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Flower Show - Sunday, 27th October

Darryl hands over the reins of Wirraminna

There's been a change in head honcho at Wirraminna with Darryl Jacob resigning as president, to be replaced by Tony Marshall.

For Darryl, it's the end of 30 years guiding the project he initiated in 1993 when he persuaded some locals to join a series of working bees, aimed at turning the old stock reserve into a native garden.

Two years later he realised the project needed a formal structure and at a public meeting established a committee, chose a name for the park, formulated a constitution, and became its inaugural president.

The following years saw improvement after improvement, with the most significant of which being the construction of the Discovery Centre.

The garden also spawned the creation of the Petaurus education organisation which developed a nationally reputed environment education program for school pupils.

Now Darryl has decided it been long enough and it is time to hand on the baton, but that does not mean, he's planning to retire. As well he does have a health issue.

The incumbent, Tony Marshall, brings a Curriculum Vitae of experience and expertise, which doubtlessly will prove a an asset to Wirraminna.

Tony was born in Sydney but came to Albury as a young boy when his father was appointed manager of the Commonwealth Bank . His schooling was all in Albury but he moved away after school to take up an electrical apprenticeship.

A number of Sydney's present-day high rise buildings were electrified in the 70s by Tony's company. He moved on from there to own farming property, restaurants, service stations, and a horseback tourist excursion operations.

But the electrician in him called him back and he was to become responsible for the upgrading and extension of much of New South Wales's power distribution network.

When retirement beckoned, his affection for the Albury



After 30 years as Wirraminna Committee President Darryl hands the responsibility to Tony Marshall

district and old friends saw his return with the purchase of Glenview Park in 2010. However, retirement was not to happen, not for a while anyway, as he was persuaded to take on consultancies for the power network industry for another five years.

When retirement finally arrived, Tony had time to devote to his farm, Wirraminna, and another of his passions – endurance horse rides.

For some years he had been a prominent figure in the international endurance horse riding circuit, and was instrumental in the development of the Malaysian endurance horse riding team.

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Rual Care Link Carers Support Group News

We look forward to meeting at The Fox & Brew on the **3rd Tuesday of each month** this year, for **Morning Tea at 10.30 am**. Peer support, respite and information sharing is the focus of the Carer Group.

This year will also include an outing with the Border Carer Reference Group, Carer Week celebratory activities, a Movie at the Cinema, art and music in our lovely Jindera Village Green. Please call the Coordinator, Vickie, prior to attending to check details.

Being a Carer is an often-unrecognised role. If you have any queries, would like to attend the group or know of someone else in our community who would benefit from attending please make contact. There is no obligation to attend every month as we realise that life is very busy, especially if you are caring for someone who has extra needs. The Carer Group is here to support you and offer you some brief respite from your role as needed.

Please call **Vickie Priscina - Carer Group Co-Ordinator** on **0428 406 060** for more information.

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Ashley romps in for second term on council



Ashley Lindner has been re-elected to the West Ward of the Greater Hume Shire Council by a considerable margin, and having polled sufficient first preference votes has been elected without having to rely on preferences.

With 703 first preferences he was the first to be elected, and out polled long term councillor Jenny O'Neill by 51 votes, who received 652 votes. She too was elected without the need of preferences. To be elected candidates needed to receive 553 votes.

The contest for the third and last position is going to be battle of the preferences, between incumbent Matt Hicks and Andrew Garratt. After first preferences were counted Hicks had 365 and Garratt 348. The fifth candidate Talia Mitchell received 143 votes.

While Hicks has the advantage of incumbency, Garratt conducted a strong campaign and being only 15 votes behind on first preferences, must be considered having a good chance.

However, with Ashley's preferences being the first for distribution and are expected to favour Hicks it appears to have the advantage. Receiving 198 votes from Ashley may not seem many out of 703 available, but if the count went onto O'Neill's preferences they are expected to favour Garratt.

Whatever, the result will not be declared until 4th October when postal voting closes. The result of the referendum will be announced at the same time.

Ashley said he was pleased with his success and would continue to work for the community when ever he could.

Many referendum voters were surprised

The outcome of the referendum, regarding the Shire's Ward structure, needs to have a significant margin in one direction or the other, or it may not be a true reflection of what people want, simply because many people were unaware it was being held until they arrived at the polling booth.

Supposedly it had been well publicised but many of us must have been living under a rock since I was not the only one who'd not heard about it.

Standing at the front of the booth handing out how-to-vote leaflets, I found more than a few people were also unaware of it .

This left the ignorant with no alternative but to make a snap decision, and it's likely many instinctively took the safe option and voted no. I for one, in after thought, am not sure I made the best decision. –

Colin Wiltshire

Annual General Meeting

Burrumbuttock Recreational Ground

Monday 14th October 2024

7.30pm at Tennis Club House.





Come along and voice your opinion on future projects for our wonderful facilities.



All enquiries to: Janice Whitty

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Rec Ground happenings...

