



# COASTAL CUSTODIANS

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I was so pleased when Pam consented to an interview for the Coastal Custodian. It is a privilege and an honour to record this brief glimpse of recollections of her life. Many have commented on her commitment to what is right and if you are fortunate enough to be classed as one of her friends, you have a true friend by nature and by deed. Not only is she a respected Knowledge Holder but an Elder in the true sense of the word.

My name is Pamela Flanders and I was born at the Old Bega Hospital on the 11<sup>th</sup> of February of 1944. It was late summer and my parents would have been picking beans for the Calenders.

My mother is Joyce Thomas, her maiden name was Carter. Her Mother was Margaret Haddigaddy and her Father was Charlie Carter, both from Wallaga Lake. Mum had a sister Lorna who was married to Ted (Guboo) Thomas. Grandfather Charlie died in a train accident in Nowra and Grandmother Margaret was later remarried to Dinny Parsons. They had two boys Cedrick and Crongee.

My Father is Arthur Thomas and his Father is William (Bill) Thomas, also from Wallaga Lake. Dads' Mother was Lynno Ahoy and she was Chinese. My Father's oldest brothers were Roy; Ted and William (Jrn), his younger brothers were Cecil and Percy. He also had three sisters, Betrice, Elvie and Eileen (Morgan).

My older sisters are Valerie (Andy) and Harriet (Walker) but we were all raised as one family with Lorna's children to Georgie Moore. They were Neville, Gordon, Vincent, Lloyd and Carl. They took the Thomas name. Between us all there were nineteen children.

After 1944 my parents started to move towards Bodalla, picking beans for "Old Buzza". My Father was ploughing the paddocks and my



**Pam Flanders**

Mother was picking the beans and sewing the bags. After school all us kids picked beans for a bit of money. I remember going to Bermi Picture Theatre to see the movies King Kong and Tarzan.

We grew up travelling from Wallaga Lake to Bega then up to Nerrigundah and Bodalla. I remember Calenders farm at Nelsons Flat near Bega, where Mum was picking peas and beans and Dad ploughing and sewing. Where Dad was working that's where we were. I remember swimming in the Bega River and Mum would let us swim at lunchtime to cool off. After picking beans we would swim again, only this time with soap.

In my life there was only one school and that was at Wallaga Lake. My memories of school are wonderful. We had a lovely teacher. His name was John Mosher. On the weekends Mr Mosher would take us kids camping, not in tents just sleeping on the beach, with blankets under the trees and on the sand. We would play ball games and go fishing and eat lots of fruit. I remember

the little old Black Canvas Hood Car that he would drive us to the beach in. He was very good to us all. I had a beautiful childhood.

After school I worked around Wallaga with the then Managers, Tony & Coral Hendrickson and later I worked at the Narooma Fish Cannery. I lived with the Robinsons, at Fosters Bay in Narooma.

I met my husband to be, Colin Flanders in Narooma. He worked for the cannery at the time. Before that he was a builder's labourer in Sydney.

I married young at 17 and had my first baby Tanya, at 19. I remember my wedding and how Coral fussed over me like a mother hen. Aunty Eileen Morgan made my dress and the bridesmaids, as well. The Best Man was Vincent Flanders and we married at the big old Wallaga hall that has since burnt down. After we married we spent time at Coffs Harbour and raised my 5 children, Tanya, Colleen, Patricia, John (deceased in a train accident at Coffs Harbor at age 33) and Rena. Every year the Mountain would call me home and I would go.

My husband passed away with cancer at Nambucca. At this time when the Mountain called me home I stayed.

I got in with Eddie Foster in 1970, he was in Sydney working with Jacko Walker in the hostels. I moved to Sydney with Eddie and worked in the women's hostels for three years. We moved back to Wallaga, to look after Dad when he got cancer. Before Dad got too sick, we travelled around Australia by bus with a mob from Nowra.

Eddie Foster and I have been together many years now, and during that time I have been very happy. My life is filled with much joy. I have continued to raise my children where I grew up. I was involved in the establishment of Umbarra Cultural Tours. I am a foundation member of Merrimans Local Aboriginal Lands Council. I have assisted in the establishment of our Pre-School at Wallaga. I am proud to belong to the Black Duck Women and the Djuwin Women's Lore Council. I believe these services are

important to our people and we could have better services still, in areas such as Health, Housing and Education.

