

# THE BUNGONIA TIMES

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## GARDENING IN MARCH

PLANT: alyssum, pansies, violas, stocks, poppies, calendulas, carnations, polyanthus, dianthus, larkspurs, snapdragons, statice and verbena seedlings. Treat roses for aphids and other bugs, and for the fungi associated with this humid weather. Also plant cauliflowers, cabbages, brussel sprouts, lettuce, white onions and parsnips.

## DATES TO KEEP IN MIND

- March
- 2: CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA
  - 7: Bushfire meeting 7.30pm
  - 8: International Women's Day, Bushfire Training and Maintenance
  - 10: Progress meeting 7.30pm
  - 12: Community bus
  - 13: CWA meeting 10am
  - 14: Bushfire Basic Training
  - 15: Windellama Fire Auction
  - 17: St. Patrick's Day, Canberra Day
  - 19: 6pm deadline for contributions to April "Bungonia Times"
  - 21: Easter Show till April 5, Bushfire Basic Training
  - 22: Bushfire Maintenance - P. Denny, Bert Latham, Brian Latham, P. Davey
  - 26: Community Bus
  - 27: Secretaries' Day, Schools break up till April 7
  - 28: Good Friday
  - 29: MARKET DAY
  - 30: Easter Day



### EASTER EGGS, RABBITS, AND "EASTER BONNETS"

Eggs were a primitive, pre-Christian symbol of fertility, and then, as well, represented the tomb from which Christ rose, so they were coloured, given as gifts and eaten. The Easter Bunny, who "brought" the eggs, was obviously seen also as a symbol of fertility and new life. The practice of new "bonnets" and clothes came from the wearing of white at an Easter baptism. We must remember that in the northern hemisphere Easter came along with Spring which, in itself, symbolises new life everywhere after the desolation of Winter.

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# CHURCH NEWS

## ST.PATRICK'S, MARULAN

Priest: Father Brannelly 21.1022

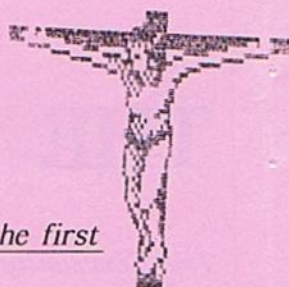
MASS is celebrated each Sunday at 4pm.

GOOD FRIDAY: *Stations of the Cross*: 3pm St.Patrick's, Marulan  
(March 28) 3pm St.Michael's, Bungonia

EASTER SUNDAY: MASS at 4pm, as usual.

The Lenten Programme continues at St.Patrick's on Tuesdays at 10.15am.

On Saturday, March 22, there will be a WEDDING at St.Patrick's, Marulan, the first wedding to be held there for many, many, many years!



ST.PATRICK Patron saint of Ireland. Born in Britain or Roman Gaul (France) about 389 and taken to Ireland by slave traders when aged 14. Minded sheep for 6 years then, after vision telling him to evangelise Ireland, studied, was ordained, and became Bishop of Ireland in 432. Opposed by Druids. United Irish Christians and made many converts from pagans.  
Founded cathedral in Ulster in 444, encouraged scholarship. Wrote "Confession" in 450 - main source of information about him. Died about 461.

ST.BARTHOLOMEW'S, WINDELLAMA. Contact the Rev.Kevin Stone, Christ Church, Addison St, Goulburn, Tel. 21 3631. Communion services 11.30am, 4th Sunday.

## CHRIST CHURCH, BUNGONIA

Enquiries: Peter Denny 44.4324

Dennis Jenkins 44.4241

Minister: Rev.Nick Hearnshaw (home) 21.4976  
(office) 22.1136

Keyboard: Judith Denny, Margaret Symonds

Flute: Bianca Denny

Saxophone: Heath Denny

Guitar: Heath Denny

Percussion: Karina Edwards and all other children

## NEXT FORMAL SERVICE:

March 9th- Holy Communion 5pm

**after AGM 3PM**

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

## GROUP STUDY SESSIONS:

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

## CLEANING AND FLOWER ROSTER:

MARCH: Cherie Jenkins and family



I  
asked  
Jesus:  
"How much do  
You love me?"  
And He answered, "This much."  
Then He stretched  
out  
His  
arms  
and  
died.



