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Inquiries to Dave Hubbard on 6238 3308

WAMBOIN COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

President's Paragraphs

The **EASTERN CAPITAL CITY LGA election** has taken place. Our task is now to assist our elected representatives. My wish is that they listen to, and take heed of, the people who elected them.

House Fires, or more realistically the prevention of same, will be the presentation delivered at our Community association meeting on July 20. Trent Abell, a professional fireman with the ACT Brigade, has had experience with numerous structural fires. Many of these were preventable. He will talk on the causes of house fires and how you can take precautions to safeguard your home.

Our **Bonfire Night** is scheduled for the 18th of September. We understand that we may need a permit for this event. The Fire Brigade have offered their support. In early August I will contact all local Groups about their various food and drink stalls. Please hold any bonfire material until asked in the August Whisper, to drop off your flammable offerings. Please note; the site of the fire is changed this year.

There was a good turn up for the **AGM**. The executive were all returned as follows: President: Lofty Mason, Vice President: Helen Montesin, Secretary: John van der Straaten, Treasurer: Keith France. I would like to believe this is because we are doing a good job and not because we can't con anyone else to stand.

A Government 'Communities Assistance **Grant**' to purchase a Fridge, Stove and Microwave Oven is now back on track and a further application has been lodged to purchase a new heater plus tables and chairs. Will keep you posted.

Hall extension: Thanks to Hank Berlee and Don Evans we have submitted an 'engineer certified' copy of the plans, plus a drainage plan, for our proposed extension to the Hall. **Stop Press**: We have just received Council approval to start this project. -- Lofty Mason. ljmason@austarmetro.com.au

MAILBOX FOR WAMBOIN COMMUNITY

Background In August 2002 the Wamboin Community Association approached Australia Post for the installation, maintenance and servicing of a post box in a position convenient for the AP contract deliverer and the Community. The location we suggested was near the WCA notice board at the corner of Norton Rd/Gallagher Crescent.

Although Australia Post was sympathetic to our request the AP stated that there were no plans to install a street posting box at that time. Australia Post required an acceptable level of usage, ie. at least 40 mail articles per day to warrant the installation and clearance of a Street Post Box. Australia Post also advised that the mail contract for the delivery of mail to Wamboin included mail collection from mailboxes. However to arrange for mail collection an acceptable signal system would be required.

This information was written up in the Wamboin Whispers of the time - together with a challenge to the community to devise indicator/flag systems to accord with the variety of mailboxes in the district! The WCA is not aware of anybody in the community who took up the offer by Australia Post.

Current Situation The issue of a community Street Post Box was raised at the General Meeting of the Wamboin Community Association on 15 June 2004. It was suggested that another approach be made to Australia Post but that the Wamboin community be canvassed in regard to the likely usage by the community of a Street Post Box and on the location likely to attract the highest volume of mail traffic.

The Community Association recognises that it has been a long time since the post box operated from the former Wamboin shop and that residents have long since made alternative arrangements. However, there has been an increase in the number of residents in Wamboin some of whom might not be commuting daily and perhaps would use an AP Street Post Box, if conveniently located. So, what do you think?

Not everybody uses e-mail exclusively? Would you use a Street Post Box located near the Sutton/Norton roads intersection or at any other central location? How many articles are you likely to send - daily, weekly, periodically? Your views would be much appreciated.

John van der Straaten, WCA Secretary, is co-ordinating a community response based on your replies. He can be contacted on tel/fax 6238 3590 or e-mail: weeroona@austarmetro.com.au.

IF ONLY THEY COULD TALK

by Dr Jason Andrews BSc (Hons) BVSc (Hons)

Sheep are not Horses!!!and Horses are not Sheep!!!

With very little feed around most of us are having to supplementary feed. It is tempting for us to think that feed is feed is feed, and what is good for our horses is also good for our sheep! This however is not the case!!! This is a short tail of warning!!

Recently, a much loved pet sheep presented at our clinic. It was very flat, lethargic, and groaning in pain. Her urine was red with blood. She was lovingly hand raised, grew up with horses (clue), vaccinated, wormed, and fed the best horse feed along with the horses. All that could be done was to treat the symptoms. At this point the cause was not known. The following day she was worse, she was placed on an I/V drip, given every medication we could think of that might help, but she died that day.

