

Wirraminna Environmental Education Centre

A place of Discovery and Learning

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The Wirraminna Story



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GENERAL INFORMATION

Location

Burrumbuttock is located in the central south of N.S.W. 32 km north east of the City of Albury. Wirraminna Environmental Education Centre is 400 metres from the Burrumbuttock Post Office on Howlong Road. It is part of the West Hume Landcare area, Burrumbuttock Creek Catchment.

Burrumbuttock Creek flows west into the Billabong Creek and joins the Murray River some 400 km to the West.

Grid Reference

480975-6034000

Latitude 35° 50' 1.6 Sec. South

Longitude 140° 48' East

Elevation

246 metres AHD

Rainfall

refer sheet enclosed

Mean Average 1889 to 1999	575.8mm
Lowest	188.4mm
Highest	1014.9mm

Temperature

Average monthly range from maximum of 12°C in July and 30°C in February to minimum of 2° in July and 14°C in February

Absolute Temperatures range from -5°C to 45°C

Winds - no data held - use Albury figures

Frosts - no data held - use Albury figures

Water Table

There seems to be a perched water table at about 10.5 metres below ground with an EC of 2.47c/sm with an underlying aquifer at a depth of 55 metres and EC of 2.7 cl Sm (June 2000)

Soil Type

Top Soil (to 0.2 metres)

Dark reddish-brown clay loam

Sub Soil

Yellow red medium clay

Geology

refer printed map

General vegetation of the area

Less than 1% of the catchment is now timbered, following extensive clearing after settlement. Most trees exist on private land, especially in areas less suited to agricultural production e.g. hills and rocky ridges. Many of the roadways carry significant timbered corridors. The only remnants of the natural understory occur on roadsides.

HISTORY PRIOR TO 1993

Wirraminna was originally known as public watering place 443. Notified in the government gazette on 20 February 1904. The area was declared a town water supply on 27 August 1937 - Once it was declared a town water supply, Hume Shire Council became the controlling authority by virtue of the Pastures Protection Act of 1934. On 16 December 1991, Hume Shire Council delegated care, control and management of the Burrumbuttock Recreation Reserve including Portion 172 and PWP 443, to the Reserve Committee.

Reference: D.J. Pollard - Hume Shire Council, 24 November 1993.

The dam was sunk in 1902 for travelling stock and as an insurance against drought, it was dug by Chinamen with picks, shovels and drays and was 6 metres deep.

For many years the lessee of the 'Tank Paddock' had to maintain a supply of water in an overhead corrugated iron tank, filled by an old piston pump driven by a petrol engine.

A galvanised trough, more than 22 metres in length, eventually rusted out and a circular concrete trough was built.

The dam and tank were a very important recourse and a local meeting place as people came to fill their water tanks.

Over the years, the large wooden tank stand became rotten and had to be pulled down. However, this was after 1982, when town water was connected.

Stock have grazed the area for many years. The area known as the nelder was cropped on occasion, but gradually PWP 443 fell into a state of disrepair. It is worth noting that the dam itself was fenced off from stock.

It provided a good swimming hole and yabbing was popular.

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

AIM

To establish a site for community environmental education and a field study area for students

OBJECTIVES

- To alert the community to the decline of native vegetation, loss of biodiversity, its consequences, and provide constructive solutions.
- To identify, protect and propagate endangered local plants.
- To increase awareness and promote greater usage of native species amongst the wider community.
- To enhance wildlife habitat and re-establish wetland environs
- To learn more about local fauna and how this woodland eco system operates.
- To highlight local natural resource management issues.



EARLY DEVELOPMENT

TEAM PROFILE

Co-ordinator

Mr Darryl Jacob

Fitter and Machinist, Toolmaker. Concerned environmentalist with practical experience through extensive bushwalking and visiting many parks and bush reserves. Motivator and communicator.

Ms Judy Frankenberg BSC MSC

Environmental Scientist and consultant. Chairperson, West Hume Landcare
Technical Adviser

Ms Sue Schilg BSC. Botany Horticulture Certificate

Horticulturist and native vegetation expert.
Group facilitator for West Hume Landcare 1990-1993.

Ms Wendy Wiltshire

Graphic Artist, Teacher at Primary Schools and part-time at Charles Sturt University.
Interpretative Signs.

Mr Owen Dunlop Dip.Ed

Education Facilitator
Principal, Burrumbuttock Public School
Lecturer at Charles Sturt University - part-time

Claude Hamdorf

Earthmoving contractor and landscaper.

Councillor Christine Nesbit

Representative Hume Shire Council

Other Key Personnel:

Mr Geoff Hollway	West Hume Landcare Co-ordinator
Mr Don Eastick Landscaper.	Green keeper - Howlong Golf Club
Mr Trevor Jacob	Landscaper - Amateur conservationist
Ms Jenny Cross	Secretary, publicity 1998
Ms Fe Coleman	Publicity 1995-1998
Ms Jan Hall	Native Plant Expert - Pantanga Nursery
Mr Graham Beesley	Printer
Mr James Jelbart	Farmer
Mr Jim Marshall	Farmer
Mr Brian Schilg	Farmer
Mr Colin Wiltshire	Carpenter
Mr Cliff Newton	Electrician
Mr Gary Breen	Bird Count - Bird Atlas Society

NETWORK

Local Support Organisations

- Burrumbuttock Community
- Recreation Ground Trust
- Burrumbuttock School P & C
- Burrumbuttock Public School Staff and Students
- West Hume Landcare
- Burrumbuttock Anglers Club
- Burrumbuttock Fire Brigade

Education Organisation

- NSW Department of Education and Training
- Charles Sturt University
- Riverina College of TAFE Albury
- Riverina Field Study Centre - Wagga
- University of NSW Field Research Centre - Cowan, Sydney
- La Trobe University - Wodonga

Statutory Organisation

- Natural Heritage Trust
- Murray Catchment Management Committees
- Murray Darling Freshwater Research Centre
- Department of Land, Water Conservation
- Greening Australia

Key Sponsors

- I.A.M.A - Burrumbuttock Farm Centre
- Fletcher Challenge Paper
- East Australian Gas Pipe Line
- Hume Shire Council
- Murray Darling Catchment - Management Committee
- Natural Heritage Trust
- North Ltd
- West Hume Landcare

Botanic Gardens

- Melbourne Zoo
- Australian National Botanic Gardens
- NSW Royal Botanic Gardens
- Alice Springs Desert National Park
- Olive Pink Arboretum - Alice Springs
- Albury Botanic Gardens

Nurseries

- Patanga Nursery, Yarrawonga - Jan Hall
- Kuranga - Melbourne
- Bendigo Gold Fields
- Sandy Creek
- Carramar - Glenda Datsun
- Jay Fields - Holbrook
- Parklane - Wangaratta

Service Providers

- Cyril Signs
- Knight Signs
- Susan Campbell - Landscape Architect
- Advanced Land Technologies - Surveying
- Timber It - Wodonga
- The Roofing Centre
 - Hutchinson Cabinets - Kotzur
- Foto Supplies

Government

- Hume Shire Council
- Federal Member for Farrer - Mr Tim Fischer
- Member for Albury - Mr Ian Glachan

Other Organisations

- Australian Geographic Centre - Terrey Hills
- Bird Atlas Society of Australia
- Kangaroo Protection Society - Sydney
- Australian Plant Society

DEVELOPMENT SUMMARY - KEY ISSUES

The following points are considered keys to the development of Wirraminna.

1. The availability of crown land, adjacent to the school.
2. The land is easily accessed by the public being on a main road, and close to the village centre.
3. The natural features of the land which included a large dam and existing mature trees.
4. The foresight of Judy Frankenberg as President of West Hume Landcare and consequently their technical and financial support.
5. Darryl Jacobs's positive approach to the whole problem of the lack of Environmental Education in the community.
6. The professionalism and vision of Owen Dunlop, as Principal of the Burrumbuttock Public School.
7. Burrumbuttock is a small, tight knit community. Many residents went to school together and have pride in the village. We are lucky to have a wealth of talented, unselfish supporters.
8. About this time, the Department of Education and Training were considering expanding their key learning areas especially to include hands on Environmental Education. This resulted in the "Learnscape" program and blended in perfectly with our project.
9. The availability of funds through Natural Heritage Trust. The application forced the team to clearly define their aims and objectives and set up a good working plan.
10. The support of Australian Newsprint Mill now Fletcher Challenge paper. Obviously, their executive feels the need to support environmental outcomes such as ours.
11. The assistance of Hume Shire Council. Communication channels were always open, and their professional staff were helpful and positive.