Wallaga Lake has always been my home and Gulaga Mountain, like Biamanga Mountain belongs to all our people and we belong to them. These places are to be respected and protected not just by our people but by everyone.

I am very proud to be on the Negotiation Panel for the process of the lease negotiations for the handback of Biamanga and Gulaga National Parks. I understand just how important it is for Aboriginal Ownership in these times.

## Pam Flanders

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## Letters to the Editor

Dear Trisha

When I saw Vol. 2 Issue 4 of C.C. in my letter box I knew a good read would be awaiting me. And so it was. Thank you for it.

As ever the issue contained so much of interest, crammed with vitality and energy. Each article had an all-systems-go air about it.

As a Non-Indigenous reader it is hugely interesting for me to learn about the variety of undertakings that so many of you are giving your time to and tackling with such zest. Interesting too to read the Personal Profiles, even though I may know some of them personally there are always background details that add to the picture of the person.

Yes, and the pictures too which allow one to put faces to names. But particularly those of Mary Duroux and Ann Thomas brought back memories of many times we had spent together.

However the sentence that stands out for me from the rest and gives my heart an extra happy beat is what Kerry Boyenga wrote in her letter to the Editor, and I quote, "I think there is value in running similar kinds of camps for Non-Indigenous people along the line of Cultural Awareness Camps."

I for one would always be open to an invitation!

With love, *Shirley Horey that was, now the Nun Ani Choekyi.* 30<sup>th</sup> June 2004

### DISCLAIMER

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## NPWS Far South Coast Advisory Committee

Cultural heritage and natural resource management are the individual fields of expertise Michael Darcy and Frank Slabb are contributing to the new National Parks and Wildlife Service Far South Coast Advisory Committee.

Mick and Frank are among 17 people recently appointed by the Minister for the Environment, Mr Bob Debus, to provide advice to the Region and develop links between the community and the NPWS.

As well as bringing Koori perspectives to the discussion, Mick and Frank have solid local knowledge and experience in committee work and community liaison.

Frank, who was born on the New South Wales north coast, has family ties on the Far South and has settled at Narooma. From May 2000 to December 2003 he was one of two Koori representatives on the South East Catchment Management Board. Along with Ben Cruse from Eden, Frank helped the Board liaise with Aboriginal groups and to generate some opportunities for employment and greater participation in environmental management. Since the Board finished, and pending the setting up of the of the South Rivers Catchment Management Authority earlier this year, Frank has been laying the groundwork for an Aboriginal environmental network to involve Koori people in biodiversity conservation and natural resource management.

Frank considers that his time on the Catchment Management Board has given him a good grounding in natural resource management issues and he speaks passionately about the need to preserve the magnificent natural areas and biodiversity remaining in this part of the world. He says his goal on the new advisory committee is to keep the Koori community well informed on environmental issues.

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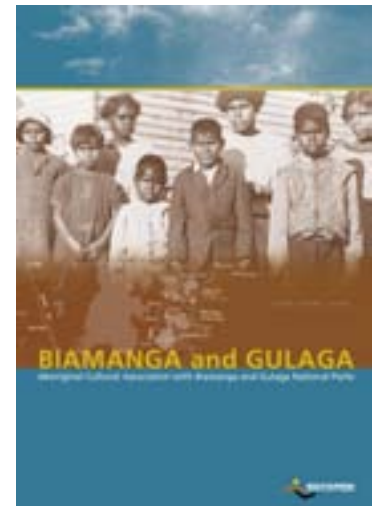


## UPDATE ON THE REGISTER OF ABORIGINAL OWNERS

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### **Biamanga Gulaga. Aboriginal Cultural Association with the Biamanga and Gulaga National Parks**

This report is a version of the *Biamanga National Park and Gulaga National Park Aboriginal Owners Research Report* written by Dr. Brian Egloff, Dr Nicolas Peterson and Dr. Sue Wesson produced for the Office of the Registrar in December 2001



In May 2002, Rachel Lenehan, distributed around 150 copies of the report to individuals and organisations on the South Coast of NSW, with copies left at Land Councils, Medical Centres and National Park offices from Nowra to Eden.

This report has been used by the Registrar, along with other relevant information, to enter the names of people on the Register of Aboriginal Owners of the Biamanga National Park and/or Gulaga National Park. The Register does not close.

The major change to this new report is the addition of over 40 historical photos, like the one on the cover, from collections held by the South Australian Museum and the National Library of Australia.