- Energy Efficient Lighting Upgrade 
- Stage 1 New Public Amenities Block 
- New Playground  On its way
- Stage 2 New Change rooms  Planning
- Stage 3 Function Room/Kitchen/Netball Rooms 

Awaiting finance

There are a lot of boxes getting ticked at the Rec Ground as of late, thanks to our very hard working TEAM! We are steadily working towards what will be known as the 'Sporting Precinct of the district'.

Our deliberate choice to have the Public Amenities Block outside the new Multi-Purpose Community

Centre or MPCC means that all users of the Rec ground, day or night, at sport, a function or just walking the dog, can access the Community toilets which now include ambulant and disability friendly facilities.

Obtaining grant funding is getting harder, however this has not deterred the commitment of the committee. All grants now require matching funding and we are asking the community to come together and assist where you can.

We even have some crazy fundraising ideas like a potential Car and Boat raffle in the pipeline. We will be asking all

families in the community to help sell tickets.

The MPCC will be such a wonderful community asset, therefore giving all community members an opportunity to sow in and help fund the project actually creates a sense of ownership and pride!

As a community we have the opportunity to say.....'together and collaboratively we achieved this!' Within the next 2 weeks the toilets will be completed and ready for use.

Part of the upgrade included a new mains water line in, for the MPCC and Oval Watering system ,and a new septic line out, connecting to the town system.

Negotiations regarding the new playground are progressing nicely



The End Result

More information and Donation options contact:

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Matt Hunt 0492 038 940

Ash Lindner 0458 293 328



The countdown to the show has begun, and our team has been working tirelessly to ensure a memorable event for everyone. [The Date: 27th October 2024](#)

Please note that the show schedule has changed this year, especially in the art and craft section, modernising it a little more. So, check all sections carefully for changes, and we hope it caters to the arts and crafts we are all more endorsed for these days.

We will have two lovely open gardens this year. Signs will support the directions to these gardens, and we plan to have some beautiful new banners out front to help viewers find them and make the entrance more visible to the naked eye.

As we continue to work on the bale art construction, we are excited to unveil a beautiful butterfly in front of the hall soon. We want to remind everyone that while this art is a sight to behold, it is important to ensure the safety of our younger visitors. Please be cautious and prevent children from climbing on this art, as it is made from old farm supplies and may not be as safe as dedicated playground equipment.

Demonstrations will occur on the show day again this year. Thanks to popular demand, we will have Julie Dean Quilting provide a demonstration and talk again this year. Julie will speak at 1 p.m. We are also thrilled to have "Flow Hive" join us this year. They will speak about different Bee hives and the collecting of honey. This talk will happen at 10:30 a.m.

Many stallholder sites will be in action again this year, and if you would like a site, please don't hesitate to contact Christine at 0419 985 194 to book one.

Coffee! will be available on-site from the Thistle Cafe coffee van this year. This coffee van is a fantastic addition to our show and will be enjoyed by many.

We are certainly looking forward to a fantastic 2024 show. We thank our many sponsors who have come on board to support our show with wonderful prizes. Keep loving those gardens and working on your cooking, photography (we have a unique mentoring session prize for the overall champion photographer this year), and arts and craft skills. See you at the show.

Dulcie Schmidt celebrates her 100th Birthday



On the 30th of August 2024 Dulcie Schmidt, celebrated her 100th birthday surrounded by her proud children Gary and Dianne and most of her extended family and friends. Dulcie looked radiant and welcomed her guests with a big smile. People came from Melbourne, Canberra, Kiama to congratulate Dulcie on this wonderful achievement.

Born on the 30 August 1924 at Walla into a world a lot different than now.

The first 9 years of her life was spent in a humble pise (mud lined) house in Burrumbuttock, before her father build a new house in 1933. Times were tough in the depression and along came the second world war. Twenty-eight men enlisted from Burrumbuttock area including her future husband, Gordon Schmidt. Fortunately, all of these men returned.

During that time, the Government imposed a news blackout which explained why the town was afraid that the Japanese would bomb Burrumbuttock. To be ready for attack the town held air raid drills on the football oval.

Dulcie learnt to drive well before she was old enough to get a licence. This was because most of the men had gone to fight in the war and there was a shortage of drivers. This did not go unnoticed by the Brocklesby Policeman and when Dulcie went to get her licence, he said 'I know you can bloody drive, I have seen you'.

Dulcie married Gordon Schmidt in 1943 and settled down in a new house in main street of Burrumbuttock in the 1950's. In those days, entertainment was chiefly going around the district to balls, dances and gymkhanas. At one Gymkhana Dulcie and a friend provided immense entertainment entering a horse and sulky event. Their horse bolted and the friend was catapulted from the sulky and Dulcie was left lying in it trying to grab the trailing reins until the horse was caught and subdued.

