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WAMBOIN PRODUCE & CRAFT MARKET

Saturday 21 May 2005 9-12.00

Community Hall, Bingley Way

Local Produce & Plants Crafts Home made goodies Refreshments

This will be our last market until we resume in September. Don't miss out - there is always something different so come and be tempted!! It is a great way to renew old acquaintances and make new ones. New stallholders welcome. For details contact Tony Power on 6238 3028 or email poweraj@acslink.net.au.

WAMBOIN COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

President's Paragraphs

The probability of **increased rates** was discussed at the April meeting. The choice of 'increased rates or decreased services' had us all trying to list what services we, as residents of Wamboin, receive from the Council. We listed: local road repairs, a garbage tip, recycle collection and the mowing of the oval (once last season). Can anyone add to this? Reminds me of a conversation with my Dad when I asked what rates were for. His answer: "Rates are collected to pay Council staff and expenses. If anything is left over it is used to provide resident services". The WCA is letting the Council know of our concern.

The **WCA Annual General Meeting** is coming up soon. The reason I mention this is that all positions are up for renewal. The WCA is a grass roots organisation which is elected and controlled by the residents of Wamboin. The WCA is concerned as to the smooth running of the various local groups. The main task of Committee Members is to ensure that the wishes of the Community are carried out. The main task of the Executive Committee is to make these things happen. If you feel you would like to help in the community or serve as an office bearer please contact the WCA Secretary, John van der Stratten to discuss same.

Anthony Goonan, the guy behind **Yless4U** gave a very interesting talk at our April meeting. From the presentation I believe Yless4U will be a very competitive ISP. I would suggest if you are considering Broadband connection it would be worth your while to add Yless4U to your list of possibilities. If you are interested in this local based Broadband, check out www.yless4u.com or contact Anthony.

I thought the April **Produce Market** had stalls of excellent offerings. In addition to fresh garden produce there was also Wagonga Coffee; fresh Jersey milk, butter and cheeses; cakes and biscuits; craft items; jewellery; native plants; flowering plants; Gonyah Gold honey; jams and preserves; etc. The last Market before the 3 month winter recess will be on Saturday the 21st of May.

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MAP OF WAMBOIN AND BYWONG AREAS

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- Home Truths -

“How’s the Market?”

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What has happened though is that there has been a sharp increase in the number of properties on the market . This, in our opinion, has created the public perception that things are a bit slow. There is no doubt that some properties are taking a bit longer to sell, but buyers have been spoiled for choice. Instead of one or two in each price category, there are now probably half a dozen. This time last year we had about 20 properties on the market. Currently we have approximately 50.

Homebuyers generally shop with a set of criteria and a budget. With the abundance of choice they may be able to find more than one property that suits their needs. Which property will they buy? The one that represents the best value for money on a feature for feature basis. The net result is, those vendors pushing for that slightly higher price are not selling until they in turn become the best value for money.

Those properties that are well priced and well presented will sell. You just have to be the best value for money in your property category. There is however nothing wrong with seeking a premium, so long as you’re prepared to wait that little bit longer.

In reality the sale price of your property is only one factor in the process. Unless you are selling an investment home then the most important thing to consider is the change over price, ie. The sale price of your current property minus sale costs, minus moving costs, minus the purchase price of your new home and minus the dreaded stamp duty = the changeover cost.

Generally you’ll find that if you’re selling and buying at the same time in a similar market, that as a percentage of your sale price, the change over price will not vary appreciably. The change over price will only vary if there is a significant shift in the market between the time you sell and when you’re ready to buy, or if you are moving to an area interstate or overseas that is greatly affected by local influences not relevant to our area.

So if you’re thinking of selling, don’t be overly influenced by the media hype. Find out a realistic sale price for your current home, research the market you’re moving to, factor in your time frame and make your decision.

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Fire permits are required if you want to burn off or light fires in the open. Your neighbours and your fire brigade Captain need to be notified 24 hours before you light up.
RING 000 TO REPORT FIRES OR SMOKE SIGHTINGS.

From the Captain's Desk

It had to happen I suppose. If our reader remembers, last month's article was written on the morning of a fine day at the end of a very quiet fire season. I made the big mistake of commenting publicly about the lack of incidents. Retribution can be swift. That afternoon we did get a call. A grass fire was reported and the winds were picking up. We had crews there as quickly as we could and between the brigade and the owners of the property the fire was contained within the boundaries of the paddock. Within a few days another call went out to assist the Queanbeyan brigade with a fire that was threatening properties south of Queanbeyan. Many brigades responded to this one as the terrain made access difficult. We spent a couple of days there making sure it was completely blacked out. The photograph below shows two brigade members, Mark Watson and Peter Greenwood, doing some of the exciting blacking out work towards the end of the fire at Barrack's Creek. I think I may have learned my lesson. I won't mention the lack of emergency activities this month or the quiet times we are experiencing. I just won't mention them at all!