## ST.STEPHEN'S UNITING CHURCH, MARULAN

CONTACT: Maureen Eddy 41.1648

A Ladies' Fellowship Meeting is held on the third Monday at 1pm. Contact Jill Farnworth 41.1849.

Kids' Club Friday afternoons 3.30pm

All welcome. Contact Dorothy Weeks 41.1650





# COUNTRY WOMENS' ASSOCIATION

SECRETARY: Ruth Dole 44 7179  
PUBLICITY: Pat Young 44 7178  
NEXT MEETING: March 13th at 10.00 am at the CWA Rooms  
MARCH MOWING AND RAFFLE: M.Larkham  
RAFFLE WINNER: Ruth Travers

After our March meeting, at 11 o'clock, we are having a "Catalogue Only" Tupperware Party. Anyone wanting to join us feel most welcome.

## ABOUT OUR NEWSLETTER

### Our Advertising Charges:

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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, March 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".*

## COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD

### Birthdays in March

4	Lorraine Brooks
8	Ruth Dole
14	Lauren Shinfield
15	Amanda Daly
18	Thomas Shinfield
25	Allan Moran
27	Diana Moran
28	Arthur Davey



28 Ray and Ruth Dole 44th Wedding Anniversary! Congratulations!

A local hostess was so anxious to give her guests pancakes on Shrove Tuesday that she served them a week early! They were scrumptious! Your editor decided to help this hostess by making them for her, again, the next week. Alas! Your editor had better stick to editing. She made the batter on the Sunday, and cooked the pancakes on the Monday. By Pancake Day they would have made good boot soles!

If anyone is interested in seeing Mollie O'Neill's superb slides of wildflowers in the Bungonia State Recreation Area, could you please give Diana Moran a ring on 44 4234. A time (yet to be confirmed) would be Saturday, March 22, at 8.00pm at the School.

COMMUNITY BUS : This runs every second Wednesday.

Next bus dates: March 12th and March 26th

For further information please contact Ruth Travers 44.4290

CONGRATULATIONS to JIM LUCE of COOGEE KELPIE STUD who recently sold two pups to a client in Sweden!

Drip melted wax onto hard-boiled Easter Eggs, let it dry and harden, then drop eggs into boiling water with vegetable dye, then remove the wax to reveal a pretty pattern. Batik eggs?



# BUNGONIA BUSHFIRE BRIGADE

Fire Captain: Charlie Klein 444254

Secretary: Wendy Hensford 445289

Next Meeting: Friday 7th March at 7.30 p.m. Road name changes will be discussed.

Next Activity: Basic Training on Friday nights of 14th and 21st March. Contact R. Brooks on 444216.

Membership fees: \$30 family or \$10 single, payable as from July 1st, 1996. Please post your cheque to:

Bungonia Volunteer Bushfire Brigade

P.O. Box 477

GOULBURN. NSW. 2580

FROM THE END OF SEPTEMBER UNTIL THE END OF MARCH, ALL BURNING-OFF REQUIRES A PERMIT. PLEASE RING CHARLIE KLEIN ON 444254.

## CAPTAIN'S REPORT FOR JANUARY - FEBRUARY 1997

8/1/97. Bungonia Bushfire Brigade assisted with the location of a fire on the western side of Mt. Marulan in Towrang Brigade. Marulan and Towrang Brigade s responded, but by the time they arrived the fire had destroyed a number of caravans. Bungonia provided the Base station for the day.

2/2/97. Bungonia 4/2 and two crew members were called out to a small fire just south west of Mt. Marulan and immediately to the south of Jerrara Creek. The fire was extinguished with the assistance of the landowner. The landowner was given a severe warning and pamphlets will be given out in the area.

8/2/97. Whilst on a fire trail inspection the Brigade was called out to a fire report in a similar area to the above. One vehicle and three crew members were dispatched, but nothing could be found. The report was also checked out from the Bungonia-Goulburn road and again the report proved to be a false alarm.

8/2/97. Nine crew and three vehicles attended a very successful inspection of Mt. Ash and Mootwingee fire trails. Bungonia 3 had fuel problems again, but was still driveable in low range 4WD. The Mulwaree Shire mechanic is going to place an electric fuel pump near the fuel tank to try and rectify the problem.

Many thanks to all the Brigade members who have assisted with call-outs and activities.

Charlie Klein, Fire Captain.

