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The meeting will begin at 7.30pm.

The AGM is the Brigade's most important formal event of the year. All members are encouraged to attend. Aspiring members, families, and other visitors are welcome. Nominations for all positions are welcome. Nomination forms are available from the Secretary. The Brigade's area covers Wamboin, Bywong and Sutton Park. Ian Coillet, Secretary, 6238 3425



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For details: Joan Mason on 6238 3258 or [L3JMason@bigpond.net.au](mailto:L3JMason@bigpond.net.au)

### NEW CLASSIFIED

Answers to *Whisperings* quiz that appears elsewhere in this Whisper: Long way to the top- AC/DC: Born to be wild- Steppenwolf: You should be dancin'- BeeGees: Fox on the run- Sweet; 4 kangaroos: 6 sheep and 2 chickens

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## Four girls, a maze and time

By Lillie Pryor - Bywong and Wamboin Short Story Competition winner – Year 6

A few years ago, four very pretty girls lived in Sydney. Then one day their mother told them they were moving to a country town called Wamboin. The girls were very upset but had no choice. After four weeks in Wamboin, the girls decided to go for a walk in the bush without asking mum. The girls got ready for their walk.

“Got the drinks, Bec?” asked Cassie.

“Sure do,” said Bec.

“What about the food,” asked Nat.

“I got it,” said Lil, so off they went on their bush walk.

“Help us, Cassie,” said Lil, Bec and Nat.

“Where ... where are you guys?” asked Cassie.

“Down here,” said the others.

“Down where?” asked Cassie, but it was too late. The hole where the girls fell down had closed up. The girls turned around and found themselves in a maze. A very big maze. A humungus maze. At this time the girls were very scared.

“I think we should do the maze,” said Nat.

“Great idea,” said the others. The three girls went into the maze and found lots of paper with directions on them. They decided to follow the directions. Meanwhile, Nat walked on until things started to look different. There were no more directions to be found.

“Now what are we gonna do?” asked Nat.

“Just keep walking straight!” said Lillie in a frustrated tone.

After a few hours, the girls figured out a way to the end and back to Cassie. They were wearing the same clothes, shoes and everything they had was the same, except for Cassie. Her clothes were different, her shoes were different. Everything was different!

“Where are your head kerchiefs?” asked Cassie, “as well as your black leather shoes.”

“Hey Cassie, what year is it?” asked Nat.

“1932, duh,” replied Cassie.

“Hey, look over there,” said Bec.

So off they went on the stepping stones going from year to year until they finally came to their year and everyone lived normally ever after.



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## WHISPERERINGS

by Alan Rope

I have thought for some time now that this periodical needed a humour/trivia/smalltalk section, so when I suggested this to The Editor, he more or less told me "if you want something done, do it yourself"...well not quite that way. So here is a start.

**Observations:** It appears that many people are unsure of the meanings of the signage on Sutton Road. By observing other drivers this correspondent has decided that:

- 80 (in a red ring) means – minimum speed required on this section of road.
- 80 (repeated further along road ... twice) – in case you missed it before, this is the minimum for this road.
- Overtaking Lane – you **MUST** overtake, regardless of speed of other vehicle.

I travel into Queanbeyan each morning around 6.30 and I am amazed at the number of drivers who obviously do not know where the headlight switch is in their car. Whilst there is twilight, the sun has not risen, yet so many cars without headlights switched on.

And while talking about cars and roads, just how many school buses are there? It seems that every second vehicle I pass is a school bus. At least they know where the headlight switch is.

**Quiz for the Older Reader,;** and the disco attendees (do not Google, try to remember first) Name the 60's and 70's songs from their opening lines. And who performed them?

- Ridin' down the highway
- Get your motor running
- My baby moves at midnight
- I don't want to know your name

**Quiz for The Younger reader** (and the not so young):

- Last week Dad took us to a native sanctuary where we saw kangaroos and emus. I counted 6 emus, Dad counted 28 legs. How many kangaroos were there?
- On his farm Old MacDonald only had sheep and chickens (must be a drought there also). If there were 8 animals and a total of 28 legs, how many sheep and how many chickens did he have?