This report will be available by the end of October. Copies of the new report will be free. Please call Rachel or Kylie on 02 9219 0725 or 02 9219 0746 to receive your copy.

### **Special Meeting with the Biamanga Gulaga Aboriginal Negotiating Panel**

On Wednesday the 8<sup>th</sup> of September 2004 at Narooma, Aboriginal Owners and Aboriginal people with a cultural association with the Biamanga and Gulaga National Parks meet with the Biamanga Gulaga Aboriginal Negotiating Panel (BG ANP).

The day was spent discussing how Aboriginal Owners could support the Negotiating Panel in their job of negotiating the lease of the Biamanga and Gulaga National Parks.



At the invitation of the BG ANP, Mr Phillip Sullivan, Chair of the Mount Grenfell Aboriginal Negotiating Panel, attended the meeting and shared his recent experience of the negotiations for the Mount Grenfell Historic Site, near Cobar.

In July 2004, the Ngiyampaa Wangaaypuwan Mayi (people) finalised their negotiations with the NSW Government. As a result, the Ngiyampaa, now have ownership of Mt Grenfell and have entered into a joint management arrangement between the Aboriginal Owners and the NSW Government, to manage the Mt Grenfell Historic Site.



Phil Sullivan (centre) with his arm around Elaine Ohlsen, with Ngiyampaa Aboriginal Owners celebrating the handback and joint management of the Mt Grenfell Historic Site,

## What is the Register of Aboriginal Owners?

The *Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983* says that the Registrar, must keep a Register of Aboriginal Owners.

The Register of Aboriginal Owners is a list of Aboriginal people who have a cultural association with land in New South Wales. An Aboriginal Owner of land:

- is directly descended from the original Aboriginal inhabitants of the cultural area in which the land is located, and
- has a cultural association with the land that derives from the traditions, customs, observances, beliefs and history of the original Aboriginal inhabitants of the land, and
- has consented to their name being entered in the Register.

Aboriginal Owners are central to the joint management process in New South Wales. When the negotiations for the Biamanga and Gulaga National Parks are finalised Boards of Management for the lands are appointed by the Minister for the Environment. Aboriginal Owners are the majority members on these Boards. The Boards of Management will be responsible for the care, control and management of the Biamanga and Gulaga National Parks.



## Biamanga and Gulaga Handback - Independent Facilitator's view



### **Biamanga and Gulaga handback - independent facilitator's view**

#### **BACKGROUND**

As the Independent Facilitator for the Biamanga and Gulaga Aboriginal Ownership and leaseback negotiations, I have been asked by the Negotiating Parties to let people know how the negotiations are going. The Negotiating Parties are made up of the Aboriginal Negotiating Panel representing Aboriginal Owners, Local Aboriginal Land Councils (LALC's) with whom the special freehold title to the Parks will be vested, and National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS). I'm doing this by reporting on the Parties' progress and achievements regularly through Trisha Ellis's wonderful quarterly journal – Coastal Custodians. As the pace of negotiations quickens, I'll have the opportunity to report via a special newsletter published more regularly than Coastal Custodians to update everyone on the outcomes of each negotiation meeting.



These Coastal Custodians articles would not be possible without the great record keeping that Susan Donaldson is providing for the negotiation process. Susan, an anthropologist from

Moruya, has been engaged by NPWS to keep the record of our negotiation journey. She is doing a wonderful job.

Since the last Coastal Custodians in May 2004 (Volume 2, Issue 4), in which I reported on our meetings in February, March and April 2004, as

well as our meeting with the NSW Minister for the Environment Bob Debus in April 2004, we have had two meetings, our fifth meeting at Tura Beach (Merimbula) in June and our sixth meeting held in early August at Bega.

Our next meeting is a two-day meeting at Narooma in early September – the first day is an Aboriginal Negotiating Panel meeting. The Panel has invited all Aboriginal Owners and those Aboriginal people who have requested entry on the Register plus a range of other guests including Aboriginal people who have experiences in the handback of Mutawintji and Mt Grenfell.

The Aboriginal Negotiating Panel has requested this meeting to talk about:

- The role of the Aboriginal Negotiating Panel;
- The role of the other Parties in the negotiations – Bega, Merrimans and Wagonga Local Aboriginal Land Councils and the Minister for the Environment (represented by Department of Environment and Conservation [National Parks]);
- What the Aboriginal Negotiating Panel has been doing about the negotiation for the handback of Biamanga and Gulaga National Parks;
- What issues Aboriginal Owners think should be considered by the Panel in the draft lease for the handback; and
- Seek guidance about how to gain nominations from Batemans Bay and Narooma people for appointment to the Aboriginal Negotiating Panel.