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## BUSHFIRE VEHICLE MAINTENANCE ROSTER

08/03/97 COMBINED WITH TRAINING

22/03/97	P. DENNELLY	444324
	BERT LATHAM	411671
	BRIAN LATHAM	411661
	P. DAVEY	444242

05/04/97 COMBINED WITH TRAINING

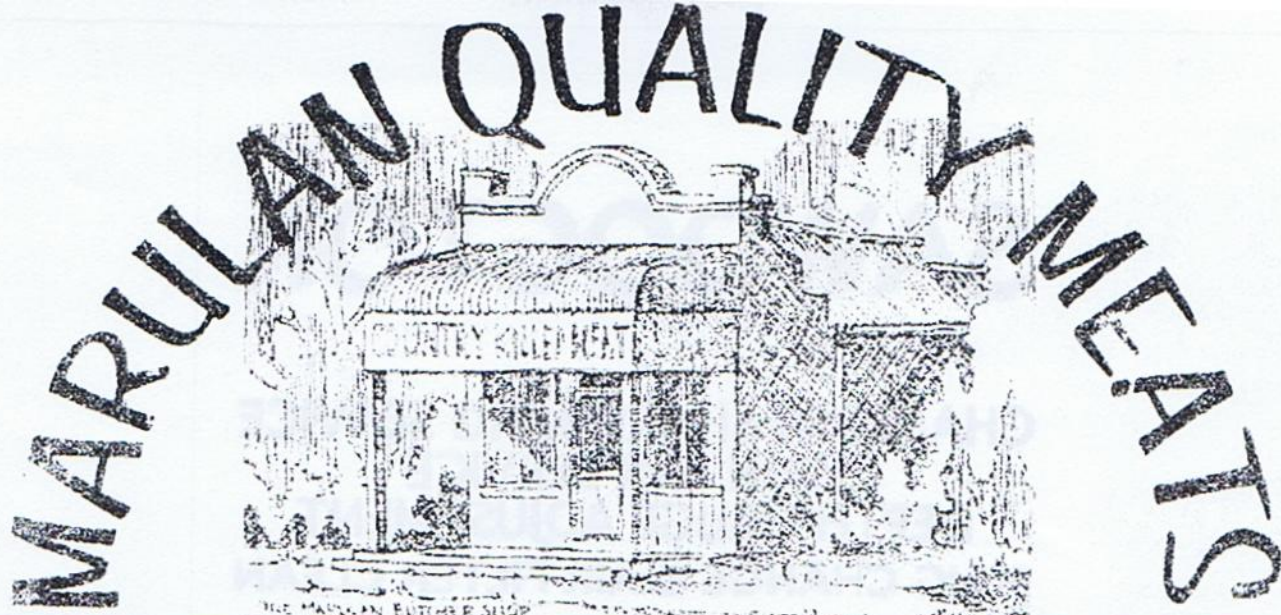
## FIRE BRIGADE WORKING BEE

MARCH 8, 8.30am, AT THE NEW SHED TO  
POUR THE CONCRETE APRON.

Try getting a berry punnet from the supermarket, eat the berries, attach a pipe cleaner for a handle, pad with shredded paper or cellophane "grass", and fill with little Easter Eggs.

Apply dye to hardboiled eggs with an eyedropper. (These ideas from Readers' Digest "Book of Facts")





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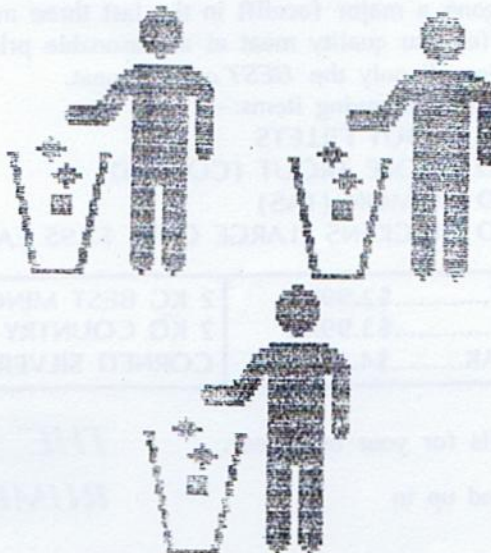
*Jim Luce*  
**Coogee Kelpie Stud**

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Bungonia. 2580

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Mobile 015 482 857



*Clean Up*



*Australia!*



*Sunday*

*March 2*



# BUNGONIA PROGRESS ASSOCIATION

CONTACT: Cherie Jenkins 44.4241

HALL HIRE: Moira McGinity 44.4266

NEXT MEETING: March 10, 7.30pm

AGENDA: Motor Cycle Enduro-Cross Country Development Application 117/967, District Road Names.

