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WAMBOIN COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION President's Paragraphs

The holidays are over and away we go for another year with a busy February. The first general meeting for the year of the **WCA** is at 7.30 on Wednesday the 8th, the **Wamboin Produce Market** is on Saturday the 18th. We have arranged for Steve Whan MP to give us an insight of the State Governments thoughts on the Shire on the 21st and John van der Straaten is trying to get some information to run in this Whisper about the Palerang/Wamboin/Bywong Visioning Meeting on Tuesday the 28th.

I believe you have all received a letter from the **Palerang Shire** outlining their serious financial situation. Since the present Shire was a result of amalgamation forced by the State Government, the Wamboin Community Association has invited **Steve Whan MP** to address a meeting. Steve will be in Sydney speaking with the Local Government people mid month and has agreed to meet with residents of Wamboin and Bywong on Tuesday the 21st of February at 8pm.

March takes off at speed with the '**Clean up Australia**' day on Sunday the 5th of March. Wamboin has been involved in this campaign from the beginning. We operate from the Hall in Bingley Way from 9am until noon. We endeavour to allocate road sections in your own area. Yes, it is important for you to register in before you start, for insurance purposes. Collection bags, drinks and nibbly bars provided. The Fire Brigade give a great service by patrolling the area, dropping off drinks and picking up bags of rubbish. Your help is needed. While on the subject of cleaning up, our thanks go to **Ian Cuthbertson of Anytime Hire** for cleaning up the Bonfire site at the Hall. Ian and his big Bobcat made short work of a difficult task. 'She'll be right mate' was the answer when I asked how much.

WASTE MANAGEMENT PLANS: Geoff Pryor the Director of Pryor Knowledge (ACT) is working with the Palerang Council on a Resources Recovery Strategy. Geoff will give a short presentation at the WCA meeting on Wednesday the 8th of February as regards the Waste Management strategy. How can we reduce the amount of rubbish going into landfill? Is there an opportunity for recycling? Could there be potential to develop a business around recycled materials? What are the needs of Shire residents? This is an opportunity to learn about the Shire proposals and for you to have an input of your ideas and requirements. The WCA will hold their Annual General Meeting on Wednesday the 8th of March. All positions on the executive committee are open. Having done a fair stint as President I have my fingers crossed that someone else will put their hand up for this position. Please: no fighting or push polling. -- Lofty Mason. 13jmason@bigpond.net.au

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by Morag Cotsell

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Clean up Bywong: Our Community usually makes a major contribution to Clean Up Australia Day, taking responsibility for the main roads and side roads throughout the Bywong locality. This event takes place on the morning of Sunday 5 March. Our organiser for this year is Wal Johnson, who will coordinate the effort and talk to volunteers about which roadsides they can clean up. Wal's telephone is 6236 9107.

Next meeting: The Community's next meeting is at 7.30 pm on Monday 20 February in the Community Hall , Birriwa Road (off Macs Reef Road). Anyone who live locally is welcome to attend and take part.

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Poor Bugger Me” ... Taxing Times by Graham Bailey

Look out! Palerang Council has commenced the “crying-poor” phase of our next exorbitant rate hike. The Mayor wrote to all assessments in December 2005 outlining Council’s terrible financial predicament. We are told Council has started preparation of an application for a 9% per annum special rate increase over and above the allowed rate capping, estimated at about 3.5%. All this on top of the exorbitant rate increase inflicted on Wamboin ratepayers this current year. Let us not forget we are due for another round of “Wonderland” valuations around 2007. Where will it all end?

Councillor Matt Gardiner has let the cat out of the bag. He is on record as saying “there is more to our financial difficulties than just the amalgamation, with a range of structural issues needing to be addressed.”

What worries me is the use of the so called Rates Reference Group to assist in the “softening up” process. This Group is comprised of delegates from the various community associations, charged with advising council on the most equitable rating structure. Sounds good in theory, but I’ve been around long enough to anticipate the political implications and opportunity for “spin”. I have full confidence in our delegates, but no confidence in the game being played.

More to the point, these imposts are excessive and discriminatory for Wamboin, where we receive virtually no services. In real terms they are really an additional tax rip-off. I’d like to suggest we get the debate off to an honest start. Take control of the terminology. We are talking about a “Palerang Tax”, not council rates.