#### **HOW WE START EACH OF OUR MEETINGS**

We start our meetings by paying our respects to each other, to the land, to the Aboriginal Owners of Biamanga and Gulaga and to the tireless efforts of Aboriginal people who have worked so

hard to get us to this point where we are sitting down together to negotiate the handback of Biamanga and Gulaga.

#### **FIFTH MEETING ON 30 JUNE 2004 AT TURA BEACH (MERIMBULA)**

Our fifth meeting concentrated on:

- Developing the tourism issues that should be considered in the draft lease;
- Talking about the rent that will be paid by the NSW Government to the two Boards of Management for the two Parks. Specifically we talked about: the rent and how it is meant to compensate for the loss of full use of the National Parks; what the rent can be spent on – we decided we needed legal advice to see exactly what sort of things, apart from normal park management, the rent could be spent on; and how the rent was calculated. We did not start any negotiation on rent, just talked about it, so we all knew what the big rent issues might be before we started any rental negotiations;
- Talking about the need to fill the vacant positions on the Aboriginal Negotiating Panel;
- Agreeing to a process to select and appoint an independent lawyer for the Aboriginal Negotiating Panel and LALC's; and
- Agreeing to a process to update and discuss the negotiation process with other Aboriginal owners and invited guests.

Where these issues were discussed in more detail they are outlined below.

#### **Outcomes of fifth meeting on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2004**

##### **Tourism issues for inclusion in the draft lease**

We are using as a lease “template”, the hand back lease that has already been agreed between Mutawintji Negotiating Panel and NPWS for a magnificent National Park near Broken Hill. With the handback of Mt Grenfell near Cobar we are now in a position to look at some of the clauses in that lease too. These leases are just to help guide us - not to tell us what we have to do. It helps us understand the sorts of topics that

might need to be included in a lease and what we want the hand back lease to achieve.

Specific tourism and access issues that were raised included:

- to ensure the definition of Aboriginal cultural values included spiritual values;
- the need for Aboriginal training and employment and whether to define any particular groups of Aboriginal people for preference for employment and training;
- cultural awareness training for park management staff and other people and who should approve the cultural awareness program – the Board of Management (given there was a representative of the LALC's on the Aboriginal owner dominated Board) or the Board itself having consulted with LALC's etc; and
- how to define where visitors to the Parks could go, whether there should be alcohol restrictions and how the Board should have the right to define alcohol restricted areas.

##### **Payment to Aboriginal Negotiating Panel and LALC's**

The Department of Aboriginal Affairs (DAA) has written back to the Aboriginal Negotiating Panel and LALC's and in its letter of 25<sup>th</sup> May 2004 indicated that *“The Department's position is that consulting/sitting fees will not be paid to the Aboriginal Negotiating Panel”* and that it was more appropriate the LALC representatives *“raise the matter (of payment) with the LALC they represent or the NSW Aboriginal Land Council”*.

In view of the response, the Aboriginal Negotiating Panel members and LALC's representatives asked DAA to write to the NSW Aboriginal Land Council to support the payment to Land Councils so that they can employ relief staff while they were out of the Land Council offices working on the negotiation process. It was also agreed to invite the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and/or the Director General of DAA to a negotiation meeting to discuss the issue.

## **Selection of independent lawyer for the Aboriginal Negotiating Panel and LALC's**

The Panel and LALC's agreed to a list of independent lawyers to be interviewed at next meeting in August 2004.

## **SIXTH MEETING ON 4<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2004 AT BEGA**

At this meeting we concentrated on organising the big two-day meeting set down for Narooma in early September 2004 mentioned at the beginning of this article. The independent lawyer was also selected by the Aboriginal Negotiating Panel and LALC representatives who held a meeting earlier in the day.

I'll report on this sixth meeting when the record of the meeting has been ratified and also, with the consent of the Aboriginal Negotiating Panel and LALC's, the outcomes of the meeting with all the Aboriginal owners and invited guests. The key outcomes here will be those issues that the Aboriginal Owners suggest should be considered by the Aboriginal Negotiating Panel for consideration in the draft lease.

