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# WAMBOIN COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

## President's Paragraphs

Despite the weather being a bit 'iffy' the delayed **Bonfire Night on October 8** was a success. Several people described the fireworks as the best ever. Thanks to the generosity of many attendees we were able to cover all costs and to make a slight profit. I was proud to be part of a community, the members of which paid for their admission, although they could have claimed free, and so generously supported the raffle and the various stalls. The WCA will discuss the disbursement of the profit at our next meeting on Wednesday, the 9<sup>th</sup> of November.

The **WCA Raffle** prizes were a \$50 meal voucher supported by Lambert Vineyards, two \$30 meat trays, a magnum of wine donated by Keith France, a trailer load of wood and a pack of coffee donated by Wagonga Coffee. The WCA winners were: 1. Julie Veal, 2. Andrew G., 3. Joan M., 4. Alice Scott, 5. R. Sands, 6. Cathy Connolly. All prizes were collected.

Again a special thanks to Ian Cuthbertson of Anytime Hire for using his front end loader on two occasions to heap up the bonfire and for the loan of pickets and safety webbing. The Firies did a great job collecting admission and directing parking.

The work on the **Hall extension** has slowed down due to members other commitments however we now have poured the 2 window sills. Joan couldn't understand my problems smoothing off the concrete and gave a demonstration of how it is just like icing a cake. This brings me to the next subject of our **Wamboin Markets**. The October Market went off very well. When you come along to the next market on the 19<sup>th</sup> of November Joan will explain how she ices her cakes. Fortunately the window sills have now 'gone off' and are not edible.

After the hit of the **2005 rates** the Shire has set up a Rates Reference Group. This group will comprise representatives from the various community groups who will make recommendations to Council hoping to make future rates more equitable. Our representative is Helen Montesin assisted as required by Pete Harrison. While on about Council, their meeting nights are now the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month at Bungendore and the 4<sup>th</sup> at Braidwood. Business papers for these meetings are listed the previous Friday on the Website: [www.palerang.nsw.gov.au](http://www.palerang.nsw.gov.au)

**Telstra Late News.** Broadband should be available through the Amungula exchange about mid November. The Poppet Hill mobile tower has been approved for commissioning early next year

**The 2005 Premier's Christmas Gala Concert.** The Member for Monaro, Steve Whan, has requested I pass on his invitation to senior members of the community to contact his office if they are interested in attending the Gala Concert. The concerts will take place on Monday 5 December at 10.30am and 2.30pm and will be staged at the Sydney Entertainment Centre. Successful applicants will need to arrange their own transport and, if desired, accommodation for this event. While the tickets are complimentary, all associated costs will need to be born by recipients. If you are interested in receiving a set of double tickets, please contact Steve's office on 6299 4899 as soon as possible as there are limited numbers of tickets available.

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## Bywong Community News

by Morag and Guy Cotsell

**Sutton joins quarry discussion** A general meeting of Sutton and District Community Association decided to request representation on the Quarry Committee and to hold a public meeting to discuss the proposed re-activation of the Sutton quarry development after hearing of the motion passed by a public meeting at Bywong. This motion, passed unanimously by more than fifty members of the public, requested Yass Valley and Palerang Shire Councils to oppose the development, and in the event that the development commences, calling on the Yass Valley Council to uphold firmly at all times all of the consent conditions imposed by the Land and Environment Court. Community President Warwick Cathro had previously joined Janet Smith from the Quarry Committee in addressing a meeting of Yass Valley Council, and Warwick also addressed a meeting of Palerang Shire, who advised that they were in touch with Yass Valley on the matter.

**Community Christmas party** Wamboin residents are invited to drop in on the Community's Christmas drinks at the Community Hall between 6 and 8 pm on Saturday 3 December. Gidgee wines will again be in attendance and their vintages will be available for tastings. Bring anything you like - we have soft drink, some beer and nibbles.

**Hall working bee** Users of the Community Hall and grounds in Birriwa Road will meet for a morning working bee at 9 am on Saturday 19 November. Jobs to be done are general maintenance of the ground near the Hall, weeding, grass cutting, removing of dead wattles, cleaning of gutter, removal of rubbish. Regular users such as Pony Club, Community Association, Landcare and Guides are urged to attend. The Hall Committee has decided to upgrade some of the Hall furniture, in particular to look for smaller size folding tables. The Community will share the cost.

