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# WAMBOIN WHISPER

(The official organ of the Wamboin Community Association)

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This News Letter is distributed every quarter to all residents and land-owners in Wamboin who have a letter box fronting their property.

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.

Executive members are listed later in this copy of the "Whisper" and if you have anything to raise of a common community nature, do not hesitate to contact your closest representative for advice and/or further action on your behalf. The Association Executive meets regularly and is recognized by the Yarrolumla Council as the group representative body for all Wamboin residents.

There are also two sub-committees of the WCA Executive which deal with Road Safety and the building of the Community Centre. Details are given later.

Finally, anyone can submit articles or notes for inclusion in the "Whisper" and as long as they have common community interest they will be published. Also, classified advertisements are accepted and printed free of charge. Contributions should be addressed to: The Editor, "Wamboin Whisper", RMB 4 Cooper Rd, Wamboin 2620.

## NEW YEARS EVE PARTY

This year it will be hosted by Jamie and Anne ARMSTRONG whose property is located in Fernleaf Road. Commencing from 8.00 pm.

All Wamboinians and their guests are cordially invited to see in the New Year. B.Y.O. everything plus your favourite 'Country' and/or Scottish Dancing tapes.

## CAROLS NIGHT 11 December

Despite a bleak night fifteen families turned out for a rousing Christmas Carols evening at Wamboin Park last Sunday week. A joyous and festive evening was had by all and at the (damp/cold) conclusion, Fran Pennay collected for the annual Wamboin Salvation Army Christmas Appeal. If you missed the carols evening please give Fran a call (383317) about your donation to this worthy appeal. Remember, we all have our financial difficulties, particularly this time of the year, but there are thousands of fellow Australians far worse off, especially neglected children. Please don't close your hearts to them just because you missed the carols evening.

## COMMUNITY HALL

You may recall that we had previously submitted to Council a request for funds to build a multi-purpose Community Hall at Wamboin Park in Bingley Way. The estimated total cost would have been about \$80 000 with considerable labour being provided by community members.

Due to doubts as to where permanent community facilities would or should be located, in consequence of future land releases in the area, and of course, the very large sum involved for such an excellent facility, this request has been deferred by Council. Hopefully, the proposed major construction will eventually be funded as a Bi-Centenary project.

(For those newer members of Wamboin we see the need for a Hall to be the venue for the following types of activities, many of which are presently held in private homes :

Community meetings.....Pony Club, Scouts, Cubs & Guides  
Hobbies & Recreation Clubs.....Child minding.....Dancing..  
Youth social clubs.....Rural Weddings, Church services etc etc)

As an interim solution to this urgent community need, a proposal has now been put to Council for the funding of a 60' x 30' steel shed (including a full length verandah) and concrete floor. Priorities for funding following that required for the "Hall" have been advised to Council as follows :

- ...connection of electricity (incl existing toilet block)
- ...water tank to service the Hall and toilets or pumping system for the existing bore
- ...internal heating for the Hall (pot-belly stove?)
- ...grading of cricket area and laying of a concrete strip
- ...

The proposed steel shed will be to the same standard as that provided by Council to the Burra community recently. It will be made of colour bonded steel (olive green) which looks quite attractive at Burra and blends in well with the local environment.

IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE FOR THIS PROJECT AND THAT IT IS HOPE TO BE COMPLETED BY MARCH 1984

(The Community Association believes that it is acting in the general interest of all community members in this regard. If any resident has any serious objections to the proposal they should contact the President -Max Heron to express their views)

## TOILET HUT

Most of you will be aware that a Toilet Hut is already located at Wamboin Park but it is not sewer connected and is also in need of repair. \$1000 has already been allocated by Council for this purpose and hopefully work will commence soon after Christmas.

## BUS SHELTERS

These are to be provided and installed by Council as soon as the Norton Road upgrading works have been completed. It is understood that road works will include widening, surface repair, bus pull-off bays, line marking and the provision of speed restriction and caution signs.

### FUTURE LABOUR NEEDS

Early in the New Year it is hoped to bring many long standing projects to fruition. These will include :

- ...Community Hall - lining of walls/ceiling, painting, landscaping & general internal decoration
- ...Toilet Block - Repairs, painting & plumbing
- ...Pony Club Area - Fencing to replace the un-sightly tyres and the construction of Jumps etc

Apart from the social/community needs for these facilities, their development also adds to the value of all our properties.