Family get togethers were especially important. There was no TV until 1956. Cont'd



Gordan and Dulcie's Wedding



Dulcie and Gordan 2005



Dulcie pictured with her son Gary Schmidt and daughter Dianne Andrew

Dulcie Schmidt's 100th Birthday cont'd

Dulcie community involvement is 'legendary'. She was awarded an OAM for her voluntary work with Red Cross, CWA, Hall Auxillary, St Pauls College, the Church, just to name a few.

Darryl Jacob, reflected on living next door to Dulcie and Gordon. There are a few important things they taught me and my brother and sister. Respect for other people, discipline and the value of community and hard work. Letting us sit in their giant Loquat tree and eat till we were bursting (no fruit fly). Also, roaring around the sheds in our Go-Cart and kicking up clouds of dust until the washing on the line was brown. Enjoying Bonfire night with lots of skyrockets and Christmas which involved a big extended family celebration.

Dulcie and Gordon left Burrumbuttock in 2009 and settled at Kensington Gardens Village in Thurgoona. They were not there very long when Gordon passed away the same year.

Dulcie continues to live independently at Kensington Gardens and delights in seeing her children Gary Schmidt and Dianne Andrews along with her grandchildren and great grandchildren. She likes to have visitors



Proudly showing off her card from the King and Queen of England. It reads:

*Dear Mrs Dulcie Schmidt. My wife and I are so please to know that you are celebrating you one hundredth birthday on 30th August 2024. This brings our warmest congratulations and heartfelt good wish on such a special occasion.
Signed Charles and Camilla*



Cutting the Cake at the 100 year celebration of the Hall in 2014. L to R Dulcie, Caryll Eastick, Myrna Frohling, Dianne Wegener, Lorraine Lindner and Rhonda Burns



Darryl Jacob, Dulcie and Trevor Jacob



Enjoying a party with her sister-in-law Eleanor Haberman

Farmers Inn's rebirth is at hand

If the answer to success is experience, enthusiasm, vision, and investment, then the new owners of the Farmers Inn are bound to provide Burrumbuttock people with a service that has long been missing.

Jason Hounsell and partner April Hill took possession of the pub in May and ever since have been working to renovate the structure and upgrade the equipment and facilities to deliver the best service they can.

It was an accident really that they bought the hotel, since they'd only been driving past one day when they noticed the For Sale sign leaning against a tree. At the time they were on the lookout for a home and the sign piqued their interest. But it took six months before they decided to commit themselves to the project.

This was after Jase and April had begun an around Australia trip which was brought to a halt with the outbreak of Covid.

For Jase it was the beginning of another chapter in his life which started in his home town of Tumut where he became a green keeper on golf courses. But it was not to last, as at the age of 22 he was struck by skin cancer, an ailment which has returned 16 times.

It brought about a major change in his lifestyle in as much as he needed to find employment out of the sun.

Selling coffee from a little pop-top trailer he built himself, was his introduction to the catering business. It proved very successful and was followed by acquisitions of a drive through coffee operation, the Electra Café restaurant, and a coffee shop in the aerodrome industrial estate. Later he opened the Mugachino drive through coffee shop in Wagga Road.

Then for three years, he sold coffee at the corner of Urana and Walla Roads, from an all aluminium van he imported from the U.K.

For April, a former Wangaratta girl, catering was a new experience that began in the 'junction road' coffee van.

April said they had taken on the hotel understanding it would be a long term commitment and that rebuilding its reputation would take time. There's been a few skeptics who doubt we can do it but they're giving it 15 years at least.

And while the initial work required had been more than they'd first expected, the response from the community had been overwhelming and far greater than expected. "We have regulars for meals and others tell us it's the first time they've been in the pub for years," she said.

It's smoked meat, which ever you want, on Saturdays

It seems food and cooking are at the heart of Jase's motivation and the beneficiaries of his talents are the Farmers Inn's customers.

As well as the regular menu he's having Saturday smoked meat barbecues and Wednesday nights its brisket burgers.

Thursday to Sundays there'll be lunches and meals from the main menu.

In meantime anyone wishing to try some new garnishes to enhance their home cooking, Jase has a range available by the jar. They include meat rubs, relish, pepper jelly, barbecue sauce, and pickles.

They are all his recipes and cooking.

Picture: Jase giving his monster barbecue a test run, before launching his Saturday smoke meats menu.



The upgrade is extensive

Jase and April have left nothing to chance in upgrading the hotel's equipment and improving the amenity and ambiance.

The work began with stripping out most of the old equipment, including the kitchen, all the beer lines and associated fittings, and the toilets. The new kitchen is now has all stainless steel walls and up-to-date as is possible, and the beer tastes better.

The bar has been renovated and most of the surfaces have been repainted, but there is still a few to go.

April said one of the hardest surprises has been rejuvenating the outside and garden areas.

The back verandah and yard have become the barbecued smoked meat venue, while at the front the beginnings of a beer garden are in place. In due course, it will be roofed, ready for summer.