INFORMATION UPDATE AS AT 24th NOVEMBER 2006

Wirraminna Environmental Education Centre Management Committee

Co-ordinator Darryl Jacob

Committee

Judy Frankenberg

Sue Schilg

Janine MacLennan

Owen Dunlop

David Watson

Jeff Litchfield

David Costello

Greater Hume Shire Council Representative

Denise Osborne – Mayor

John Ross - Councillor

Key Sponsors

- Norske Skog
 - Greater Hume Shire Council
 - Murray Catchment Management Committee
 - Envirofund
 - West Hume Landcare
 - Landcare Australia
 - Sony
 - Signs by Knight
 - North Albury Rotary
 - Charles Sturt University
 - Albury TAFE
 - Masons Accountants
 - Murray Darling Association
 - Department of Education and Training
- Department of Transport and Regional Services

Service Providers

- Signs by Knight
- Jacobs Joinery
- Hutchinson Cabinets
- Mark Orton Builder
- Stuart Dye – Plumber
- Adam Wilson – Electrician
- Waterland Irrigation
- Dirtworks
- Earth Structures
- Backyard Dingo
- North East Tree Loppers

Government

- Greater Hume Shire Council
- Federal Member for Farrer – Sussan Ley
- State Member for Albury – Greg Aplin

SUMMARY 2006

With the completion of our new 'Discovery and Learning Centre' Wirraminna enters an exciting and challenging period in its history.

This solar passive rammed earth building gives us a permanent 'home' for our Interpretative Displays and an all-weather centre to host visiting schools, eco tours and special groups.

The challenge is to make a 'real difference' in the world of Environmental Education and to be a model of 'best practice' in the teaching of future generations of young Australians.

Darryl Jacob
Co-ordinator
24 November 2006

Information Update 24TH September 2015

Chairperson: Darryl Jacob OAM

Committee:

Judy Frankenberg
Sue Rose
Kieran Keenan
Stacey Staunton-Latimer
David Watson
Maggie Watson
Owen Dunlop
Linda Deans

Auditor: Dougald Frederick

Greater Hume Shire Council Representative:

David Smith – Director Corporate and Community Service

Key Partners

Greater Hume Shire Council
Murray Local Land Services
Department of Education and Communities
Department of Environment and Heritage
Taronga Zoo
Hume Bank
Charles Sturt University

Service Providers

Easties Dirtworks
The Famous Australian Sign Co.,
Park Lane Nursery
Jay Field Nursery
Sandy Creek Trees
Conway Printing
Intelephone

Government

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SUMMARY 2015

With the establishment of Petaurus Education Group Inc. Wirraminna is now able to expand its National Resource Management Program to schools across a large part of the Murray Darling Basin, also the Corroboree Frog Display is attracting a large audience and highlighting the precarious state of this critically endangered species.

The initial challenge of establishing the Box Gum Grassy Woodland has been worth the effort with many people enjoying the walking tracks and watching the revegetation slowly develop.

Darryl Jacob OAM
Chairperson
13 November 2015

DEVELOPMENT

1993

Darryl Jacob spent most of this year trying to convince the Burrumbuttock Recreation Ground Trust to consider his proposal to develop the Public Watering Place 443 into a Bush Reserve.

14/2/1993

First on-site meeting with 3 people.

2/3/1993

Letter written to Recreation Ground Secretary with the idea - committee rejects his idea.

27/10/1993

Hume Shire Council confirms Public Watering Place 443 is controlled by the Hume Shire Council therefore, care control and management would be delegated to the trust. Erection of any structures requires official consent.

Note: Due to town water being laid on in 1982 from Albury (32 klm away) Public Watering Place 443 is not used any more.

1994

Very little happens.

Don Eastick and Darryl Jacob nominate for committee of Recreation Ground 16/9/1994 and are accepted.

Contact made with the President of West Hume Landcare re Funding.

29/9/1994

President Ms Judy Frankenberg applies for funding for a draft landscape plan through Murray Darling Catchment Management Committee. \$600 allocated and architect Sue Campbell visits area to begin drafting plans.

1995

A busy year - the park begins.

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| 16/1/1995 | Darryl Jacob nominated for position of President of Recreation Ground Trust and elected. |
| 30/1/1995 | Enquire Re: Sponsorship with Australian Newsprint Mill. |
| 21/2/1995 | Contacted Landcare Roadside Vegetation Officer Ms Sue Schilg plus Department of Land and Water Conservation. |
| 5/3/1995 | Visit Galore Hill Nature Reserve - this is the first of many visits to many bush reserves to obtain ideas. |
| 19/3/1995 | Darryl Jacob calls the first public meeting held at the Government Dam attended by 11 people. Meanwhile Landscape Architects plan is finished. |
| 11/7/1995 | Draft plan placed on public display. |
| 4/9/1995 | Physical work actually starts - pulled old fences down. |
| 13/9/1995 | Contacted Hume Shire Council re; Public Liability OK. |
| 25/9/1995 | First site inspection with representation from Hume Shire Council. |

Wirraminna Story

- 23/10/1995 First Publicity. Darry Jacob contacted the Border Morning Mail and they do a good positive story with photo.
- 1/11/1995 Hume Shire Council works manager inspects for carpark - provided May 1996.
- 13/11/1995 Post Proposal and plans to Australian Newsprint Mill with copy of Border Morning Mail story.
- 14/11/1995 Judy Frankenberg, Sue Schilg and Darryl Jacob decide to involve Burrumbuttock Public School and ask pupils to run a contest to name the bush reserve. Contact Principal Owen Dunlop
- 11/12/1995 Major meeting re: focus of bush reserve - Environmental Education is important. Don Eastick, Sue Schilg, Judy Frankenberg, Darryl Jacob.

1996

- 6/1/1996 Major earthworks on ponds.
- 21/1/1996 Levels of ponds taken by Don Eastick and Darryl Jacob.
- 25/1/1996 First donation of material - Geo Fabric Albury - Filter Cloth.
- 1/2/1996 West Hume Landcare helps with negotiations with Australian Newsprint Mill for sponsorship.
- 5/3/1996 Burrumbuttock School voted Wirraminna as the name to replace Burrumbuttock Arboretum - Recreation Ground Committee votes to accept the new name.
- 16/3/1996 Community Working Bee - 5 men, pull fences down.
- 17/3/1996 Community Working Bee - 16 men - Concrete Pour - spillways. Erect Entrance Rock
- 19/3/1996 Australian Newsprint Mill on site inspection for sponsorship.
- 16/4/1996 Contacted West Hume Landcare President - accepts job as Technical Adviser for Wirraminna.
- 3/5/1996 Contacted Greening Australia and arrange on site visit.
- 9/5/1996 Contacted Glenda Datsun - Society For Growing Australian Plants. Member and Native Plant expert to arrange visit to design front garden beds 27/6/1996.
- 27/5/1996 Hume Shire carts 145 cubic metres top soil for front beds.
- 27/5/1996 Hume Shire constructs car park.
- 2/6/1996 Contacted weed expert Ms Sue Brunskill to inspect park and give a talk 11/7/1996.
- 8/6/1996 Contacted local historian Mrs Sylvia Schmidt to research history of the public watering place: Gazetted in 1883. Dam Dug in 1902
- 11/6/1996 Australian Newsprint Mills Forester and 2 Education Officers visit park having decided to give full support to the project.
- 11/6/1996 First school group to visit by St Pauls College - Walla Walla.
- 17/6/1996 Burrumbuttock Public School now very interested in education possibilities Principal Owen Dunlop arranges a visit to the Riverina Field Study Centre at Wagga for parents and students for 29/7/1996.
- 26/6/1996 Burrumbuttock Public School applies for grant from Department of Education for Wirraminna.
- 3/7/1996 First sponsorship cheques received \$1900 from Australian Newsprint Mill for Visitors Centre
- 8/7/1996 Meeting at Graham Beesleys to design a Wirraminna Brochure. 6 people attended.
- 9/7/1996 Contacted Albury City Council Parks and Gardens, James Jenkins for advice.
- 14/7/1996 Contacted Colin Wiltshire, carpenter to design Information Centre.
- 19/7/1996 Applied for grant from Environmental Trust - unsuccessful.
- 7/8/1996 Official letters received from Hume Shire Re: Title to Public Watering Place - OK.
- 22/8/1996 Hume Shire drops off first load of pine bark from Australian Newsprint Mill 60 cubic metres.