Then after discussions with the owner it was found that this sheep had been fed the same pellets as the horses (a leading, high quality brand). What they didn't realise was that horse pellets are high in copper, a requirement for horses, but not for sheep. Sheep are exceptionally sensitive to copper toxicity. The sheep's serum copper level was found to be 167.0 mol/l with the normal range being 9 to 25 □mol/l. I do not need to say that this level is fatal, and it was.

This case is a warning to us all. Diets that have been formulated for one breed are not necessarily the best for another and in some cases can be deadly. We have had some discussions with the manufacturers of this particular product and whilst they acknowledge that this level of copper would be fatal in sheep, they claim their product labelling states that it is horse feed and that they are not obliged to warn of the dangers of feeding to other species.

The converse also applies - ingestion of sheep feed by horses can be fatal.

Also in the last month we attended another pet sheep with a sad outcome. This 7 year old sheep had lived in a Canberra back yard since it was day old. Its diet consisted of the lawn and garden plants supplemented with lucerne hay. Unfortunately it also consumed much of the ubiquitous baling twine which is not digestible and forms a large ball and blockage. Don't leave baling twine where animals may eat it. Over the years we have removed many interesting objects that have been consumed by sheep - one sheep in particular had a craving for metal dog chains and the old type of telephone wire.

It is always distressing to see our pet animals suffer so take care of their nutritional requirements.

Thanks to the persons below, Wamboin and Bywong residents have a			free community owned newsletter.		
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Wamboin Muses

Jill Gregory

Like the Federal Government, my garden has gone into "winter recess". Safely tucked beneath layers of blanketing mulch, what survives only warrants a casual glance and then more out of academic, rather than horticultural interest. Nandinas, rosemary, lavender, camellias and choisya seem to be holding their own against the onslaught of the creatures of the night. Sadly some crab apples and manchurian pears may not reach their spring potential. Nocturnal ringbarkers have been abroad!

The other day someone told me that a friend of theirs claimed that the end of June would be unusually wet. The next story was less encouraging. No decent rain before next April! I've given up believing in fairy stories and decided that a change of focus was needed. Rather than despair about the conditions, we should take advantage of Wamboin's bounty. My idea was that we should build paths edged with rocks, create rock "features" and remove the dead trees that the drought had claimed. And so began a very busy time.

The first challenge was to repair and sharpen the chain saw. This chain saw, which has seen better days and had been threatened with the dump long ago, was painstakingly restored. I supported the mechanic with cups of tea and sympathetic noises. Trying to be helpful, I suggested that we call in the Tree Man to take down the bigger trees. This immediately became another challenge. I celebrated the winter solstice, standing outside in conditions that would have deterred Sir Douglas Mawson, holding a length of rope attached to the targeted tree, and wearing a look of grave concern. The chain saw shrieked interminably but each tree obligingly came down in it's programmed space. Then the logs were sawn into fire box lengths and stacked in neat piles for next winter. My important job was to stand on the trunks while they were being cut up, and act as a counter balance. The next step was to mulch the leftovers. I was excited about turning all this wonderful stuff into next year's compost. But of course the mulcher ingested a foreign body early on and developed a life threatening illness. Major surgery was performed and it was indeed fortunate that snow was only falling above 1000m that day. I assisted the surgeon with cups of strong tea and silence. Next on the agenda is collecting rocks, a bit like gathering nuts in May except it is June and

I wouldn't live anywhere else....where else would a simple idea, borne of despair, create so many worthwhile challenges and diversions.



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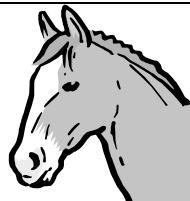


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(July 2003)	47mm)	Coldest July day	4C on 7/7/90
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GEARY'S GAP/WAMBOIN LANDCARE NATIONAL TREE DAY – Sunday 25th July

LANDCARE says "Help Plant a Tree"

Landcare is calling for volunteers to lend a hand in planting native plants on this year's 'National Tree Day'. The aim is to get people planting trees and shrubs that are native to the local area and the site chosen is the long straight stretch of **Weerona Drive**, starting from Majors Close. Once planted, this area will form an important wildlife corridor linking existing remnant vegetation with a previously planted greenway. It will also add to the biodiversity of the area and create an attractive roadside display. Planet Ark states that for last year's 'Tree Day', 247,000 volunteers planted 2.25 million native trees at 3,340 sites across Australia. However, this will be the first year Gearys Gap/Wamboin Landcare has been involved.