MARKET DAY: Saturday, March 29. Stall Bookings Ray Dole 44.7179. Circle the date and make sure you don't miss the great *BARGAINS* eg. crockery, a fry pan, and a Clark laundry tub. Plants that are suitable for our conditions are available from the various stalls and everyone should have lunch at *C.C'S KITCHEN - A HAMBURGER WITH THE LOT*. Ice cream, cakes, soft drinks, tea and coffee will also be available.

RAFFLE: The Progress Association are raffling a One Hour Consultation by Garden Designer, Michael Bligh. Tickets at \$1.00 each are available from Cherie Jenkins 44 4241, Moira McGinity 44 4266, Pauline Dickson 44 4202, Margaret Symonds 44 4282, Ray Dole 44 7179. Tickets will be sold at the Argyle Mall on Thursday, March 13 and Saturday, March 15. Don't miss the chance to win this wonderful prize! Volunteers are wanted to sell tickets on these two days.

CEMETERY: A very successful Working Bee was held on February 15. Most of the main area has been cleared of grass and another couple of hours' work will finish the job, so come along about 10.00am on Saturday, April 12 with mower, brush cutter etc. Thanks to all who attended on the 15th. For all information, contact M.McGinity 44 4266.

A development application has been submitted by Mr.H. and Mrs N. Davidson for the operation of a Motor Cycle Enduro - Cross Country Facility.

The Development Application is on display for comment from February 17th, 1997, to February 28th, 1997 and is available for perusal at

Council Chambers  
28 Montague Street  
Goulburn, 2580.

Written submission and objections to be lodged before 4pm, February 28th, 1997.

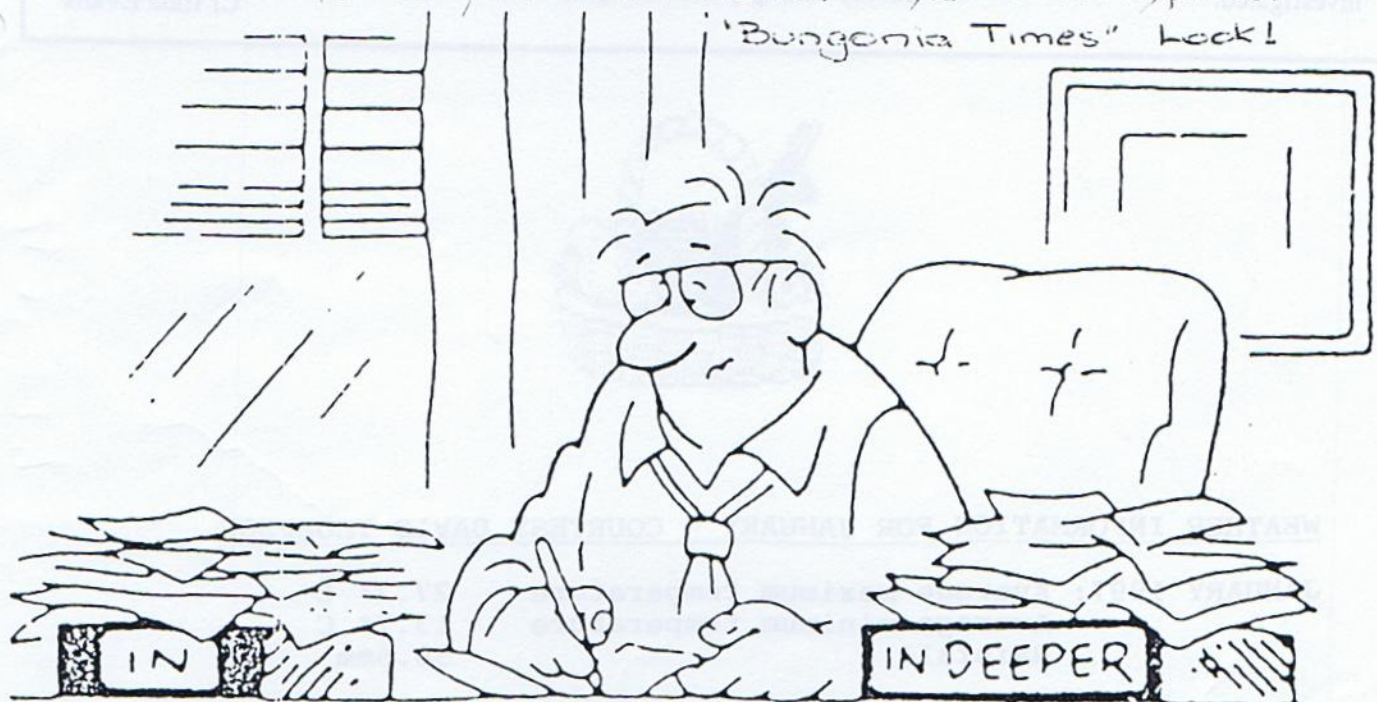
(This information came into our hands February 20th. Ed.)

