

The

Whisper

Wamboin

COMMUNITY

ASSOCIATION

SEPTEMBER 1990

CIRCULATION: 265

EDITOR

Edwina Jans

RMB 13 Bingley Way, Wamboin

PHONE: 2383475

This Newsletter is distributed to all RMBs in Wamboin prior to each monthly Community Association meeting. So that this deadline is met, we need to receive all contributions which readers may wish to make for the next edition of the Wamboin Whisper by the following date:

CLOSING DATE FOR OCTOBER ISSUE: Friday 5th October - 7.00 p.m.

**FIRE: 238 3392 POLICE: 298 0599 AMBULANCE: 297 1433
BRIGADE INFORMATION CENTRE: 238 3396**

WAMBOIN FACILITIES AND CONTACTS

Community Association	Malcolm Harrington	President	2383399
Fire Brigade	Chris Powell	Captain	2383434
Scouts/Cubs	Tony Brown	Group Leader	2383235
Brownies	Carole Blackley	President	2383362
Pony Club	Jenny Millet	Secretary	2383301
Play Group	Diana Griffin	Co-ordinator	2383452
Hall Bookings	Joan Mason	Bookings	2383258
Shire Council	Peter Greenwood	Councillor	2383358
Golf	Geoff Wines	Golfer	2383203

**SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER RAINFALL AND TEMPERATURES
IN WAMBOIN
(14 year statistics, supplied by David Robertson)**

Average rainfall	65.5/68mm
Wettest September/October	1978-146/1976-198.5mm
Wettest day	19.9.85-48/16.10.76-59mm
Driest September/October	1989-18.5/1977-5mm
Hottest days	18.9.81-24C/27.10.82-30C
Coldest nights	0C/18.10.78,13.10.79,16&17.10.84 -minus 1C

July 1990 rainfall - 82mm (average 56mm)
August 1990 rainfall - 99mm (average 56mm)
1990 rainfall to 31.8.90 - 588.5 mm

Kevin McCready 25 Poppet Road Wamboin NSW 2620

Mr Gordon Bilney Minister for Defence Science and Personnel Parliament House Canberra ACT 2600

Dear Mr Bilney

I refer to unanswered correspondence to the Minister for Defence Science and Personnel of 18 December 1989 (copy enclosed) and to correspondence between residents of Wamboin and your predecessor about amending the regulations governing the use of the Majura Firing Range.

Mr Simmons' first response of 3 August 1989 noted that loud blasts from the Majura Range of the magnitude experienced on 10 June 1989 were "quite infrequent." Since that time there have been repetitions of blasts of this magnitude.

In response to a second letter, Mr Simmons wrote again on 27 November 1989 stating that on average only three such blasts occurred annually. He refused to review the matter on the grounds that the blasts were infrequent and that a review would be "inconclusive".

Neither of these grounds are sufficient reason to avoid amending the regulations. There is an admission that the blasts are unacceptable in their effects. They do not become acceptable by the infrequency or otherwise of their occurrence.

Secondly, it would be open to a review to recommend that officers conducting blasts take into consideration cloud cover, wind direction or any other atmospheric conditions of the day, in deciding whether or not to authorise a blast. This could not be regarded as "inconclusive."

Would you please send me a copy of the Standing Orders of the Royal Military College and a copy of the Range Safety Instructions. Which of these governs use of the range? It may be that they differ as to whether 23 kilograms or 12 kilograms is the range limit.

I ask you on behalf of the residents of Wamboin to amend the regulations. I will circulate a copy of this correspondence to our community newspaper for publication.

Yours sincerely

Kevin McCready

Recycle

P.E.T. PLASTIC SOFT DRINK BOTTLES



THESE ARE THE ONLY PLASTIC BOTTLES THAT CAN BE RECYCLED.

Leave your P.E.T. bottles at one of the following recycling depots:

- Belconnen Town Centre - Jolly Street
- Woden Town Centre - Botany Street
- Ainslie - Shopping Centre
- Dickson - Shopping Centre
- Hackett - Shopping Centre
- Belconnen Tip
- Mugga Lane Tip



A MEMBER OF THE BTR NYLEX GROUP

For further information, please contact Recycling Officer (06) 246.2156.