The Bywong Community website [www.bywong-community.org.au](http://www.bywong-community.org.au) has full details of how to book the hall including charges. The next public meeting of the Community will be at 7.30 pm on Monday 20 February 2006.

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### SUTTON ROAD FIASCO ... BOB IS NOT ALONE

I'm one resident feeling just like Bob Allan (Whisper, October). I spent my working life engineering roads and aerodromes, but this hasn't helped me comprehend the fun and games going on with the Sutton Road "upgrade".

It may assist to understand the two pillars of modern roadmaking. Firstly we must deskill public authorities, such that they are uninformed purchasers of engineering services; secondly we transfer costs to the road users. One classic example of both is the modern practice of road sealing, whereby the user is asked to complete the aggregate (stone) embedment process. Unfortunately, the collateral damage for the motorist is the familiar stone chips and cracked windscreens.

More to the point, any inconvenience during construction is now largely worn by the motorist rather than the contractor. At Sutton Road the traffic light circus is an absolute disgrace, and confirms where the hapless road users fit into this bad joke, compounded, of course, by that endless cycle of construct, rip, construct, rip, .... etc.

In the bad old days project success was measured in terms of completion within quality, cost and time constraints. This so called "upgrade" isn't looking good on time and quality measures, even allowing for those pot-holes appearing in record time.

Taking all this into consideration, it is easy to understand why the total cost to Wamboin residents will not be taken into account; the cost over-run doesn't need this! ... And the ACT Government / Contractor can get away with it.

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## BUNGENDORE EVENING VIEW CLUB

Bungendore Evening VIEW Club is busy preparing for its first Art Exhibition to be held this year in the magnificent gardens of Geoff and Carolyn Banbury's beautiful 'Old Stone House'. There are forty four artists registered to display and sell their art including some well-known such as Ray Barnet, Margaret Carr, Isla Patterson, Ann Hand, David Hatton and Sandra House. Some of the local artists are Avril Kimberlee, Peter Wyrdean, Marcia Voce and Pat Lynch, Rosemary Hurley.



Among the exhibitors taking the opportunity to display their art are mother and daughter Avril and Charlotte Kimberlee. You would have thought Charlotte would have followed in her mother's footsteps, but it did not work out that way.

Avril took the traditional route attending Birmingham Art College studying jewelry and silver smithing but chose to teach High School art. She retired in 1989 after more than thirty years in the classroom. Her retirement gave her more time to pursue her main interest of landscape painting. She has enjoyed travelling in Central Australia over many years and several of the expeditions have been in the company of fellow artists on extremely well organised camping safaris. Avril has also enjoyed immensely watercolour classes at the ANU.

Charlotte, on the other hand, had not shown any early interest in producing art works, but after raising three lovely children and finding time on her hands, she discovered her talent. She has exhibited successfully in the South Coast region and was featured artist in the Tabula Rasa Festival held in Milton/Ulladulla in 2004. Her work features pastel studies of fruit. So whether it was always in the genes both mother and daughter have found their expression through paint and canvass. After being approached by the ladies of the Bungendore CWA she agreed to teach drawing first and then experiments in watercolour. Some of the ladies at these classes which includes a VIEW club member will be exhibiting at the Art Show.

The funds raised from this show which includes commission from the sale of paintings will go to the Smith Family Learning for Life Program. The exhibition at the Old Stone House opens on Friday November at 6.30 pm for invited guests and will be open to public on Saturday 19th and Sunday 20 November from 10.30 am to 4.30 pm. – Ros Welch

### Wamboin 15 years ago – by Robyn Robertson

from the Whisper of Nov 1990 Ed. Edwina Jans. Circulation 265 "FOR SALE: Exceptional ram. Once thought to be "queer", but has now proved his ramhood over the last four years. We now have enough sheep, so "Rambo" needs a new home."