If you can provide labour on a casual or regular basis, professional or skilled services, equipment, materials or grants of MONEY to help these projects to completion, please contact the Association President - (Max Heron)

### MORNING CHILDRENS SECURITY DUTIES

We are all very concerned about the physical security of our community school children especially while they are waiting for the School Buses on busy Norton Road in the mornings . At that time, many thoughtless residents roar along Norton Road trying not to be late for work and building workmen unfamiliar with the area are arriving at Wamboin - at speed!

Although some parents supervise their children and stop them from straying or playing on the road, other parents are not able to do so for a variety of reasons.

Norton Road is a very dangerous place for young children to be left unattended between the hours of 7.30 and 8.30 am. The problem is not so bad when they return from School in the evenings as they disperse quickly and drivers never seem to be in so much of a hurry.

The Community Association Committee is considering the possibility of starting a roster system of adults or older children to supervise children at bus stops on Norton Road on school mornings with the added task of also ensuring that the school buses don't leave half the children behind as they are wont to do of late due to irregular timings.

Any resident who has the time and is interested in helping in this regard would be greatly appreciated. White Coats and "Lolly-Pop" Orange signs will be provided from Community funds. Volunteers please contact Elizabeth Gough (383376)

### NEW HIGHWAY SYSTEM

It is understood that by 1988 the Federal Highway is to be re-aligned virtually in a straight line between Goulburn and Canberra. An aspect that is of considerable interest to us is that a "fly-over" is to be constructed where Sutton Road crosses. As we are all aware, the present junction is extremely dangerous, especially for the lumbering school buses.

We are also advised that as part of this project (Bi-Centenary National Road Plan), the Sutton Road is to be considerably upgraded.

Of course, we would all prefer that Sutton Road was not used by heavy transports and the snow traffic, all of which pays scant regard to the speed limit and the dangerous-bends' speed control signs' as only by the Grace of God have innocent families not been involved with the recent spate of Semi-trailer smashes. However, there appears to be little hope of stopping this type of traffic on a road that was never designed for such heavy use.



### WAMBOIN BROWNIE PACK

A meeting of interested parents was held in November at the home of Edith and Bob White. The Guides Association's Divisional Commissioner, Mrs Robyn Davies, was invited to introduce parents to Guiding and to assist with plans for the establishment of a Wamboin Brownie Pack.

This pack will be led by Mrs Jill Stortz, a trained Guide Leader who will be moving to Wamboin next June. At that time, regular meetings will commence providing sufficient helpers are available.

Girls aged between 7 and 11 years are eligible to join and should have their names on the waiting list.

Anyone interested should contact Jill (88 6199) for further details.

Well done Edith and Bob for getting yet another childrens' activity off the ground.

### WAMBOIN CUB PACK & SCOUT TROOP

Bob White reports that the Cubs finished the year on a high note with 21 regular members in the Pack, four of whom will graduate to Scouts after Christmas. Paul Bryden and Lance Schultz have started training as Leaders and the Pack is starting to look very healthy. (Organizationaly and Physically).

The four lads graduating to Scouts next year will start their training in the second week of February and Bob White is looking for other 11-14 year olds who would be interested in joining the Wamboin Scout Troop at its inception, at that time.

If any boys are interested in joining either the Cubs(8-11) or the Scouts(11-14), please contact Bob on 383 398.

In conclusion, Bob wishes to thank all those parents who gave such strong support to the Pack throughout the year, without whose help very little could have been achieved.

### SUTTON BUSH FIRE BRIGADE

Congratulations are due to the Wamboin members who attended the Yarrolumla Shire Bushfire Brigades Picnic Day last month. Why? ...believe it or not, the Wamboin boys walked off with the Phil Hardy Perpetual Trophy for the team with the highest aggregate points gained in rigorous competition on that day.

All those who turned out voted it an excellent day with many lessons being learnt whilst also enjoying great fun and fellow-ship with members of other Brigades in the area. Well done our team.

While on the subject of fire fighting, a warning note once again about the extreme fire risk we will all be sharing during this summer. Good rains have caused excessive bush-fire fuel growth throughout the area which has already started to brown-off. We must all continue to exercise great care and vigilance if we are to survive the coming months without a major fire.

DO NOT LIGHT ANY FIRE in the open without first contacting either John Finn (383201) or David Robertson (383202). Further, if you spot any fire or smoke, telephone either John or David immediately, no matter how trivial such may appear. Better to be overly cautious than too late .

## YARROWLUMLA SHIRE NOTES

At the Special meeting held on the 4th October, the Annual Elections of President and Deputy President and the allocation of Councillor representatives on Committees were held. Two new Councillors elected at the Shire Elections held on the 24th September Jenny Breen and John Hyles were congratulated and welcomed.