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Nature Notes – January 2006

Jo Walker

A lot of Wamboin is looking surprisingly green for this time of year, thanks to all that lovely rain we've had since Christmas. The dams are full, the creeks still running, and the Kangaroo Grass is greening up again.

Through January, the most evident bit of wildlife was the grasshoppers which rose in their hundreds at every footstep taken outside. Their feeding doesn't seem to have affected the local plants much (from friends growing vegetables and other introduced garden plants, I gather that these little creatures are turning their attention in that direction), but they have stripped the leaves from the Cotton Fireweed (*Senecio quadridentatus*). This plant colonizes disturbed or bare soil, so had a bit of a resurgence here after the drought. Although it's a rather weedy looking plant, it is one of the main food sources for the larvae of the Painted Lady butterfly (*Vanessa kershawi*) so is well worth having.

There were plenty of butterflies around during December and January. As well as the more usual residents – Painted Ladies, Common Browns and Common Grass-blues – an influx of some small yellow butterflies flitted around the garden for some time. These were a species of *Eurema* and are in the same family (Pieridae) as the Cabbage White, and are about the same size or slightly smaller. But the cabbages are safe – the larvae of these little butterflies feed on Senna plants. I have *Senna artemisioides* and *S. aciphylla* growing on my rockery and that's where the butterflies congregated – although I didn't find any caterpillars. Most of the Sennas grow further west than here, but *S. aciphylla* is a local species growing in scattered localities along the Murrumbidgee River and, closer to home, along one of the creek gorges off Sutton Road. It is an attractive little plant – low-growing to about 60 cm tall with bright green pinnate foliage and golden-yellow flowers. The yellow butterflies appeared after the plants had flowered and seemed to concentrate on the pink flowers of *Pelargonium rodneyanum* as a food source.

Another butterfly of the Pieridae family made its appearance here last week. It looked similar to the Imperial White (*Delias harpalyce*) that occasionally breeds here, but the forewings were noticeably larger and rather more pointed. It was actually a Wood White (*D. aganippe*) and seemed very interested in the Native Cherry (*Exocarpos cupressiformis*) growing across from my window. It stayed in one spot on the tree for some time – long enough for me to get the binoculars and identify it – and then flew off. It had left behind a large cluster of bright orange-yellow eggs – which should hatch any day now. I haven't seen an Imperial White for a while now, although their caterpillars feed on *Amyema* species (mistletoes) which are fairly common on the trees around here. Both of these butterflies are very attractive – large (to about 65 cm across the wings) with white or greyish wings with black markings on the upper surface and black, yellow, red and white patches on the undersides.

On the bird front – the Koel is still around (it's been here since the end of November), calling exuberantly and presumably feeding on someone's fruit trees. And my resident galahs have done well this year and fledged three galah babies – two very robust offspring and one tiny but determined little one.

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Sutton Road Fiasco ... The Saga Continues

by Graham Bailey

Talk about poetic justice! Since my brief note in the November 2005 Whisper, we have seen all manner of piecemeal attempts at road sealing our "upgraded" Sutton road. Alas, one unfortunate recipient of the inevitable collateral damage is the windscreen of our once pristine motor vehicle.

This annoying and expensive stone damage was caused by the carpet of loose stones, facilitated by the impatient idiot who didn't like the idea of a speed limit. This is getting beyond a joke, especially since there really is no justification for such poor engineering practice.

Firstly, butuminous concrete, or B.C., can be machine placed without leaving loose stones. The instant experts will argue about the cost of B.C. over the ancient practice of chip-sealing. Such rhetoric doesn't take account of total costs, including maintenance and replacement.

Secondly, if we must have the old practice, why not do the job as they did in the sixties, when the specifications called for appropriate bitumen application, precise stone placement and thorough rolling and sweeping?

Regretfully, the answer is very clear. The costs are simply transferred to the road users through stone chips and cracked windscreens. Road safety is also an issue, but road authorities don't take this too seriously.

There isn't much we can do about it all, but this camper will be sending the bill to the ACT Government. Of course, there will be no response, but if all those impacted (pun intended) did likewise, the message of discontent may get through.

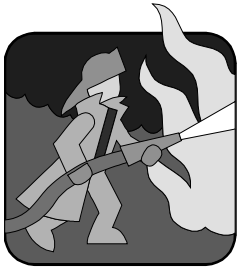
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From the Captain's Desk



This month's message is simple!