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## CAROLS AT WAMBOIN 2005 Advance Notice

This popular community event to celebrate the joy of Christmas in words and music will be held on:

### Friday 17 December at 7.00 pm

**In the Community Hall, Bingley Way**

If you or your group would like to participate with a reading or musical item please contact Tony Power on 6238 3028 or email [poweraj@acslink.net.au](mailto:poweraj@acslink.net.au). As previously there will be a Giving Tree for Christmas gifts to be distributed by the Salvation Army to those in need. Afterwards there will be a Sausage Sizzle and the appearance of Father Christmas. All proceeds to the Salvation Army.

Thanks to the persons below, Wamboin and Bywong residents have a free community owned newsletter.			
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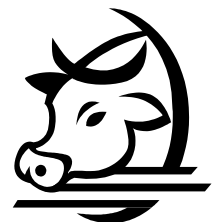
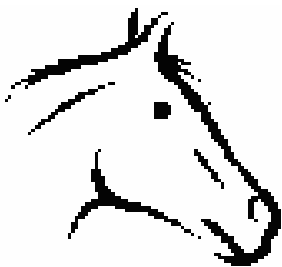
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Wamboin has adopted *Wildcare* for the weekend and will be donating \$2 to *Wildcare* from every bottle of wine sold. And on Sunday 13 November Jackie French the new patron of *Wildcare* will be presenting her new book *The Secret World of Wombats* and doing a book signing between 12.00-2.00PM. The Bungendore retailer *A Suitable Book* will help Jackie.

Lesley Machin, the Communications Officer of *Wildcare*, said "The Gidgee winery will be open from 12.00-4.00PM on both days and during that time *Wildcare* will display some reptiles and wildlife information. As well as stocking up on some good value wines there is the chance to talk to some of the *Wildcare* people and perhaps see how you might get involved. *Wildcare* will also be running a sausage sizzle (gold coin) between 12.00-2.00PM on both days. Give me a call for directions on 6238 3717."

There has been a lot of interest in helping out our wildlife and *Wildcare* membership continues to expand. *Wildcare* is keen to hear from people who want to join, particularly retired or semi-retired people who may be looking for an interest and have a little more time on their hands. Visit the website [www.wildcare.com.au](http://www.wildcare.com.au). and make a note of their 24/7-telephone helpline: 62991966.

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November will see some special events at the church and in the parish. On the 6th, the 9am service will be a "Blessing of the Animals". This is highlighted in a separate notice in the Whisper. Please bring your pets....perhaps a selection of them?.....and join with friends and neighbours to establish yet another Wamboin tradition.

Just three days early, on the 27th, we will celebrate St Andrew's Day with a service at 5pm, led by the Revd. Greg Thompson, Rector of St John's, Canberra and St Andrew's. After the service we will enjoy a splendid dinner at Lamberts Vineyard.....If you would like to join us for the dinner, please contact Robyn Robertson on 62383202, as it is necessary to reserve a place.

The St John's parish fair will be held on Saturday, 12th November. This is always an excellent event with many and varied stalls and attractions. Do come....you won't be disappointed. St John's is on the corner of Constitution Ave and Anzac Parade in Reid. This is the 160th anniversary of the church....a visit to this unique part of the history of the district is well worthwhile.

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### **An Apology and a "Nothing to Print"**

In the October 2005 Whisper the formatting of the Sutton Real Estate Ad was poorly presented due to a fault of mine in merging it into the Whisper. They did not complain, but it only seems fair to apologize in the Whisper to them and to take responsibility for the mistake, as they always do a good job of preparing their ads and have helped keep the Whisper going for 15 years or more through their advertising.

On a progress report for the Sutton Road Upgrade, I asked Nick Zardo of Guideline if he was willing to provide material for a third article and he declined. I then asked Roads ACT for an article and, after two weeks and a follow up request, have not received any response.

– Ned Noel, Editor

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The problem is that the oocysts are very often picked up by humans, animals and birds. In the case of humans, it can be by cleaning cat litter trays or by working in soils contaminated by cat faeces. Even the vegetables we eat may be contaminated as a result of cats using the garden as a toilet area. Foods can also be contaminated by knives, utensils and cutting boards that have had contact with raw meat.