Wirraminna Story

5/9/1996	Start contacting Native Plant nurseries for availability of plants.
17/9/1996	Finish visitors centre basic structure, 6 working bees involving 8 men. Also finished building Burrumbuttock Bridge. Start collecting donations from community for plants
19/9/1996	First visit to Pantanga Nursery, Jan Hall, Yarrowonga. Eventually to be our chief supplier.
21/9/1996	Major working bee. Parents and children. Plant residential area out. 20 phone calls to organise
2/10/1996	Contacted the Australian Geographic Centre for Sponsorship.
27/10/1996	Local Member for Parliament inspects park. Burrumbuttock School Principal Owen Dunlop arranges for Royal Botanic Garden Education Officers to visit school and assess the park
30/10/1996	Burrumbuttock School, offers their water for watering park.
3/11/1996	Society for Growing Australian Plants. Glenda Datsun, working bee 14 people, plant Patanga Gardens
4/11/1996	Darryl Jacob planted 40 bottle brushes up the entrance driveway
17/11/1996	Working Bee - put log bridge in position.
27/11/1996	Department of Education \$2000 to school towards feasibility study of the site.
14/12/1996	Design Wirraminna letterhead.

1997

16/1/1997	Contract Cyril Signs to do all timber signs.
23/1/1997	Working Bee - Cart 300 cubic metres soil for wattle bed.
11/3/1997	Darryl Jacob met with Hume Shire Council reserves committee. Money made available for picnic tables and a drink bubbler.
27/3/1997	Rang Department of Land and Water Conservation, Ian Davidson - Wildlife Biologist will inspect.
7/4/1997	Applied for Grant through Natural Heritage Trust.
7/5/1997	Hume Shire connects fresh water to Wirraminna. Drink Bubbler installed 27/8/1998.
12/5/1997	Australian Newsprint Mill decides to go ahead with Agro forestry Nelder. School to be involved.
12/5/1997	I.A.M.A. decide to sponsor Four Seasons Garden following our proposal
19/5/1997	Royal Botanic Gardens - Education Officers visit Burrumbuttock School and Wirraminna.
14/6/1997	Australian Newsprint Mill Nelder planted. 20 phone calls -20 people. Also planted Landcare Windbreak and Ornamental Gums.
21/6/1997	Plant Wattle Bed and Understory
26/6/1997	Plant Specimen Wattles and Calitris Pines.
5/7/1997	Major Working Bee - 18 members of the Society for Growing Australian Plants and Locals plant 164 wattles on dam bank and erect picnic tables
11/8/1997	Finish planting dam bank.
23/8/1997	Start to plant Craft Bed.
26/9/1997	Replant 60 native trees in Nelder Re: Australian Newsprint Mill.
15/10/1997	Department Of Land And Water Conservation remnant vegetation expert addresses Burrumbuttock School and Community at a BBQ in the park.
18/10/1997	Burrumbuttock Fire Brigade offers to water Landcare Windbreak.
27/10/1997	Apply for National Community Link Awards - unsuccessful.
7/11/1997	Natural Heritage Trust Funding successful \$8980 - cheque received 9/2/1998
12/11/1997	Contact Charles Sturt University Ms Rosemary Black Re: Interpretative Signs.

1998

Spent most of January and February obtaining quotes for signs, display boards etc., and water system.

- 16/2/1998 Contacted Latrobe University School of Environmental Management and Ecology for advice.
- 22/2/1998 First brain storm meeting Re: Interpretative Signs, Sue Schilg, Judy Frankenburg, Fe Coleman, Wendy Wiltshire and Darryl Jacob.
- 9/3/1998 Install picnic tables in Visitors Centre.
- 9/3/1998 Bat Survey conducted by Charles Sturt University
- 30/3/1998 Erect first 2 display boards in Visitors Centre.
- 31/3/1998 Invite Mr Tim Fischer Deputy Prime Minister to officially open park.
- 8/4/1998 Department of Education announces Burrumbuttock School is officially a trial Learnscape School - Allocated \$3000.
- 27/4/1998 Eradicate carp and redfin from the main dam.
- 4/5/1998 Burrumbuttock Anglers Club helps with restocking fish in dam - advice from Grong Grong Fish Hatchery.
- 5/5/1998 Contacted award winning Wooragee Primary School in Victoria re: ideas and visit.
- 11/5/1998 Contacted Canberra Native Botanic Gardens re: advice on signs and record keeping - 3 visits.
- 19/5/1998 Anthony Fanning Advanced Land Technologies. Maps Park G.P.S.) (organised free by Landcare).
- 2/5/1998 Mick Stewart - Hume Shire Council maps park with theodolite.
- 22/5/1998 Major working bee - 18 people, Thurgoona TAFE and Locals laid water main around park.
- 22/5/1998 Install power pole and power for submersible pump (School Project).
- 1/6/1998 Pump switched on for the first time.
- 10/6/1998 Visit by Department of Education and Training Head, Mr Syd Smith re: Learnsapes.
- 13/6/1998 First "Breakfast in the Park". 80 Locals plus Hume Shire Councillors.
- 15/6/1998 Riverina College of TAFE. Visit by Koori Students - Rural Studies
- 25/6/1998 Melbourne Zoo film at park.
- 6/8/1998 Hume Shire Council erects 'Wirraminna' sign at intersection.
- 24/8/1998 Hume Shire Council - Names of Project Team submitted for insurance purposes.
- 24/8/1998 Meeting at Burrumbuttock School re: Official Opening and structure of team.
- 3/8/1998 Principal Burrumbuttock School Mr Owen Dunlop floats idea of Amphitheatre for school.
- 4/9/1998 Amphitheatre excavated.
- 14/9/1998 Visit to Burrumbuttock School and Park by Director of Education and District Superintendent
- 7/10/1998 Organise 'Wirraminna' Tee Shirt.
- 12/10/1998 Natural Heritage Trust announced we are successful with 2nd round of funding \$3350.
- 13/10/1998 Erect last 4 display Boards in Visitors Centre - 2 paid for by West Hume Landcare.
- 20/10/1998 Plant aquatic plants around wetlands.
- 8/11/1998 Official Opening of Wirraminna by Deputy Prime Minister and Member for Farrer - Mr Tim Fischer.
- 13/11/1998 First fish release by Burrumbuttock Anglers Club. 100 Yellow Belly, 100 Silver Perch

1999

- 11/2/1999 First contact with Lesley Palmer - Publicity Officer, Murray Catchment Management Committee - Deniliquin.
- 16/2/1999 Laminate History Photos for Display Boards
- 10/3/1999 Float idea for Gazebo in the Nelder - Principal Burrumbuttock School, Mr Owen Dunlop to approach Australian Newsprint Mill for support.
- 15/5/1999 General Meeting of the Project Team held at Burrumbuttock Public School
- 9/6/1999 Plant Nail Can Hill bed. Initiated by Sue Schilg.
- 22/6/1999 Conference at Mulwala C.M.C. Seeds are sown for 'Wirraminna'
- Learnscape Video - Initiated and Co-ordinated by Principal Burrumbuttock School Mr Owen Dunlop
- 24/8/1999 Cheque received \$1676 to build Fletcher Challenge Field Study Centre.
- 7/10/1999 Launch Floating Island on dam.
- 9/10/1999 Monster working bee to clean up prior to filming for Learnscape Video.
- 11&14/10/99 Filming Begins
- 99
- 21/10/1999 NSW Landcare Awards NSW held in Sydney. Wirraminna and Burrumbuttock Public School awarded the winner in the Education Category.
- 23/10/1999 Australian Gas Pipeline donate helicopter for filming.
- 2/11/1999 Planted 3 grass trees in the craft bed.
- 29/10/1999 Launch of 'Wirraminna' Learnscape Video.
- 12&17/11/99 Meeting of the Project Team held at the Burrumbuttock Public School.
- Discuss entrance signs
- 23/11/1999 Organise 'Wirraminna' Calendars
- 9/12/1999 Launch of 'Wirraminna' video at Commercial Club for Catchment Management Committee.