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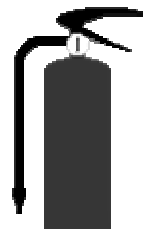
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In case you are wondering why this month's three incidents in the past three weeks where on mowers and slashers. An almost new ride-on was destroyed along with several hectares of paddock. One incident occurred in Wamboin.

message is needed, there have been grass fires have been started by ride-

Activities over the past two months have involved a motor vehicle accident on Sutton Road. Fortunately the driver sustained no serious injuries but it was a miracle that he wasn't badly injured or killed. We had an unusual request just before Christmas when a small child managed to lock themselves in their bathroom. A quick response from one of our nearby crews

quickly and quietly solved the problem, much to the relief of the child's mother. Apart from that, the phone and pagers have been relatively quiet. The occasional smoke sighting was investigated and one resident cautioned for lighting a fire to burn some rubbish without a permit.

We did spend some hot weekends manning the fire shed in case of a call out during the recent total fire bans, but luckily all we managed to do was to hone our waiting skills. When things were escalating at the recent fires Northwest of us, we sent a crew as part of a task force to Booroowa to help the local crews. We had expected a call to also provide crews to travel to Victoria to help our colleagues down South. The call did come, our members answered the call, but with a change in weather conditions, we weren't needed.

Over the next week or so brigade members will be putting letters in many mailboxes around the area explaining the changes to our brigade boundaries and also requesting a donation to help us operate one of the best brigades in the shire. Our annual roadside donation drive will be held on the 18th of February. As always, your support will be greatly appreciated.

As well as carrying out our regular training programs crews will be travelling around our area collecting information to help us with our pre-incident planning. We will be taking note of where significant water sources are located and information about the many features and properties in area so that we will be in a better position to assess fire risks and deal with emergency incidents.

I would like to pass on a large vote of thanks to two companies who have provided some invaluable help to your brigade. Anthony Goonan and his team from YLess4U made us an extremely generous offer and have now connected the fire shed to their fast broadband system. It now means we have excellent access to the Internet where we can utilise better weather forecasting information, fire monitoring services and other emergency service information. Geoff Williams and Tim Cook from Capital Stainless Steel in Queanbeyan have provided an elegant solution to an ongoing problem by fabricating a weighty stainless steel sculpture to hold our hoses when they are being dried.

Many residents have installed watering systems, sprinkler systems, and pumping systems around their properties that are to be operated when fires approach. This sort of preparatory work is to be congratulated but if you are one of these forward thinkers please put clearly explained instructions for your systems in or close to your main electrical distribution board. This will save us a lot of time, especially if you are not there when we hurriedly arrive one fateful day.

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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Notes from St. Andrews Church

Our little church on the corner of Norton and Poppet Roads has been busy over the Christmas and New Year period and it was wonderful to see new faces joining us. The Nativity Tableau which was held prior to the Christmas Eve service, was enjoyed by about 130 people, who saw the story unfold with local identities, a donkey, a horse, baby alpacas and a sheep. Baby Indra Carpenter enjoyed her first acting role aged 3 weeks and thanks also go to local people who entered into the occasion. We will be sure to include the tableau into the Wamboin calendar each year.




Our regular church services are held at 9am on the first and third Sunday of each month. For those who haven't been to our church before, give a thought to joining us and enjoying the lovely building, the worship and the welcome. Our hope is for the church to grow as a focal point for Wamboin and the area. For more information please ring Robyn Robertson, 62383202, or Bronwyn Elliot, 62383359. --Claire Ayling aylingfamily@yless4u.com.au

Wamboin 15 years ago: from the Whisper of February 1991 Editor: Suzanne Bedford. Circulation 265 From the Fire Brigade Report

"A fire in January was started by sparks from an angle grinder. The fire started at lunch time on a Sunday which enabled us to get crew members to the fire very quickly. We had all our tankers, 53 members of our brigade, 3 crews from Bungendore, 2 from the ACT Bushfire Council and 2 crews from Headquarters Brigade. The fire destroyed 15 acres of pasture, about 200 yards of fencing and dozens of newly planted trees.

.....If you are using any implements that can start a fire, ie mower, angle grinder, etc in and around your home, please make sure you have water close to hand. Remember, if you start a fire, accident or not, you can be held responsible for all damage." -- Chris Powell

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WAMBOIN PONY CLUB

by Toni Cuthbertson, Publicity Officer

Another very successful year has flown by for the pony club. Our membership continues to grow.