The council has already done much of the hard work for us by providing the rip lines. Landcare has grown most of the plants and will purchasing some grown by the students of Bungendore Public School. **WHEN:** 9am – 12 noon Sunday 25th July **WHERE:** Weerona Drive, Wamboin (near Majors Close) **PARKING:** Either at Majors Close or on Weerona Drive under the power lines. This could be tricky in places, so take care. **NEEDS:** Protective clothing, gloves, sturdy shoes, water, maddock or pick or trowel **REGISTRATION:** On the day! **ENQUIRIES:** Jacqui O'Leary - ph 62369157

Library Donation This month's Landcare donation to the Bungendore Library is ***Wildlife on Farms*** by David Lindenmayer (seen recently on Stateline). This 2003 CSIRO publication recognizes that landholders are interested in the native animals of their area; why they are present (or absent) and what they can do to encourage them to visit and/or keep them there. The book outlines key features of the animals habitats: - large flowering trees, hollow trees, ground cover, understory vegetation, dams and watercourses. It describes why landholders should conserve these habitats to encourage wildlife on their farms and shows how wildlife conservation can be integrated with farm management and the benefits this can bring. It presents 29 example species of mammals, birds, reptiles and frogs that are common to this area. Each entry gives distinguishing features of animals' preferred habitats and what can be done on farms to better conserve the species. At the time of writing this, the book was already on loan but you can always reserve it!

Activities No meeting in July, Planting session – 9am Sunday 25 July – 'National Tree Day', Weerona Drive, Wamboin. Look for sign! Propagation session – 9am Saturday 7 August, 38 Birchmans Grove, Wamboin, All welcome! Phone 62369158

Notes from St Andrew's

St Andrew's, on the corner of Norton and Poppet Roads, is part of the parish of St John's, Canberra and this month we welcome our new Rector, Revd Greg Thompson and his wife Kerry. Greg's previous parish was St John's, Darlinghurst. His induction service will be at St John's at 5pm on Thursday 22nd July at St John's Canberra. We hope he will soon be able to visit this corner of his new parish.

Services at St Andrew's are held at 9am on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month. Do come – the Church and the welcome are warm. For more information please ring Robyn Robertson on 62383202 or Bronwyn Elliott on 62383359.

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The Wamboin Firefighter

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BY CLIFF SPONG WITH HELP FROM MANY MEMBERS OF THE BRIGADE
(WAMBOIN BRIGADE'S WEBSITE IS WWW.WAMBOIN-FIRESHED.COM)

Even though fire permits are not required now, please ensure adequate precautions are taken if fires are lit in the open, notify your neighbours 24 hours before you light it and as a matter of courtesy – ring the brigade captain.

FROM THE CAPTAIN'S DESK

Despite the chilly night air the Annual General Meeting of the brigade went well on the 22nd of June. Although we didn't get many local residents attending we had plenty of fire brigade-type visitors. They included Bruce Arthur, the District Manager, Jim Lomas, the Learning and Development Manager and Chris Quinn, the Fire Mitigation Officer, from the Fire Control Centre in Queanbeyan. Jeff Andrew, John Cameron, Chris Powell and Dave Hubbard, Group Officers in the district also joined us.



Following the customary reports the results of the elections of office bearers are as follows. President – **Peter Greenwood**, Vice-President – **Richard Hobbs**, Secretary – **Marion Sheldrick**, Treasurer – **Larry King**, Captain – **Cliff Spong**, Senior Deputy Captain – **Andrew Dunn**, Deputy Captains – **Richard Hobbs**, **Nev Schroder**, **Geoff Foster** and **Darrell Tipton**, Support Crew Leader, First Aid Officer – **Sandy Sedgewick**, Equipment Officer – **Chris Murdock**, Maintenance Officer – **Charlie le Leivre**, Training

Officer – **Nev Schroder**, Communications Officer – **Pat Dickson**, Fund Raising Coordinator – **Fiona David** and Newsletter Editors - **Cindy Dykes** and **Cliff Spong**. A new year, a slightly new team, and the challenges and opportunities only get better. I would like to thank all these people for accepting these often time consuming positions. We will be having the first meeting of the new Executive and the new field officer group shortly.

The extension to the fire shed has now reached the lock-up stage. Even though we have had only a small number of volunteer helpers at times, the progress has been swift. We should get the structure properly weatherproofed in a couple of weekends. Work can then start on the interior. The stairwell can go in and then the flooring on the first floor and a small internal brick wall will be built on the ground floor. We will be finalising the plans for the internal fitout of the first floor soon. Remember, members of the brigade are doing all of this work but if there are people out there in Wamboin or Bywong who have some skills they could offer - don't be bashful – come along. We would welcome the help.