This is the first of a (hopefully) regular feature of The Whisper, aimed at stimulating the brain of readers of all ages. To become a regular article, help is needed from readers. That means you. Send your thoughts, ideas, suggestions, comments, call them whatever you like, to [wamboinwhisperings@gmail.com](mailto:wamboinwhisperings@gmail.com) . All emails must include your name and address. I will acknowledge your contribution with your name, full or part, at my discretion. Comments in this article are of the correspondent and not of the WCA or editor. Answers in classifieds.



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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

**THE FIRE DANGER PERIOD HAS ENDED.  
BURNING OFF IN THE OPEN WILL BE PERMITTED, BUT PLEASE ENSURE  
YOU NOTIFY YOUR NEIGHBOURS AND YOUR BRIGADE CAPTAIN AT  
LEAST 24 HOURS BEFORE YOU LIGHT THE FIRE.  
RING 000 (Zero-Zero-Zero) TO REPORT FIRES OR SMOKE SIGHTINGS.**

## From the Captain's Desk



This month I am again pleased to report that your brigade has remained alert but apart from an early Sunday morning callout to a car accident on the Federal Highway (shown below), our services have not been required for any serious reason during May. Although the picture taken by our intrepid photographer, Peter Greenwood, looks quite dramatic, we understand that the injuries to the occupants of the car were not serious. The other car involved in the collision is some distance behind the Wamboin fire brigade vehicle on the left-hand side of the picture.

I would like to thank all those community conscious people who have contacted either Andrew Dunn, our Senior Deputy Captain or me and their neighbours before they lit up that odd pile of vegetation. This notification really helps all of us. It gives your neighbours plenty of time to make sure any smoke does not adversely affect people with breathing difficulties, to attend to any stock that may be affected and even making sure the washing doesn't have to be done again! It also helps when people further afield or driving through our area ring 000 to report a smoke sighting and we can then identify it as a notified burn which may not require a brigade response. This would then mean that our volunteers would not need to waste their time with an unnecessary alarm call.

Our training programs continue and while the regular brigade program rolls on many of our members are continuing with training courses run at the zone level. We have members completing their basic training programs as well as 10 people furthering their knowledge by undertaking advanced firefighter courses. Members are also taking part in specialist training programs, including chainsaw and rural fire driving.

We all congratulate Jake Blight for completing his Rural Fire Driver course recently. This is a specialised driving course for drivers of rural fire service vehicles, especially the heavy tankers on and off-road.

Our Annual General Meeting will be held on 10 June starting at 7:30pm at the fire shed at 112 Bingley Way. Everyone is welcome to come along. It would be a great opportunity to meet people in our area and also for our visitors to see the fantastic facility your support has provided for your brigade to operate from and the equipment we use. It is also a good time to pick up information about property protection and the things to consider during different parts of the year when it comes to fire and emergency preparedness. While Wendy Downs is recuperating Pam Klemke will be organising the sumptuous offerings later in the evening. All positions within the brigade are open and nominations are welcome, even on the night.

As our loyal reader can confirm it is important to appreciate that as rural residents there is a joint responsibility between property owners and emergency services in endeavouring to reduce the impact or effects of an emergency situation, should it ever arise. As far as property protection in the event of fire is concerned, information is available from your brigade, our local fire control office in Queanbeyan, and the NSW Rural Fire Service website. It is the crucial 30 minutes after the 000 call is placed or the smoke is sighted that we need to plan for. That is the time it usually takes for most emergency services to get to our properties. For some properties it could well be shorter or longer. However, long it takes, that is the rural lifestyle reality.

