whim Creek near the coast of WA received only 4mm of rain in 1924, while the rare occurrence of a tropical cyclone in the region has caused falls of more than 700mm in a single day.

The rain fall records for Australia have all been set along the NE coast of QLD. the record maximum for a single day is 910mm (at Crohamurst, February 1893); and for a single month 3000mm (at Crohamurst, February 1893); and for a single year 7900mm(at Tully,1950).

For comparison, the world record for a days is 1170mm (at Baguio, the Philippines); for a month, 9300mm (at Cherrapunji India); and for a year, 26500mm (at Cherrapunji).

From: The Bateman Concise Encyclopedia of Australia

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The Editor

Get Well

Andy Smith, our well known local identity is back home again after another unexpected stay in hospital. We at Bungonia Times, extend our best wishes for his quick recovery, as we are sure his many friends would also wish

The Editor

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for month 17mm

Year to date 214mm

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BUNGONIA PROGRESS ASSOCIATION.

Next Meeting: 7.30pm Monday, 20th. June at the Hall

Note that because of the holiday on 13th. June the meeting will be on the 3rd, Monday

Country Energy representatives gave a presentation at the last meeting. Some of the information was: Country Energy has More than 3000 employees with 40 in Goulburn to service this region. There are More than 200 apprentices. This year was the worst electrical storm season that has occurred in the last 10 years. There are substations on the Mountain Ash Rd and Braidwood roads which isolate them from each other and Goulburn. The Brisbane Grove to Rocky Hill line caused 8 of the 12 blackouts Bungonia has had this year. This line will be put underground to try and eliminate these blackouts.

A 3 phase line is gradually being put in along the Mountain Ash Rd to service the proposed development at Marian Vale. This work will occur in August. Country Energy will try and reduce the time electricity is switched off by using 2 11000V Generators. At present a recloser is situated halfway between Bungonia and Goulburn. This recloser will be moved closer to Bungonia.

It is not anticipated that a back-line will be connected between Marulan and Bungonia due to the voltages being only 11000V on the Marulan Line compared to 22000V on the Bungonia Line. With the Marian Vale development it may be possible that we can get a back-line from Tyces Lane

Ardmore Park Quarry: DIPNR received over 120 submissions about the Ardmore Park quarry..

Hall Extension: We are hopeful that we will receive a quote early in June.

Domestic Rubbish Bins. The Council has decided to remove the bins as from 1st. July and to make other arrangements for rubbish clearance in rural areas. If you have any suggestions about how to overcome the problem of waste disposal in country areas, please come to our next meeting, when the matter will be discussed. We don't want to go back to having bags of rubbish left at the Hall & Park bins.

Chairs: It was decided that the school chairs be available for hire. Charges to be a refundable deposit \$2 per chair and a hiring fee of \$5-00 for 14 or less chairs.

Park Trust

Seat and tourist map, toilets, new plantings of 'eucalyptus pauciflora', freeing the pistachios from their protective cages now that they are growing well, fixing the rubbish bins, and tweaking the new water reticulation system to deliver on its promise are all recent activities of the Trustees. The Grant 76 for the removal of the crack willows and other exotics from the creek zone, has been discharged with accolades for the quality and quantity of work achieved by a collaboration between government money, advice and volunteer supports across the wider community, the rigorous and relentless voluntary work of the Trustees and the hire of an effective and knowledgeable contractor.

ANZAC Day saw Luke Johnson and Maureen Eddy from council attend. Luke was especially complimentary about the Park and the Memorial. After the simple but moving service we all enjoyed a warmly sociable country morning tea.

The Trust has once again approached the Council for assistance to address the lack of Historic Village signage such as is available to the other villages in the district. We have been told to expect improvement soon.

We have noticed that a few 'local residents' have been trying to do the council out of its mowing job!! We hope they did not trim the trees as well as the grass before they were encouraged back to their home paddock.

Next meeting – a working bee 18th June at 10.am and a sausage sizzle for the workers. During this work we will "walk the route" for the proposed 'walking trail' along the riparian zone and look at options. We are going to approach sponsors. For sections;

Do you want to be a sponsor?-Could your business enjoy more exposure?? Talk to a Trustee.
Come – be part of this –and get a chance to chuck your snag on the barbie!!

Inside Your Local Council ...

keeping you in touch with the latest from Goulburn Mulwaree Council.

Young Achiever Program

Council is also again committing funds (of \$1,815 this year) to assist this program in Goulburn in 2005. It runs from April to October & usually involves students from years 9 to 11. The program aims to "develop business enterprise skills, capacities & understanding in young Australians through partnerships with businesses, education & the community, contributing to the prosperity of Australia".

BASIX (Building Sustainability Index)

At the April Council meeting it was recommended that the report on the introduction of the BASIX Certificate be noted.

As from July 1, 2005 new residential developments will require this certificate. As from October 1, 2005 this certificate will also apply to house extensions and alterations. Just what is this about?

BASIX is a new planning requirement for residential development to achieve water and energy efficiencies.

Building design details are entered into a software program (freely available via the web) so that the design can be assessed for its potential to save energy & water.

Once the design meets the sustainability index a BASIX Certificate is generated.

There are a range of building design choices available to achieve the right index rating and they include things like insulation, window glazing, wastewater for garden use, gas or solar hot water systems etc. etc. Council staff already have been trained and local designers & builders were also invited to attend the training seminars.

Please note that this BASIX Certificate will be an additional requirement on applicants for their Development Applications (DAs).

Due to current resourcing levels, Council staff will NOT be able to prepare a BASIX assessment so if you are planning to submit a DA for a house, dual occupancy dwelling or a multi unit development after July 1 then you obviously need to seek further advice on this matter. Either Council staff or DIPNR (Department of Infrastructure, Planning & Natural Resources) staff will most likely be helpful. The DIPNR website is www.dipnr.nsw.gov.au/ or you can go direct to www.basix.nsw.gov.au/information/index.jsp

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JUNE



CWA NEWS

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Four of our members attended the International Day (Vietnam) at the Marulan Branch and the consensus was that it was extremely interesting and very well presented, congratulations

Our Birthday Lass this month is Laurette Spry we all wish her many happy returns.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 9th June at the CWA rooms, visitors as always are most welcome.

Wishing all a warm and wet winter.

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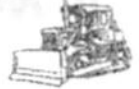
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- The Southern Tablelands Zone **MUST** be notified 24 hours before you light the fire, during business hours 9am to 5pm and by 3.30pm Friday afternoon (Rural Fires regulation 2002 part 5 Sec 34 3B)

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