Our Rally Days, held on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month have been varied and interesting – some of the activities included showjumping, dressage, cross-country, sporting, mounted games, polocrosse, orienteering, troop drill and games to name but a few! We also held a trail ride in Kowen Forest on our November Rally Day, which was such a success it looks like it will become a yearly event.

2005 also saw the club host two very successful gymkhanas, at which our riders competed extremely well, with Wamboin taking out the majority of the Age champion trophies. We also had a number of riders competing in many other Pony Club events in the surrounding area and doing extremely well.

A number of our riders competed at State events during the year, representing both Wamboin and Zone 16: Jessica Mitchell – Dressage in Clarendon; Rebecca Purdie, Katie and Lauren Slater – Sporting in Quirindi; Ceilidh Armer, Katie and Lauren Slater - Equitation in Dubbo and a team consisting of Rebecca Purdie, Nicole Smith, Hannah Brugman and Katie and Lauren Slater – Mounted Games, Bungendore.

The last event of the year was our Christmas Party/Presentation that began with the judging of the Fancy Dress (thanks to Lofty and Joan Mason), continued with Christmas games on horseback and finished with a barbecue and swim.

The first rally day for 2006 will be on Sunday the 12th February at our grounds in Canning Close at our special summer time of 9.00am start and 1.00pm finish. We look forward to seeing members old and new there. If you have any queries you can call Robyn Slater (Secretary) on 62383472 or Toni Cuthbertson (Senior Instructor) on 62383548.

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MORE GREAT AUSTRALIAN FIRSTS

Couple of issues back, I referred to that wonderful construct, the “ute”, an idea inspired by an Australian farmer from Geelong and taken up by Ford in 1934. And, of course, as most of us know, there’s been the Hills Hoist rotary washing line (1945) - which most of us still use. Then, along came the two-stroke lawn mower. Introduced by Victa in 1952, interestingly, the mower was marketed to the women of Australia. Fortunately, my bride doesn’t have a problem with this and, perhaps once or twice a year, given a rush of blood, she hauls the testy two-stroke out and, after several (increasingly desperate) yanks on the starting rope and, a few expletives later, the little motor roars into action – generally momentarily – but sometimes even for an entire tank of fuel.

Of course, there are more Aussie firsts. According to an “Australian Innovation” publication I read recently, the ubiquitous wine cask (never now used in this household except on the occasional long-distance outback camping trip. Believe this was an Angoves’ invention in 1965. The boomerang is the earliest known Aussie invention c. 8000BC; feature films – The Story of the Kelly Gang opened on Boxing Day 1906, running around an hour when most films of the day were under 20 minutes; prepaid postage stamps were invented in 1838; pedal-powered radio was introduced in 1925 – note: Wamboin Volunteer Fire Brigade has only recently converted to more contemporary electronic technology (just joking); “Black box” flight recorder (1950); the Cochlear “bionic ear implant (1978). As you’d expect, given this sun-blessed land of sweeping sand and surf – the world’s first bathing beauty contest was an Aussie initiative way back in 1920. And, then came what could well be argued is a complementary product, the heart pacemaker, which was invented shortly after in 1926.

Revolutionising the way we view sports events today is Racecam which transmits sound and pictures from almost any position. This was introduced in 1979 at Australia’s “Bathurst 1000” V8 supercar race at Mt Panorama in NSW. It enabled the television-viewer to obtain a driver’s-eye view of this adrenalin-thumping activity.

Seems to be a “cam” for just about everything these days. There’s “stumpcam” for cricket, “slamcam” for basketball, “skicam” covers ski activities. And there’s “firecam” which, as some Wamboin residents and onlookers on Weeroona Drive today (Saturday 29 Jan) now know, provides a real-time and frightening insight into the behaviour of fire and flame in grassland despite up to 30mm of rain having fallen in the area the day before. “Firecam” the name does exist – generally taking the form of fireproof covers for broadcast camcorders and high definition cameras. I believe the covers enable a professional camera operator to work side-by-side fire crews in the hottest of blazes. But, the “firecam” used by the residents and onlookers and the trained volunteers of Wamboin’s Fire Brigade in Weeroona Drive today was of a different sort. It was not courtesy of a remote lens that captured an image subsequently beamed to a television where viewers sat in the comfort of a chair in a lounge-room. This was the ridgy-didge – the real thing, and it was right in the heart of Wamboin. This is the hell of fire-fighting – flames jumping around, licking and lurking like larrikins; fire at its erratic worst, along with the smell, the irritation to the olfactory sensors, the weeping eyes, the adrenalin-thumping. The frightening reality was right in their faces – they saw it; smelt it, and sweated it. Fortunately, for these residents and the on-lookers, indeed, for us all, this fire was quickly contained. There was no major spread or damage to surrounding property.