One of the issues we also may need to consider, not only in a fire emergency but in other incidents, is a plan if ever our properties are isolated for some time. Roads could be blocked and power may be unavailable. In this event we need to make sure that we are as self-reliant as is practicable while we wait for services to be re-established. I recently came across a valuable website which has been developed for this eventuality. It is <http://www.pantrylist.com.au>. It is well worth a look as a starting point for your planning, but issues concerning the storage of fuel and maintaining stock on your property have not been included.

As a none too subtle reminder, try this quick quiz. What do the images below mean for you?





Possible answers:

1. I can you ignore them because I have them all installed in my house and/or shed and everyone in my household knows what they are for and how to use all of them.
2. I should check the ones installed in my house to see if the batteries are ok, it is still fully charged or everyone still can reach it comfortably
3. I need to get them installed in my house or shed
4. I can afford to ignore them.

(In case the pictures don't mean anything to you, they are, from left to right, a fire blanket, a smoke alarm and a fire extinguisher. We do not promote or endorse any particular brand except to say, make sure whatever one you choose complies with the relevant Australian Standard)

In closing, I can report that Wendy Downs, our fantastic Support Crew Coordinator, is recuperating at home after her recent hospital visit. We all hope she gets well very soon.

Finally, if you need any advice about fire protection around your property please call 0409 991 340.

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## Mysterious

**By Lauren Lind - Bywong and Wamboin Short Story Competition winner – Year 6**

Jane, Fred, Tom and Mary were going to explore the attic in Mary's house. The house was big and old with brightly painted walls and doors, many flights of stairs and lots of spare rooms. Mary and Jane were best friends with Tom and Fred. Mary lived at Wamboin, next door to Jane and Tom and Fred lived up the road. The children were very excited to finally go up to the unknown attic.

Mary didn't know what to expect when she got there and she felt a little bit worried. The children were half way up the stairs when they heard a loud "bang". They jumped with fright but still kept on walking. Fred and Tom were near the attic door when they heard a scream. They recognized it straight away. It was Mary. The boys ran down the stairs towards the scream but Mary was nowhere to be found. They saw a patch of blood and in it Jane was lying.

The boys called the police as they were so frightened. When the police arrived, they searched the whole house but the investigation turned up nothing. Later a policeman reported that Jane had severe head injuries. The boys were determined to find who ever had done this. A week or so later, the boys found Mary sitting in a tree near Bywong. She wasn't hurt but very scared and worried about Jane.

Sadly, that night Jane died. At the funeral, Mary told the boys she was moving from Wamboin. The boys were upset but they could understand her feelings. Mary now lives in Sydney and has never been heard of since!



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## Wamboin Community Association Electronic Notice Board Update

by Pete Harrison then further mangled by Ned Noel to get into this issue

**The Whisper On-Line** The Wamboin Whisper, the chronicle of life in Wamboin, purveyor of rural virtues, and harbinger of community events is now available on-line. The Whisper archives are maintained on the WCA electronic noticeboard Web site, and since this is a private Web site, the process of accessing the archives the first time around may seem a little unusual to the uninitiated. But if you are interested, set aside a few minutes, relax, in whatever way you find most appropriate (some patience may be required), and read on. Two years ago, the Wamboin Community Association set up an electronic notice board to assist with the distribution of community-related information to residents of Wamboin and Bywong.

**You will first need to subscribe to the WCA electronic noticeboard to gain access to the Whisper archives.** The notice board is set up as a group mailing list, hosted by Yahoo. To subscribe, simply send an email message to: [Wamboin\\_Noticeboard-subscribe@yahogroups.com.au](mailto:Wamboin_Noticeboard-subscribe@yahogroups.com.au) The email message does not need any subject or content. The 'system' simply reads the sender's address and assumes that this is to be added to the subscription list.