PRESIDENT'S PARA'S

Welcome to the beginning of spring. The wattle trees and daffodils are splendid in their yellow bloom. After his address to the August meeting, David Rouse, from Yarrowlumla Council's Town Planning office, told me of how desolate the landscape was in this area twenty years ago when he first surveyed it for subdivision. There had been some years of drought and the land was barren and dusty. He commented that the area looked much the better for the dams, trees, gardens and orchards that the residents have introduced. It's heartening that an environment can be improved rather than just degraded by people. The colour of spring and the proliferation of trees in Wamboin is largely due to the efforts of residents, and in some cases with the sponsorship of the Community Association. This is one of the reasons that I feel good about living in this area.

David's talk on the Rural and Urban Development Strategies for the Yarrowlumla Shire was very interesting and informative. He told of plans to extend Norton Rd. through Yalana to Gundaroo Rd. and to change the zoning of lands north of Macs Reef Rd. from Rural 1C to Rural 1D. This will allow each block to subdivide into two. As well, David described their planning philosophy and commented on the bid from Queanbeyan Council for Yarrowlumla land. The audience asked questions for almost an hour.

On behalf of the Association I wish to convey our appreciation and thanks to David and the Council for the opportunity that they gave us to hear of their plans first hand.

Spurred on by the concerns of the printer, Sally and I conducted a telephone based readership survey for the Whisper. We phoned 80 randomly selected telephone numbers over two nights and spoke to 58 people. Three lived on Sutton Rd. and did not receive the Whisper, (one said that they would very much like to get it) four were house sitting for friends or were new residents and had not seen it, and the remainder read it. Almost everyone read it "from cover to cover" and most people looked forward to each new edition. Every part

was read by a majority of people, though some did not read the Scout/Cub report if they did not have children or the Pony Club if they did not have a horse. Each copy was read by an average of three people. Many had the last issue within reach of their telephones. Nobody that we spoke to disregarded it before reading it. Several people said, unprompted, that they would rather pay for the printing of the Whisper than see it disappear. There was a general opinion that the Whisper was an important part of Wamboin's culture and that it's role of creating an identity helped to build and consolidate the community. About ten people asked me to pass on their appreciation to the present and past editors for the great job that they are/were doing.

Rank Xerox have generously agreed to continue printing the Whisper in its new format and publication time. Our sincere thanks to Xerox for their support. If any individual or organisation is able to help share the burden of printing, please contact myself or the editor.

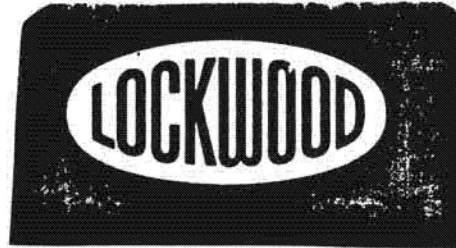
The notice board on Norton Rd. is there principally for community notices, like the fire brigade, fire warnings, community association, clubs etc. There have been some instances of people deleting community notices to make room for "lost and found" or "for sale" notices. The response to this problem was twofold. Regular club/group notices should be painted onto boards and hung in place at the appropriate times. These cannot be erased or washed off in the rain. The other part of the response was to request that casual users respect community notices and use the board considerately. Delete your notices when no longer current. Thank you for your co-operation.

That concludes the September report. Despite all of the flowers, I haven't seen any bees. Perhaps someone can tell me why there aren't any around.

MALCOM HARRINGTON

**NB: WAMBOIN COMMUNITY
ASSOCIATION NEXT MEETING, 8pm
TUESDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER 1990**

WAMBOIN BUSHFIRE BRIGADE WOULD LIKE TO THANK **LOCKWOOD**
FOR DONATING NEW LOCKS FOR THE BRIGADE'S OPERATIONS ROOM
LOCK UP NOW WITH THE NEW **DIGITAL DEADLOCK**. NO KEYS NEEDED.



ALL LOCKWOOD PRODUCTS FROM DOUBLE DEADLOCKS TO WINDOW LOCKS
AVAILABLE NOW FROM

MAGNET MART

PH 2978711

A large, stylized sign for "HOME IMPROVEMENT WAREHOUSE OPEN 7 DAYS". The sign has a distressed, high-contrast appearance. To the right of the sign is a map showing the location at the intersection of Yass Road and Queanbeyan. Other streets shown include Fairbairn Av., Molonglo Pl., Railway, and Aurora Av. Landmarks include the Airport International Motel and a stylized mountain range icon.