Chef Mark Wilde has been in the cooking profession ever since he was a boy, the side-effect of his parents being in the catering business, in Cobram. Every day before school it was his job to help with the breadmaking, so when it came time to move into the adult working world, cheffing was a natural progression.

He has worked at the Tocumwal Golf Club and Brown Brothers at Milawa, before moving higher up the Murray River and was the chef at Bowna's Great Aussie Holiday Park, for nine years.

From the editor:

The arrival of Jason and April in Burrumbuttock and their commitment to reviving the Farmers Inn Hotel has been a gratifying surprise.

For a number of years it seemed our pub was sliding down the same path of so many other small country pubs, and that was to extinction.

It was on the market for years without finding a buyer and reached the point where the selling agent advertised it as a five-bedroom residence. Still, no one was interested.

For Jase and April it must be a gamble, but if anyone can turn it around around they appear to have the nous and promise to succeed.

We wish them all the best.

Open Hours:

Monday, Tuesday - closed

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday:
4 pm - close

Saturday, Sunday:
11am- close.

Wednesdays - smoked brisket
and pulled pork rolls.

Saturday and Sunday lunch -
smoked barbecue meats

Sunday - normal menu.



April and Sophie O'Connor are on the front line in the bar, and it seems Sophie will have no trouble seeing customers at the back

Full menu next page

The Farmers Inn Menu:



STARTERS

- Bowl of chips** \$7.50
- Sourdough garlic bread** \$8.50
- Bowl of wedges** \$12
Served with sour cream & sweet chilli sauce.
- Nachos** \$15

BURRUM BUDDIES

All kids meals come with a fruit drink (apple or apple & blackcurrant)

- Nuggets & chips** \$12
- Cheeseburger & chips** \$12
- Fish & chips** \$12
- Spaghetti Bolognese** \$12

- Ice Cream** \$3.50
2 Scoops with a choice of Chocolate or Strawberry Topping & Sprinkles

MAINS

- Porterhouse Steak 300gms** \$30
GF. Served with Veg & Chips or Salad & Chips
- Scotch Fillet 400gms** \$38
GF. Served with Veg & Chips or Salad & Chips
- Bangers & Mash** \$20
GF. Served with green beans
- Chicken Schnitzel** \$20
Served with Veg & Chips or Salad & Chips
- Chicken Parmi** \$25
Served with Veg & Chips or Salad & Chips
- Pulled Pork Chicken Parmi** \$28
Served with Veg & Chips or Salad & Chips
- Lasagne** \$20
Served with Chips & Salad
- Beer Battered Flathead Tails** \$25
Served with Chips & Salad
- Steak Sandwich** \$22
Bacon, Beetroot, Tomato & Lettuce Served with Chips
- The Burrum Burger** \$20
Beef Patty, Bacon, Cheddar Cheese, Tomato, Beetroot, Lettuce & Homemade Zucchini Pickles. Served with Chips.

SALADS

- Warm Beef Salad** \$22
GF.
- Garden Salad** \$12
GF. V.

SAUCES

- Mushroom, Diane, Pepper, Berrnaise, Garlic Butter, Gravy** \$2
- Gravy (GF)** \$3
GF. Tomato, Sweet Chilli, Mayo & Hot Sauce
- Complementary**

DESSERTS

- Chocolate Brownie** \$12
All Desserts are served with Ice Cream and Cream.
- Strawberry Cheesecake Tart** \$12



Also:

The wine list includes: 3 - Sparkling wines, 6 White Wines, 1 Rosé, and 7 Red Wines
Most are Rutherglen and King Valley wines with two from Swan Hill and one Kiwi



BURRUMBUTTOCK PUBLIC SCHOOL

Personal Best for All

Our Father's Day Celebration was a huge success!

With dads, granddads and mums joining us for a round of tennis.

Everyone enjoyed a nice sausage in bread after with our special guests. Thankyou to Mrs Hill for her organisation of the barbeque and Mrs Kosi for her organisation with the tennis club.

Father's Day Celebration



Bernie O'Connor Carnival

Students displayed great sportsmanship while trying their personal best. They participated in both football and netball.



Healthy Harold – Life Education Visit

The Healthy Harold program covers topics including; drugs and alcohol, personal safety, cybersafety, food and nutrition, physical activity, social and emotional wellbeing and the human body. By working together with school communities, they are able to identify areas of greatest need and choose program content tailored to each school and stage group.



Todd Woodbridge Cup

On the 15th of August Week 4, we joined with Walbundrie Public School and Rand Public School for the Todd Woodbridge Cup. We had a great time playing tennis against other schools. We won all of our games, making it a great day. We were the overall winners on the day.

Flyaway Gymnastics

All students attended Flyaway Gymnastics in Albury every Monday from Week 6 to Week 9. Students had fun learning how to balance, do handstands and cartwheels and hang upside down. They also have developed further confidence, strength, balance and coordination.