## **THE NEGOTIATION JOURNEY CONTINUES**

With the appointment of an independent lawyer for the Aboriginal Negotiating Panel and LALC's and once we have heard what other Aboriginal Owners think should be considered in the draft lease, the process has the potential to really get a wriggle on.

Soon we will move from information sharing to negotiating. The journey continues - handback of Gulaga and Biamanga National Parks to their rightful Aboriginal Owners gets closer through the hard work of the Parties.

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Pam Flanders Wallaga



Dave Tout Moruya



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Mary Duroux Moruya



# Regional Managers Report

I'll start this report with a couple of big events which have taken place in other parts of the State over the last few months.

On 17 July the Mount Grenville Historic Site near Cobar was handed back to it's Aboriginal Owners by the Minister for the Environment, Bob Debus. A number of National Parks Far South Coast staff, including Chris Griffiths, Lynne Thomas and Sharon Davey travelled out to Cobar for the ceremony. It was freezing cold but by all reports, fantastic day. Mount Grenville is only the second park in New South Wales after Mutawintji to be handed back in this way to the Aboriginal owners.

If all goes well, Gulaga and Biamanga will be number three and four - more about that later.

Soon after a group of Far South Coast staff went to Dubbo for the retirement celebrations for Badger Bates. I was privileged to be one of the people invited to the event which was held at the Dubbo Zoo.

Badger is a legend in National Parks. He worked for us as a Sites Officer out west for 20 or more years and in that time he has done more than anyone in protecting Aboriginal Cultural Heritage. He's also a great teacher and mentor to a great number of many Aboriginal and non Aboriginal people across New South Wales. We'll all miss him greatly, though I'm hoping he'll come and visit us soon. Badger if you're reading this, we're not far away.

Back home we've just finished two days of discussions and negotiations for the handback of Gulaga and Biamanga. The first day was organised by the Registrar for Aboriginal Owners to give the chance for the negotiating panel to talk with other Aboriginal Owners and Elders about the handback process. Phil Sullivan, who was the chair of the Mt Grenville Negotiating Panel came to the meeting and gave

an excellent talk about what was important in the negotiating process at Mt Grenville.

From where I sat, the second day was really good. We dealt with some difficult issues but more importantly I think we can now make a lot of progress over the next couple of months. I'm looking forward to the next full negotiating meeting which will be held over two days in November.

Each National Park Region in NSW has an Advisory Committee. The Committee is appointed by the Minister for the Environment mainly to give advice to the Parks Service about the management of parks within a Region. We've just got a new Advisory Committee which has people on it from Braidwood to Towamba. There are two Aboriginal representatives, Frank Slabb from Narooma and Michael Darcy from Wallaga. I'm pleased that the Minister has made these appointments and I look forward to working with Michael and Frank over the next few years.

## Tim Shepherd Regional Manager

### NPWS Representatives for the Minister of the Environment in the negotiations process



Tim Shepherd  
Regional Manager



Preston Cope  
Area Manager

### Support Staff



Lenore Fraser  
Legal Adviser

### Negotiation Panel



Karen Lee  
Assistant

## **NPWS Far South Coast Advisory Committee continued**

“It’s not only about informing people,” he said. “I want to see Koori people involved and making decisions about the future of national parks and other public lands.

“My recent work has shown me that government agencies now recognise the skills and traditional knowledge that Aboriginal people have to contribute on environmental matters. We need to use every opportunity to make known our views and to engage in decision-making. We can also take advantage of the various grants programs to run our own on-the-ground conservation projects.

“One of my special interests is to restore Aboriginal names to the landscape, and at least have dual names for major landmarks. Names are important in reflecting Aboriginal culture, and also in preserving our language and its concepts. The Elders have a wealth of knowledge to add to this process.”

Mick Darcy, who was born in Bega and has spent most of his life at Wallaga Lake, is Cultural Heritage Officer Trainee for the Merrimans Local Aboriginal Land Council. Mick says he has a science degree and an associate diploma in park management from Charles Sturt University and does some consultancy work for NPWS, Forests NSW and local government.

Mick’s highest priority on the advisory committee is to ensure the Aboriginal cultural values of the region are properly recorded, documented and preserved, both inside and outside national parks. Merrimans LALC is taking on two more Aboriginal people for two years of on-the-job training in conservation and Indigenous land management. The land council is currently developing an application for funding for recording cultural heritage (including oral histories) from the Federal Government’s “Sharing Australian Stories” program.

