

MOVING FORWARD WITH PRIDE



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Creative Catchment Kids

Creative Catchment Kids is an initiative of Wirraminna Environmental Education Centre. It aims to improve engagement between our funding partners and school students by providing opportunities for positive and authentic ventures that encourage students to develop creative solutions to agriculture and natural resource management issues.

www.wirraminna.org/creative-catchment-kids/

Wirraminna Environmental Education Centre

The Wirraminna Environmental Education Centre is located in Burrumbuttock, north of Albury in southern NSW. Since 1995, the centre, which is adjacent to Burrumbuttock Public School, has provided opportunities for discovery and learning about the natural environment, the ecology of the local woodlands and the beauty of native plants.

www.wirraminna.org

Enviro-Stories

Enviro-Stories is an innovative literacy education program that inspires learning about natural resource and catchment management issues. Developed by PeeKdesigns, this program provides students with an opportunity to publish their own stories that have been written for other kids to support learning about their local area.

www.envirostories.com.au

Hume Bank

At Hume Bank, community is something we know a lot about, we're a bank for locals and believe money should be kept locally. That's why we are proud to support Wirraminna Environmental Education Centre. By working together, we are able to give back to the community and help build a stronger future for generations to come.

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Our Community

In 2016, students involved in the Creative Catchment Kids program researched and wrote stories about their local community and how local individuals, couples, businesses or industries have made a difference. The program was generously funded by Murray Local Land Services, the Australian government's National Landcare Programme and Hume Bank.

Creative Catchment Kids - Our Community is part of Enviro-Stories, a PeekKdesigns education program.





Robert Rand

Rand is named after Robert Rand who purchased Mahonga Cattle Station in 1859 and then bought Urangeline Wool Shed in 1864.

He was very interested in conserving water after a severe drought in 1846. He owned 184, 000 acres of land. Robert had a record number of 260,000 sheep and yielded around 5,500 bales of wool.

School Of Arts

Rand School of Arts was originally built in 1927. It was used for many social purposes by many community members. It is still an important part of the community today because it is a place for people to come together.

It has been used for many celebrations and major events. These have included flower shows, Country Women Association meetings and Debutante Balls.





Rand Public School

After the Rand village area was subdivided in 1926, a building was erected for the local primary school. Up to 1976, 851 students have been enrolled at the primary school.

A new brick building was completed in 1973 where the school is now currently situated. There are currently 21 students enrolled at the school.



Agriculture

Agriculture is very important in Rand. Farming provides the livelihood to many families that are in and around Rand. Without farming, Rand would not exist.

The majority of farming includes crops such as wheat, barley, canola, triticale, beans, peas, corn and oats.

Livestock such as sheep and cattle are also farmed. These are mainly Merino sheep, Hereford and Angus beef breeds.





Fava Beans



Canola



Barley



Wheat

Local Businesses

Heir's Transport and Rand Ag and Fertiliser are locally owned businesses since 1999. They are a freight and grain storage business. They deliver fertilisers to surrounding farmers in and out of Rand.

The grain storage facilities house wheat, barley, canola and triticale from a number of local growers in the area. They have a total storage capacity of 60,000 tonnes.

Farmers can also access supplies at the Rand Farm Supplies shop in Rand.

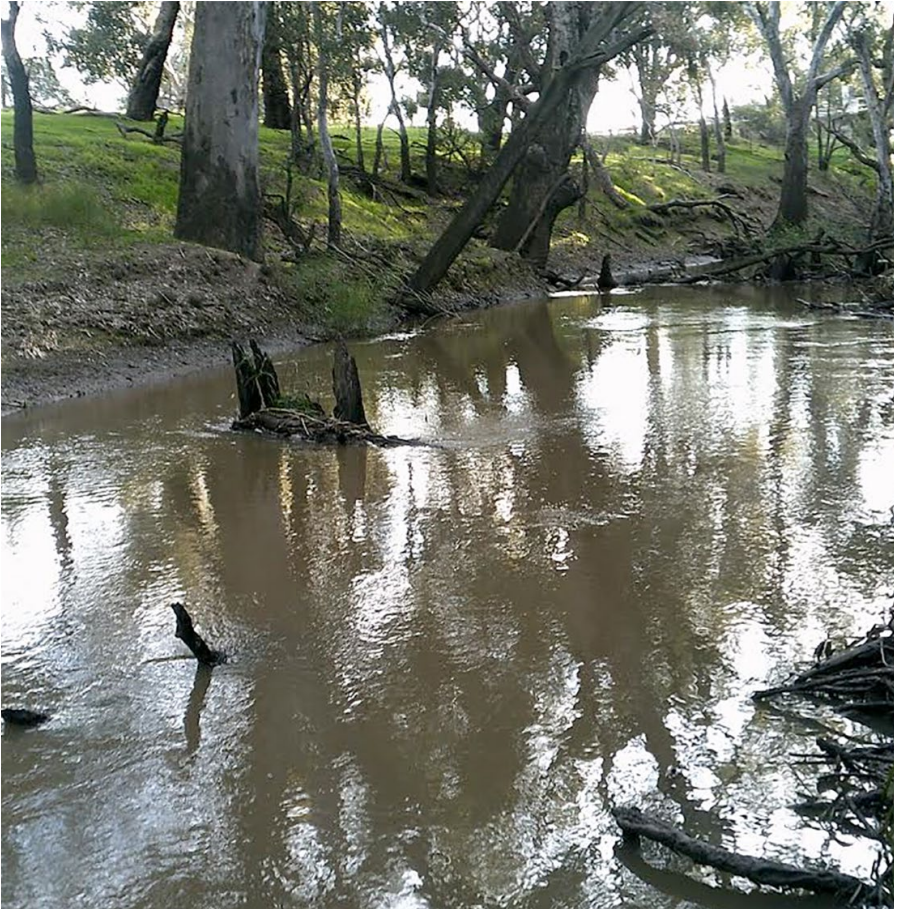




The Billabong Creek

Billabong Creek was formed many years ago. It was used by the Aboriginal Wiradjuri people who lived in the area. The Aboriginal meaning for billabong is waterhole.