2000

- 17/1/2000 Work for the Dole - 6 men, 2 weeks work.
- 22/1/2000 Finish Gazebo
- 21/2/2000 Post Natural Heritage Trust application
- 29/2/2000 Hume Shire Council allocated \$1800 for park.
- February, March April - Construct Amphitheatre
- 2/3/2000 Landcare International 2000 Awards Night in Melbourne. Burrumbuttock Public School and Wirraminna Environmental Education Centre awarded the winner of the North Ltd Education Category. Nominated by West Hume Landcare Co-ordinator.
- 12/3/2000 Celebration of the Landcare Award with an afternoon tea at Burrumbuttock Public School.
- 7/4/2000 Erect Fischer Bridge.
- 15/4/2000 Erect Sydney Harbour Bridge.
- 14/4/2000 Fletcher Challenge Paper announces long term (5 year) sponsorship deal.
- 15/4/2000 North Ltd donates \$3000.
- 25/4/2000 Meeting at Burrumbuttock School. Discuss formation of 'Friends of Wirraminna'
- 5/5/2000 School and Wirraminna share donation from North Ltd \$3,000
- 23/5/2000 School children first planting of amphitheatre
- 3/6/2000 Erect large anodized aluminium sign at entrance to park. Finish decking on Sydney Harbour Bridge

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23/6/2000	School/Wirraminna takes delivery of new John S\Deer ride on mower
7/7/2000	Wirraminna's email address registered – wirra@dragnet.com.au
30/7/2000	Finish design of new brochure
10/8/2000	School starts to develop their own website
16/8/2000	First 100 copies of new brochure
27/8/2000	First Wattle day. Guest speaker Paul Scannell from Albury Botanic Gardens
1/9/2000	Hume Shire Council includes Wirraminna in their website
25/10/2000	Join Albury/Wodonga Regional Tourism Forum
31/9/2000	School wins NSW Readers Digest awards
1/1/2000	1 st Church service at Wirraminna (Non-Denominational)
3/10/2000	Win TV film park
20/10/2000	NHT funding approved for 2000/2001- \$4900
1/11/2000	Hume Shire Council website up and running
17/11/2000	Take delivery of 50 caps
3/11/2000	Meeting with Hume Shire Council, regarding Shire managing our funds – decide to accept offer. Wirraminna to become a separate park June 30, 2001 – Under Section 335 of Local Government Act
29/11/2000	Committee decides to make a donation box

2001

4/1/2001	Put Irrigation system in amphitheatre
26/1/2001	Australia day, Dr David Butcher C.E.O. World Wildlife Fund, visits park
12/2/2001	Green Corps work at park – 1 week
23/2/2001	Decide to build a composting toilet, apply to shire for funds
8/4/2001	Write to Hume Shire Council for money for toilet and a budget – Wirraminna to be included in annual Parks and Reserves budget
13/6/2001	Green Corps team in park
17/7/2001	Member for Farrer, Tim Fisher launches Green Corps Team
24/6/2001	School receives extra funding from Dept of Education – Clerical, Teacher relief, admin Assistance
26/6/2001	Council debates support for Wirraminna
29/6/2001	New Glossy Brochure ready to print
6/7/2001	Hand over finances to Shire
27/7/2001	Council offers low interest loan for toilets/barbeque - \$15,000
27/7/2001	First meeting of newly formed committee under Section 335 Local Govt. Act
27/7/2001	New glossy brochure launched – Funded jointly by the School and Wirraminna
10/8/2001	Darryl Jacob gives presentation to Albury Wodonga Regional Tourism Forum workshop at Commercial Club
14/8/2001	New Squirrel Glide video released, funded mainly by North Albury Rotary club and Win TV
31/8/2001	Committee decides to build a wheelchair access composting toilet
2/9/2001	Wattle Day – big success. Special guest Wally Wattle (Nigel Jones)
26/9/2001	Mega Maths day at School and Wirraminna
4/10/2001	Order electric BBQ
8/10/2001	Commence work on new toilet
11/10/2001	International year of the volunteer – small equipment grant application successful for garden shed and tools \$1200
25/10/2001	Order Composting toilet with daytime solar kit

Wirraminna Story

15/11/2001	Install electric BBQ
21/11/2001	Hume Shire objects to position of toilet
23/11/2001	Committee decide to do a self guided walk brochure
25/11/2001	New BBQ used for first time
12/12/2001	Albury Wodonga Regional Tourism Forum launches new colour brochure which features Wirraminna

2002

28/2/2002	Park mapped with global positioning system to assist with development of self guided walks
23/3/2002	New garden shed completed
17/6/2002	New position for composting toilet approved by council
26/7/2002	Committee formally adopt constitution
8/9/2002	Wattle Day – Dr David Watson, Guest Speaker
30/9/2002	Committee decide to construct a Bush Tucker bed
18/10/2002	New Toilet open for business
14/11/2002	Enviro Fund application is successful for 2003, \$9554
10/12/2002	Committee apply for tax deductible gift recipient status

2003

2/2/2003	Committee propose walking track around Burrumbuttock with Hume shire
20/2/2003	Lop large gum trees near ponds
24/2/2003	Committee propose recycling sewage into dam with Hume Shire
2/4/2003	Wonga Wetlands Committee met at School and Wirraminna
2/5/2003	First of taxidermy animals from Jessica Wrobel
14/5/2003	Billabong Buzz – 8 schools at Wirraminna
6/6/2003	Erect four squirrel glider nest boxes
11/6/2003	Re-investigation of sinking a bore at Wirraminna – it is in a 'bland zone' not possible
13/6/2003	Wirraminna/School purchase a portable PA system
20/6/2003	Launch of Eastern Billabong Wildlife Survey
17/7/2003	Application to Enid Erwin trust successful - \$10,000
2/8/2003	Dam is dry due to drought, lift island out of the mud
12/8/2003	Order two display cabinets for taxidermy animals
31/8/2003	Wattle Day special guest: Matt Herring, Owen Stanley on didgeridoo
4/9/2003	Tidy Towns assessor for school environment award NSW
10/9/2003	Landcare, erect farm fence along windbreak
19/9/2003	Community Chest Funding from Hume Shire for a building \$10,000
19/11/2003	Negotiate with Landcare Australia for sponsorship for Nation Junior Landcare building
22/1/2003	Tidy Town Awards – Burrumbuttock Primary School win NSW Schools Environment Award
1/12/2003	Begin to develop concept plan for building at Wirraminna
12/12/2003	Two new display cabinets arrive for our taxidermy specimens
12/12/2003	Cheque book arrives for public fund account
15/12/2003	Beestick maintenance commence projects in park

2004

Severe dry spell from 21/12/2003 until 24/4/2004

Wirraminna Story

Extensive enquiries made regarding concept plan for new interpretative building

17/3/2004	Beestick Maintenance finishes all jobs – big jetty, bridges and lining of ponds
29/3/2004	Submit budget proposal to Hume Shire Council 2004-05
29/3/2004	Submit new proposal to Hume Shire Council for walking track around Burrumbuttock \$1,000 allocated
7/4/2004	Apply to ANZ bank for funding for Interpretative Centre
7/4/2004	Hume Shire Council invites Wirraminna to help landscape Transfer Station at Burrumbuttock
23/4/2004	Start investigate possibility of Wirraminna becoming a tax deductible gift recipient
17/5/2004	Meet with Albury/Wodonga consultative committee for funding for Interpretative Building
27/8/2004	School and Wirraminna take delivery of new ride on mower
7/9/2004	Submission to DOTARS sent
17/9/2004	Finish plans Transfer Station Landscaping
20/10/2004	Finish and post charity application