It is great to report that some residents are notifying their neighbours and their brigade captain before doing a hazard reduction burn. It makes life a little easier for all involved, especially when people ring to report smoke in the area. However, please consider the weather conditions before lighting up. Even though it is cool this time of year and the humidity is relatively high, be ever mindful of the wind! It could get embarrassing when the wind picks up and spreads a small fire further than you can cope with.

The long list of names of people receiving awards in the Queen's birthday honour list can make interesting reading but it becomes exciting when someone you know in the Brigade is mentioned. I am extremely happy to announce that Chris Murdock has been awarded an Order of Australia medal in the military division. His award was for outstanding service in the development and management of Air Force personnel management information systems. His citation further reads, he "has consistently demonstrated outstanding commitment to the development and management of the personnel management information systems used by the Air Force. His exceptional dedication, ability, leadership and energy have resulted in significant productivity and capability improvements in the use of information systems to manage Air Force personnel". On behalf of the Brigade I would like to congratulate Chris for all his dedication and hard work.

Over the next few weeks we will be surveying the brigade's new operating area to collect data to submit to the latest standards of fire cover analysis. This is a system developed by the Rural Fire Service to determine a risk index for an area and then determine what types of vehicular resources would be needed to service the type of terrain, vegetation, numbers of residents, commercial interests, and so on combined with the fire history and numbers of volunteer fire fighters. Until the results of the analysis are provided in a few months the brigade will keep all its vehicles. It is possible that the old Pumper may not be required and the old Dodge may have to be pensioned off due to its increased safety risk being a petrol-powered vehicle. If the decision is made to remove the vehicles it is extremely unlikely that they would be replaced, but more on that shortly. I can still remember the news a few years ago following a standards of fire cover analysis, that our brigade would be getting a new Category 1 tanker to complement our aging Cat 1 tanker. We, as are a number of other brigades in the Shire, are still waiting.

Now that we have done our democratic duty and the membership of the new council is being finalised it is worthwhile taking a few moments to consider the impact of the recent shire amalgamations on the rural fire service in your area. The Eastern Capital City Regional Shire, which was formed from what was left of the previous Yarrowlumla and Tallaganda Shires, is smaller than the Yarrowlumla Shire but more importantly has a smaller rating base because of a smaller population.

As you would be aware, as ratepayers, many services in a shire are dependent on the rates that can be collected from the residents. Road works, library services, amenities, waste management services, council facilities, etc are all funded from our rates. Fire fighting services are no different. A few years ago a fire brigade levy on all ratepayers was introduced to help fund these services. This levy was promoted as a way of ensuring that no fire fighting vehicle in any of the Shire's brigades would be older than 15 years. There were other things said about how the levy could be used. It would be used to provide, among other things, personal protective equipment for firefighters, salaries for the paid RFS staff, maintenance and running costs for the vehicles and RFS corporate overheads. The fire brigade levy alone could not fund all these things in our Shire but a standard formula has been in use throughout New South Wales to supplement the money collected at the local level. The total budget for any shire was made of 13.3% from local government, 13% from the NSW State government and 73.7% levied against insurance policies. However, the starting point for the annual budget is the 13.3% collected at the local government level – our fire brigade levy. The additional funds are provided proportionately. The annual budget for the previous Shire was approximately \$800,000. The fire fighting services budget for the new ECCR Shire, even if all ratepayers in the new Shire pay the fire brigade levy, may now be smaller this year because of the reduced population. The other facts we have to contend with are that the number of paid RFS positions has increased, there are 7 additional brigades to fund (many of these do not have power or telephones at the fire sheds), the numbers of volunteer fire fighters has increased, and the number of vehicles to be maintained has increased. All of this will put a great strain on the finances. When you consider that the cost of a new Category 1 tanker (the big trucks carrying a crew of 5 or 6) costs approximately \$240,000 and the smaller Category 7 tankers, with a crew of 3 costs around \$80,000, it is quite unlikely that the new shire will be seeing new replacements for any trucks. There are now several trucks in our fleet across the Shire which are now 16 to 20 years old. A scheme does exist that, because many brigades close to Sydney can replace their trucks regularly every four years or so, those trucks can be purchased by "their more rural cousins" for almost half price. Putting aside any hints or suggestions of financial discrimination it appears that even that purchase scheme may be beyond our stretched budget. It is quite evident that we will be in "maintenance mode" with all our equipment for some time. I would rather this issue was not considered as a political stand on my part, it is not. It is simply the reality we now face in providing an emergency service in our community. The new council needs to seriously consider this issue. We all need to make the new councillors aware of the problem.

