

THE

# WAMBOIN WHISPER

(The official organ of the Wamboin Community Association)  
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The aim of the "Whisper" is to promulgate matters of mutual interest with particular reference to what your elected Community Association Executive is doing on behalf of all of us to further our common interests and welfare.

Anyone can submit articles or notes for inclusion in the "Whisper" and as long as they have common community interest, they will be published.

This issue has been considerably delayed due to a lack of contributions. Most people say how they look forward to it coming out but we must have news or articles to put in it. The frequency of future issues is up to you.

## Yarrowlumla Shire Notes (courtesy Cr David Robertson)

Sutton & Norton Roads Intersection ; The DMR has advised that lines will be painted on the road when a painting gang is in the area. This was expected to occur in June but failed to eventuate.

Bingley Way Reserve ; The Shire Council has voted \$ 1000 for material for the provision of a septic tank, water tank and pipes for toilets where the Pony Club area is. A working party from residents will shortly be formed to provide the necessary labour to get the job done.

Bus Shelters : Following a request from the Community Association, the Council has agreed to provide two bus shelters on Norton Road at the ends of Cooper and Poppett Roads. The Council is presently investigating the best type that is available and they should appear shortly.

Army Firing Range at Majura : Following the heavy weapons firings on 10 Feb 83, complaints were made by Arthur Sibley and some of the residents of Bidges Road about the distress caused to some elderly residents and the terror exhibited by animals. These complaints were forwarded by Mr Jim Snow M.F. to the Minister for Defence. The Minister replied that the Army had to train, that the Majura Range was essential and that the opening of the Australian Defence Force Academy would result in even more practice firings.

The Council has replied that it regards this reply as unsatisfactory. It does not dispute the Army need for firing ranges and has no objection to small arms practice, however, it would like some assurance that the Army is seeking alternative areas for heavy weapon firing practice, well away from heavily settled areas.

Development Plan for the Shire : Because the majority of development in the Shire is taking place in this area, Council has decided not to wait for the completion of the major task of preparing a Local Environment Plan (LEP) for the whole Shire but to prepare a separate LEP for the area bounded by : the ACT border in the South, the Sutton Rd in the West, the Gunning Shire border in the North and Lake and Gundaroo Roads in the East. Wamboin takes up a considerable amount of this area. It is hoped that the draft LEP will be completed in time for the August Council Meeting.

As part of this project a short 'demographic' questionnaire is being sent to all residents and landowners in the area. The questions are few and simple ; how many live on the property, age brackets , where children go to school etc. This survey is important and will help Council to ascertain what recreation facilities, public halls, schools, health facilities and so on are needed in the area. Please complete your questionnaire promptly and return it in the stamped addressed envelope that will be provided.

.....thank you David.....

#### BEEKEEPING

Quite a few residents have taken up Beekeeping to produce Honey and complain at how difficult the task is. Take some comfort in the following article which appeared in the 1974 issue of "World Crops" :

"India's production of honey and beeswax dropped by 50% in 1972 and conservationists must take the blame. The fall in production reflects problems caused by the ban on the hunting of TIGERS. As a result of the ban, in 1972, no less than 29 honey and beeswax collectors were devoured by man-eating tiger which in former days would have been shot. The number of tigers in India's forests is estimated (1974) to be in excess of 2000 and doubtless their numbers will be allowed to increase until they make a meal of a prominent conservationist instead of a humble beeswax collector.

#### BINGLEY WAY RESERVE BORE

Not that type, the Water type!!!!

When a firm of water drillers were recently in the area they kindly sank a bore for us free of charge. We had to pay for the lining of the bore and all residents were asked to donate \$4 per family towards the cost.

\$ 110 has so far been collected and more has been promised. If you have forgotten to donate, please leave your contribution with Derek Gough (Treasurer W.C.A. at 4 Cooper Rd).

### WAMBOIN COMMUNITY HALL

The grand plan we had last year of building a suitable community centre at the Bingley Way Reserve to cost \$ 80 000 plus labour doesn't look like eventuating for some years to come. However, our need is now as we already have a pressing need for a meeting place for Scouts, Pony Club, General Meetings and the like.

Accepting that the community centre will probably be co-located with the future school some time in the future, we have lowered our sights somewhat to accommodate our present urgent needs. We believe that Council could possibly provide an amount of \$ 12 000 almost immediately for the construction of a Shed type building complete with concrete floor about 30 feet by 60 feet in dimensions so that is what we are looking at at present. A building sub-committee has now been formed by the Wamboin Community Council to address the matter urgently.

When it is built, and we hope such will be the case this year, we will need funds of our own for lining, electrical reticulation and connection, heating, curtains, floor coverings, cooking facilities, water connection etc etc.

A start has already been made on the raising of funds for this purpose and \$ 157.52 was raised on our bonfire night through the sale of refreshments. (well done ladies !)

### CHILD CARE

There appears to be a need for the provision of full day child care and occasional care, in the Wamboin area. If you have children who need such care on a full day or part-time basis, please advise Liz Gough (383376) . If the facility proves to be required, such can be organized pretty quickly.

### FOR SALE

Egg Incubator, as new, \$ 100.

Pool, above ground, 10' x 3' circular, new liner \$ 30.

Ph. Narelle Bowen on 383364.

### DRIVEWAY REPAIRS

Is your driveway in need of repairs ? Have your drive renovated for only \$ 15 an hour.

Ph. Andrew Heron on 383382.

### PONY CLUB NEWS

The Pony Club would like to thank all those Wamboinians who supported the recently held 50/50 Dance at the Sutton Hall. A good night was had by all and the Pony Club raised \$ 287 to support its activities.