2005

1/2/2005	Council gives \$7,000 for new building from Community Chest application
3/3/2005	DOTARS funding application successful \$38,500 for new Interpretative Building
1/4/2005	Decide on a rammed earth design
2/5/2005	Temporary power connected to building site
24/6/2005	Plans ready and engaged Mark Orton as builder
4/7/2005	Tax deductible gift recipient application successful
2/9/2005	Mark Orton pegs out building – too close to road reserve
5/9/2005	New position – new site plan
22/9/2005	Post community water grant application
27/10/2005	Mark Orton starts on building – sets up saddles
14/11/2005	Excavation begins on new building
11/12/2005	Fund raising, sausage sizzle at Bunnings

2006

20/1/2006	Alter roof design of building
27/1/2006	More progress on building – excavate foundation
4/2/2006	Pour slab
13/2/2006	Earth Structures builds walls
10/3/2006	Community Water Grant successful \$15,927
12/4/2006	Green Corps – work in park
15/5/2006	Put trusses up
25/5/2006	Roof finished
24/5/2006	Media launch of building – plant 2 Wollemi pines
8/6/2006	Gable ends finished
16/6/2006	Verandah posts finished
19/6/2006	Landcare (Sony) sponsorship \$20,000 received
20/6/2006	Norske Skog sponsorship \$3,300
27/6/2006	Visit to park by Fulbright Scholars from USA
4/7/2006	Ceiling lining and insulation finished and skylight
5/7/2006	Green Corps work in park

Wirraminna Story

7/7/2006	Inside of walls sealed
14/7/2006	Front doors fitted
19/7/2006	Ghost Sign erected
20/7/2006	Painter finished
24/7/2006	Electrician finishes
4/8/2006	Paving of verandah finished
7/8/2006	Carpet laid
21/8/2006	Council approve \$12,000 loan to complete building
5/9/2006	Waterland Irrigation finishes installing computerised watering system
12/9/2006	Greater Hume Shire Council occupancy certificate issued
24/11/2006	Discovery and Learning Centre officially opened by Hon. Member for Farrer, Sussan Ley MP
29/11/2006	Wirraminna Banner made

2007

30/1/2007	Ian Potter Grant \$7,500 received
9/2/2007	Volunteer small equipment grant \$1406
21/2/2007	Decide to use cattle ear tags to identify plants
9/3/2007	Norske Skog grant \$4,000
4/5/2007	Sony/Landcare Sponsorship \$10,000
5/5/2007	MCMA Sponsorship \$10,000
21/5/2007	Federal Government announce \$8,000 rebate for solar power on community building
5/6/2007	Launch of new Junior Landcare DVD by Federal Member for Farrer Sussan Ley
7/6/2007	ANZ Bank –FFRR grant \$9,600
12/6/2007	MDBA – Grant for Native Fish Display \$9,600
18/6/2007	Self guided walk brochure completed
25/6/2007	Air conditioning Daikin Split System installed \$3875
13/7/2007	Red gum bench tops, shelving and cupboards installed \$12,662
20/7/2007	2 mobile fabric display boards purchased
3/8/2007	Depart Education Technician assesses wireless communication at school for Wirraminna
6/8/2007	Masons accounting appointed auditor of our Charity Trust
9/8/2007	Buy 10 green plastic interpretative signs
15/8/2007	Green Corps work in park. Plant native strip, Howlong Road
19/8/2007	Wattle Open Day – Matt Cameron, Guest Speaker
29/8/2007	Albury Probus Club Visit
31/8/2007	DPI donate farm/water diorama
5/9/2007	St David's Church Fellowship visit
5/9/2007	West Hume Landcare meets at Wirraminna
25/9/2007	TAFE Indigenous Group Working Bee
25/9/2007	MDBC and Department Education Launch of Living River DVD. In attendance, Mayor Denise Osborne, Dr Wendy Craik
27/9/2007	TAFE Indigenous Group – Working Bee
19/12/2007	David Dunn – Aboriginal artist paints scene on front of Native Fish Display aquarium

2008

7/2/2008	Work commences on seed production area
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Wirraminna Story

11/2/2008	Computer classes held in Discovery Centre
5/3/2008	Taronga Zoo Mobile Display visit Wirraminna
4/4/2008	Start work on Burrum Walking Track – funding from Council received
8/4/2008	Slide show on Panama by David Watson
15/5/2008	Opening of Native Fish Display- Launch of DVD and Reference Library, MDBC
5/6/2008	Thurgoona TAFE working bee
17/6/2008	Island refuge constructed by Burrumbuttock School Pupils
30/6/2008	Construct boundary fence – seed prod area
14/7/2008	Watters install fibre optic cable from school to Discovery Centre
19/7/2008	Taxidermy donation from local resident. Black Duck, Platypus, River Crayfish
7/8/2008	Indian Consul General visits
12/8/2008	Launch Island Refuge on dam
13/8/2008	Barooga School visit for 3 days
14/8/2008	Erect Wirraminna Entrance Sign
20/8/2008	School Principals Conference at Wirraminna
27/8/2008	Bendigo Gold Field Nursery – identified as a new supplier of plants
18/9/2008	Department Environment and Heritage and Arts approve solar power system rebate \$14,327
13/10/2008	Zen Install 10 solar panels
21/10/2008	Governor General of Australia her Excellency Quentin Bryce and husband Michael visit
30/10/2008	ABI Group donate 20 metres native mulch
17/11/2008	Smart Board installed in Discovery Centre
27/11/2008	Solar Power fed into electricity grid for first time
8/2/2008	Telephone and paging system installed in Discovery Centre
28/12/2008	Composting toilet loan paid out

2009

4/2/2009	Matt Herring does Reptile Survey in park
18/2/2009	MDBA sponsorship \$5,000/Norske Skog \$2,000
22/2/2009	Gordon and Dulcie Schmidt farewelled in Discovery Centre
24/2/2009	Digital Matrix Display Board installed on verandah of Discovery Centre
4/3/2009	3 Trout Cod fingerlings put in aquarium
19/3/2009	School Principals workshop held at Wirraminna
27/5/2009	School Principals Conference
8/7/2009	Presented film 'Pumping Empty'
2/7/2009	Installed pathway lighting
18/7/2009	20 metres buckshot purchased
27/7/2009	Albury High School Teachers Conference
28/7/2009	Principals Workshop
9/9/2009	Injimarra Garden Developed
30/8/2009	Wattle Day – Dr Paul Humphries, guest speaker
13/10/2009	Zen connect weather station to digital display board
12/11/2009	Visitors Shelter built near BBQ
18/11/2009	GHSC meeting at Wirraminna

2010

28/1/2010	Wirraminna 'Open' sandwich board purchased
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Wirraminna Story

10/2/2010	MCMA Board visit
4/3/2010	Norske Skog donate 58 ton pine mulch
8/3/2010	Purchase 2 red gum bench seats for verandah of Discovery Centre
22/3/2010	Blinds installed in Discovery Centre
27/4/2010	First school bus financed by MCMA
13/5/2010	New weather station installed – sponsored by North Albury Rotary Club and Liange O'Rourke \$5,000
13/7/2010	Weather Station connected to WEB
21/7/2010	Weather Station – Official Opening
30/7/2010	Green Corps Graduation Ceremony
15/8/2010	Exhibit at Latrobe University Sustainability Fair
10/9/2010	6 more solar panels installed – Hume Building Society sponsor \$1,000
17/9/2010	Green Corps working in park
17/9/2010	Schools First Impact Award \$50,000
20/9/2010	Burrumbuttock School and MDA win funding to develop Living River DVD
16/10/2010	Greg Aplin MP, Albury delivers speech in NSW Parliament regarding Schools First Impact Award and Wirraminna
18/11/2010	Install sprinkler system along Brocklesby Road to mitigate fire
19/11/2010	Green Corps working in park
8/12/2010	Send submission to MCMA for Public Lands Biodiversity Grant for back paddock