On this occasion, it was congratulations all round.

But, if you were one of the onlookers lined-up along the fence, I know there are some people, namely, the guys and gals on the other side of the fence in the yellow protective gear who were toiling away applying the wet stuff on the red stuff to make the black stuff, would really appreciate some long-term help. As you’ll see from its advert elsewhere in the Whisper, Wamboin’s Volunteer Rural Fire Brigade needs more active fire-fighters. Recruits are wanted all-year around. So, please don’t hold back. You will be made very welcome. And, you and the community will be better for it.



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Wamboin Playgroup resumes - Tuesday 7th February. We meet in the Community Hall off Bingley Way between 1030-1230 each week of the school term. If you care for children aged 5 and under and would like them to enjoy the company of others their age, while you enjoy a cuppa and a chat please come and join us. The playgroup is a registered member of the ACT Playgroup Association, all you need bring is a piece of fruit to share and \$2.00 to cover the hall hire. We are keen to hear from new members this year as some of our regulars have moved on. If you are interested or would just like more information please call - **Leanne Quick on 6238**

WAMBOIN GOLF CLUB –COMPETITION RESULTS

The December Christmas Cup competition was once again sponsored by Ted and Judith Evans and we appreciated the magnificent Christmas hampers for the trophies. Visitors comp won by Scott Lupton. The Googly ball won by Ted Evans and John Whitney did the Dummy Spit! Nearest the pin winners were; Andrew Vaz, Charlie Montesin, Ken Gordon x2, Bob Mettam, Scott Lupton and Vinny Gorham. Nine Hole comp was won by Nev Schroder (why was Nev only playing 9??) B Grade won by Charlie Montesin (welcome to A Grade) with Paul Griffin second. A Grade won by Peter Greenwood (at long last!!) with John Whitney second. Thanks again to Ted and Judith for the trophies and eats.

JANUARY RESULTS: The annual New Year competition was again sponsored by Wiyagiba Trading donating the trophies. Our thanks to Dave and Jane Hubbard. The first Sunday of the month was New Years Day with 38 degree temperatures, hangovers and eight people willing to do “anything” to win a trophy. It paid off with all eight going home with a prize. The main winners were Paul Griffin, Bob Mettam and Lofty Mason. Two juniors, Geoffrey and Cassandra Fisher in their first game were both good enough to go home with a prize. Well done everyone and thanks also to Sue Gane who catered for the after game eats and also took home a trophy for her efforts. Congratulations to all winners.

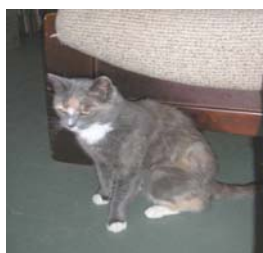
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Sutton Road Upgrade -- Status Report as of February, 2006

Based on an Interview with Peter Tait,
of Procurement Solutions within the ACT Government
Project Manager for the Project

Written up by Ned Noel

Background On The Tender

The tender was publicly advertised and available to pre-qualified tenderers only. Selection criteria included technical expertise, past performance, resource capacity, understanding of the relevant legislation and competency in traffic management. Guideline ACT was assessed as offering the best value for money and awarded the contract. The contract was managed on behalf of the ACT Government by Procurement Solutions, an arm of the ACT Treasury.

Traffic Management Issues

The early stages of the contract in late 2004 involved tree removal and civil engineering. The road was closed to through traffic for two consecutive weekends for tree removal, as this was judged too unsafe to be carried out while traffic was flowing.