After you send in your subscription request, the 'system' will send back a message asking you to confirm that you want to subscribe. This is to guard against people sending in a bogus request on your behalf. You need to reply to this message as directed. Your subscription request will then be sent to the notice board administrator for authorisation, and thereafter you will receive a message confirming the success of your request. (Unfortunately, depending on the time of day/week, and the 'activity level' of the administrator, this authorisation could take anywhere from a couple of minutes to a couple of days, but it will not usually take more than a couple of hours.)

To post a message on the notice board, after you have subscribed, simply send your message to:

**Wamboin\_Noticeboard@yahogroups.com.au**

Subscribers will receive messages as they are posted. Messages can only be posted by subscribers, and will be sent only to subscribers. Yahoo also hosts a private Web site for the notice board, which provides access to archives of notice board messages and a *Files* area containing WCA documents that may be of community interest, but which is **only open to notice board subscribers**. Documents currently available include the **WCA Meet & Greet package**, an overview of community groups in the Bywong/Wamboin area, with handy hints for rural living, and **electronic copies of The Whisper**.

The easiest way to access the notice board Web site is to follow the **Visit Your Group** link on any Wamboin\_Noticeboard email message. Alternatively, enter the URL:

[http://au.groups.yahoo.com/group/Wamboin\\_Noticeboard](http://au.groups.yahoo.com/group/Wamboin_Noticeboard)

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### Wildcare Rescues Wallaby by Phillip Machin

What else would you be doing on a fine sunny Saturday morning? I bet you wouldn't be chasing around town for three hours trying to catch an energetic Swamp Wallaby. But that's exactly what four Wildcare rescuers ended up doing – Lesley, Rosemary and Steve from Wamboin and Gabby from Jerrabomberra.



The call came in that there was a Swamp Wallaby hopping around the supermarket car park in the centre of town. It wasn't there to do the weekend shopping and if left to its own devices it may well have been injured or stressed out. So, it was important to catch the animal and put it somewhere much safer. But by the time Wildcare arrived to catch the animal it had disappeared, only to pop up enjoying itself on the showground several hundred metres away.

Swamp Wallabies are quick and after a few near misses it was finally caught in a net and wrestled to the ground. The animal was sedated, wrapped up and safely translocated out of town. After a sleep it was ready to go again and hopped off as if nothing had happened. Just another day in the life of a Swamp Wallaby. As Lesley says "Wildcare often gets asked to relocate animals, which find themselves in the wrong place. And our rescuers deal with these situations very well. More often than not it is a snake that needs to be removed, but as in this case, we can also successfully catch and relocate much larger animals".

If you want to get involved, or get advice, ring Wildcare on 6299 1966 and visit their website [www.wildcare.com.au](http://www.wildcare.com.au).  
Photo: Wildcare members Lesley, Gabby and Rosemary treat Swampie.

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## Wamboin Pony Club News

by Marion Whalan, President

Wamboin Pony Club has had a great start to 2008. With regular attendance at rally days averaging 15 riding members, the Club has been busy in a number of riding and non-riding activities.

Ten members attended the fabulous Zone 16 Camp in the April school holidays, where a total of 240 riders and their mounts took part in a week long structured riding program. Riders were able to try all sorts of activities, from camp drafting to carriage driving, western riding to vaulting and everything in between. Also in April, one of our members, Katie Slater, was selected as one of two NSW junior representatives to travel to Darwin to try out for the National Junior Mounted Games Team - and she was selected in the national team. The last Sunday in April saw the Club host the Zone 16 Sporting Championships at the Bungendore Showgrounds - hosting such an event means we run the canteen, which turned out to be a lucrative fundraiser for the Club. With many of our riders also competing, we had a great day. Penny Slater won the 11 & Under 13 Year's Age Champion and Craig Simpkin & Jack Durr were a very close second & third respectively in the Under 11 Year's age group. The team of Penny, Jack, sister Ally and Laura Worden also took out second place in the teams competition.