The following is the result of the elections and details of Councillor representation on the various Committees:

President - Cr. John MacDiarmid

Deputy President - Cr. Russell Deane

Finance & Policy Committee - whole Council

Works Committee - Crs. Les Reardon, Paul Fox, Russell Deane and Jenny Breen

Development Committee - Crs. Paul Fox, Peter McCullagh, John Hyles and  
Russell Deane

Community Services Committee - Crs. Peter McCullagh, David Lowrey and Jenny  
Breen

Bush Fire/Noxious Weeds Committee - Crs. John Hyles, Les Reardon and Russell Deane

Council was also required to elect delegates to various organisations and Council's representatives on these bodies are :

Southern Tablelands County Council - Cr. Paul Fox

South East N.S.W. & A.C.T. Hydatid Control Committee - Crs. John Hyles and Peter McCullagh

Queanbeyan-Yarrowlumla Joint Library Committee - Crs. David Lowrey and Jenny Breen

Monaro Fire Prevention Association - Cr. John Hyles with Cr. Les Reardon alternate  
delegate

Canberra Association for Regional Development - Cr. Jenny Breen with Cr. John MacDiarmid  
alternate delegate

Traffic Facilities Committee - Cr. Les Reardon with Cr. Russell Deane  
alternate delegate

Southern Tablelands and South Coast Regional Noxious Plants Committee - Cr. John Hyles

Council at its Special Meeting altered the times and dates of the Council meetings. In future, Council meetings will commence at 5.30 p.m. and will be held on the third Tuesday of each month. There has been a proviso attached that no new business will be transacted after 9.30 p.m. If the agenda is not completed at that time the meeting will be adjourned to the 4th Tuesday of the month. All meetings of the Finance and Policy, Works, Community Services and Bush Fire/Noxious Weeds Committees will now be open to the public. Any person wishing to attend the Council meeting or the above Committee meetings would be most welcome.

The Commonwealth Government has provided Unemployment Grants under the Community Employment Scheme. Local Government and Community Organisations are eligible to apply for these grants.

Council has agreed to submit the following programme for funding:

- (a) Augmentation of the Bungendore Water Supply;
- (b) Employment of a clerk to prepare a property information system;
- (c) Employment of a draftsman or a clerk in the Engineer's office;
- (d) Scrub clearing on roads to improve sight distance;
- (e) Stormwater Drainage Foxlow Street - Rutledge Street to drain;
- (f) Duralla Street Bungendore - Kerb & Gutter - Malbon Street to Modbury Street;
- (g) Burra Road drainage improvement - drill and blast rocks in table drains;
- (h) Brindabella Road drainage improvement works in water tables plus instal culverts

Council has also asked the Bungendore Community Aid to submit an application for extensions to the School of Arts Building.

#### WAMBOIN PONY CLUB

At the annual presentation night held at 'Woonton Manor', awards were made for a number of categories including Club Champion, won by Eric White and Best Senior Rider which was won by Melinda Kelly. Congratulations to you both.

During 1983 the Pony Club managed to maintain financial stability through the hard work and dedication of the out going Committee and the general community support for the various fund raising activities.

The new Committee elected on the night is as follows:

President	Joy Woonton	383324
Vice ..	Alan Brian	383272
Secretary	Fay Kelly	383363
Treasurer	Peter Bartlett	383285
Committee Members	: Elizabeth Gough, Ann Lorimer, Anne Sprintz and Ross Clay	

The Pony Club, which is now into its third year, has gone from strength to strength and has provided entertainment and good fellow-ship for many of the young (and more adventurous adults) of our community. The social functions held by the Club have also provided much enjoyment for members of all ages. If anyone is interested in joining the Club either as a riding or social member, please contact any member of the Committee. You will be made most welcome.

#### WAMBOIN COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE

The Committee is elected each March/April at the Annual General Meeting held at Wamboin Park. The present Committee comprises members from every area of Wamboin and the President is Max Heron (383382). Road safety is handled by David Bird (383271), Trees - Jamie Armstrong (383288) and Community Hall Project - Ian Woonton (383324) and James Lorimer (383379)

#### OUR COMMUNITY

There are now 135 families living in the Wamboin area and many other homes under construction with new families planning to move here early in the New Year. Wamboin in fact has the highest growth rate for the whole Shire.

FOR SALE

Budgies, male and female, all colours - from \$2.50 each  
King quails, male and female - \$2.50 each  
Zebra Finches, male and female - \$1.50 each . Rooster - \$4.00  
Angora Goats - registered - various grades, ages and prices.  
Anyone interested in learning about keeping Angoras ? -  
queries are most welcome.