For the majority of the civil engineering work there were three options with respect to road use. One was to close the road entirely for many months while the work was being carried out. This would have made the work much less expensive, but was judged too much of an imposition on road users as the alternate routes were Majura Road or the Kings Highway. A second option was to allow managed traffic over the road, but to do the upgrade in segments and to traffic light those segments. A third option was to allow managed two way traffic on the whole 4km throughout the upgrade. The third option was ruled out as potentially difficult for the contractors and, more crucially, a safety risk for road users and for contractor work crews. The second option was chosen.

During the tender period the ACT Government was requested to consider allowing the traffic lighted sections to be 1000m with a three minute maximum red light time rather than 500m sections as originally specified. This amendment was granted. In the second half of the work period the contractor asked to set up not one but two sets of lights, so as to allow work on two 1000m sections simultaneously. Synchronizing the two sets of lights was investigated, but judged not possible.

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General Specifications for the Upgrade

The construction involved much work during the winter. This adds a climate complication in that drying out the road bed and pavement layers is more problematic, particularly in undulating, partly shaded countryside. The specifications call for the underlying earth to be excavated and/or filled to hold the road about to be constructed on top of it. Obtaining the correct moisture content in the materials did subsequently prove a problem.

The structure of the road, working down from the surface, was specified to be:

- 7mm stone and bitumen seal coat
- 14 mm stone and bitumen seal coat
- bitumen "prime" coat to seal base course
- compacted crushed rock base and subbase of 400mm total thickness
- natural earth subgrade cut or filled, compacted to the correct formation shape

Quality Control Strategies

Throughout the project, as with all road construction projects, quality assurance was mandated. Tests are made by the contractor at many points in the construction process, but, in particular, at three stages in the construction of the new road itself:

- 1) after the excavation and fill is prepared and compacted to support the road pavement about to be laid down
- 2) after the bottom 200 mm bottom layer of crushed rock is laid down
- 3) after the 200 mm top layer of crushed rock is laid down

The ACT Government engaged a qualified superintendent to audit the testing done by the contractor and to order any further testing considered necessary. This quality assurance regime involves "witness points" and "hold points". At a witness point, such as the completion of the excavation and fill, the sub-base, the sub-grade, or the seal and the first layer of aggregate, a Witness point is set up. Each section of the road, as it is built, goes through these audit stages. Tests are conducted by the contractor or the audit supervisor to ensure that the work done to date has the required compaction, line, and level. The tests also involve checking the materials in the completed road layer for density, particle distribution, moisture content, strength and level.

Because the tests involve physically drilling down through the road layers, only certain points along the road are tested. As a general rule tests are done by taking samples of the road at pre-specified intervals (e.g., between 30 and 100 meters) depending on the road section being constructed. Testing is done at several spots across the width of the road at each of these sample points. A hold point for the relevant layer of the relevant road section is set up until the audit superintendent judges the testing proves the work meets the specifications. When the hold point is released by the audit superintendent, work on the next layer of the road can start. (continued next page)

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Problems that Had to Be Resolved

As road users would have noticed, work did not always proceed according to plan. Some problems not identified through the auditing process emerged in early use of the rebuilt road when the first layer of seal and the underlying bitumen crumbled (potholed) due to faults in the road base or subbase or underlying compacted earth. At one point the contractor went past a hold point on the road base and applied seal prematurely. A related mistake was made when the sub base was sealed while still too wet. Another section did not meet the requirements for line (straightness) and level (smoothness). Another problem arose when some sample testing indicated possible problems with density, particle distribution, moisture, strength or level, further tests were ordered that uncovered similar problems in adjacent road areas, enlarging the areas where corrective action was required.

Further difficulties occurred when sections completed had to be linked into sections that had been completed at an earlier date. To solve this problem the entire affected section including both stretches will be covered by a 14 mm level of aggregate planned for February of 2006. Two weeks afterward the permanent line markings will be laid down.

When the auditing process identified faults or when problems emerged on their own, the contractor was notified and asked to propose corrective measures. Often, as road users would have noticed, this meant removing the unsatisfactory layer or layers in the affected area and rebuilding it to meet the contractual specifications. In some road sections showing problems on audits the sampling interval was reduced from 30 meters to every 10 to 15 meters. At one point an outside expert was called in to give advice on the best approach to bringing the non-conforming sections up to specification.