In May the Club finally had its chance to operate the sausage sizzle at the Bunnings store at Belconnen. We knew this would be a great fundraiser for the club and it was, especially as we drew the Saturday just prior to Mother's Day. Our fantastic canteen coordinator, Kerry Brugman, organised everything and lots of members filled the roster in order for the event to be the success it was. Also in May, three riders from Wamboin competed and represented our club at the Zone 16 Show Jumping Championships. Jess Baldwin, Tyla Harris & Ceilidh Armer all had some great individual rounds in their respective grades and combined they took out 2nd place in the team competition. Both Jess & Ceilidh were Reserve Champions in their respective grades. The strong performance of many of our riders in the mounted games arena continued at the Australian Mounted Games Association National Pairs Championships held in Yass in May. Ally & Jack Durr are the Under 12 Years National Pair Champions for 2008, Lauren Slater, who paired up with Sarah Beale (Forest Hills) won the Under 15 Years National Title and in the same age group, Penny Slater was one half of the pair that took out 4th place. In AMGA there is no upper age limit (unlike PC) and so we had some of our more experienced riders in the Veterans Division, Maureen & Rebecca Purdie placing 3rd overall.

A club such as Wamboin PC relies heavily on the support of the volunteers (usually Mums & Dads) who help out at all the activities the club undertakes. We are also very grateful to our sponsor Steve Hughes, The Feed Shed, Bungendore who supports our club every first rally day of the month with donations of bags of horse feed.

If you ever want more information about Wamboin Pony Club, we are on the web - [www.wamboin.pcansw.org.au](http://www.wamboin.pcansw.org.au)

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## Cave of Screams

By Ciara Bowman - Bywong and Wamboin Short Story Competition winner – Year 5

“Finally,” said Betty with relief and enthusiasm at the same time. It was Friday night, 7/7/09. Her parents were out for dinner and she was left alone at home. As soon as their car drove away, she put on her waterproof pants and set off into the night (she might as well have a bit of an adventure while her mum and dad were gone). It was raining but she didn’t care.

She lived right next door to the greenway so she went for a walk along the long road. For a while she stayed on the track. After a while she became bored, though, and headed off into the bush. It was becoming dark so she turned on her torch. She kept walking until she felt so hungry she could eat a horse. She turned around and was just about to walk back when she thought, “Where is back?”

It didn’t take her long to find out she was lost. Well, she was in a bit of a panic by the time she saw a cave. She could take shelter in it for the rest of the night. As she moved towards the cave a chilled breeze ran down her spine. “Just the wind,” she told herself.

But as she entered the cave, she became aware that it wasn’t the wind. She was feeling a type of feeling she never felt before. It was like she was beyond it. Only then did she notice the writing on the wall. “The Cave of Screams.” She didn’t like the sound of that. She tried to move back out of the cave. But she couldn’t. It was like an invisible rope was pulling her forward.

Back home, her mum and dad heard a scream. “Must be an owl,” said Betty’s mum.

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## The drought on Forest Road

By Jessica Pearce - Bywong and Wamboin Short Story Competition merit awardee – Year 6

Dry, dusty, barren.  
The drought has taken over Bywong.  
As the rain left  
So did the happiness and laughter.  
Months and months of waiting  
For the rains to return.  
At night I am awoken  
By the thunder and rain  
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Splashing against my tin roof  
Splashing against my driveway  
My family and I run outside in the rain  
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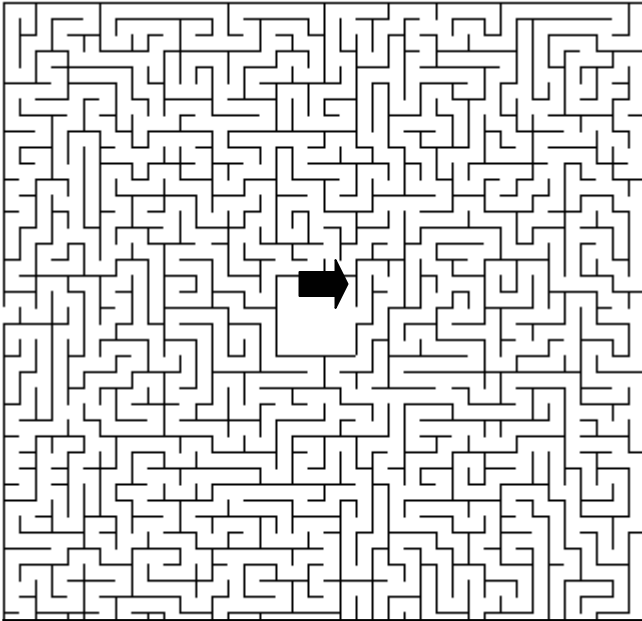
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# Maths Square

