

*Last Word*

Robyn Backen 2010

*Last Word* was a moment by the waters edge at Bundanon on Saturday 25 September 2010. At dusk a mythical body floated down the river, Japanese flute pulled her towards the crowd. The tree line rock face offered a place for the *echo* of two voices to be sent out and then received back – simple messages and notations of a farmer’s daily life.

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## Jack Weir Diary September 1931 (edited extracts from diary)

<Female/R E G I N A: Echo weather>

< Male/M I C H A E L: Echo Mr Weir Diary entries>

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is anyone here  
here....here

Who is there  
Who...who is there

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### Had some rain

strong ploughing across creek  
working at launch  
brushing

ploughing

### It rained ...filled all the tanks

leg a bit sore

Fine this morning

Raining at evening

Had six inches since yesterday – river up 4 feet

Fine day

Working at launch

I sharpen saw  
Got wireless set

**Fine day**

Wife laid up with cold

**Wind very strong**

Went to Dr  
Working at launch

Sharpened saws

80 bags corn  
Went to Dr  
Ploughing

**Looks like rain.....Had storm**

ploughing  
shooting and pulling staghorns

build tool shed  
Lads went fishing at night

Lads went after staghorns  
Went to Dr  
Carpentering

ploughing  
Nowra - got Baby Christened

ploughing  
Lads fishing  
killed snake - skinned it  
Pony dead

**Windy**

Dance at Bomaderry  
ploughing up gully  
Percie Young buried today

ploughing  
Got some eggs  
ploughing  
planting potatoes

**Hot day**

Killed pig  
Made Bee box  
Went fishing

**Rained at night**

Went to Nowra

**Raining all day**

**Nice day**

Lennie took boat up river  
Mrs Richards Dead

**Beautiful fine day**

**Not a cloud all day**

Mrs Richards Buried today  
Carpentering  
Barb wire on garden

**Raining tonight**

Mack sick

**Raining**

Ploughing

Ploughing

Ploughing

**Light rain**