Conclusion

Procurement Solutions, when the problems started to emerge, continued and strengthened the auditing regime until all problems were remedied and the road completed to specification. The net result does include something of a patchwork of sections that were done satisfactorily in the original job and sections that had to be redone, some of them more than once. The Contractor bore the cost of this remedial work and continued with it until the road was completed to specification. The reworking inflicted a longer than planned period of inconvenience on road users as the construction of the new road took many more months than originally planned.

Despite the fact that a number of problems were encountered and had to be solved and despite some extension of the project duration, the upgrade is now almost complete and is within its budget. The work now meets the specifications. Traffic was allowed through during almost the entire the project without any serious injuries. This four kilometre section, before the upgrade, saw at least two persons lose their lives in crashes in the last few years. Work by the Contractor, management by the ACT Government, funding from the Commonwealth and patience from the road users has brought the area a section of road that is now considerably safer, wider, smoother and more attractive than it was before the upgrade.

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Meeting, Monday 13 February, 7.30pm: Nest boxes: Panacea or Problem? Geoff Butler. Nest boxes have a role in the conservation and enjoyment of wildlife, though they can also present problems. At our first meeting for 2006 Geoff will discuss design, construction materials and other aspects of nest boxes, and the audience is encouraged to provide some of their experiences with nest boxes locally. Come along for an informative and thought-provoking discussion. The meeting will be held at Bywong Community Hall – Birriwa Rd (Off Macs Reef Rd).

Weeding: Sunday 19 February, 9.00-11.00am Gorse and weed control, Yass Bridge, Macs Reef Road. For details contact Roger Good: email roger.good@bigpond.com.

Propagation sessions will continue to be held on the first Saturday of the month for the rest of 2006. Other proposed activities are:

- Sunday 5 March: Clean up Australia Day
- Monday 13 March: Meeting: Rural landscaping materials
- Sunday 26 March: Car boot sale
- Sunday 9 April: Removal of willows, Gum Flat Creek, Bungendore Rd
- Monday 10 April: Meeting: Butterflies
- Monday 8 May: Meeting: Termite identification, entomology & control
- Sunday 30 July: National Tree Planting Day
- Monday 14 August: Meeting: Members discussion: property success stories
- Monday 12 Sept: Meeting: Identifying local common plant species
- Monday 10 October: Meeting: Encouraging & protecting local wildlife
- Sunday 19 November: Site visit to Ginini – Bogs, fens and corroboree frogs

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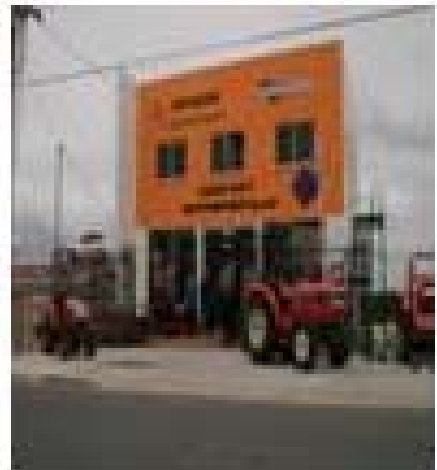
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Wamboin Muse

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Our new year started with a rush of visitors, some not always welcome. First there was the invasion of the midgie-like Rutherglen bug, undeterred even by screens at the window and vying for space in my bed, and then there was the creeping wave of grasshoppers. I battled with my lettuce seedlings. After a few days they were frilled by nibbling hoppers, then what remained was scorched by the burning sun. I set up shadecloth, but forgot to remove it before the spectacular hail storm hit. The shadecloth collapsed under the weight of the ice, and those plants not crushed were shredded. But the creek gushed again with incredible energy, brown and foaming with our neighbours' precious topsoil, and flushed out the stagnant pools sending the frogs into a frenzy of excitement.

But the capricious recent weather has had little impact on my life compared to the power of the community noticeboard. Who would have thought that a response to a "for sale" sign and a subsequent, comfortable "Wamboin chat" would lead not just to the acquisition of a piano but ultimately the relocation of family from Sydney to our fair hamlet. We may be in the era of electronic communications, but chalk still talks.

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LAKE GEORGE DAY VIEW CLUB

The first meeting for 2006 of Lake George Day VIEW Club will be held on Tuesday 21 February, commencing at 11.30a.m, at Eagle Hawk Rydges Resort, Federal Highway Sutton. The cost for lunch will be \$20. This will be the Club's AGM but as well, the social part of the meeting promises members and friends stimulating conversation and fun in a friendly environment. New members and guests are welcome. For bookings please ring Kerry on 6238 0603 by cob Thursday 16 February. For more information about the Club please ring Bernie Greehead on 6230 3165.