## **CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA, Sunday, March 2.**

Bags available outside Hall on the day. Return filled bags to Hall for collection. Bottles can be left at the Bottle Dump. The Bungonia - Marulan and Bungonia - Windellama roads are good sourcees of rubbish so let's all get out on Sunday, March 2.

## **SLIP, SLOP, SLAP, STOUT SHOES, GLOVES!**

Around the 20th of each month - This is a typical  
'Bungonia Times' look!



REMEMBER! GET YOUR INFO IN EARLY!



# In Council

## with Inda Evans

### Road Names Meeting

Finding names for all those unnamed roads will be a major item on the agenda at the next Progress Association meeting - Monday 10 March, at 7.30pm in the Community Hall.

Road names will also be on the agenda at the next Bungonia Bush Fire Brigade meeting - check the brigade's info in this issue.

Some of the roads needing names are those leading out of Bungonia to Goulburn, Marulan, Tarago and Windellama. Give some thought also to roads such as The Lookdown Road which appear to be named but which are only names giving the end destination of the road.

If you have an interest in this issue, or suggestions, be there.

### Fires

A spate of fires at Windellama in December and January are being investigated.

It appears some of these may have been the result of burning off over a weekend and the fire then being left unattended.

Please take extra care during the fire danger season and contact the Brigade for a permit if you want to burn off.

### Radios

I was able to obtain six fire ground radios for the Shire from the Fire Control Officer at Wollondilly Shire Council. They are not new but are still very serviceable and were surplus to the needs of up there.

The radios are being kept at headquarters and will be available for use by all brigades should the need arise.

Let's hope the radios are not needed this year and there are no major fires.

### Survey Results

Last year Council carried out a survey asking you to list your order

of priority for work to be undertaken by Council.

The overall results of the survey are listed in the February issue of Council's A Country Lifestyle newsletter.

The results from Bungonia indicated that your priorities are

- extending bitumen sealing of roads,
- gravel resheeting of unsealed roads,
- progressive replacement of older bush fire tankers,
- provision of pipe culverts, and
- bridge replacement and construction.

These are all big budget items and I will try to get as much roadwork as possible in the Bungonia area included in Council's next, and subsequent, budgets.

### Contact your Councillor

If you have any concerns or would like to raise any specific issues, I would be happy to hear from you.

I can best be contacted by phone after 6.00pm weekdays or on weekends on 411 900 or 019 998 235. My fax number is 411 901.

You can also write to me at PO Box 38 Marulan 2579.  
Cr Inda Evans



### WEATHER INFORMATION FOR JANUARY - COURTESY DAVID THOMPSON

JANUARY 1997: Average maximum temperature	27.2° C
Average minimum temperature	13.7° C
Rainfall	50.5mm



MARKET DAY

EASTER

SATURDAY

29th MARCH

Come eat, drink  
and be merry.

All enquiries

Ray Dole : 44.7179









**THE MARULAN COUNTRY FAIR** will be staged on Saturday, April 5, 1997,

There will be quality arts and crafts stalls, local and district fresh farm produce, and home made items such as jams and chutneys. Displays will include vintage cars, wineries, National Parks and Wildlife, spinning and weaving and croquet. Children may visit the animal farm, flying fox, pony, hay and coach rides, face painting, and crafts for pre-schoolers, and a specially organised School Tent.