This year's Book Week theme was 'Reading is Magic'. **Book Week Celebration**

**‘Burrumbuttock: From Then to Now’
150th
Celebrations
2025
Saturday 4th &
Sunday 5th
October 2025
ie. Labour Day
long weekend**



A meeting was held on 18th September to coordinate this exciting event for next year. Thanks to Louise Habermann for designing a great logo.

Here is the proposed Program thus far:

- Saturday 10am – Street Parade starting at Blair’s finishing at Recreation Ground, vintage machinery displays at rec ground all day
- Saturday noon – Official welcome, speeches

- Lunch – food stalls and community groups catering
- 2pm – Old fashioned games at Recreation Ground
- 3pm – Vintage fashion Parade at Public Hall
- 6pm – Dinner available at Recreation Ground—community groups catering
- 7 – 9pm – Bush dance on Recreation Ground
- Sunday 10am – Ecumenical Church Service at Lutheran Church, followed by morning tea
- Memorabilia displays at Public School, Hall and Wirraminna both days

Sub-committees are working on the various activities planned. Fund-raising will also be needed.

Our next coordination meeting will be held on **Monday 11th Nov at 7.30pm at the Public Hall.**

We are always looking for people for the sub-committees including the historical committee, so feel free to contact any committee member.

150 th Coordinating committee – Fe Coleman, Marion Vile, Ash Lindner, and leaders of sub-committees

At Preschool:

We have been learning about How to Keep Our Bodies Healthy including Eating lots of Everyday foods Discussing what ways we can exercise our bodies to

keep them Healthy. Please see a copy of one of our discussions held recently with the group.

We have also been working hard on our Walbundrie Show Art. Our Wooden Rooster is just amazing so look out for him.

Thursday, 19th September 2024

① We talked about the Difference between Sometimes and Everyday Foods at Group time. Then we sorted out 2 pictures each into an Everyday and a Sometimes Foods Posters

② Outside the Children engaged in lots of different forms of physical movement and exercise. This led to Fleur having a group discussion about how we make and keep our bodies Healthy, and our favourite exercise.

Being Healthy Learning Together

Types of Exercise	Favourite Exercises
Push Ups (Patrick)	(Saige) Horse Riding
Weights (Dominic)	Swimming (Audrey/Mia)
Running (Will)	Jumping (Lucy/Mack)
Swimming (Jack)	Running (Isla/Logan)
Bike Riding (Levi)	Push Ups (Dominic)
Jumping (Elijah/Mack)	Skipping (Jack)
Gymnastics (Mia)	Football (Levi/Will)
	Play in the Park in Walls
	Boxing (Patrick)

How We Keep Healthy

- Exercise (Dominic)
- Sleeping (Mia)
- Eating - Fruit
Sandwiches
Vegetables
Salad
- Drinking Water (Levi)

Learning + Development	Planning Possibilities
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • learning / sharing how to keep our bodies healthy (LO3, 2, 3, 3) • exploring how our bodies move (LO3, 3) • group discussions (LO1, 5, 1) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • share knowledge by communicating our knowledge of Everyday and Sometimes Foods via Walbundrie Show Art Display

Wattle Day another success with good visitor numbers

More than 150 visitors enjoyed a beautiful spring day at Wirraminna on Wattle Day which this year did actually occur on September the 1st . With help from the Petaurus Education Group, a number of activities were provided for young and old, including face painting and other children's ns activates, a drone demonstration, painting

with David Dunn, a bird stroll with Dave Watson, and a barbecue lunch.

Stalls featured the work of groups who work out of Wirraminna, included West Hume Landcare, with a free plant give away, the Squirrel Glider LAMP project, a display of native flowers by the Albury-Wodonga Native plant Society and labelled example of some of the many wattles that were in flower on that weekend in Wirraminna.

There are so many species of wattles that make good garden plants. As well as their period of spring glory, they may be attractive all year round and are habitat to many small birds.

There are many species that flower during other seasons. Wattles are a very important part of our natural woodland habit, and ten species used to occur in our local woodlands. They are a very important part of the habitat diversity that we are trying to restore in Wirraminna and in the Burrumbuttock woodland.

Wirraminna, with West Hume Landcare, has been the centre of a successful new approach to threatened species management in NSW. The Local Area Management Plan or LAMP, was developed by Matt Cameron, of the Threatened Species Unit, as a way of securing a long term future for Squirrel Gliders in the Burrumbuttock area.



Kevin and Anita Becker preparing the barbecue



The drone demonstration was a popular event

The Plan depends on the involvement of local landholders in marinating a habitat for the gliders into the future, and had the goal of doubling the present population by protecting, connecting, improving and expending habitats on their properties.

After ten years of the Plan, managed by Lou Bull and funded by the Environmental Trust, our LAMP us considered a great success, and is acting as a model for several other groups in NSW who are working to protect their own local threatened species.

A summary of the achievements of the LAMP project is summarized in the Report Card in this Bulletin.



Thanks Paula Sheehan for he pics

Burrumbuttock Preschool

Enrolments for 2025
are currently being taken.
Please ring the Preschool on
mobile 0480186371 to
arrange a time to come and
see us and collect Enrolment
Information.