He would like to see more young Aboriginal people working in national parks, building on some of the successful projects already completed and leading to permanent employment.

Just right now Mick is preparing for one of the most exciting projects of his professional life. Next week he and Warren Foster of Wallaga Lake will join a group of traditional custodians from around Australia going to Stockholm, Sweden, to reclaim ancestral remains from Sweden’s Museum of Ethnography. Included are the remains of an ancestor dug up from a traditional burial ground at Mooreheads Beach, Bermagui, by the Swedish anthropologist Eric Mjoberg during his first Swedish Scientific Expedition of 1910-1911. The story of Mjoberg smuggling skeletal parts from all over Australia back to Sweden created an ethical debate recently after a contemporary Sweden anthropologist, Dr Claus Hallgren, revisited Mjoberg’s writings. As a result, the Swedish Government negotiated with the Australian government for their return.

There will be four days of official ceremonies in Stockholm for the handover,” Mick said. “Then the remains will come back to Australia in a transport aircraft while the Aboriginal delegation returns on a parallel passenger flight. “The remains from Mooreheads Beach will be held for a while in the National Museum in Canberra while we finalise negotiations with NPWS and the Bega Valley Council about securing their original burial ground and setting their spirit free again.”

The values and interests that Frank and Mick will bring to the new advisory committee seem sure to generate broader knowledge, discussion, respect and commitment from all the new members.

Mr Bob Ross of Tura Beach, has been elected Chairperson of the committee, with Mr David Wauchope of Towamba Deputy Chairperson and Ms Josie Walcott of Bombala Secretary.

Other members are Chris Kowal of Moruya, Catherine Lawler of Bodalla, Michael Litchfield of Numeralla, Shane McAlister of Queanbeyan, Fiona McCrossin of Sydney, Den Robin of

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## **Southern Aboriginal Heritage Unit Update**

Gary Currey has been on holidays for 6 weeks, and during his absence Fi Hamilton has been Acting Manager of the Southern Aboriginal Heritage Section.

Since the last edition, the Section has been very busy. Rod Wellington, Aboriginal Heritage Conservation Officer based at Nowra, has done wonderful work liaising with the Coroners Office and the local Aboriginal community in relation to Aboriginal remains found within Lake Conjola by snorkelers.

Rod is always so busy in his region, and has been working on protection of sites in many development areas, as well as, preparing two great community based projects for 2004/05.

Based at Merimbula, Aboriginal Heritage Conservation Officer Graham Moore has been kept extremely busy representing the many Aboriginal staff members within DEC, upon the DEC Aboriginal Network. Bodies, such as, the Aboriginal network are extremely important to ensure that the DEC Executive takes onboard issues of concern to Aboriginal DEC staff and the Aboriginal community.

Additionally, Graham has been heavily involved in repatriation issues and is successfully building stronger relationships between nations.

Dean Freeman, Aboriginal Heritage Conservation Officer based in Tumut has been working with the Aboriginal Reference Group for the Murrumbidgee Catchment Management Authority (CMA) and has been involved in presentations to this group about the AHIMS Register. Dean is also about to attend an Interpretation Conference in Canberra and has been involved in cultural heritage protection issues for wind farms lately.

Additionally, Dean and SAHS archaeologist Phil Boot, recently surveyed the Tumut Wetlands as part of the rehabilitation program for the area, locating a number of scarred trees. Great work.

Aboriginal Heritage Conservation Officer, Dannielle Towers is located in Narooma. Currently Dannielle is working on the Lake Brou Aboriginal Place investigation, which should be finalised soon.

Dannielle has also proposed a community-based project for removal of graffiti upon a scarred tree in the local area in 2004/05, and continues to work in her region to protect Aboriginal heritage.

Vanessa Mason, Aboriginal Heritage Conservation Officer based at Jindabyne, has been working on Inspections of the Friday Flat Depot site at Theadbo to ensure protection of sites during upcoming modification to the area.

Vanessa has also been working for some time with Aboriginal community members at Cooma upon the Lambie Gorge Restoration Project and the recommenced Aboriginal Place Declaration investigation of Lambie Gorge. Both of these projects will soon be completed. Vanessa has been working hard to develop a community-based Language Project for 2004/05. Watch out for this project. It'll be great!

Christian Hampson, Aboriginal Heritage Planning Officer, based at Jindabyne will sadly be leaving our section soon to transfer to a newly created section of DEC. More on the details of that soon, but I would like to thank Christian for his hard work in the section, and the many great outcomes he has achieved over the years. Fortunately, the DEC is not losing Christian altogether, and we wish him and his family all the best for their move to Dubbo.