WHERE TO FOR WAMBOIN/BYWONG

Last year the Palerang Council considered the idea of developing a vision for Palerang and sought assistance from the University of Canberra. Councillor Catharine Moore picked up the visioning concepts offered and, with the assistance of a Council staffer, has run very successful community visioning workshops at Mongarlowe, Bungendore, Carwoola and Braidwood. The Wamboin Community Association had planned a workshop for Bywong/Wamboin for March. Some Palerang Councillors have noted the success of these community workshops.

At the General Meeting on 11 January 2006 Council resolved that 10 community visioning workshops be held throughout the Palerang Council local government area and engaged Evolve Facilitation and Coaching to facilitate them. **The workshop for Wamboin/Bywong is scheduled for 6pm Monday 27 February at the Birriwa Community Hall, Birriwa Road, Bywong.** Council workshops will be repeated at the locations mentioned above. Council indicated that their workshops represented an important step in the preparation of the Palerang Local Environmental Plan and accompanying Development Control Plans which will replace the four separate planning provisions inherited by Council following its creation by the amalgamations and boundary adjustments in February 2004.

Council has advised that "the workshops will enable Council to inform the community of the planning reforms that are being initiated by the State Government and of natural resource and infrastructural constraints that must be considered in the preparation of the new planning provisions. Residents will be able to talk with the Councillors and staff about how they want to see Palerang developed over the next 20 years and opportunities that Council should investigate in this process."

I attended the Bungendore Visioning Workshop last year and initially was sceptical at the methodology for ascertaining the wishes of the approximately 70-odd residents for an improved Bungendore and a vision for the future. However, it was a stimulating evening as the facilitators sought and obtained from a wide spectrum of Bungendore and surrounds their attitudes, views and hopes for a better Bungendore. The techniques employed encouraged residents to think outside their immediate circle and the environment was non-challenging. The results were structured into categories such as health, education, town planning, environment, etc and the constructive comments were most informative. It is probable that the quality of these comments and their relevance in the reports from these workshops to the LEP that has challenged Council and has led to the Council sponsored Visioning Workshops.

I do not know the format of the Council's visioning meeting but would urge the residents of Bywong and Wamboin to try and attend the visioning meeting scheduled for 6pm 27 February and come prepared for a constructive evening. Opportunities such as this are relatively rare and hopefully we can make Council's investment worthwhile. If we are seeking to have a more meaningful partnership with Council and better communication, come to this meeting, have your say, and make sure that the consultant reports your views and thoughts to Council.

John van der Straaten. (6238 3590)

PS. Please put this fixture in your diary NOW!

SEAFOOD NIGHT – BUNGENDORE BOWLING CLUB

The Bungendore Bowling and Sports Club will be holding a Seafood Night on 4th March 2006. All you can Eat Seafood Night Sat. 4th March 2006 7.00 pm Start Cost \$40.00 pp for Seafood. \$12.00 pp for Roast Dinner
Children under 12 years of age half price. BOOKING ESSENTIAL BY 1ST MARCH TO DI. ph. 0416180 020.

Rainfall and Temperatures in Wamboin 31 year statistics from the Robertsons.

December 2005 rainfall 27.5mm	(Dec average 57.9mm)
January rainfall to 28/1 118.75mm	(Jan average 62.2mm)
Average February rainfall 51.3mm	Driest February 1.0mm (1986)
Wettest February 153.0mm (2002)	Wettest February day 48.0mm (21/2/87 and 5/2/01)
2005 total rainfall 674.5mm	(yearly average 705.8mm)
Hottest February day 37 degrees C on 5 occasions	Coldest February day 12 degrees C (10/2/96 and 4/2/05)
Coldest February night 5 degrees C (17/2/98)	

LOCALIZED HEAVY HAIL?

Twice in January I drove along Norton road in the afternoon to find, only in the section between Amungula and Poppet, heavy piles of hail several centimetres deep on both sides of the road. It looked like piles of soap suds had landed along the road. A thunderstorm hit most of Wamboin in the preceding hour, but left very little or no hail on any other sections of Norton Road between Sutton Road and Weroona Drive. Did anyone else observed this or have an explanation for it?

- Ned Noel