Most people who become infected with *Toxoplasma* are not aware of it. Others however, may experience flu-like symptoms with swollen lymph glands or muscle aches and pains that last for a month or more. Severe toxoplasmosis, causing damage to the brain, eyes or other organs, can develop from an acute *Toxoplasma* infection or one that had occurred earlier in life and is now reactivated. Severe cases are more likely in individuals who have weak immune systems

In humans treatment is difficult, even though infection can usually be diagnosed by blood samples. It is not practical to test or treat cats themselves as the disease, if present at all, is very short lived and intermittent.

Prevention is the main aspect. This means keeping contact with dried cat faeces or contaminated areas to a minimum, especially in young children and pregnant women. Where possible, try and ensure that cats eat only tinned or dry cat food, and reduce roaming. Wear gloves when you garden or do anything outdoors that involves handling soil. Wash your hands well with soap and water after outdoor activities, especially before you eat or prepare any food.

When preparing raw meat, wash any cutting boards, sinks, knives and other utensils that might have touched the raw meat thoroughly with soap and hot water to avoid cross-contaminating other foods. Wash your hands well with soap and water after handling raw meat. It is recommended that all meat be cooked thoroughly; that is, to an internal temperature of 70°C and until it is no longer pink in the centre.

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Lake George Day VIEW Club's next luncheon meeting will be on Tuesday 15th November 2005, commencing at 11.30am for 12.00 am, at Eagle Hawk Rydges Resort, Federal Highway, Sutton. The cost is \$20. We welcome new members and guests. Guest speaker will be much travelled Bill Packard, former warden of Bruce Hall, ANU. For bookings please call Kerry on 62380603 by Thursday 10 October. VIEW Club is a valued part of The Smith Family. Please call Lesley (President) on 6238 3717 for further information about Lake George Day VIEW Club.

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The theme “Black and White with a touch of Red” was in evidence with creative dressing by those present and eye catching table displays. The highlight of the evening however, was the beautiful garments introduced by Gai Jones from Perri Cutten. A selection of garments suitable for weekend wear, daytime suiting and evening wear were modeled by three very talented ladies. The garments were complemented by hats created by Robyne D’Argeaval and jewellery by Rosie Windsor (Woodworks). The picture shows Win Ferguson, Anne Elder, Bronwyn Bowden, Sally Pearce and Vicky Pearce enjoying the show. At the conclusion of the evening, Gai announced a specials discount on the clothes to further tempt those present to add some style and freshness to their Spring/Summer wardrobe.

The next meeting of Bungendore Evening VIEW Club will be held on Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> November at The Café’

Woodworks, 6.45 for 7.15 pm. Cost is \$23. Our guest speaker is Diana Stutterd who will speak about “a woman who has inspired and influenced her”. There will also be a Craft Trading table. Members are reminded that donations of new clothing (socks, underwear, etc) can be brought along to be donated to the Smith Family. All are most welcome to attend. Bookings may be made by ringing Debbie Hudson on 62381571 or by email to [dhudson2@vtown.com.au](mailto:dhudson2@vtown.com.au) by Monday, 31<sup>st</sup> October. -

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We especially hope that all those young people riding at Pony Club and around Wamboin will come and join us for this workshop. (A gold coin donation will be collected for Pegasus, Riding for the Disabled. ACT)

*And ....a free sausage sizzle* – looking after pets is hard work for both parents and kids. We will make sure you do not go hungry! **NB: Owners are asked to take responsibility at all times for the safety and well being of their pets!** *The fenced paddock adjoining the churchyard will be available, if required, for tethering animals.*

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# The Wamboin Firefighter

A newsletter from YOUR volunteer rural fire brigade compiled  
by Cliff Spong with help from many members of the Brigade  
(Wamboin Brigade's website is [www.wamboin-fireshed.com](http://www.wamboin-fireshed.com))

**FIRE PERMITS ARE REQUIRED FROM YOUR BRIGADE IF YOU WANT TO BURN OFF OR LIGHT FIRES IN THE OPEN. You will also need to notify your neighbours and your fire brigade Captain 24 hours before you light up.**

## From the Captain's Desk



It seems a little ironic to be trying to write about fire-related things right now when you look out the window. What do we see? Everything is SO green. Everything is growing. You can practically hear the stuff getting bigger! No complaints whatsoever, of course. It has been a long time since things looked this good. It isn't often we hear stories about the vegetation towards the coast being dryer than here, but this is the case. Firefighters have been busy East and North of us. We may need to lend a hand there later.