If you need to discuss anything about bushfire protection, anything to do with your fire brigade or to get a fire permit please give me a call on 0409991340 or 6236 9220 (AH).

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<p>FOR HIRE: WAMBOIN COMMUNITY HALL. Bookings arranged by Joan Mason 62383258. Local Hire \$65 per use - Bond \$200. Outside Hire \$125 per use - Bond \$250. Teenage/18 year old birthdays/parties (must be supervised by parents) \$160 - Bond \$300.</p>
<p>ADVERTISING RATES: Local classified advertisements are free, as are announcements from community organisations and clubs. Business advertisements attract a small fee (see below) which is donated to the Wamboin Community Association. Please make your cheque out to this association, but post it to the editor. Contact editor on 6238-3484 for information. Advertising rates: Full Page - \$100 Half Page - \$50 1/4 Page - \$25 1/6 Page - \$20 1/8 Page - \$15</p>
<p>Pilates classes will begin again after the school holiday break on Mondays 6-7pm and Thursdays 6.30-7.30pm at the Community Hall on Bingley Way. They will run for the 10 week school term so that's a possible 2 classes per week if you are free. We will work on maintaining our core strength and beginning to build onto this with a progression of strengthening exercises with the log fire crackling in the background (thanks to the kindness of Lofty). All you need to bring is \$2, a mat/piece of carpet(body length) and a water bottle. For further information please call Joy on: 6238 3023.</p>
<p>Trestles and chairs are available from the Wamboin Hall in Bingley Way for private hire by local residents. The trestles are 2.4 meters long and seat 10. The hire rate is \$10 per trestle and \$1 for chairs. This price does not include delivery or pick up charges. Chairs and tables are to be returned in a clean and serviceable condition. To arrange pick-up and return, contact Joan Mason on 62383258.</p>
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<p>The Whisper is Wamboin's community newspaper. If you live in the area and have something to say about living here that is informative, thoughtful or entertaining or have led any major expeditions of exploration, think about writing it up for the next issue. For more information contact the editor on 6238-3484. And thanks to so many of you who already have done so.</p>
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Wamboin really is a wonderful community. The Fire Brigade asked for your help to fund the fire shed extension - and the cheques started pouring in. Thank you to everyone who has been so generous with their hard earned cash. Individuals/families who have donated over \$25, and businesses who have donated over \$100, will be recognised on the "Giving Wall" once the shed is completed. However, we do want to note that EVERY donation — whether \$5 to \$500 (and yes, there have been several) is important, and we appreciate your generosity. We are happy to report we have supplemented your donations with a \$10,000 grant from the (then) Yarrowlumla Council, and a \$17,500 grant from the "Regional Partnerships" program, administered by the Commonwealth Department of Transport and Regional Services. The steel structure of the shed has been erected and the walls and roof have installed by a group of hard-working local volunteers. If you have not already donated and you would like to do so, please mail your cheque to: **The Treasurer, Wamboin Volunteer Rural Fire Brigade, 112 Bingley Way, Wamboin 2620.** If you would like to note any corrections/mistakes on the **Giving Wall** list of names, please mail to **F. David, 377 Weeroona Drive Wamboin 2620.**

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Kindergarten Orientation Program

Sutton Public School is currently organising enrolments for 2005. We invite interested families to contact the school to discuss what we offer and our Orientation Program. Important dates for this year include a formal orientation morning on 8 September 2004 from 9.30am to 11.00am. During this session pre-schoolers will be involved in activities with school staff.

We will also be offering three more sessions early in term 3. Parents will be asked to nominate two morning sessions over two weeks for their children to come to school for the morning session. The dates for these mornings will be 19, 20 and 21 October and 26, 27 and 28 October. Our program will conclude with a morning session for all of our new Kindies on Wednesday 3 November.

A number of families are also taking advantage of our School Playgroup as a way of familiarising their children with the school setting. All families are welcome to come to the playgroup which operates in the school's Before and After School Care Facility on Wednesday mornings.