In what we will probably brand me as a grumpy old man I thought I would share one of my dislikes. It is to do with how our language is being mangled almost everyday. While I don't have too many problems in accepting that the meanings of words and phrases can and do evolve to suit the times when they are used, it is fascinating how quickly meanings can be obliterated. Don't get me started on phrases such as "a genuine fast bowler", "fully sick", "totally awesome" and many others. I will quickly get myself into trouble, especially with anyone several years younger than me. The concern that I would like to mention here is how the meaning of the word "volunteer" seems to be changing.

When we join the fire brigade we accept that it does mean that we are technically on call 24 hours a day, every day of the year. We do this knowingly and willingly. We accept that it could and does create friction with our families when we spend a lot of time training, maintaining our equipment or attending incidents. We do this work for many individual reasons and it can involve some degree of risk and many hours of controlled boredom, but we like to think it is a worthwhile occupation. We do this work along with everything else we need to do in our lives. We did volunteer after all.

So what is the problem, our loyal reader may be asking? It is fascinating how many people these days seem to believe that there will always be someone to save or protect them, be it at odd times and also from themselves. It is disappointing to report that many people appear to fervently believe and expect that a volunteer fire brigade can respond in five minutes to any incident at any time of the day or night

when they have lit a fire to get rid of some rubbish and then it gets out of control. They appear to believe that because we are volunteers that is what we are paid for and what we do all the time! We do this work because we believe in what we do and we do the best we can to help and protect our own communities, but being taken for granted is not in our job descriptions. We all need to work together as partners to ensure our community is safe from the threat of fires. We also have to accept that it is a fact of life that it takes time for us to get from our homes and places of work and get to an incident, real or otherwise. Property owners also need to understand their roles in this partnership. We all need to keep the fire hazards down on our properties. If you don't know how or what the hazards then please call one of the field officers or me. We will be happy to advise.

Before I get off the soapbox, there is one more thing. If you are planning to burn off, please, please wear the appropriate clothing. I have seen people burning off large sections of their paddocks without any decent clothing to protect themselves. Many of them have been seen coughing and squinting while running to avoid the smoke. One person was even heard to say that they didn't know it got so hot fighting a fire and their fire was only a small pile of branches. Please be careful and look for advice on our website or call.



At the risk of repeating myself, fire permits are not required now but please notify your neighbours and me at least 24 hours burn you intend lighting up. This saves a lot of unnecessary activity and having crews put on alert when people ring reporting smoke. Even though the official fire danger period is over there is still a reasonable risk of bush fires. As you know we haven't had any significant rain for quite a while and the ground fuel is still abundant and dry. We need to be watchful and alert but you can relax, we won't be sending you a fridge magnet.

This month I can announce that we may be presenting an award to the happiest firefighter in the brigade whom, despite having a great deal to do at home, volunteered recently on a weekday to assist the police in destroying an expensive quantity of evidence. The evidence was collected during a raid west of Canberra and had to be disposed of quickly and properly. When we spoke by telephone during the proceedings I asked if everything was going well. He said quite jovially that "everything was really cool, man but it is a real bummer that the wind keeps changing direction!"

Over the past few weekends many members of the brigade and some of their families have been spending many leisurely hours enjoying the sunshine, many jokes, pleasant conversation as well as partaking of some fine food and wine. During the quieter moments we helped Steve and Ruth Lambert pick several tonnes of grapes! We are grateful to Steve and Ruth for their support for the brigade and this is one way we can help them. The grapes we picked last year have produced a fine drop and we hope that this year's crop is just as successful.

The brigade will be holding its annual general meeting at 7:30pm on 14 June 2005 in the Wamboin Community Hall in Bingley Way. Everyone in the Wamboin, Bywong and Sutton areas are more than welcome to join us. We will be electing the office bearers and field officers for the next year as well as reporting on our activities. Refreshments will be provided after the meeting.

And before I forget and get into BIG trouble, it is really pleasing to report that Alison Spong again represented the Wamboin brigade, and the entire NSW Rural Fire Service at the Emergency Services Games. The Games were held in Adelaide this year. Her performances were outstanding: First - Long Jump and a new record of 5.35 metres; First - Triple Jump; First - Discus; Third - 100 metres; Third - 200 metres; Third - Shot Putt .