A highlight will be the Country Music Marathon beginning at 9am with a Talent Quest. Come and hear Jimmy Little, Louise Saint John, Steve Owen, Double Shuffle and the Parmy's Woolshed Band.

Refreshments will be supplied by local service clubs and will range from cold drinks and ice cream to hot food and alcoholic beverages.

There will be ample room for off-street parking.

For further details contact David Chambers, Jenny Cardilini, John Smith, Maureen Eddy, Inda Evans, Alex Reid, Bronwyn Walker or Faith Williams.

The Fair Committee is seeking Sponsorships from interested businesses in return for acknowledgement.

## Promotion

The Marulan Country Fair is being promoted as *A Fair To Remember*.

The organising committee has been able to obtain the volunteer services of a public relations professional to undertake promotion work for the Fair.

Media coverage will take in Sydney, Canberra and Wollongong as well as local media. Television sponsorship is also anticipated.

As the Fair draws nearer, there will be extensive local advertising. A promotional blimp above the village will hover for two weeks prior to the Fair. Flyers, inviting travellers to the Fair, will be printed for distribution, with permission, through outlets such as local service stations and businesses.

Other promotional items will include car stickers, banners and souvenirs. Supply of these will, however, be dependent upon business sponsorship. Sponsored items will acknowledge the sponsor.

An information booklet is currently in preparation for the Fair. This will contain

- a program for the day
- brief historical background of Marulan
- promotional information about the district and its attractions
- potential development opportunities in the area
- advertising opportunities - full, half and quarter page sizes available

Major sponsors of the Fair will also be provided space for advertorial information about their business/product in the booklet.



# LANDCARE

INVERARY CREEK LANDCARE GROUP. FIELD DAY REPORT. SUNDAY 2nd FEB

The Landcare group has set another record, 51 participants attended a field day on Artificial Wetlands. They included visitors from North Belconnen Landcare, Southern Tablelands Farm Forestry Network, Windellama Landcare and the newly formed Gundary Group, as well as local residents, LAWC and our own members.

The whole concept of treating an extensively eroded dry gully with transferred water and wetland species is a first in the area and will be carefully monitored over the next few years. Natural processes of siltation by vegetation replacing man made structures.

The field day took the form of a "farm walk" involving, as well as wetlands, farm forestry, P.radiata trials and direct seeding. This can be used for future visiting groups. Thanks also to Fred Kuhn for a pruning demonstration on P.radiata.

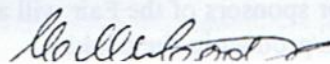
## FUNDING.

Notification has been received for funding of another section of Cowhole Creek from a Rivercare Grant of \$8359. This will form part of the next field day, Sunday 27th April, when Barry McGowan will be our Guest Speaker, on the old gold fields, which have partly contributed to the erosion problem (meet here at "INVERARY" at 10a.m.) In all there will be 5 projects along the Cowhole Creek, some of which should be completed this year. Future funding can be **sort** for problem areas on Washedaway and Bob's Creek. Funding has also been requested for a Native Grass Harvester, developed by the Murrumbidgee Darling Grasslands Group. This was a joint application with Windellama Group. This would enable the harvest of local seeds of Microleana, Danthonia and Kangaroo grass to be collected and used on soil works. Congratulations to the Gundary Group on forming another Landcare body -- we wish them success.

## TREE PLANTING. 1997.

Now is the time you should be preparing for winter and spring 1997. Summer is the ideal time for ripping tree lines when the soil is dry and will shatter. Ripping now ensures a good planting in winter, as the rips can settle and store water. Mounding is now recommended for all tree planting. Liaison with LAWC has resulted in a ripper/moulder to be soon added to their machinery. This will enable ripping and mounding in one operation.

Trial work with different spraying methods over the past 2 years show that a granular overspray with Forest mix is by far the cheapest and most effective -- a formulation for use over Eucalypts will be on the market later this year. Timing is fairly critical and should be completed before hot spring weather puts stress on the trees. You can view these trials at "INVERARY" anytime, just contact me on 444214.