**HOME IMPROVEMENT
WAREHOUSE
OPEN 7 DAYS**

Fairbairn Av.
Molonglo Pl.
RAILWAY
YASS ROAD
AURORA AV.
AIRPORT INTERNATIONAL MOTEL
YASS ROAD QUEANBEYAN

Part-time and full-time work available

↑↑↑↑↑-----↑↑↑↑↑

From our Office, or at home

↑↑↑↑↑-----↑↑↑↑↑

Robert James
238 3254 (home)
247 5398 (work)

WAMBOIN BUSH FIRE BRIGADE

Captain's Report



Yarrowlumla Shire Council has appointed Richard Donarski as our new Fire Control Officer. Richard comes to us from the Mudgee Shire Council, where he was FCO. Prior to Mudgee Richard was Senior Group Captain/Training Officer for Wollongong City Council.

We look forward to a long and fire free association with Richard and bid him welcome to our area.

John Finn has been appointed to the Bush Fire Council. John amongst other things is on the Council to represent Bush Fire Brigades.

We have had one call-out in August, a false alarm.

Dates to Note

1 October Fire Season Begins

7-13 October Fire Awareness Week 1990

28 October Shire Field Day at Brindabella

Chris Powell
Captain
Wamboin Bush Fire Brigade

SEYMOUR BOBCAT AND TIPPER HIRE

TRUCKS BIG AND SMALL

EXCAVATION FOR:

*HOUSE SITES *GARAGES *POOLS *DRIVEWAYS
*LANDSCAPING

RUBBISH REMOVED

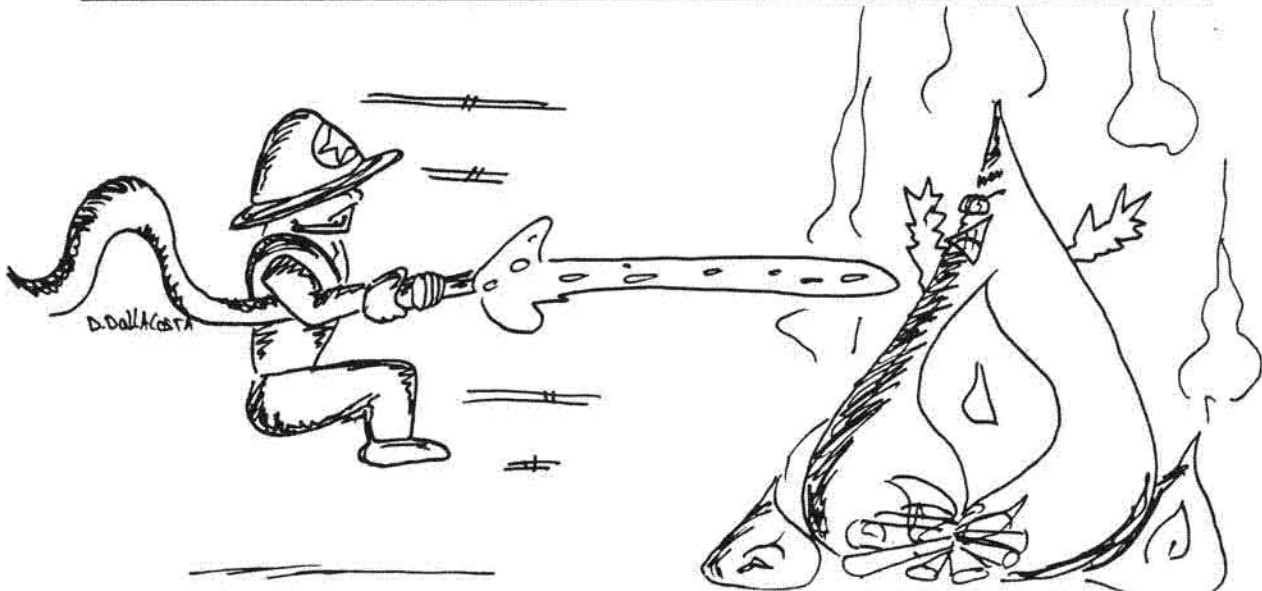
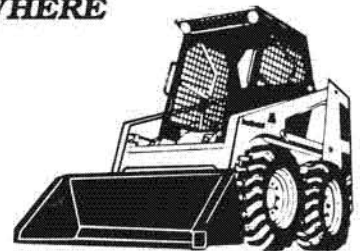
2 METRE HIGH: 1.6 METRE WIDTH

4-in-1 BUCKET

NO JOB TOO BIG OR SMALL - WILL GO ANYWHERE

EXPERIENCED OPERATER

PH 2962027 OR 018625421 (mobile phone)



RICHARDSON & WRENCH REAL ESTATE

ARE YOU CONTEMPLATING SELLING?