During the past month your brigade has been called but our services weren't required. One incident had us responding into the wild depths of the ACT to investigate reports of a truck fire on Sutton Road, somewhere towards Queanbeyan. Our crews were ready to roll from the fire shed but when the Senior Deputy Captain, Andrew Dunn, found the burning truck, so had the ACT brigades and 428 from Queanbeyan. In case you don't know, 428 is the identification number of the NSW Fire Brigade truck based in Queanbeyan. A quick assessment and our "Senior" notified Fire Control that the other emergency service crews had the situation well in hand and we could be stood down. Another incident occurred a couple of weeks later. A truck was reported to have rolled over spilling fuel, near the intersection of Macs Reef Road and the Federal Highway. One crew from our brigade was dispatched to the incident while other crews waited at the fire shed. An ambulance and police car were also dispatched. You would think that a truck that had rolled over would be fairly easy to find, but however hard they tried, the police, ambulance crew and our crew just could not find it! Maybe this was a case of divine intervention and somewhere there is a very happy truck driver earning a few beers somewhere after telling the story of a miraculous recovery when his truck was turned the right way up and the fuel spill just disappeared. Maybe this was simply a case of a hoax call, wasting a lot of time and putting a lot of people to a great deal of trouble and concern. I will leave our faithful reader to make up their mind.

There was one extremely hazardous and gruelling exercise your brigade was involved in last month, however. The story isn't pretty. The situation was tense for some of the time. Our patience was tested. We were outnumbered but we had a plan. We were well briefed and we relied on our teamwork. We worked as elite units, quietly, diplomatically, and yet when necessary, very assertively. Yes, faithful reader, you guessed it. Your brigade was in charge of organising the parking at the recent home and leisure show at Exhibition Park in Canberra. We were lucky to get this contract where we can earn money for the brigade and experience all the good manners, cooperation, bloody mindedness, arrogance, appreciation, respect and humour that makes people what they are. Admittedly it would have been easier herding cats at some stages during our shifts, but order eventually won the day and most visitors to the show appreciated our efforts.

Earlier last month a state-wide open day was held by the NSW Rural Fire Service. It was an opportunity for everyone in the community to visit their local brigade, speak to the volunteers, inspect the facilities and the equipment, and get some valuable advice about fire prevention and property protection. At the appointed hour on the appointed day our doors were open. The shed was swept out. The fire shed was tidied up and the new extension looked spick and span. The trucks were parked outside in an ordered row. They made an impressive sight. Our promotional literature was neatly set out. We were resplendent in our yellows. The barbecue was set up. Several of us were also busy repairing equipment and doing some odd jobs around the shed during a working bee. We were ready and we waited. We waited for a while for the visitors, and then we waited again. Waiting is an acquired skill for firefighters and so we honed our skills a little more. Our training paid off and we had a very successful day, waiting. At least the barbecue lunch was very tasty and very welcome! Pity we didn't get any visitors to help us enjoy it.

According to local custom, our December training session on the first Tuesday evening will be taken over by our Christmas party. Everyone is welcome to come along and help us celebrate the occasion and join us for a cleansing ale, soft drink, or the odd glass of wine, plus the traditional sumptuous barbecued repast. Rumour has it a portly and bearded gentleman, dressed in a red suit, may be visiting to put some smiles on the faces of the young'uns of all ages. The festivities begin around 6 pm. We would be pleased to see you there.

Over the weekend of the 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> of November several members of your brigade will be joining many others from brigades in the district in a very excellent adventure, namely NAVEX '05. This annual event helps our volunteers test their




skills and learn some more, as they work through many realistic training scenarios. They also get to use their navigating skills being dispatched around the district and finding their way through many different types of terrain.

During last month two of our members spent another of their weekends being recredited for their work with helicopters as part of their Remote Area Firefighting Team (RAFT) operations - winching and hot refuelling. This arduous work is not for the faint hearted. As they say in the classics, this is hard yakka! It also isn't surprising, but our two members, Andrew Dunn and Darrell Tipton were described by the acting Fire Control Officer as "consummate professionals" and are a credit to our brigade. Naturally we know this already but it is always pleasing to hear it from others! The pictures below show our famous duo, Tipton & Dunn, waiting with other members of the RAFT team for the chopper and what they ended up doing when the chopper arrived.