You're invited

Burrumbuttock Community Forum MEETING

Last meeting for the year!

Monday 28th October
7.30 pm

Burrumbuttock Public Hall

Come along, talk with our councillors
Have your say!

burrumforum@gmail.com

An Australian Government
initiative that invests in
telecommunications
infrastructure to improve
mobile coverage and
competition.

Mobile Black Spot Program COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

To date, around 1,400 mobile phone towers (base stations) have been funded for delivery under the program, including the base station in in your area.

We are keen to find out from you about:

Any changes you have experienced since the mobile phone tower (mobile black spot base station) commenced operating in your area, for example:

- Use of mobile services. What services do you use, and for what purposes?
- Coverage, reliability, and quality of mobile services.
- Range of choices of telecommunications services.
- Any social, economic and/or safety impacts.
- Your thoughts on the mobile service in your area. What is working and not working? Your thoughts on what could be improved?

Please complete our
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Looking at the current crop conditions, Nutrien Ag Solutions agronomist Bob Ronald gives an overview of the situation



Frost & Drought – September 2024

We were all dreading the frost predicted for last Monday. Unfortunately, the forecast was right.

By Wednesday I was finding some locations with severe frost damage. When crops are under severe moisture stress they are far more susceptible to frost damage and these frost losses can occur when temperatures don't even hit 0. Temperatures under +2 degrees can cause seeds to be frosted.

In agriculture small differences can make the difference between making grain and not. This is so true at the moment. Areas now showing big frost losses received only 1-2mm when others had 8-20mm in the same rain event. In the areas with >8mm I am not finding any frost damage (24/9).

Frost vs drought vs both frost & drought

Before declaring a loss to frost make sure you are completely sure what you are seeing is frost damage, not drought. It can be both as well.

I can't emphasise enough how important it is to be very thorough when doing your assessments. So please take the time to consider these things when looking at your crops for frost damage.

Canola

Frost damage in canola is quite easy to see when you peel open the pods. Instead of green seed there will be brown dots.

Do not assume frost if you peel open pods and see seed that is light green and translucent. These in many cases will just be very young seeds and if you eat them they are sweet. If in doubt, wait a week and recheck. If they are firming up and next time you taste them they start getting bitter they are very healthy and not frosted.

Wheat and barley

Many dryland crops currently have droughted heads –

that is they have empty positions at the top half of the head then there may be some viable grains in the bottom half of the head. In barley if you look at the heads with the sun in the background you can see where the seed is and the empty sites are.

In both wheat and barley if you walk into the crop and see flowers falling out of the heads this is a good sign as it means the crop has actively flowered since the frosts. If you walk into a crop and you have heads out but can't see any flowers being shed then look in some grain sites. In the lower half of the head open a kernel and you should see two anthers and, if healthy and not yet flowered, what looks like a white fern leaf; below this is where the grain will begin.

In a very recently frosted crop, the fern leaf or where the grain should be will appear brown. Anthers may also appear distorted. If you find this then look at the crop in different parts of the paddock and different parts of the plant; ie mainstem vs later tillers.

In wheat and barley if there is frost damage you will have time to re-check. In cereals, if they have lost all grain to frost they will stay green for longer than if they had full heads of seed. For many of these crops the last resort/cost recovery is cutting the crop for hay. However, cutting hay comes at a cost. Therefore, before committing to knocking over the lot for hay check the low spots and high spots in your paddocks. Topography makes a difference.

Withholding Periods

Double check your withholding periods if you are going to cut for hay. You may have applied late herbicides, insecticides and/or fungicides and these all have a grazing/fodder withholding period.

Estimating fodder yield

If you have found areas that are frosted completely and the only option for frost recovery is hay, then make some cuts and work out an approximate yield. Make sure you cut at the height you will cut the hay and account for some loss.

Use any method you choose to cut at least 3 x 1m² of material, weigh it and then assume it will be 80% moisture. Average the lot to give a total weight kg/m² then multiply by 10 to get tonnes/ha. For most dryland crops I am seeing it is going to range from less than 1t/ha for late sown crops where heads are yet to emerge to >3t/ha for cereals with heads out.

These are super tough decisions needing to be made. Lots of paddock checks will make you know that the decision you have made was the right one for you. That is all that counts.

All the best. Bob Ronald

PUBLIC HALL AGM REPORT

At our recent AGM the following office bearers and committee members for 2024- 2025 were re-elected

- President: Jeff Litchfield
- Vice President: Barry Mott
- Secretary: Marion Vile
- Treasurer: Fe Coleman
- Committee Members: Rhonda Burns, Rhonda Piper-Litchfield, Min Hamdorf, Sadie Krzywnicki, and Fleur Hall.

Our President thanked the committee for their service over the past year. There have been a few more functions this year so the Public Hall has an increasing reputation as an excellent venue.

