

MORE ON WOODEN WATER PIPES

Following our request for more information in the Southern Highland News this week, several people have come forward with information that is starting to give us a clearer picture of use of wooden water pipes. However, despite this new knowledge, we still haven't nailed anything that can confirm how old our pipes are.

The pipes shown on this page from Corowa were used in the 1880s, which is the time we suspected wooden pipes were used in Wingecarribee shire, but we don't really know that for sure.

Lifelong local **John Burgoyne** recalls digging wooden pipes up on a building site between the two motels along the old Hume Highway at Mittagong. It was rumoured at the time they may have had something to do with the Maltings, according to John.

Former Bowral Council Alderman **Col McPhedran** grew up in Burma, where bamboo pipes were all the go. But he also remembers digging up wooden water pipes in Cliff Street Bowral many years ago. They took water from a spring coming off the hill.

Yvette Cotter has researched some interesting information from America in 1886 and we'll pass that on next week.



These two wooden water pipes pictured here are on display at a Museum in Corowa, apparently, used in Corowa for the town water supply in the late 1800's. "Imagine the skill of the craftsmen in ensuring that the pipes did not leak," says the website, pointing out that, like ours, they are made with two or more pieces of wood and are bound together with wire. Thanks to former Environment and Planning staff member, now with the Department of Commerce, Yvette Cotter, for passing on this information in response to our plea for help about the use of wooden water pipes.