Additionally, the Southern Aboriginal Heritage Section is losing our archaeologist, Philip Boot. Many people in the community would know Phil through his work with communities in this region over the last 10 years. Phil will be transferring to a new work section within the DEC also, and we will all miss him greatly. Thanks Phil, for all your work, your care and your support of Aboriginal staff within DEC and of Aboriginal communities in and outside of our region for the past 10 years. Good luck.

Finally, I would like to welcome and introduce the sections new Aboriginal Information Officer, Emmanuel Fewquandie. Emmanuel's role is to manage the sections cultural heritage information and facilitate provision of information to DEC staff, other departments and most importantly, to the Aboriginal community. Additionally, Emmanuel is an accomplished Flamenco Dancer, enjoys cooking nacho's and is currently learning Spanish classical guitar – nah just kidding – he's one of us! Welcome Emmanuel!

**Fiona Hamilton**  
**Acting Manager**  
**Southern Aboriginal Heritage Unit. CHD. DEC**

# Inlets, Lakes, Lagoons, Rivers & Swamps of the Far South Coast

## Find-a-word

N	M	B	U	M	B	O	T	R	U	N	K	E	T	A	B	E	L	L	A
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\* Find the hidden message

### Inlets

Bithry  
Mogareeka  
Wagonga

### Lakes

Baragoot  
Benooka  
Borang  
Brou  
Brunderee  
Bullengella  
Bumbo  
Catalina  
Coila  
Corunna  
Kellys

### Kianga

Little  
Mummuga  
Nangudga  
Nargal  
Tarourga  
Tilba Tilba  
Trunketabella  
Wallaga  
Wapengo

### Lagoons

Blackfellows  
Bunga  
Chinnock  
Cuttagee  
Duckhole  
Horseshoe

### Middle

Nelson  
Richies  
Zecks

### Rivers

Bega  
Bermagui  
Brogo  
Buckenbowra  
Clyde  
Deua  
Moruya  
Murrah  
Tomaga  
Tuross

### Swamps

Betunga  
Black Ada  
Bobundara  
Dignams  
Kangaroo  
Longvale  
Old Man Bed  
Pedro  
Penuea  
Reedy  
Waldrons

# MARY BRYANT

## The Miniseries

### **Extras for TV Miniseries**

Screentime are producing a 2 part mini series about a convict girl Mary Bryant, transported from England in 1788 on the first fleet to Australia.

Mary and other convicts steal the governor's cutter and make their way to Timor. Eventually they are captured and returned to England.

Various scenes will need to be recreated for eg the landing of the first fleet into Port Jackson. The producers wish to portray the Koori's as close to the original peoples of the time.

**Screentime require the following:**

**Koori Males ->**

**Able to paddle bark canoes.**

**Other Koori's ->**

**Males, Females and children to be extras in the scenes shot around Manly Dam & Ingleburn, Sydney.**

**NB:**

**You will be contacted only if you are chosen.**

Adult Ages:

16 -> 70 years old

Sizes:

**Athletic**

Children Ages:

11years -> 15 years

Families:

Welcome to audition

Location for Shooting:

Manly Dam & Ingleburn, Sydney

Working Requirements:

Must have a Tax file number for insurance purposes.

Shoot Dates:  
(estimated)

For Male Roles – 14 Oct, 30 Oct, 15 Nov, 16 Nov, 22 Nov 2004  
In Sydney.

**Must be available**

**On these dates**

For Female and Children – 30 Oct 2004 – In Sydney

Some people will be asked to do 1 or more days work. See fees below.  
Female and Children roles 1 x 4 hour day only on Sat 30 Oct.

**All travel, food and accommodation, arranged and paid for by Screentime Pty Ltd.**

Adult Rates:	4 hour day	\$ 80.72	6 hour day	\$ 70.63
	8 hour day	\$ 155.03	10 hour day	\$ 213.17
	12 hour day	\$ 280.99		

Children Rates:	4 hour day	\$ 40.36	6 hour day	\$ 141.26
	8 hour day	\$ 77.51		

Auditions:

To take place in your area, time & date to be advised.

Contact:

Please call Nora Saliba for any further information.