There is much information on the brigade's website about property protection and things to do when fires approach. I encourage you to look it up, if you have access to the Internet. Failing that, please give me a phone call on 0409 991 340 or 6236 9220, especially if you need a fire permit.

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## Public help to identify trail bike riders

27 September 2005

ACT Policing is seeking the community's co-operation and assistance as the Traffic Operations team prepares a series of targeted actions against illegal trail bike riding in Canberra's parks and reserves. Police believe the problem with illegal trail bike riding is confined to a small group of riders and are confident that with the aid of the community, they will be caught.

The head of ACT Policing's Traffic Operations, Detective Superintendent Michael Chew, said police continue to act on the public's complaints regarding this type of behaviour. "Our efforts to apprehend these offenders will be aided greatly by the ongoing willingness of the community to work with us in identifying the offenders," Det Supt Chew said today.

"We need specific information to be provided as promptly as possible, and assistance from witnesses prepared to attend court should the need arise. The sort of information we need is the date, place and time of the incident, any identifying features of the person or the motorcycle, a description of the incident, and whether there are other witnesses."

Aside from targeted operations planned in the weeks ahead, police are also working with other government departments to create physical obstacles to restrict trail bike access to public parklands.

"While we have several initiatives in place to address this issue, the type of response which has proved the most effective by far is the vigilance and willingness of members of the public to provide reports and to attend court as witnesses," said Det Supt Chew. "However at no time should anyone attempt to intervene with illegal trail bike riders, nor place themselves at risk of injury," he added. Reports can be made to police directly on 131 444, or through Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000. ACT Policing 27 September 2005 Media and Public Relations Ph: 02 6256 7460 358/2005 Visit AFP Online:

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## THE STABLE DOOR

by Ian Collet

Green! Crikey it's green! From our vantage, looking north-east across the Clare Valley toward the escarpment and Lark Hill – the landscape is simply verdant! So roll-on the rain, I say. Down-side is the ride-on mower is now off the trickle charger – where it's been for the past two seasons 'cos there ain't been much to mow. Now, it's more like a normal Spring season, where, it seems one is constantly on the mower attempting to keep the rampaging grass in check. Bit like the painters on the Sydney Harbour Bridge. So long as the season continues in this unsettled way the fire risk, hopefully, will remain moderate. But as soon as the first dry spell kicks in and the wind gets up, it's my bet the additional ground fuel will quickly dry bringing the need for us all to do our bit to minimise the risk of bushfires on our land. Not to do so will put at risk homes, stock, crops, pets and families. So, if you are new to the area or even if you've been out here for some while, if you'd like to know how you can better prepare your property for the coming hot, dry months, check out the community fire brigade's report elsewhere in the Whisper. Captain Cliff Spong would be happy to talk with you. Oh, and if you'd like to join Wamboin's Volunteer Rural Fire Brigade (please – everyone, remember, it's your fellow residents who make up the Brigade) give me a bell on 6238 3425.

Going back through Whisper archives, way back to 1984 – 8<sup>th</sup> of May to be precise – whereupon the then President of the Wamboin Community Association, one M. J. Heron noted, in relation to the formation of the then named Wamboin Bush Fire Brigade..... “residents will be aware that the Council of Yarrowlumla Shire recently conducted a survey of all residents and landowners in the Wamboin area for their views on forming a Wamboin Brigade. The result of that survey was 97 in favour, 41 against, and 3 of no fixed opinion (bless their souls – my addition). At its meeting on 18/4/1984, Council determined that the formation of the Wamboin Brigade should proceed.” The note goes on to say “A public meeting will therefore be held at the Shed in Bingley Way at 7.30 pm on 8/5/1984 to establish the necessary organization i.e. Office bearers, Organization, Subscriptions, General Business and any questions of residents.....As the establishment of an efficient fire protection Unit is of Prime Importance to all residents, it is hoped that all families will be able to attend or at least send one representative.” Well, as the saying goes... “the rest is history”.