Information Technology Successes



The school was excited to receive the results of the Australian Schools Computer Test last week. We gained 3 Distinctions and 4 Credits. A further 24 students were also recognised for their achievements. With the establishment of a dedicated computer room and a Kindergarten to Year 6 technology tuition program the school expects further success in the area of technology.

Currently students have had the opportunity to make movies using i-movie and digital video cameras. Students have also made their own animated movies using digital cameras and Quicktime on apple computers.

Students at work on i-movie

The technology activities formed part of the Sutton School Enrichment Program. This program provides opportunities for students to explore areas in which they are gifted and are interested in. Activities include calligraphy, Rock and Roll, Silk Painting, AFL, Bush Fire Safety Training, Sutton Idol, Tennis, Cooking, Art and Model Making.

BUNGENDORE VIEW CLUB

The Bungendore VIEW (Voice, Interest, Education for Women) Club's August meeting will be held on Monday, 2 August at the WoodWorks Café from 6.45pm. The Guest Speaker will be Doug Mulley from the Canberra Antique Centre in Townsville Street, Fyshwick. Doug will be assessing and valuing some antiques on the night. We look forward to an enjoyable evening and perhaps uncovering some unknown treasures. Members and guests are always welcome. Cost is \$23 and bookings need to be made with Debbie Hudson on 62381571 by 23 July. The VIEW Club proudly supports the Smith Family. -- Robyn Barter, Publicity Officer, Bungendore VIEW Club, Ph 6271 1685 (w)

BUNGENDORE PARK TENNIS CLUB Raffle Winners

1st Prize: Trailer Load of Wood donated by Gordon Harrison The Harp Inn 2nd Prize: Voucher for Wellbeing Centre donated by Cathy Hickenbotham Neil Swain 3rd Prize: Presidents 'Port' donated by Bruce Hughes Rayner Autumn Competition Winners A successful competition was held where there were no wash-outs for the first time in the history of the Spring and Autumn competitions. The winners were The Martini Set, The Waddies and Sideliners were equal second. 1st Martini Set Ross Hickenbotham Robyn Chesterton Rosie Windsor Lance Rees Equal 2nd Waddies David Watson Cindy Shoemsmith Linda Gentles Ivan Harris Equal 2nd Sideliners Donna Bayley Judy Woodford Andy Burbidge Peter Nixon - Information submitted by Eric Martin, secretary

Can the Ball rollers and shredders keep up with the dung?

by Anne Platts

Remember in the 1970's there was a surge of interest and lots of publicity when The CSIRO Dung Beetle Project (1969-1993) introduced to Australia about 50 species of beetles from Africa, Turkey, France and Spain. Australia has native dung beetles - that deal not only with native dung but are efficient at burying sheep and goat dung, but if the remaining green lawns in the district are a barometer, they are spring-summer active and have a lot on their plate when rain and the warmer weather starts. Both the adult and larval populations fall during drought, and use of various pesticides - especially drenches- can wipe out the beetles. Birds and foxes are also significant predators.

In response to a very interesting discussion about dung beetles and soils I placed a call to John Feehan of Soilcam in Hackett (02 6248 0378). John is a former technician with the dung beetle project who now provides specialist support in spreading dung beetles across Australia. Jacqui O'Leary and the local Landcare group tried on many occasions -unfortunately unsuccessfully - to have John speak to the local Landcare group.

How do we get these little workers was my question. John breeds colonies of dung beetles for sale and a colony costs "about as much as a tonne of fertiliser". That seems to be \$400-\$500. There are apparently 8-10 species that would be suitable for the local Bungendore climate. Before arranging to purchase a colony John gives prospective clients a small information kit and recommends determining the types of dung beetles present on a property by using the following strategies:

Select dung pads with a margin of fresh soil; Walk up quietly because they quickly crash dive down their tunnels; Use a long handled shovel to scoop up the dung and 2 cm of soil underneath the dung pad; Place soil, grass and dung into a bucket; Tip soil and dung into a bucket of cold water and stir gently; Collect beetles as they float to the surface; Kill the beetles in hot water; Dry beetles for two days on newspaper. Place into a match box without cotton wool, and without sticky tape; Include date, location and address with phone number; Include a stamped self-addressed envelope for return of information. The species identification service is free for SOILCAM clients. Once released dung beetle colonies breed and spread quickly and the population of a colony let loose on the front lawn will be over the road and into next door in a week. Which makes a community solution seem attractive.