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# Broulee Primary School

## Rock Platform Study



This was our first EEL (Extending Experiences in Learning Project) for 2004. I accompanied 31 students to the Broulee Island Rock Platform to photograph and document the plants and animals of the platform.

Trisha Ellis from the NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service came and assisted the students with identification and talked with the students about the uses of plants and animals by the local Aboriginal people.

Thank you very much Trisha for your valuable input and for sharing your expertise with the students from our school.

Some of the photos taken by the students are phenomenal and we hope to enter them into a photo competition with the Australian

Museum. The remaining photos have been put into a booklet that will be available in the library soon.

This project is designed to keep a record, over a period of a couple of years of the life on our rock platform and from this information we hope to study the changes that occur. These changes might be seasonal changes or indicators of changes to the water quality, but we will be looking very closely. This project is similar to the very successful Bug Watch program that we have been involved in for a number of years.



Our school has purchased some data gathering technology: temperature, light, salinity and movement collection equipment, for the students to use to assist in the collection and storage of the data.

**Jeff Ward**  
**Principal**  
**Broulee P.S.**

## Inlets, Lakes, Lagoons, Rivers & Swamps of the Far South Coast

### Find-a-word Answers

	Legend		Legend		Legend	Key to Legend
Bithry	2→2↓↘	Tilba Tilba	8→1↓↘	Moruya	10→11↓↘	
Mogareeka	11→7↓↘	Trunketabella	8→1↓↘	Murrah	14→3↓↘	
Wagonga	5→2↓↘	Wallaga	5→19↓↘	Tomaga	11→12↓↘	
Baragoot	6→1↓↘	Wapengo	2→15↓↘	Tuross	11→12↓↘	
Benooka	2→8↓↘	Blackfellows	16→1↓↘	Betunga	13→2↓↘	
Borang	12→14↓↘	Bunga	6→9↓↘	Black Ada	1→16↓↘	
Brou	17→13↓↘	Chinnoek	1→8↓↘	Bobundara	6→9↓↘	
Brunderee	9→7↓↘	Cuttagee	2→17↓↘	Dignams	11→2↓↘	Word starts
Bullengella	20→8↓↘	Duckhole	13→13↓↘	Kangaroo	1→20↓↘	→ Across
Bumbo	3→1↓↘	Horseshoe	17→3↓↘	Longvale	13→19↓↘	↓ Down
Catalina	1→14↓↘	Middle	14→13↓↘	Old Man Bed	11→13↓↘	↘ Word Direction
Coila	18→2↓↘	Nelson	1→1↓↘	Pedro	10→4↓↘	↘ Word Direction
Corunna	4→8↓↘	Richies	3→18↓↘	Penuea	20→2↓↘	
Kellys	18→7↓↘	Zecks	4→2↓↘	Reedy	9→1↓↘	
Kianga	12→1↓↘	Bega	16→14↓↘	Waldrons	15→3↓↘	→↓↘↘
Little	19→1↓↘	Bermagui	3→1↓↘			
Mummuga	10→11↓↘	Brogo	5→9↓↘			
Nangudga	19→8↓↘	Buckenbowra	9→20↓↘			
Nargal	9→10↓↘	Clyde	15→14↓↘			
Tarourga	7→6↓↘	Deua	18→14↓↘			

**Resources:** Land & Property Information Topographic & Orthophoto Maps (Bega, Murrah, Bermagui, Central Tilba, Narooma, Bodalla, Moruya, Mogo & Nelligan).

### N P W S Far South Coast Advisory Committee continued

Dignams Creek, Kay Rogers of Bega, Wendy Rose of Nimmitabel, David Shaw of Womboyn, George Sherriff of Braidwood, Yvonne Thomson of Belowra, and Douglas Willcoxson of Braidwood.

The committee's next meeting, in mid-November, will include a field trip to Montague Island to inspect the restoration and revegetation work on Little Penguin habitat that has been undertaken on the island over winter.

**Den Robin**



**Pictured:** Frank Slabb and Michael Darcy

# Calendar of Events

## September

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup>

**NAIDOC**

Cobowra LALC

## October

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup>

**NAIDOC**

Elders Dinner  
Batemans Bay  
Bowling Club

## November

### *Next Issue*

- Biamanga/Gulaga Handback update.
- Regional Managers Report.
- Southern Aboriginal Heritage Unit.
- Eurobodalla Aboriginal Heritage Study update.
- Bega Valley Shire Regional Aboriginal Heritage Study update.
- Find-a-word



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