2011

12/1/2011	Apply for Wirraminna roadside signage to GHSC
3/2/2011	Purchase Stihl Chainsaw
6/2/2011	Public Lands Biodiversity Grant approved \$19,800
10/2/2011	Donation from Bowna Farm Landcare \$750
7/4/2011	Climate Clever School Kids at Wirraminna
17/6/2011	Sponsorship from MDBA \$5,000
21/7/2011	Install Injimarra interpretative sign
20/9/2011	Dick Smith launches DVD 'What have we got here' at Henty Field Days
25/10/2011	Catchment Management NSW meets at Wirraminna
4/11/2011	MDA Regions meet at Wirraminna

2012

8/2/2012	New garden shed erected
2/3/2012	MDBA Sponsorship \$5,000
6/3/2012	New bridge built on dam over flow
8/7/2012	Public Meeting at Recreation Ground – 24 people. Go ahead given for the Bio-Diversity Project – 200 metres retained for the Recreation Ground
27/3/2012	Draft Management Plans for Public Lands Biodiversity Project on display
17/5/2012	New LED lighting installed above aquariums
14/9/2012	Commence procedure to put Wirraminna on Ecoportal
18/9/2012	Commence on ground work – Woodland Project – plan planting
25/10/2012	Purchase new whipper snipper
25/10/2012	New copying machine donated by MCMA

2013

Committee continue working on licence to DPI Corroboree Frog Display

- 9/2/2013 Purchase 3 bench seats plus Taxidermy wombat from Ettamogah Wildlife Sanctuary auction
- 21/2/2013 Dougald Friederick agrees to do audit of Wirraminna Trust Account replacing Masons Accounting
- 13/4/2013 NRM Educators meet at Wirraminna
- 25/4/2013 MCMA donated \$3,700 for Corroboree Frog project
- 30/4/2013 MDBA grant \$5,000
- 8/5/2013 MCMA direct seed woodland paddock
- 8/5/2013 GHSC Tourism Advisory Board meeting at Wirraminna
- 14/5/2013 Erect Woodland signs
- 15/5/2013 Move 'Chasing Ice' in Albury. Hume Building Society donate profit to Wirraminna \$1,700
- 16/5/2013 Woodland paddock deep ripped
- 20/5/2013 GHSC erect Wirraminna roadside signs
- 30/5/2013 Dr David Hunter visits Wirraminna – Frog Ecologist
- 28/6/2013 Visit Parklane Nursery – large plant order
- 2/7/2013 Commence construction of 30 nest boxes
- 17/7/2013 D.P.I approve frog licence
- 14/8/2013 Corroboree Frog Display Opening
- 25/8/2013 Wirraminna Open Day 'The Birds and the Bees', Guest Speaker – Dr Dave Watson, Lou Bull and Karen Retra
- 27/8/2013 Start planting IN Woodland Paddock
- 5/9/2013 First meeting with Council to discuss Wirraminna restructure
- 8/9/2013 Aquarium tank breaks
- 1/10/2013 Windstorm at Wirraminna
- 18/10/2013 Committee resolve to commence restructure process
- 5/11/2013 Dr Ken Walker, Melbourne Museum presents a talk 'Bowerbird Website'.
- 26/11/2013 Launch of 'Catchment Champions' at CSU
- 26/11/2013 4 new acrylic aquariums installed

2014

- 28/1/2014 Commence connecting irrigation sprays to all garden beds
- 28/2/2014 Launch of Squirrel Glider LAMP Project
- 30/3/2014 Print Burrumbuttock Bulletin at Wirraminna
- 24/4/2014 Corowa Probus Group visit
- 27/2/2014 Decide to hold a Farm Art Event
- 27/4/2014 Develop a Value Statement and send to Council 15 May
- 20/5/2014 Erect last of 24 new nest boxes
- 17/6/2014 Sign contract with MDBA for \$8,250 to employ an Educator Officer, 1 day per week
- 13/6/2014 Decide to set up a new Incorporated Association – Petaurus Education Group to handle all business outside of park. Apply to NSW Fair Trading to register
- 25/7/2014 Purchase plants from Park Lane Nursery
- 9/8/2014 Farm Art Event – successful
- 19/8/2014 Exhibit at Climate Forum at ACC
- 3/9/2014 Film Wirraminna with a 'Drone'

Wirraminna Story

2/10/2014	Petaurus Education Inc established
31/9/2014	Slab poured for new garden shed
14/10/2014	Website updated
20/10/2014	L.L.S Board meet at Wirraminna
1/11/2014	Wirraminna Exhibit at Green Market, Albury
10/12/2014	Screening of 'Wild about Nature' in Albury, partnerships between Wirraminna and Murray LLS
18/12/2014	Contract signed between Wirraminna and Murray LLS for L.A.M.P. Squirrel Gliders

2015

13/1/2015	Green Army work at Wirraminna
20/1/2015	Green Army work at Wirraminna
27/1/2015	New Garden Shed completed
30/1/2015	First of many meetings to design new brochure
5/3/2015	Purchase direction sign and 2 tear drop banners
23/4/2015	Promotional Book printed titled 'NSW Murray Region School Support
5/5/2015	Albury Wodonga Probus Group Visit
8/5/2015	Submit funding request for MILLS for new brochure under 'Community Building Partnerships'
11/5/2015	Commence work on new visitors BBQ shelter and fence Howlong Road
18/5/2015	Landcare NSW Community Grant donate 6 burner BBQ, Gazebo, Go Pro and spray tank
19/5/2015	GEO caches installed in Wirraminna
29/5/2015	Nomination sent to Landcare NSW for Junior Landcare Award – CCK Program
11 /6/2015	Discussion held regarding residual West Hume Landcare money held by Council with Landcare Facilitator Edwina Hayes
12/6/ 2015	Application for funding for NSW Brochure \$6,000 – successful
17/6/ 2015	Loan of \$8000 taken out with Council for new machinery shed and power upgrade
24/6/ 2015	Presentation to GHSC at Holbrook
30/6/ 2015	BBQ shelter completed
16/7/ 2015	Purchase Vacuum Cleaner and 10 safety vest
1 /8/2015	6 x 4 car trailer and tools donations
4/8/2015	Completed new fence, Howlong Road
11/8/2015	Complete installation of 12 new treated pine signs
18/8/2015	Murray Arts workshop at Wirraminna
25/8/2015	New Zero Turn mower purchased
1/9/2015	Gabion Sign completed
2/9/2015	Wirraminna CCK Program wins NSW Junior Landcare Award – Presentation in Orange
12&13/9/2015	Farm Art in the Bush held at Wirraminna
10/9/2015	Submission to Environmental Trust for funding for seed bank
22/9/2015	Launch of 4 CCK Books at Henty Field Day
13/11/2015	20 year celebration of Wirraminna and launch of new brochure. Held at Wirraminna

Wirraminna Story

- 1/12/2015 Successful application to MLLS for funding for interpretive signs and plant labels announced \$7177.
- 21/12/2015 Council approves Wirraminna lease of Lindner Lane and Tank Track.