History it may be. And the Wamboin Bush Fire Brigade as it was then known and its various community members has a solid and successful history of protecting Wamboin, Bywong and surrounding areas. Moreover, over the years, members of the Wamboin Volunteer Rural Fire Brigade (as it has been called for several years) have been fantastic in protecting this region and areas further afield. Many, I hope all, in the community support the Brigade, whether it be by giving generously or what they can to the Brigade's Annual Donation Drive, or as a member of the Brigade's Support Crew, perhaps even as one of its Active Bush Fire Fighters. If you'd like to get involved, as I mentioned before, please contact Captain Cliff Spong on 040 999 1340 bh or 6236 9220 ah or me on 6238 3425 ah or send me an email at lodestar@ozemail.com.au



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### Rainfall and Temperatures in Wamboin statistics from the Robertsons

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Oct rainfall to 25/10 61mm  
Av Nov rainfall 76.8mm  
Driest Nov 0mm (1982)  
Hottest Nov day 39 degrees (27/11/97)  
Coldest Nov night 0 degrees (1/11/98)

2005 rainfall to 30/9 483.5mm (2004 was 223.5mm)  
2005 rainfall to 25/10 was 544.5mm  
Wettest Nov 146mm (1986)  
Wettest Nov day 77mm (19/11/86)  
Coldest Nov day 10 degrees (16/11/78)

### BUNGENDORE CWA NEWS

by Lisa Whitney

Trudi Tritschler was returned as President of the Bungendore CWA Branch, at the AGM on 10/10/05. In her annual report Trudi noted that the Branch had had a good year of fundraising. Catering was the big income earner, raising funds for the Tsunami Appeal and medical research. The Gidleigh Clearing Sale in September made a profit of approximately \$1,000 from the BBQ, drinks and consumption of home cooked treats prepared by CWA members. The Branch will also be catering for a second Gidleigh Clearing Sale on Sunday 13/11/05, and will need help with biscuits and slices.

Regular activities such as Mahjong and the Bungendore Show pavilion commitment had also been successful in 2005, with help needed for the forthcoming 2006 Bungendore Show in January. However, the number of active members available to take on tasks was disappointing and the local CWA Branch would warmly welcome new members, or interest in their activities. Long term members are in need of support if the Branch is to remain viable. The CWA Choir will be performing on 11/11/05 at the Remembrance Day service at Bungendore War Memorial. Information about meetings, membership and upcoming events are always welcome, contact the Branch Secretary, Lynne Magus on 6238 2111.

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## Wamboin Muse

Jill Gregory

When I was a child and was asked the standard question, "What is your favourite colour?" I always answered, "Green." I endured the life sapping dry heat of summer, waiting for the first rains of winter to restore the landscape. Winter's green promised a good wheat crop and relief all round. It wasn't until I'd lived a few years in a land of perpetual green that I began to see some beauty in a brown and bleached landscape, but I still preferred green. Now as I look around I can't believe the many colours of green that the rain has bestowed on us. There are bright greens and soft greens, lime greens, olive greens, blue greens and grey greens. My garden and beyond is a riot of green. And amongst all this green the cream banksia roses are scrambling out of control, pansies are poking up their cheeky faces and irises abound. The glorious rain...and perhaps a few bags of chook pellets broadcast in early spring...have worked their magic.

We've planted potatoes, lettuce, tomatoes and spinach, and if my calculations are correct, we should have a hundredweight of potatoes for Christmas. Anyone for a festive potato pudding? And although my own garden is flourishing, it was fun to go to the first Wamboin produce market of the season and purchase some locally grown goodies. I went home with an armful of leeks, fresh milk and fetta cheese, and with eggs from our own girls, and a little imported smoked trout, whipped up a wonderful quiche.

As well as digging and planting, we've been trying to clean up for the fire season, but it has been difficult to burn off with the recent rain. Fortunately, the Community Bonfire came to the rescue and we watched our contribution flame as the fireworks screamed and whizzed and banged and lit up the night sky. I was standing beside an old, "seen it all" country boy, and his involuntary, "Wow!" echoed mine. It was an outstanding show, almost on par with nature's recent sound and light spectacles.