RICHARDSON & WRENCH ARE EXPANDING THEIR RURAL DIVISION. WE CURRENTLY HAVE HIGHLY MOTIVATED AND ENERGETIC SALES TEAMS OPERATING IN ALL RURAL AREAS SURROUNDING CANBERRA.

OUR REPRESENTATIVE IN THE WAMBOIN—MACKS REEF ROAD AREA IS **JEANETTE RUDD**, WHO CAN BE CONTACTED ON **238 3350** OR CONTACT THE FYSHWICK OFFICE ON **280 5999** FOR AN OBLIGATION-FREE MARKET APPRAISAL.

WAMBOIN GUIDES AND BROWNIES

The Wamboin Girl Guides meet at the Wamboin Community Hall every Thursday evening from 7-9 pm during school terms. Girls aged 10-15 years may join Guides and take part in a wide variety of activities. New members very welcome. Please direct any enquires to Sandy Huckstepp, Ph 2383430

HOME AND BUSINESS COMPUTERS

Complete systems - Software - Programming - Supplies - Advice

Economic Computer Services Pty Ltd

215 Northbourne Avenue, Canberra ACT 2601
Phone 247 5398 (work) 238 32554 (home)

Notes from Nancye Jeffery - Rural sales for Maurie O'Connell Real Estate

A big welcome to Cooper Road to Bill and Lyn Blomfield - all the best for a "country life".

* "Newies" to Cooper Road - welcome to the "sticks" to John and Silvia Beddow.

*Monica and Ron Harvey have only moved down the track onto their new larger property so it's not goodbye to the Harvey family but good wishes in your new home.



HUME LANDSCAPE CENTRE, HUME, 2601425
SUPPORTS THE WAMBOIN PONY CLUB SPORTING ARENA

WAMBOIN

"GIBBER GABBER"



AUGUST - 1990

Unfortunately, not a very happy start to this month's 'Gibber Gabber'. The Games Night held on 28 July, although making a small profit, was very poorly supported by club members - the night, however, was a huge success socially and everyone who attended had a wonderful time, particularly when it came to the auction. A lot of time and hard work goes into the planning and organising of these events and it would be appreciated if more members could at least support their club by attending the events!! We still have a considerable amount owing to Hume Landscaping for the sports arena and these events are the only way (apart from raising the registration fees) of paying the bills. The arena will, after all, be for the benefit of ALL members. PLEASE SUPPORT YOUR CLUB!!

Jumping grades were assessed on 29 July by Dee Mitchell. Further details in next Newsletter.

On 7 August 7 members of the Pony Club attended the Prince Phillip Games at Belconnen. After the first round the weather was so bad that Wamboin withdrew from the games - followed very quickly by all the other clubs. After getting bogged down trying to leave the grounds, everyone managed to get away safely. What a disappointing day for our brave members.

Again, the weather played havoc with our rally day on 12 August. We had 13 riding members and several 'on foot' in attendance to get in some practice for the Hall Gymkhana, but after an hour or so the rain and wind made it impossible to carry on. All horses (except poor Tess who decided to go walkabout) were squeezed under the club-house verandah to keep dry while we thawed out with hot drinks before making a dash for home. It has to get better!!

RALLY DATES

9.9.90 Normal rally day - activities yet to be decided
23.9.90 Normal rally day - " " " " "

DATES TO REMEMBER

6.10.90 FUN RUN/FIELD DAY - A must for all the family - to be held at the Bingley Way Community Centre. Entry fee will be advised in the next *Whisper*. Lots of activities, stalls, entertainment and games to keep you going all day! Win \$100 for a \$1 ticket on the 'Cowpat Bingo'. Get together a team of 6 to enter the horseless gymkhana (teams must include at least 2 females and one person 14 or under, to give everyone a chance).