The Anzac Day ceremony and lunch for pipe band went well. Camping is going well with great reviews by campers. The book exchange at the back of the Hall – open to the general public - is also going well.

The following fees and charges were agreed upon for 2024-2025:

Entire Hall – daily rate	\$150.00 + GST
Kitchen only	\$60.00 + GST
Supper Room & Kitchen	\$75.00 + GST
Supper Room meeting	\$35.00 + GST
Meeting Room	\$15.00 + GST
Tables (per table)	\$5.50
Chairs (per chair)	\$1.10
BBQ	\$33 (with one gas bottle inc.)
PA system	\$100 refundable bond only
Glasses	\$10 per box of dozen

A refundable bond of \$500 is requested of all hall hirers. like a wedding reception!



The hall at its best for a recent wedding reception

Please contact Fe Coleman mb. 0408 263305 for hire of the Hall facilities and furniture. It is a great place to hold a special function for a family member or an event

Burrumbuttock Flower Show

Working Bee

Sunday 20th October

2pm at Burrumbuttock Public Hall

- Helpers Needed -

Tasks to do:

- Relocate chairs out of front staging room until day of show.
- Main room – set up trestles, hanging basket stand, put out dividers and card holders on all display tables
- Supper Room – photography boards up on inner wall, tables around windows for cooking, netting on wall to hang children’s artwork.
- Back room – chainmesh stands at back of tables and centre trestles,
- Front storage room – convert to staging area - large table for staging flowers – resting on what? for greater height if possible
- Back storage room - check existing signage in eg. Parking, etc.
- Outside area:
- Work out area for bunting to mark off Vintage machinery display,
- Market Stalls area to be finalise.

If you are available to help out:-

Please Call Janice Whitty 0403 759 396



APRIL 2024

Squirrel Glider LAMP

LOCAL AREA MANAGEMENT PLAN

10-YEAR REPORT CARD

GOAL:

Secure a robust population of Squirrel Gliders in the Burrumbuttock local area.

TARGET:

Provision of sufficient connected habitat to support at least 1,000 Squirrel Gliders.

57,000

TREES & SHRUBS PLANTED



154

NEST BOXES INSTALLED & MONITORED



835

LARGE TREE GUARDS INSTALLED



65

KM OF FENCING INSTALLED



62

LANDHOLDERS WITH SITES ON THEIR PROPERTIES

393-ha INCREASE IN AREA OF HABITAT

FRAGMENTED HABITAT PATCHES WERE **REDUCED**
(FROM 115 TO 67 PATCHES)

AND AVERAGE SIZE OF HABITAT PATCHES **INCREASED**
(FROM 40 TO 75 HECTARES)



EFFORTS PROJECTED TO LIFT SQUIRREL GLIDER NUMBERS BY

>50%

(FROM 819 TO 1294 INDIVIDUALS)



www.wirraminna.org.au/squirrel-glider-lamp

Much has changed in thirty-five years

By Colin Wiltshire

It's almost 35 years since we became Burrumbuttock residents and in that time I've witnessed a significant change in the eco-system, some of it for the better but most of it for the worse.

While we've modified our environment somewhat with the eradication of blanketing Pattison Curse, and Cape weed, diverted the dam outflow, and filled some low spots, it's doubtful these improvements can fully account for the habitat changes

It has been a litany of bird and insect disappearances to be replaced mostly, but not entirely, by a string of pests.

The first disappearance was of Christmas beetles, a regular summer infestation for several years, then no more. And they were usually accompanied by a smaller black beetle, which went missing too, along with an occasional plague of mites, which swarmed through the flywire to mill around the light.



Bogong moths regularly emerged from the ground after heavy spring rain showers, but

they have failed to appear for at least 20 years. And I can't remember the last time I saw a praying mantis.

The bird life has seen comings and goings, with more disappearances than arrivals, while others are in fewer numbers.

Each spring three of four pairs of Dollarbirds or Broad-billed Rollers used to arrive from New Guinea and loudly hunt airborne insects, but I've not seen any the last few years. Two years ago I heard one, but did not see it.

Another airborne feeder, the Dusky Wood Swallow is still about, but not in the numbers they once were. The evening sky used to fill with 40/50 at a time, but now half a dozen is the norm.

Blue-Faced Honeyeaters used to be a dim-a-dozen, but now they're as scarce as hen's teeth.

Spotted Pardalotes are still about apparently but while we had them nesting here for some years, they departed long ago.

Thirty years ago wood ducks or maned geese threw their chicks from tree hollows and brought them to our dam in groups as large as 12/13 (which attracted crows), but over the years their frequency and numbers have declined with fewer arriving while a large group of ducklings is now only

half a dozen.

Two pairs of peewees, or mudlarks, were residents for many years, then they were gone. A brown goshawk may have something to answer for in this case, but the peewees have never been replaced.

Though their disappearance had an up side, as their habit of endlessly attacking their reflection in a window or the side mirror of the car was annoying

However, there have been several pleasant arrivals, the most spectacular of which has been the vividly coloured King Parrots.