As local Landcare members know, I am hoping to interest between 10 and 20 local landowners to form a Dung Beetle Co-op. The objective would be to fund the introduction of 2 or 4 or maybe more new species to the Wamboin, Gearys Gap, Bywong,

Bungendore area. This presumes that there are probably already 2 species here including the natives because the recommendation is to have at least 4-10 different species, one being a winter active type for year round dung management. So far there have been a few people interested and hopefully you gentle reader might also want to join in. Call 62369147 and register your interest or email anneplatts@bigpond.com. Your contribution would be to collect samples for identification in

October, contribute to the purchase (cost depends on numbers participating) and be there to let the little critters go. For more information NSW Dept of Agriculture has Agnote DAI-102, Australian Farm Journal ran an article June 2004, Karl Kruszelnicki has a 2 part article through the ABC website. Landcare, Australian National Geographic No 36 Dec 1994 and the NSW Grassland Society have all run articles - to mention a few. Just type dung beetle and select Australian sites through your browser of choice.

I have no interest in SOILCAM but do like to see valuable organic material incorporated into the soil, keep the fly populations down and leave my boots on when I go inside.

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Where would you find 'The Twelve Apostles', Batman and Robin, KISS, Steve Irwin & family, Marilyn Monroe, Marj Simpson and Rex Hunt partying the night away together on a cold Wamboin night? Where else but the Annual Wamboin Fireman's ball.



The Fireman's Ball is held each year as an opportunity for the community to get together after the fire season for a night out. This year around 125 locals and visitors braved the conditions, some for much longer than others thanks to the two outside fires, raising money for the local brigade and having a famous time in the process.

The Fame theme was taken up by the crowd, with the vast majority dressing up to create a sight to behold and much to talk about. The band, Rhythm Squad, had the dance floor full all evening and with their array of headwear brought many past bands to life including Bob Marley, The Proclaimers, The Blues Brothers, Rod Stewart and more. They too experienced a first with the band KISS joining them on stage before enthusiastically performing the Nut Bush with the other famous persons at the ball. Much more was revealed than can be shown in these photos.



Our masterly MC, Larry King ensured proceedings went smoothly. Our thanks go to the sponsors of the door, costume prizes and raffle – Clare Valley Tree Service, Bungendore Cellars, Lamberts Vineyard, Bungendore Produce, Foodworks Bungendore and Greg Reeves Electrical. Also thanks to John Roycroft, Wyagiba Trading, Tony Fisher and Tony Martin for chairs, tables gas heating and the outdoor heating.

Costume prize winners on the evening were: Steve Irwin's Wildlife Sanctuary, KISS, Rex Hunt & his Fish, Evil Knevil, Heidi, Dartanyon, Marilyn Monroe, Princess Mary Donaldson and her father. Joan Mason and Geoff Foster won the raffle prizes. And lastly, thanks to the organizing committee, Charlie Montesin, Nev Schroder, Tony Martin, Barbara Rowe, Suzie Reeves, Ken & Deb Gordon for all their efforts.

Keep an eye on the Whisper for details regarding the 2005 ball. (Suggestions/volunteers/sponsors for the next ball always welcome. Please contact a committee member)

Getting Broadband/ADSL access in Wamboin




Telstra will only consider installing ADSL in an area like Wamboin if it receives enough indication of demand. We can all do this if we register (you can only register once, but can see the progress). To register, follow this link <http://www.telstra.com.au/demand/index.cfm>, enter your phone number etc and that's it. Bright, in Victoria, managed to convince Telstra (against its original plans) to install ADSL once it received 126 registrations. To date, Wamboin only has 14 registrants. - Bill Owen

Roaming Dogs

Dear fellow Wamboin residents,

I am writing this to warn you of the presence of roaming dogs in Weeroona Drive. On the Sunday of the June long weekend I went outside at 4.45pm to feed my horses and discovered two dogs with the mauled body of my much loved pet rabbit. A black kelpie type dog and a Jack Russell terrier had chewed through a thick fibre cement panel and into his outside cage. I chased these dogs out onto Weeroona Drive and they ran in the direction of Majors Close. I can not adequately describe the anguish of finding the crushed body my rabbit with his cold glassy eyes staring out of his bloodied face. After finding him I then had the gruesome task of burying him deep enough so he would not be dug up and eaten. I have reported the incident to the Council dog patrol officer. Whoever owns these dogs should be warned that if they are caught out on the road they will be impounded. Surely residents in this rural area do not have to be reminded of the carnage and damage wandering dogs can cause. If you own these dogs keep them locked up. If anyone sees these dogs out and about or knows where they live call the Council and get these dogs off the streets.