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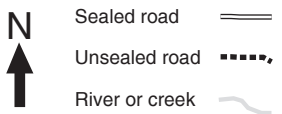
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Found - female cat, on Robertson Road (off Fernloff Road). White with grey patches on head and back - not chipped.

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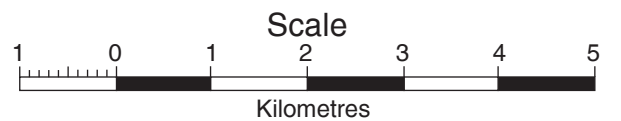
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Mistakes and Apologies

The letter about Sutton Road Construction in the April Whisper was, through my mistake, attributed to Valerie Watkins of Bingly Way, and should have been attributed to Vanessa Lauf of Bingly Way. Also, Peter Greenwood's golf article and the Brucic's ad were both accidentally underlined through another of my mistakes. - Ned Noel, editor



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Nature Notes – April 2005

Jo Walker

A few days ago, I was reading something I wrote when I first moved to Wamboin sixteen years ago. In those days, the dam was always full, there were permanent waterholes in the creek inhabited by tadpoles and leeches, and there were green patches on the driest hillsides where seepage areas kept the ground moist. The silver wattles had healthy, dense grey foliage and were covered in clouds of yellow in spring, and the knee-high kangaroo grass in front of the house actually had to be mown! I wonder if it will ever be like that again? Right now, we seem to be returning to drought conditions.

However, there are a few interesting results of this long dry. As the dam continues to evaporate, it exposes a margin of damp clay mud that is readily colonized by moisture-loving mat plants. The most attractive of these is the Swamp Isotoma (*Isotoma fluviatilis*), its dense, ovate – and sometimes toothed – green leaves are often almost covered with blue flowers. The flower petals are arranged asymmetrically and are pale blue, with a yellow patch at the throat ringed with darker blue. Another mat plant, with much smaller flowers, is the Small Mudwort (*Glossostigma elatinoides*). This one looks almost like a reddish algal growth on the mud, but closer inspection shows tightly packed green-red leaves a few millimetres in length. The 5-petalled flowers are also small, up to about 5 mm across, but occasionally cover the leaves quite densely. They are pale grey to light mauve and give the plant a frosted appearance. Another little plant that has only appeared around my dam in the last year or so is the Swamp Stonecrop (*Crassula helmsii*). This plant is a quick colonizer and covers an extensive area. It has tiny (2-6 mm) fleshy, linear leaves of a very bright green. The flowers are minute, only about 2-3 mm across, white and 4-petalled. A mixture of these little mats now covers the whole margin of my dam – a very attractive fringe.

Last week, I saw a dramatic altercation take place in one of the big old yellow box trees along my creek. This tree has lost a few branches, and, over the years, the resulting holes have been enlarged by the sulphur-crested cockatoos and galahs who will often sit up there for lengthy periods quietly pecking away at the dead wood. I was working near this tree when two galahs I'd seen inspecting one of the holes began squawking, flapping their wings and raising their crests excitedly. As they'd never bothered about my presence before, I wondered what all the excitement was about. Then, there was a movement at the hole, and a little square, dark shape with a tail drifted across to a nearby dead wattle. It was a sugar glider! The galahs continued to screech and peer down the hole, so I assume there must have been other gliders there. The evicted glider clung to the wattle for some time after I'd seen the galahs off, then suddenly glided back to the tree, made its way up the trunk in a series of little leaps, and disappeared back into its home. There are several holes in that tree, so I'm hoping that the galahs and the sugar gliders can sort out a compromise!

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Notes from St Andrew's Church

Following the wonderful response to the Tsunami relief appeal at our 20th birthday service in January when \$1300 was sent to a children's charity in Sri Lanka, the congregation has undertaken sponsorship of a little girl orphaned by the tragedy. The Schultz family is sponsoring her brother. So Wamboin has a long term commitment to help these children who have such great need. Services in the church in May will be at 9 am on the 1st and 15th, with services at our sister church, St Peters in Sutton at 8.15 am on the 8th and 22 nd. A combined service will be held at 5 pm on the 29th at St Peters. Everyone is welcome. Please phone Robyn Robertson on 62383202 or Bronwyn Elliott on 62383359 if you would like to know more about the church.