NOTE: Anyone wishing to set up a stall, provide activities or entertainment, please contact Jenny (2383301) or Maureen (2383343) for application form - \$5 per stall/activity.

PARENT'S ROSTER

9.9.90 KUETER FAMILY
KELLY FAMILY
23.9.90 GREENWOOD FAMILY
BLACKLEY FAMILY

(PLEASE LET A COMMITTEE MEMBER KNOW IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND)

DATE OF NEXT MEETING 4.9.90 at the Millett residence, Norton Rd, 7.30pm

ROCKY'S



LANDSCAPING & STONEMWORK

*Design &
Construction*

SPECIALISING IN STONE HOUSES, STABLES,
CROSSINGS, RETAINING WALLS ETC.

A COMPLETE LANDSCAPING SERVICE IS ALSO
AVAILABLE

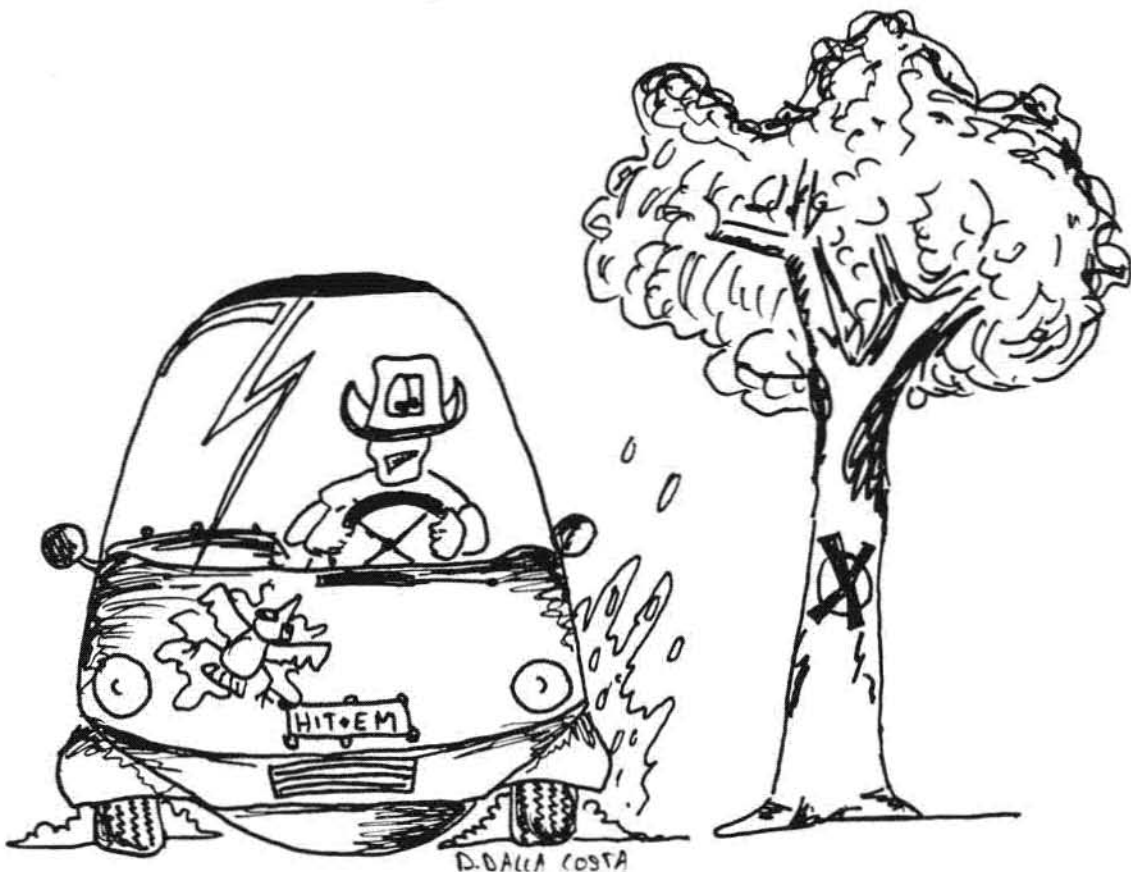
FREE QUOTES

DAVE ARGAET

2383460

BILL SMITH

2587385



ALL CREATURES GREAT AND SMALL.....a continuing series by Dr. BLAIR LAMONT.