King Parrots are not shy, in fact this one's curiosity enticed it to perch by the veranda for a photo

The big change continued:

It's hard to know how many are here but we've seen six at once, suggesting their population has stabilised hereabouts.

Just where they roost and feed is a mystery but in the mornings they fly south-west and in the evenings they fly return.

Another pleasing arrival some years ago were Blue Wrens, but they amount to about the limit of the good news.

However, sometime ago probably more than ten years ago, a quite rare bird arrived in town, in the form of the Red Whiskered Bulbul, and while it was difficult to estimate how many, half a dozen pairs was my guess.



The Red Whisked Bulbul came but did not stay long

They arrived in Sydney from South East Asia in 1880, and ten years later were introduced to Melbourne, and since then have been released in a few other spots along the east coast but they never proliferated, and now after almost 150 years are pretty much confined to the Sydney basin.

How they found their way to Burrumbuttock is a mystery which only nature can explain

Despite their lack of impact on

the environment, they are listed by the Western Australian Department of Primary Industries as a pest, although there seems to be no evidence of them ever inhabiting the state.

And it seems some people believed they should be eradicated from Burrum.

After two or three years they were gone, which was unfortunate, for as far as I was concerned they were great at ridding caterpillars from our grape vines, but more unfortunately their permanence could possibly have been an asset for our village.

I came to this conclusion after striking up a conversation with a camera carrying visitor in Wirraminna.

He was an occasional twitcher who was amazed to have found Bulbuls here, and was sure that if the broader twitcher community became aware of this, they would begin arriving with their binoculars and cameras.

Who knows, with the already numerous variety of bird life in the area, including the Walla swamp, the Bulbuls may have been the spur for us becoming a twitcher mecca. But it was not to be.

Years ago when there were kids to feed I had a sizeable vegetable garden and one of the most successful crops was potatoes.

Two years ago I planted them again, but this time the results were very different.

The first crop suffered a fifty percent loss to curl grubs, the lava of scarab beetles, and last year the loss was closer to 80 percent.

This year I'm going to plant them in drums.

Now they are attacking the Dahlia tubers.

Fruit trees have become more trouble than they're worth. Fresh off the tree apricots and apples used to be a highlight of the season, that was until fruitfly and codling moth found them.

Efforts to control the flies with baits and sprays have proved marginally satisfactory, and so far the failure to treat for the moths has only allowed the problem to escalate

Then there was what we used to call sourgrass, proper name *Oxalis pes-caprae*, which arrived out of the blue threatening to be as big a nuisance as cape weed had been.

It found its way everywhere, even into the hanging baskets. Fortunately it was not too stubborn and where practical roundup fixed it, for good. But it persists where this is not an option.

Then when things couldn't get any worse hairy panic turned up.

Finally and just recently, European wasps have arrived with a colony being well established before they were discovered.

They burrowed a hive (hole) into the dam bank and infested the neighbouring Spotted Gums

Thankfully Bunnings had the answer with a pressure spray pack which I emptied down their burrow after dark.

It did the trick but since then there's been the odd wasp about whose residential address remains undiscovered.

Somehow I was bitten on the thumb by one and the discomfort lasted roughly 24 hours, compared to a paper wasp's sting which lasts ten minutes.

The last brown snake sighting was nearly five years ago, which is not a bad thing I suppose but probably not for the snakes.

List of Committees and Contacts

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Fire Emergency - 000

Fire Communications Officer, Rhonda Litchfield, 6029 3227
 Jeff Litchfield 0438 293 227

Council

Roads, Storms & Drainage 0419 405 768
 Water & Sewerage 0408 691 637
 Ranger/Impounding Officer 0427 556 659

BURRUMBUTTOCK TENNIS CLUB

Dear Readers

Its bit of the Calm before the Storm at the club at the moment with the final touches to teams before the Summer Tennis starts October 12.

The Club is conducting a Junior Coaching Classes starting September 26 and running through 4th School Term for Bookings contact Brad 0428293229

Club Member 13 yo Jack Golin had a remarkable feat at the recent Henty Field Days winning the Monkey Bar competition hanging on for 6 minutes and 25 seconds to defeat 550 contestants to collect the \$250 prize.

By next months edition we will be 3 weeks into the season and plenty to write about .

Until Then Stay Safe

Regards Maurice Tynan

President Burrumbuttock Tennis Club

OPENING HOURS

Burrumbuttock Transfer Station

1st Sunday of the month 2.00pm to 4pm

3rd Sunday of month 10.00am to 12noon

Shop, Post Office Phone Norm or Janice—6029 3240

Monday to Thursday 8am-5pm

Friday 8am-8pm

Saturday Closed until further notice

Farmers Inn Hotel

Close Monday and Tuesday until further notice, while upgrade work continues.

Brock-Burrum Netball

Club

Annual General Meeting,

Monday 21st October

7.30pm at Burrumbuttock Hall.



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