Your distressed neighbour in Weeroona Drive. - Norma Richardson

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THE STABLE DOOR - by Ian Coillet

I'm sitting in the office, dogs at my feet – both flat on their back, grinning it seems. For they are seeking to extract every milligram of warmth each time the sun pops out from behind the snow clouds skating by propelled by the strong west-north-westerly wind. An indoors type of day this voting Saturday.

Was it really 16 years ago when my almost brand new bride and I were travelling the east coast of USA? Yup, sure was. Washington. Great place. Similar feel to Canberra. New York! Wow –high vitality and so in your face! But it was on the west coast of the USA later in the year that the drama (similar to that so recently experienced by Canberrans and others) played out. From July through September, long after we had returned to Wamboin, that nature replayed an ancient drama in the Yellowstone high country. Drought, lightning and unrelenting wind joined forces in Yellowstone forests in 1988. Huge fires have been a part of life in Yellowstone since glaciers retreated 12,000 years ago, but the fires of 1988 were the largest in more than 100 years. Figures vary but based on satellite images, the National Park Service estimated around 800,000 acres burned or 36 percent of all park land. The fires defied the experts, burning beyond analysts' worst-case forecasts and beyond the control of the nation's best firefighters. Firefighters built more than 800 miles of fire line and aeroplanes dropped more than a million gallons of fire retardant, but they couldn't stop the fires. The giant fires in the lodge-pole pines advanced 5 to 10 miles a day. One fire travelled 14 miles in three hours. Smoke billowed 10 miles into the air, shrouding the park in a thick, acrid cloud. In the end, despite best efforts of man, it was the fall rain and snow that cooled and quelled the fires.

Last year, with remarkable similarity, it was the ACT and surrounding region's turn to burn. As well, fires flared in the surrounds of Sydney, across Victoria, South Australia and Tasmania. Other side of the world portions of Europe were alight. And wildfires and pyromaniacs wrought havoc across California.

Suggests to me, that when Wamboin's Brigade Captain encourages we residents (as he regularly does) to educate ourselves on how to prepare our property against bush and grass fires – (an all year round exercise) we should take heed – and act. He has his reasons and we should all recognise we have responsibilities – to ourselves, our family, our neighbours - our community (infrastructure, people and animals). So, don't be fooled by the cooler temperatures or the wee drop of rain. Scratch the earth's surface and you'll see what I mean. The ground is parched, we seem to be in a worsening drought, water – domestic and dam is scarce and there's a stack of litter build up. Every year with the (traditional) hot, dry summertime climate in the south-eastern states, Australia faces the menace of bushfires. Right now is the time to begin your vigilance. Believe it or not, the upcoming fire season is just around the corner. When the temperature soars and the winds are ripping across the hills and valleys - embers will be flying. Remember last year? Nature does not make allowances for "nimbys".

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Bungendore Riding Club is a recently formed Club for horse riders aged 18 years and over. The Club meets once a month at the Bungendore Showgrounds and provides activities including instruction in riding/dressage/showjumping and cross country by qualified local and regional instructors. All standards of riders from beginners to advanced are catered for. The Club takes advantage of the Showground's wonderful accredited cross country course whenever possible— for instance, in August 2004 Simon Kale is booked for an eventing clinic. The Club also enjoys a close relationship with Bungendore Pony Club who generously allows us to use their equipment. As well as providing quality instruction at reasonable prices, the Club organizes other fun activities and from time to time, trail rides. In May 2004 about 25 members met at the Wamboin Community Grounds for a fantastic trail ride through Kowen Forest. Occasionally, guest speakers attend our rally days to give informative talks on topics of interest. For instance, it is planned for a local farrier to give a talk on good shoeing techniques and riding your horse "barefoot" on 25 July. On the same day, a local company which specializes in animal herbs will have a stall for members to browse through and find out more about their equine products. The Club will be holding its inaugural "Chicken" One Day Event on 24 October 2004. This event will be open to the public. With thanks to our sponsors – John Shortt Custom Saddler, Canberra Tradesman's Union Club and Horizon Real Estate. New members and sponsors are always welcome – enquiries to the Secretary, Helen Blain on 6238 2467. – Helen Locke

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