2016

- 18/01/2016 Council approves Wirraminna taking control of its own finances independent from Council.
- 8/03/2016 Len Hewitt electrical complete connection of underground power from Discovery Centre to BBQ. Powerline over dam is disconnected.
- 4/04/2016 Inaugural meeting of reformed West Hume Landcare Group held at Wirraminna
- 27/04/2016 Concrete spillway raised on Dam overflow
- 13/03/2016 Murray Darling Association donates office furniture
- 04/08/2016 Two new retractable banners purchased
- 09/08/2016 Green army begin first of 6 days' work at Wirraminna
- 11/08/2016 6' x 4' car trailer and equipment donated.
- 24/08/2016 Community planting day – Burrum walking track.
- 01/09/2016 Specsavers sponsorship starts.
- 07/09/2016 Schools attend threatened species day at Wirraminna
- 11/09/2016 Wirraminna open day held
- 20/09/2016 Launch of CCK books at Henty Field Days.
- 21-23/09/16 National Landcare Conference and Awards Ceremony held at Melbourne Convention Centre. Wirraminna wins Junior Landcare Team award with its Creative Catchment Kids Program
- 28-29/09/16 Murray Arts Casp workshop held at Wirraminna. 15 adults and 26 children.
- 04/10/2016 Windstorm damages Wirraminna.
- 07/10/2016 Sunshine Foundation donates \$10000 for Community resource centre.
- 09/11/2016 Owen Dunlop wins NSW Environmental Educator of the year.
- 09/11/2016 FRRR submission successful - \$4920 for Wirraminna on Wheels.
- 10/11/2016 Exhibit at Twilight market at QEII Square.
- 16/11/2016 Wirraminna participate in renewable energy presentation at Albury Entertainment Centre
- 01/12/2016 Council approves funding application of \$3000 for Community Resource Centre.
- 02/12/2016 Successful funding application to MLLS for 'Seed Production for Biodiversity' \$11000.
- 07/12/2016 Finished new amphitheatre seating.
- 08/12/2016 New Burrum walking track brochure complete
- 09/12/2016 Purchased poly trailer for mower.
- 11/12/2016 Wirraminna volunteers have Christmas party at recreation ground.
- 29/12/2016 New 'John Deer' ride on mower purchased.

2017

- 07/02/2017 Work commenced on seed production area project
- 3/5/2017 Mooroopna Garden Club visit
- 5/6/2017 North East Tree Care donate mulching of green waste
- 14/6/2017 Successful application to 'Premiers Community Building Partnership NSW' \$16,000 for new office extension
- 20/7/2017 Council development approval given for office extension
- 27/7/2017 Interpretative sign erected at stock trough
- 01/8/2017 Federal Government Building Better Regional Funding application successful \$38.210 for new office extension(PEG)

Wirraminna Story

04/10/2017	Naval Cadets visit for orienteering exercise
25/10/2017	Committee attend NSW Landcare Conference held in Albury
14/11/2017	Seed Production extension project completed – funding by Murray Local Land Services (M.L.L.S). A field day held with guest speaker Natasha Lappin – M.L.L.S Officer) The committee wishes to thank the Green Army for their valuable help in constructing the Seed Production beds and maintaining the park during 2017 – 6 working bees
3/12/2017	Wirraminna Christmas Party held at Kieran Keenans home
04/12/2017	Petaurus Education Group appointed Trustee of Wirraminna Trust
15/12/2017	Albury Environment Centre donate residual money to Wirraminna following the closure of this organisation
16/12/2017	Work commences on office extension – builder Mark Orton

2018

Ongoing issues with Crown Lands lead to the NSW Aboriginal Lands Council lodging a Native Title Claim on Wirraminna Land

25/5/2018	New garden built named the 'The Pole Garden'
5/7/2018	NSW Aboriginal Land Council claim refused
25/7/2018	Next Generation Energy install additional solar panels – 6.5kwh on Discovery Centre
17/07/2018	Opening of Office Extension named the 'Sunshine Room' by Member for Farrer, Honourable Susan Ley and Member for Albury Greg Aplin
6/09/2018	Touch Screen Television (large) installed in Discovery Centre
21/10/2018	West Hume Landcare event at Wirraminna – 'Birds, Breakfast and Boxes'
8/11/2018	Wirraminna Exhibit at QE2 Square – Twilight Markets
14/11/2018	Bee pollinator workshop held at Wirraminna
14/11/2018	Thurgoona Community Centre visit for Walk and Talk function
15/11/2018	Nest Box (1) camera purchased
15/11/2018	Council confirms Wirraminnas management of the Burrumbuttock Walking Track
4/12/2018	Furniture added to the Discovery Centre - 2 new tables and 12 padded chairs and Hot Water Urn
5/12/2018	Gala Bio Blitz Day held at Wirraminna
16/12/2018	Christmas Party held at the home of Brian and Sue Schilg

2019

6/2/2019	Barbed wire replaced with plan wire on Woodland fence
12/2/2019	Council re seal car park
22/04/2019	Storage cupboards and wall panels fitted in Discovery Centre as part of the Liquor and Gaming Grant
15/5/2019	Extension to machinery shed erected.
19/5/2019	Indian Myna event at Wirraminna
22/5/2019	Dead pine trees in Nelder started to be cut down
22/05/2019	St Pauls College volunteers help plant in the Woodland
14/06/2019	Scalping in woodland commences
23/06/2019	West Hume Landcare 30 th Anniversary
28/06/2019	Corowa Landcare Grassland Restoration Workshop with Dr Paul Gibson Roy
19/7/2019	NSW Crown Lands finally hands over control of Wirraminna to Greater Hume Council for community purposes – Public Recreation and Environmental Protection

Wirraminna Story

24/07/2019	Newly elected Member for Albury, Justin Clancy, representative of Department of Premier and Cabinet, Greater Hume Council, Petaurus Education Group and Wirraminna Committee meet at Wirraminna for a briefing on Wirraminna's activities
26/7/2019	MDBA announce \$20,000 funding for Stacey Bell to continue her role at Wirraminna
5/9/2019	Landcare Muster at Wirraminna – 30 attend
7/9/2019	Threatened Species Day held at Wirraminna
10/9/2019	Corowa Landcare hold Grassland Workshop – 22 attend
23/9/2019	St Pauls College volunteers at Wirraminna
23/10/2019	Completion of scalping of Woodland by Nigel Martin
20/11/2019	Wirraminna officially adopts their Vision Statement. “Inspire Communities to Protect, Improve and Maintain the Natural Environment”.
15/12/2019	Christmas Party held at the Discovery Centre

2020

17/2/2020	Crown Lands hands over the control of the Woodland Paddock to Council
19/2/2020	Council Grant \$25,000 to Wirraminna for building of a new Toilet Facility as part of the Australian governments Drought Communities Program
8/3/2020	‘Birds on Farms’ event – Presenter, Ben Humphries, 40 attend
18/03/2020	Council approve an additional \$25,000 for new Toilet Facility
15/4/2020	Burning of dead pine trees in Nelder. Burrumbuttock Rural Fire Brigade volunteer to oversee this operation.

PHOTO GALLERY

17 September 1996 – Building Bridge



1996 Working Bee



1998-Official Opening of Wirraminna by Deputy Prime Minister and Member for Farrer - Mr Tim Fischer



1998 – Jim Marshall, Deep Ripping



1998 – on loading mulch



1998 – Finishing Gazebo



2000 – National Landcare Award Winner



Launching Floating Island



Wirraminna Story

2000 – Installing Entrance Sign



2001 – Green Corps with Tim Fisher



2002 – Building composting toilet



Track Construction



2006 – Construction of the Discover Centre



2006 – Construction of the Discover Centre



2006 – Construction of the Discover Centre



2006 – Construction of the Discover Centre



24 November 2006–Discovery and Learning Centre officially opened by Hon. Member for Farrer, Sussan Ley



15/8/2008 - Native Fish Display Opened



This Native Fish Display was officially opened on

15th May 2008

by

Dr Wendy Craik

Chief Executive of the Murray Darling Basin Commission



This initiative was a
partnership project between
Wirraminna Environmental
Education Centre
and the
Murray Darling Basin Commission.