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10-20mm	\$100.00
6-14mm	\$100.00

KEITH QUINN  
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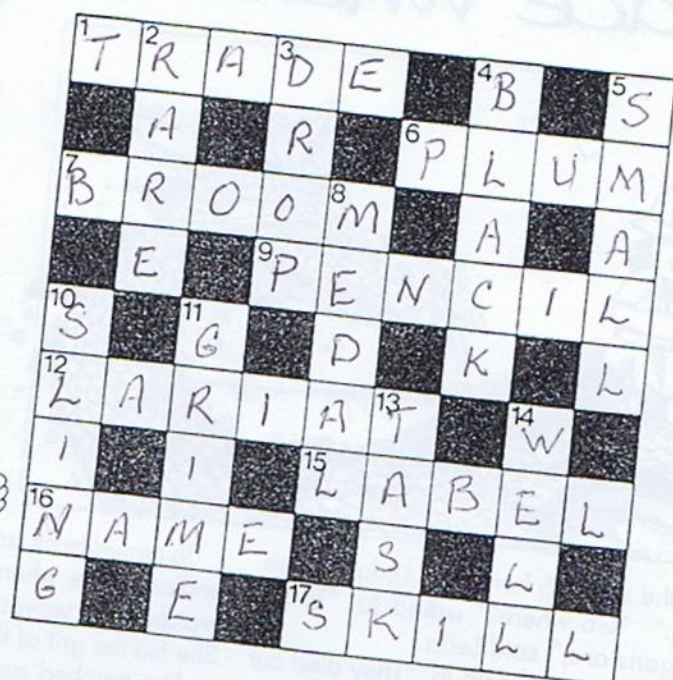
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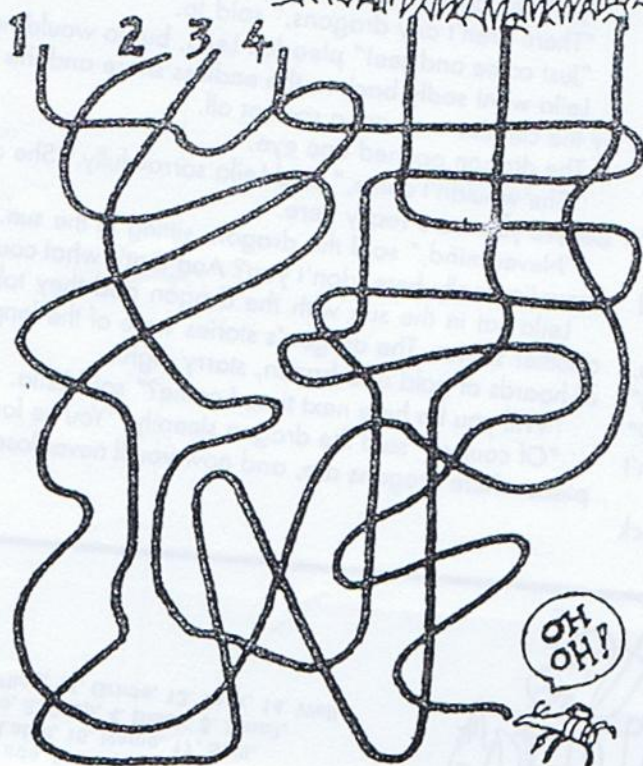
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9. Writing implement (6)
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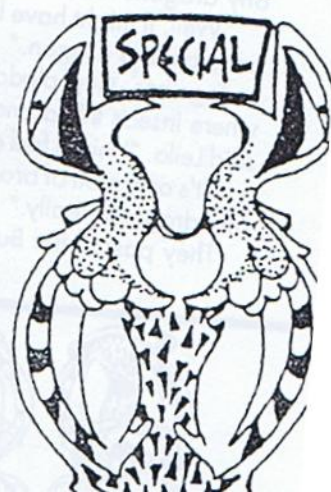
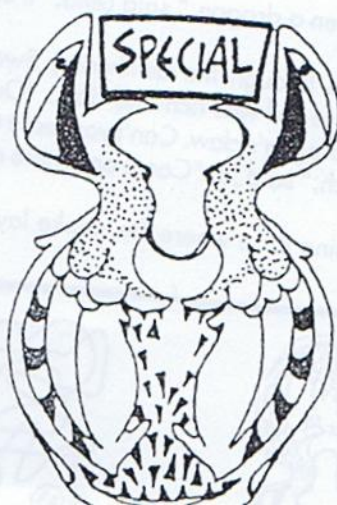


Ah Ha! I see.....  
a little termite down  
there just waiting to  
be eaten. Can you help  
me to it?