It is, indeed, a spectacular spring. Energy abounds....

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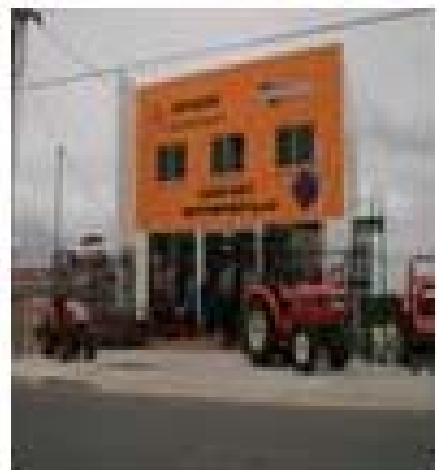
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## Nature Notes – October 2005

Jo Walker

The most noticeable thing about Wamboin at the moment is the brilliant green mantle of grasses and other vegetation covering the countryside – a wonderful sight after the long period of drought.

October is the beginning of the 'daisy period'. You've probably all noticed the increasing area of little white paper daisies, *Leucochrysum albicans*, on the corner of Weeroona and Denley Drives. These are extremely hardy little plants which seem to prefer dryish, rocky sites to grow on – plenty of those in Wamboin! I'm naturalising this species on my land, and now have several eye-catching populations. The plants are fairly short-lived (just a few years), but produce large quantities of viable seed which germinate readily.

In the damper areas – and there are a lot of these this year – the bright yellow globes of Billy Buttons (*Craspedia variabilis*) are waving in the wind. Another daisy, *Brachyscome spathulata*, prefers the damp heavy soil between scattered *Kunzea ericoides* bushes. The beautiful mauve-blue flowers are held on slender stems up to 30 cm tall. The Yam Daisy, *Microseris lanceolata*, is making a come-back this year. It inhabits moist grassy areas and disappeared for a few seasons due to the drought. But the edible underground tubers survived and the plants are flowering well this year. The flowers are bright yellow and rather similar to some of the dandelion-like weeds. However, before flowering the Yam Daisy buds are bent over facing downwards. The stem straightens as the flower opens and then bends downwards again as the seed begins to form.

Two tiny daisies, with long names to make up for their size, are also flowering at present. *Triptilodiscus pygmaeus* is the tiny plant with little globose yellow flower-heads that is filling all of the gaps between grasses and growing on otherwise bare patches of ground. Probably most people dismiss it as a weed, but it is a native plant. In fact, there is only one species of *Triptilodiscus* in the world and it's ours. This is also the situation with *Isoetopsis graminifolia*, the Grass Cushion. This tiny annual, less than 5 cm tall, looks like a small tuft of bright green grass, but at its base you can see tiny flower-heads that look like minuscule cauliflowers. This one usually grows in small groups, but occasionally spreads to larger, more noticeable patches.

There is one beautiful plant in flower right now that you don't have to get on your knees to see – *Pomaderris angustifolia*. The few that survived the roadworks are flowering along Sutton Road, covered in masses of tiny cream flowers. There is a huge, elderly one growing on my place – about 2 metres tall and several metres across – that looks like a cream cloud at the moment. An added bonus is the quite strong, very fragrant scent. Pomaderris plants are in the Rhamnaceae family and are related to *Cryptandra amara* var. *longiflora*, another of our local plants. The *Cryptandra* is a small twiggy plant, usually 20 to 30 cm tall, which bears masses of small tubular white flowers in spring. There is a large patch of them (which have just about finished flowering) one kilometre from Norton Road along Weeroona Drive on the left side.

On the bird front, the magpies and the Red wattle Birds are busy coaxing their fledgling babies through the trees and the two King Parrots are still visiting occasionally. But the most exciting thing that has happened here for a while was the sighting of a Lyrebird two weeks ago. A magpie was swooping something the other side of the vegetation along the creek and suddenly a Lyrebird came through the bushes, trotted along for a few metres and disappeared back into the shrubbery. There are Lyrebirds along Molonglo Gorge and in one of the small gorges in Kowen Forest, but I've never seen them here before. I'd be interested to know if anyone else has seen them in Wamboin.

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