Darryl Jacob Chairperson WEEC

13/10/2008 – Installing Solar Panels



2008 – Aerial Photo taken by Kathryn Mitsch



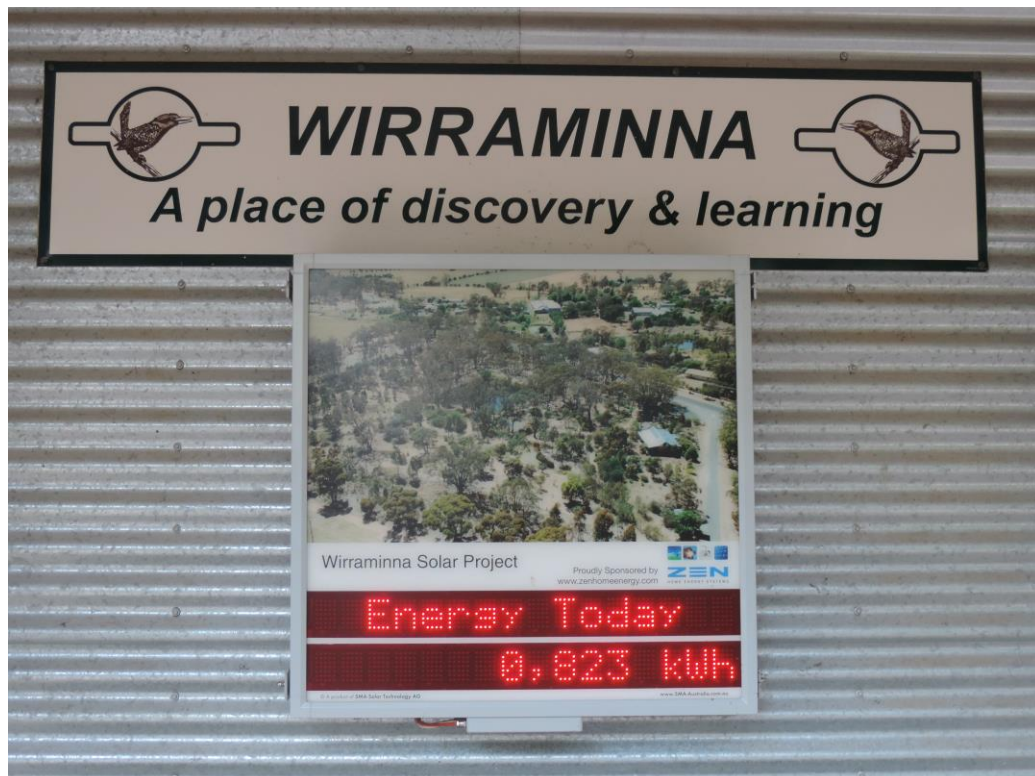
2008 – Governor General Quentin Bryce Visits Wirraminna



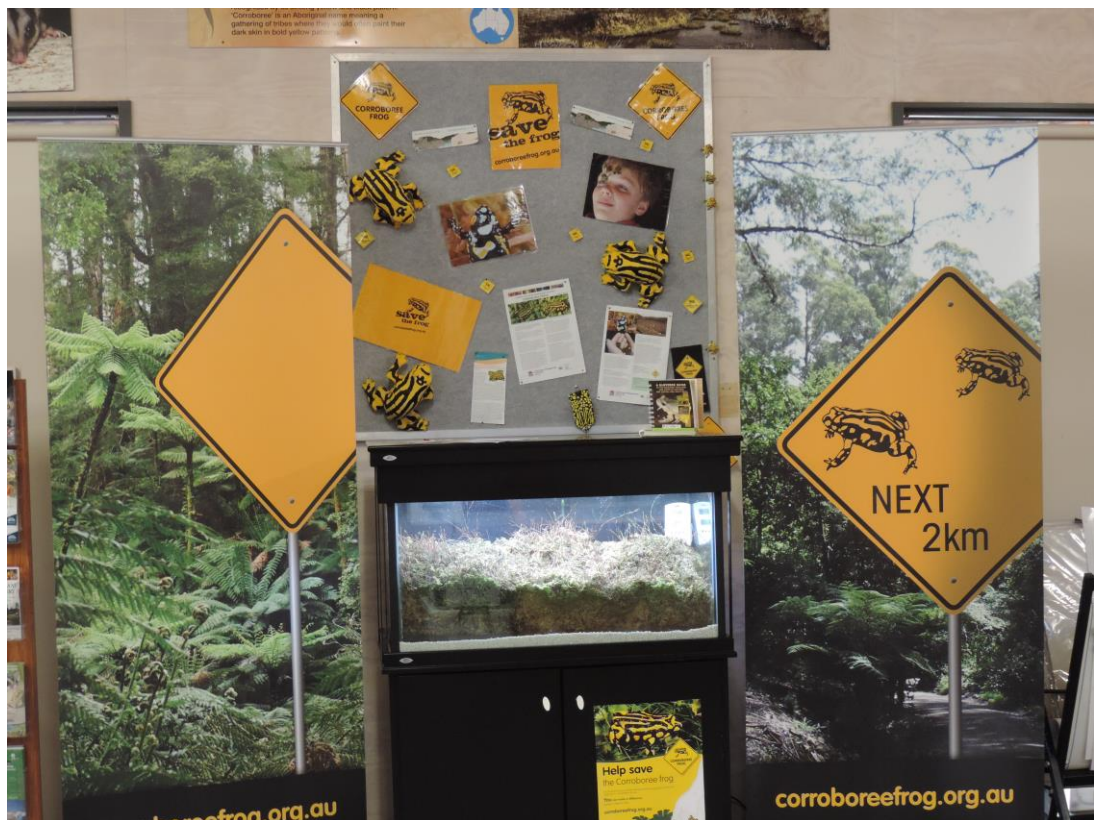
11/11/2009 – Construction of Picnic Shelter



13/5/2010 – New weather station installed sponsored by North Albury Rotary Club and Liange O'Rourke



14/8/2013 – Corroboree Frog Display opened



2013 – Box Gum Grassy Woodland



2014 – Installing Nest Boxes



2014 – Sustainability Fair, Albury





Fart in the Bush

Farm Art in the Bush
Wirraminna EEC Burrumbuttock

Open To All

Build your own Farm Art piece!
Display your art in in natural bush setting or on the
banks of the Wirraminna billabong, with
the winning display becoming a permanent fixture.

Win \$2000

Entries Open Now!

Entries close:
6pm Wednesday
6th August 2014

Displays open to public:
8:30am Saturday 9th August 2014

Entry Form is available
By email: wirraminnaart@gmail.com
Or phone Keiran: (02) 60293169

Volunteers wanting to become involved in this great project
who would like to join The Friends of Wirraminna Group
Contact Darryl at wirra@draget.com.au
or phone Sue on (02) 6029 3292 or Judy on (02)6026 5356



Farm Art Winners 2014



January 2015 – Moving small shed



January 2015 – Building new shed



May 2015 – Building Picnic Shelter



May 2015 – Completed Picnic Shelter



September 2015 – Farm Art Promotion - Minion



September 2015 - Wirraminna Creative Catchment Kids Program wins NSW Junior Landcare Award



Wirraminna 2015



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Wirraminna 2015



August 2016 – Community planting day, Burrum walking track



September 2016 – Wirraminna Open Day held



September 2016 – National Landcare Conference and Awards Ceremony held in Melbourne



December 2016 – Finished new amphitheatre seating



project

May 2017 – North East Tree Care donate mulching of green waste



June 2017 – Successful application to “Premiers Community Building Partnership NSW”
\$16,000 for new office extension. Pictured Centre: Mr Greg Aplin – Member for Albury



July 2017 – New Pump shed built and installed by volunteer



Nest boxes continually monitored and data recorded by volunteers



October 2017 – NSW Landcare Conference held in Albury. Field Trip to Wirraminna



November 2017 - Seed Production extension project completed and opened with a field day.



November 2017 - Seed Production extension project completed



October 2017 – Box Gum Grassy Woodland Project



November 2017 – Construction commences of new Office Extension



Regular working bees are held every Wednesday. *'Time to take a break'.*



Wirraminna Story

July 2018 - Opening of Office Extension named the 'Sunshine Room' by Member for Farrer, Honourable Susan Ley and Member for Albury Greg Aplin



October 2018 - Birds, Breakfast and Boxes Workshop



December 2018 - Christmas Party held at Brian and Sue Schilgs



May 2019 – Extension to Machinery Shed



May 2019 – Dead pines trees removal commenced



May 2019 – St Pauls College volunteers help with planting in the Woodland



June 2019 – Scalping of the Woodland



June 2019 – West Hume Landcare 30 years celebration



June 2019 – Corowa Landcare Grassland Restoration Workshop



July 2019 – Newly elected Member for Albury, Justin Clancy attends at briefing at Wirraminna



Wirraminna Story

December 2019 – Christmas Party



March 2020 – Birds on Farm event



March 2020 – Burrumbuttock Rural Fire Brigade Volunteers oversee burning of dead pine trees in Nelder