## MUM'S PRESSIE!

Mum asked me to buy her a present and I've found these great vases, but I can't choose which one to buy. I think that the one on the left is the original. The other one has mistakes in it. Can you spot them?





# A BEDTIME STORY

Read this heartwarming tale to your little ones and send them to sleep with a smile

## The place where dragons are



and choking. Leila sniffed, and clutched at Jo. "I think I smell a dragon's cave," she said. "I'm sure I smell a dragon's cave. Smoke and fire and hidden gold. Can't you smell it too?"

"No, I can't," said Jo. "There are NO DRAGONS. It's only smoke from a rubbish fire."

"It's way past lunch," said Jo, "and I'm going home!"

"Do what you like," said Leila, "but I'm going on. I'm going to find the place where dragons are."

Drowsing lazily in the sun with her sister, Leila suddenly said, "Let's go." "Go where?" asked Jo. "To the place where dragons are," said Leila.

"There aren't any dragons now," said Jo. "They died out long ago."

"You never know," said Leila. "I think there may be one left. Just one, somewhere under the sun."

"Where?" said Jo.

"I don't know," said Leila. "We'd have to look. Will you come with me?"

"I suppose so," said Jo. "So long as we're home for lunch."

So Jo and Leila put on their explorers' hats and made themselves ready to look for the last dragon under the sun. They crept along by Perilous Pond where the lily leaves lay dark and round in the water. "Hush!" said Leila. "I think I hear a dragon's croak. Can't you hear it too?"

"It's only a frog in the pond," said Jo. "Come on. There aren't any dragons now."

"Well, it might have been a dragon," said Leila. "It could have been a dragon."

They forced their way through the Ferocious Forest, where the dapples came in patches through the trees. "Look!" said Leila. "I think I see a dragon's tail. Can't you see it too?"

"It's only a mossy log," said Jo. "Come on. There aren't any dragons now."

"Well, it might have been a dragon," said Leila. "It could have been a dragon."

Together, they plodded through the Swithering Swamp, where insects trilled and the soil was rich and dark. "Ouch!" said Leila. "I think I feel a dragon's claw. Can't you feel it too?"

"It's only a bit of branch," said Jo. "Come on. There aren't any dragons, really."

They passed the Burning Brae where the smoke lay thick

Jo turned back and Leila went on alone. She came to an endless shore where the waves hissed on the beach. She watched the waves and listened to the crying of the gulls. She felt the grit of the sand and sniffed the salted wind.

She perched on a rock by the cliff. "I must have been dreaming," she said sadly. "I must have made it up. Jo is right. There ARE no dragons now. Perhaps there never were."

"Don't be silly." The rock moved. It stretched a diamond claw and blinked a ruby eye. Scales gleamed like oil on water and a forked tail swished lazily in the sand.

"Oh," said Leila. "Oh! It's a dragon. It IS a dragon! Wait there, please, and don't go away! I want to show my sister."

"Where would I go?" said the dragon, sitting in the sun.

Leila ran all the way home, along the endless shore, past the burning Brae, round the Swithering Swamp, through the Ferocious Forest and along by the Perilous Pond.

"Jo!" she called. "Come quickly! I've found a dragon!"

"There aren't any dragons," said Jo.

"Just come and see!" pleaded Leila, but Jo would not.

Leila went sadly back to the endless shore and the rock by the cliff that was not a rock at all.

The dragon opened one eye.

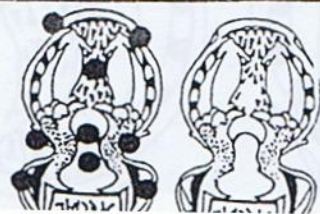
"She wouldn't come," said Leila sorrowfully. "She didn't believe you were really here."

"Never mind," said the dragon, sitting in the sun. "You know I'm really here, don't you? And that's what counts."

Leila sat in the sun with the dragon and they told one another stories. The dragon's stories were of the long ago, of hoards of gold and frozen, starry nights.

"Will you be here next time I come?" said Leila.

"Of course!" said the dragon sleepily. "You've found the place where dragons are, and now you'll never lose it." W



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