For all above call Sandra Dilley 383360

HOME CLEANING & IRONING

Very reasonable rates - telephone Liz McNamee on 383 367

Domestic Service

Plants etc watered, pets cared for over the holidays etc.  
Telephone Glen Clay 383296. Abby Gough 383376 John Logue 383292  
William .. ..

BABY SITTING

\$1.50 per hour and \$2.00 per hour after midnight:

Kate and Abby Gough 383376 / Julie Clay 383296  
Sarah Sprintz 383310 / Brett Woonton 383324  
Nicole Murray 383295 / Jane Osmotherly 383207  
Cheryl Shelley (at her home, day or night:Adult).. 383289

All the above are very experienced and totally reliable baby sitters.

MUSIC LESSONS

Almost any instrument taught, reasonable rates : Fay Kelly 383363 or  
Nancy Jeffrey 383203

TENNIS COURT for hire. Rates negotiable, Rose Logue 383292

NEEDLEPOINT instruction, Jennifer Bryden 383362.

BRIDGE CLUB Ann Lorimer - 383379

PLANTS David & Lorraine BIRD 383271

CRICKET

Last season the Wamboin Wanderers played two thoroughly  
enjoyable picnic matches against Sutton and the National Library.  
Further matches can be organized after Christmas again against  
Sutton and the Library and also, Burra and Bungendore are interested  
in social matches.

The Wanderers are once again primed to go but need a coord-  
inator as the last 'volunteer' will not be available after Christmas.  
Anyone interested in organizing the team please contact Derek Gough  
for details (383376)

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" ON BEHALF OF THE WAMBOIN COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION,  
A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL WAMBOINIANS. BOTH  
NEW AND OLD, AND EVERY BEST WISH FOR A MOST HAPPY,  
HEALTHY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR "

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One of the commonest urban poisons is SNAIL BAIT (commonly "Defender or "Baysol"). This seems to be quite attractive to dogs and can be eaten either by access to the packet or from picking up in the garden after spreading - obviously it would be best to spread only little amounts in any one area - but even then some dogs will seek it out. Symptoms vary between the two common types. "Defender" causes signs progressing from anxiety and loss of co-ordination, to muscle tremors, to severe spasms with death following; some degree of diarrhoea is usually present also and the distinct green colour of the pellets may be evident if sufficient time has elapsed since ingestion. The "Baysol" type causes more salivation and fluid congestion in the lungs with less sign of spasms, but fatal collapse can occur quite rapidly (The blue colour of the pellets is often visible in saliva, etc.) I suggest contact a vet. immediately you suspect trouble - if you see the dog eat the poison, try and check the amount and type of bait, and the vet. may well recommend an emetic injection before signs appear; if the dog is already showing symptoms treatment is urgent - again I stress that immediate transport to a vet. is best and that trying to make the dog vomit usually does more harm than good. Caught early, treatment is usually 100% successful, especially with the "BAYSOL" type - so I would suggest that this is the better type to use if you have dogs around. (I mention specifically dogs in most of these poisons but cats will also be affected IF they eat the baits - which is uncommon)

In conclusion I might briefly mention some other poisons. LEAD ingestion via lead based paints or battery chewing can lead to gastric or nervous signs in all animals and cage birds - and is a cause of "fits" in dogs, ANTIFREEZE causes usually fatal kidney problems if drunk. HERBICIDES sprayed on grass/weeds can be fatal to any stock - and dogs and cats often chew grass too - and don't forget the chooks and cage birds. (Talking of chooks - we had some cases of deaths where poultry picked over horse droppings after the horses were treated with Equiguard worm granules.) 1080, of course is a very severe poison, but fortunately seems uncommon in this area - but graziers especially should be aware of any "1080 drops" in their area.

I should also mention ASPIRIN - this can be fatal especially to cats - all the more so as most owners give virtually a "human" type dose: I suggest avoid it completely in cats, and as a general rule with any "human" drugs given to animals, give a "pro-rata" dose on a weight basis.

Having recently attended another "BIRD" conference, I would remind poultry and cage bird owners, that many vets are interested in this field, and vet knowledge has increased dramatically in recent years. For aviary type situations it is surprising what a routine post-mortem can reveal, and even a "droppings" check twice yearly can cut out worm and coccidia before they cause major problems. (Any post mortems - chill only, do not deep freeze.)

So much for this issue - till next time GOOD HEALTH.