Accidental poisoning is quite frequent over the Winter/Spring period. 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" cause 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).

WARFARIN (or "RATSAC") poisoning is another common problem at present. Due to the "mouse plague" many dog and cat owners are leaving the bait in places where the pets can eat it or where they can contrive access to the packet itself. As distinct from most other poisons, initial symptoms are not readily obvious. The poison acts over several hours, or even days. (There are some "fast-acting" preparations on the market now which would be more rapid in effect). Its effect is to interfere with the blood clotting mechanism, so that serious bleeding can arise from minor injuries or even "wear and tear" of bowel and lung tissues, etc. This usually means that the pet becomes gradually weaker; there is no pain, and may or maynot be obvious bleeding. The pink colour of the gums and conjunctiva under the eyelids, becomes progressively whiter as the blood is drained from the system, and at any point the pet may die from a sudden large haemorrhage. Although cats would rarely eat the actual poison, it is probable that the eating of several poisoned mice, could lead to blood problems, so be aware of the possibility.

If you suspect Warfarin (Ratsac) poisoning, contact your vet urgently, as treatment is usually very successful. If you know your dog or cat has consumed some poison but no signs are evident, it is still best to seek veterinary advice, as induced vomiting, or prevention treatment, may be advisable. Prevention is always better than cure!

Till next time - Good Health

THE YOUNG WAMBOIN ENTREPRENEURS

OR

WE-ARE-BEING-FORCED-INTO-CHILD-LABOUR-BECAUSE-THE-WRINKLIES-ARE-LOUSY-WITH-THE-POCKET-MONEY-SO-HOW-ABOUT-IT?

Don't forget, in your dash to the phone to employ us, the prefix around this forsaken place, miles away from any social life, is **2383**.

DOMESTIC SERVICES

Felicity Carrington 367
Sophie Gough 449
Russell Berlee 262
Tony Downs 384
Jared Antony 286
Adrian Picker 325
Scott Mason 258
Adrian Picker 325
Katie Hansen 389
Leo Schultz 309
Jeroen Kueter 251

ODD JOBS

Scott Mason 258
Katie Hansen 389
Tony Downs 384
Kara Maxworthy 302
Jared Antony 286
Adrian Picker 325
Russell Berlee 262
Leo Schultz 309
Jeroen Kueter 251

BABY SITTING

Katie Hansen 389
Michelle Kelly 363
Belinda Harvey 210
Sophy Greenwood 358
Maxine Picker 325
Leo Schultz 309
Jared Antony 286

WAMBOIN CLASSIFIEDS

These local classified advertisements are free. For others - the business ones - I charge. For either type, please get in touch with me on 238 3475.

FOR SALE
ELECTRIC - HEATER IXL HOTLINE;
NEW - NEVER USED(STILL IN
BOX); RETAILS FOR \$590 - WILL
SELL FOR \$400 ONO
PH 2383352

WANTED
Professional family seeks
rural property to rent long
term to commence early
October Ph 2383309

FOR SALE
ford ute paddock basher
gd motor - goes Ok
\$300 - ono ph2383250

FOR SALE
*table tennis table, net & bats-\$80
*2 beaten copper fire screens-\$10
ea
*old type electric calculator with
printout-\$20 ono
*delux water saver shower rose,
new-\$20 (\$50 new)
*vertical grill-\$20 Ph 2383363

WANTED
CURRENT WAMBOIN RESIDENTS
SEEK HOUSE OR COTTAGE FROM
END OF SEPTEMBER -
REFERENCES AVAILABLE
PH 2383385

AVAILABLE FOR CHARITIES AND
FUND RAISING GROUPS
CENTURIAN TANK MARK 5
(EX-ARMY) ENQUIRIES GLEN DORE
(h) 2383429; (wk) 2476610

FOR SALE
Handsome black APSB Gelding 12.1
hh, 16 yrs, family outgrown -
experienced in all aspects of Pony
Club work - price of \$700 includes
winter rugs & bridle - good home
only - Ph 2369283

WANTED
IRONING LADY
Ph 2383455

Advertising rates for business advertisements are as follows:

FULL PAGE	\$40 per month	3 months or more \$25 per month (min payment 3 months - \$75)
HALF PAGE	\$25 per month	3 months or more \$15 per month (min payment 3 months - \$45)
QUARTER PAGE	\$10 per month	