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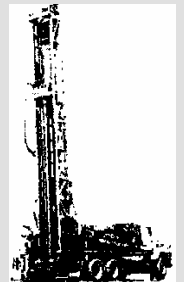
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Bywong and Wamboin Greenways

By Maria Taylor, (committee member Greenways management committee)

Wamboin and Bywong are fortunate to enjoy a network of Greenways that are Council-owned recreational and conservation trails through the district. Now in its 12th year, the Greenways provide a non-motorised right-of-way through the countryside, utilising a network of old Crown road reserves and road verge tracks. The second and equally important role for the Greenways is conservation: retaining and revitalising native vegetation patches in public ownership. Old crown roads, existing road verges and travelling stock routes are often islands of endemic species in a sea of agricultural exotics. Yarrawlumla Shire Council adopted 'access to the countryside' as its Bicentennial theme in 1988 and established the Bywong/Wamboin Greenways with State government cooperation a few years later.

But it wouldn't have happened without the perseverance and vision of local residents. Community association members and Pony Club parents — who sensibly preferred a network of trails to having their children ride on roads — showed how Greenways might work at a time when the very idea was attacked by some as vaguely un-Australian. Former YSC Councillor Suzanne Ridley and Bywong resident Julian Thompson were there from the beginning, pushing the idea through many a paper hurdle and Council session. They can now smile wryly when real estate advertisements boast of the property-value-enhancing benefits of access to Greenways.

Local community associations have continued their support together with the Geary's Gap Wamboin Landcare Group. Council established a Greenways management committee (355 committee) of local residents in 1995 and this committee oversees the maintenance and enhancement of the existing trail for controlled public use as well as conservation works. Dollars for maintenance and improvement have come from a small Council grant, a Natural Heritage grant and Total Catchment Management program grant augmented by community fund raising and much volunteer labour for fencing and gating, planting, minor earthworks, signage and public awareness.

New Greenway links are subject to negotiation between ECRCC and the State government for gazettal of the relevant crown roads and in some instances can involve an agreement with a subdivision developer. A new Greenways ideally has its own 355 committee of local residents. Future funding and volunteer commitment are now up to the Council and the community.

Remember some features of our Greenways: (1) Reserved for pedestrian, horse or push bike traffic – No motorised vehicles, including dirt bikes; (2) Dogs must be leashed; (3) No hunting of any descriptio; (4) Protect the environment – no collecting, littering, fires; (5) Stay on designated pathways – erosion is an ongoing concern; (6) Respect adjoining private property boundaries and leave gates as they are found; (7) No grazing of stock on Greenways.

Contacts for Greenways matters are Maria Taylor 6236 9386 (out of area until June) and Geoff Butler 6236 9158 (interim contact urgent issues).

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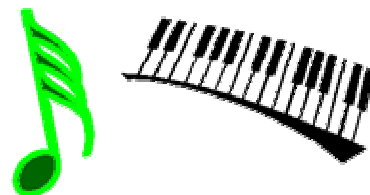
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Catholic children in the Bungendore region are being informed of the continuation of this year's Sacramental program at St Mary's. In preparation for the Sacrament of First Eucharist there is a Program of Instruction which the children are required to attend. **The program commences on Wednesday evening April 27th and runs for four weeks. The session commences promptly at 7.00pm for one hour only in the St Mary's Parish Hall.** The evening of Saturday the 28th of May will be the reception of the Sacrament. Parents are requested to come along with their son/daughter. Any enquiries please phone Mrs Sarah Dunkerley on 62380798.

INTERIOR DESIGN BY ROSIE WINDSOR AND 'MYVIRTUAL HOME

"Use your computer to assist you with your interior design!". This was a message which rang out loud and clear when Rosie Windsor, well known Bungendore identity was the guest speaker/presenter at the last dinner meeting of Bungendore Evening VIEW Club held at the very pleasant new dining area at The Royal Hotel. Rosie has developed a great interest and expertise in design over a long period, which included her many years at The Bungendore Woodworks Gallery. She encouraged those present to use favourite pieces eg furniture, holiday artifacts items from their hobbies as focal points. Some of Rosie's tips were: bring areas together eg bring the outdoors, indoors, use one key piece of furniture to do this, use colour to update a particular area and, of course, do not be under the misapprehension that old and new cannot happily mix together – they can. Placing objects in groups creates interest and really does work well. To quote Rosie "Great design works when needs and function combine to make a beautiful functional space in our homes, then function becomes beautiful".

She is presently working on an internet program 'My Virtual Home' which is an interactive, Australian developed product which has featured on the Better Homes & Gardens show. The website will be available in May/June this year and is a free service. It can be accessed via the internet on myvirtualhome.com.au.

Rosie demonstrated this product to the 46 members and guests present and fascinated them by showing how easy it can be to change colour and move furniture around on the screen to create an interesting, functional and beautiful space within the home. At the end of her talk Rosie made herself available to members to take a closer look at this incredible program.