The Wamboin Pony Club was recently represented at the Canberra Lakes Pony Club Ghymkana . It was pleasing to note that 4th and 5th Place Ribbons were won in jumping events by Wamboin Pony Club competitors.

There are now 27 mounted members participating on two Sundays every month.

Scouting Notes

The cubs have got of to a good start and currently there are 17 boys in the pack. We have visited Bungendore Group on two occasions for a sausage sizzle and a combined pack sports day. The sports day went extremely well with the Wamboin cubs showing their superior sporting skill. A more recent outing was on Saturday 28th May when the boys hiked to Bingley Way Reserve, cooked lunch and completed some test work. A good time was had by all. More of these and other activities are planned for later in the year.

There are indications that there are a number of older boys in the area interested in forming a scout section. With a number of cubs who will be due to go into scouts later this year, there are enough boys to justify starting up scouts. However, before scouts can start a leader and assistants are needed to ensure the boys are well trained and derive the most from scouting. If any adult is interested in becoming a leader and make scouting in Wamboin a reality please contact Bob White on 383398.

Currently, the cubs are still meeting at Bob White's place and the Progress Association has been asked to investigate the provision of a more permanent arrangement. Hopefully, in the near future a shed at Bingley Way or the use of the fire shed (with a concrete floor) may help.

Once again if anyone can help with the leader problem, both with cubs and scouts, please come forward.

Yours in scouting

Bob White

"ALL CREATURES GREAT & SMALL" - a continuing series of topical Veterinary information by local Vet. Dr. BLAIR LAMONT.

The turn of the seasons is on us again, and with the onset of the "Porridge season", some discussion on BOTS in Horses. Adult Bot flies hatch from pupae in the warmer months and in the course of their short 4 day life, dart about the horse and lay eggs on the hairs, especially the leg area: The eggs remain infective for about 7 weeks, and they break open and hatch when rubbed and licked by the horse. The larvae burrow into the lips and tongue for a month or so, then reemerge in the throat area and are swallowed. They then develop to adult bots, and live attached to the stomach wall for several months. When winter is passed and the warmer weather returns, the Bot grubs detach and pass out in the droppings, where they pupate and eventually hatch to Bot flies in a month or so.

Most damage from Bots is probably caused by the "Stampeding" of the horses when the adult flies are laying eggs - as the Bot larvae and grubs seldom cause trouble in the horse - in 24 years of practice, I remember only one aged horse which developed a stomach perforation! However, prevention is highly recommended as they must do some minor damage.

A large percentage can be prevented from hatching, by removing the eggs from the hairs as often as possible, or soaking the eggs in eg. Malawash Solution, twice weekly. However, in many cases this is not practicable, and some Bots will end up in the stomach - but bear in mind this is at least a couple of months after the eggs were laid! So do not rush in too early with Bot pastes/drenches, we advise wait until MAY, then repeat treatment in AUGUST; this gives a good kill of the early and late Bot grubs, and few will survive to drop out and recommence the cycle.

In theory, as no Bots can survive over winter outside the horse, if every horse was treated twice during winter, we could practically wipe out the menace in one season!

From the above, it can be seen that treatment with BOT & WORM combinations is required late Autumn and Winter, so the other intermittent treatment need only be for WORMS - but more on that in the future.

As most Anti-Bot chemicals can be toxic to horses it is important to calculate the dose accurately - otherwise diarrhoea and nervous signs may arise.

HYDATID tape worms are in the news these days, and it is heartening to see the local councils giving such strong support. It is to be hoped that all Tamboin residents will heed the warnings and observe the precautions, which will be amply publicised over the next few months in the Hydatid Control Campaign.

Perhaps I can clarify some points on which we are often queried: ie: the Hydatid tapeworm is virtually invisible to the naked eye, it only infects dogs (not cats), and it is picked up by ingestion of internal organs of sheep and kangaroos particularly. The "eggs" which pass out in the dogs faeces, if ingested by a human, may develop into the Cysts which cause Hydatosis.

It is probable that immunity arises in many humans if repeatedly

exposed to infection, but if the initial contact is severe, or if immunity is absent or insufficient, then the disease can become established, often with fatal consequences. As there is no way of assessing immunity we should all take precautions at all times, by dosing all dogs with possible exposure to dead sheep/kangaroos etc (virtually all Wamboin canines??). Use DRONCIT tablets every 6 weeks (obtainable from any Vet, or at a subsidised rate from the Yargalumla Shire office). There is also recently available a palatable granule form of Droncit for anyone who may have problems dosing with tablets.

Do not confuse the Hydatid tapeworm with the Common Dog (& Cat) tapeworm. The segments of these may be seen in the faeces or attached to the coat in the tail area (look like flattened rice-grains and may be con-joined): the intermediate host is the dog/cat FLEA, and it is unlikely that human disease would arise. Treatment is adequately covered by the above Droncit régime, and prevention lies in eliminating fleas.

So much for this episode - till next time - GOOD HEALTH!

PS. If anyone has a particular topic they would like included at any time please contact me and I will try and oblige.

(Blair Lamont)

#### BABY SITTING SERVICE

A number of teenagers living in Wamboin provide baby sitting services. For general information, the common rate is \$ 1.50 per hour and \$ 2.00 per hour after midnight. If a child or children from another family are included, an appropriate extra allowance should be paid.

One girl, baby-sat recently, expecting to look after one child. Instead, she had six children to care for from three different families. No mention was made of an extra fee !!