Billabong Creek runs from north of Holbrook reaching the Edward River at Moulamein. The creek is 322 kilometres long and is the longest creek in Australia.



There are many native animals that live around the creek such as yabbies, mussels, Yellow belly fish, ducks, fresh water turtles, Water rats and Rainbow bee-eater birds.

Billabong Creek is the main water source to Rand. The community also uses the creek for swimming and fishing.

Native Plants and Animals

The native plants and animals that can be found in Rand are;

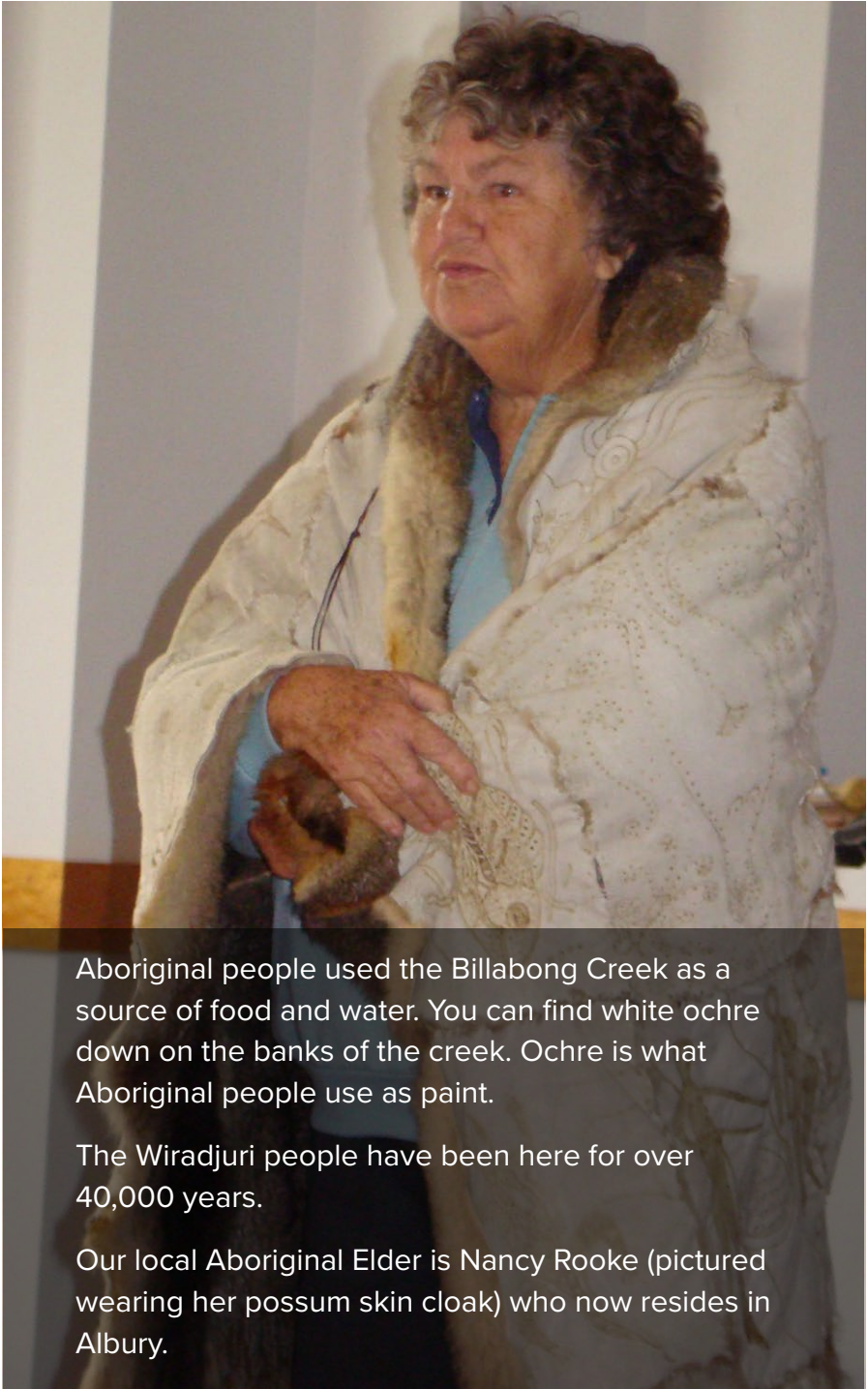
- Purple-crowned lorikeet - vulnerable
- Freckled ducks - vulnerable
- Squirrel gliders - vulnerable (below left)
- Burr daisies
- Kangaroo paw
- Turnip copper burr - endangered
- Chocolate lily (below right)





Aboriginal Culture

The closest sacred ground is Murrnong which is about three kilometres from Rand. One side of the road is the men's side and the other side is the women's. On the women's side there are some middens and camp ovens, which were used to cook the food that the men hunted. There are scarred trees (pictured) which indicates that it is sacred ground.



Aboriginal people used the Billabong Creek as a source of food and water. You can find white ochre down on the banks of the creek. Ochre is what Aboriginal people use as paint.

The Wiradjuri people have been here for over 40,000 years.

Our local Aboriginal Elder is Nancy Rooke (pictured wearing her possum skin cloak) who now resides in Albury.



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Congratulations!

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