The next meeting of Bungendore Evening VIEW Club continues to follow the interests of its members by having as its next guest speaker Eric Dangerfield of The Woodworks Café. This venue is one of VIEW Club's favourites and should be a great night, perhaps Eric will divulge some of the secrets of his culinary expertise to us. Trading Tables this month will be loaded with food items for your gourmet pleasure. Guests are always welcome at the meetings and, if you are new to Bungendore do come along to meet new people and enjoy good food and friendship. Date is Monday 4 April, 6.45 for 7.00 pm at The Woodworks Café, Cost: \$23. – by Kath Funnell

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There is a large variety of native mammals, reptiles, amphibians, birds and bats in this area, so there is something here for everyone. The group provides support to make volunteer caring an experience you will never forget and is so rewarding. If you are interested in joining *Wildcare*, then call 02 62991966 or for more information click onto our website: www.wildcare.com.au and download a membership form. Give *Wildcare* a call. – Lesley Machin, Communications Officer

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Wamboin 15 years ago – from the Whisper, May 1990

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Wamboin Muse Jill Gregory

Happiness is a wheelbarrow, a good shovel and a pile of cow manure against a curtain of red gold leaves under an autumn sky. The gardening gurus may have other things in mind for us, but I'm making compost heaps. I've been snipping and hacking and pulling in the garden and have amassed a mountain of material for mulching. This, with the manure, a scattering of lime and a deep watering should produce crumbly brown compost for spring. Already the worms and slaters and little things that move have claimed their paradise. I'll leave it to them.

I haven't had a vegetable garden this season. About all I've harvested is two bonus pumpkins, and bunches of self sown parsley and cherry tomatoes. There hasn't been any water to spare, but I have had some of the fruits of other Wamboin gardens. We went to the local produce market on Saturday and it was a real treat. I came home with yet more blooming snacks for the rabbits, and an armful of lettuces, tomatoes, basil, rocket, zucchinis and garlic. As well I had a tub of fetta cheese from a doe-eyed jersey cow and a brown paper bag of freshly ground coffee. And I was peckish.

I chopped up some tomatoes and basil, and added a grind of black pepper. Then I brushed several slices of good Italian bread with olive oil and lightly grilled them. While the aroma of brewed coffee was teasing me, I heaped the tomatoes on the toast and added a chunk of cheese, more like bocconcini than fetta to my taste. What a perfect repast! By the time breakfast was over it was morning tea time and we still hadn't moved from the table. So, we tucked in to a little homemade date, walnut and banana loaf that had followed us home and washed it down with a little more coffee, just to give us the strength to start the day.

Shovelling cow manure and making compost heaps is a pleasure only surpassed by creating and enjoying meals from fresh Wamboin produce. I wouldn't live anywhere else....where else can the fruits of another's garden so easily make up for the lack in your own.

Lake George Day VIEW Club – May Luncheon Meeting

Lake George Day VIEW Club's next luncheon meeting will be on Tuesday 17 May 2005, commencing at 11.30am, at the Eagle Hawk Rydges Resort, Federal Highway, Sutton. The cost is \$20.00. We welcome new members and guests. Speaker will be from the National Zoo and Aquarium. For bookings please phone Kelly on 6230 3447 by Thursday 12 May. VIEW Club is a valued part of The Smith Family. Please phone Lesley (President) on 6238 3717 for further information about Lake George Day VIEW Club.

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Graham and Barb Heathcote of the Bungendore Foodworks were the hosts for the Mini Masters. Although they had other commitments on the day they provided excellent nibblies and the meat tray trophies can only be described as magnificent.

The results: Paul Griffin NTP off the mat (2.1m) and Charlie Montesin NTP (9.9m) off the high tee. Scott Mason pitched to 1.8m off the tyre and Len Ivey 3.9m from the bunker. These individual scores were ground down by the consistent John Whitney whose total of the 4 shots was 28.6m.

In the handicap competition, Paul Griffin posted a 7 under handicap result to beat Larry King on a count back for second place. Steve Lambert (8 under) took out the first place. Nick Ivey was the Junior Masters winner.

In the Masters competition, Peter 'I never win anything' Greenwood who trailed Scott Mason by 3 strokes after the first six turned this around in the second six to take out second prize from Scott on a count back (both on 52). Not sure about the rumour that Scott was 'nobbled'. After recording a first round of 3 over, Ken Gordon took one look at the metre long meat tray first prize then smashed his way to victory with a second round of 3 birdies and 3 pars! This score of 46 off the stick left Ken with an all square par game. The green jacket still fits Ken to perfection.

Our special thanks for the excellent trophies and nibblies presented by Graham and Barb Heathcote from the Bungendore Foodworks. A hard act to follow! - Lofty Mason

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