	+		-		2
/		+		x	
	+		-		4
x		+		+	
	-		-		-7
8		18		37	

Try to fill in the missing numbers. Use the numbers 1 through 9 to complete the equations. Each number is only used once.

Each row is a math equation. Each column is a math equation. Remember that multiplication and division are performed before addition and subtraction.

# Tile Puzzle

H E   H T   O T   C O M   N I G   E T   R Y   C U R

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Unscramble the tiles to reveal a message. Hint – an upcoming event

**Question B:** Two students are sitting on opposite sides of the same desk. There is nothing in between them but the desk. Why can't they see each other?

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**Q**

What is the one thing shared by all three items in the same group?

- A**  
a cow  
a shoe  
a baby

- B**  
a doctor's office  
a post office  
music

- C**  
a zipper  
a shark  
a comb

- D**  
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	x		+		+	
	4	-	9	-	2	-7
	8		18		37	

**Tile Puzzle:** Come to the curry night  
**Question A:** She was walking.  
**Question B :** The two students have their backs to each other.

**A** A. a tongue  
 B. a scale (or a key)  
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# 1<sup>st</sup> Wamboin Scout Group News

by Pete Harrison

The 1<sup>st</sup> Wamboin Scout Group will celebrate its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2009, having provided a range of outdoor activities for the youth of Wamboin since its inception.

The Scout Troop, however, is the only Section of the Group that has enjoyed continuous operation over this time. Providing activities for members aged 11 to 14, the Troop has traditionally focussed on the development of outdoor skills, including bushcraft, pioneering (construction), canoeing and camping. The current Troop caters for youth members up to the age of 17, with older members also participating in the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme.



Our Joey Scout Mob (boys and girls aged between 6 and 8) and Cub Scout Pack (boys and girls aged between 8 and 10) are currently in recess. While our current Scout leaders have been with the Group for almost 15 years, we have not enjoyed the same level of continuity in the Joey Mob or Cub Pack. Based on the number of inquiries we receive, however, it is apparent that we could start up the Cub Pack again immediately. There are prospective youth members waiting to join, and the Group still has all the materials needed to run a complete three year program—all that is required are the adult leaders...

If you have an interest in helping the youth in our community, by becoming a youth leader in the Scouting Movement, please contact Pete Harrison to discuss this opportunity.

If you are interested in Scouts at any level, please feel free to contact one of the people listed below.

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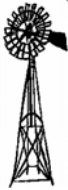
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### Wamboin 15 Years Ago

by Robyn Robertson and Ned Noel

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**by Jenny Cooper, Principal**

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Jill Gregory

**(This should have been printed in the May 2008 Whisper but was not due to a mistake on my part. – Ned Noel, editor)**

I don't pay much attention to real estate movements around here but every now and again I am surprised at just how many places have changed hands in the years we have been here. Now we're comparative "new chums" with only twelve years of Wamboin history but the thought of ever shifting, sprucing up the property for sale, nailing the "for sale" sign to the letter box and then waiting for a buyer has always filled me with horror. I'm too scarred from my former gypsy life to ever willingly contemplate a change, and so I was taken aback when I discovered that friends who'd arrived here at about the same time as we did were quietly upping stakes and moving.

In the relatively short time that we've all been here there have been many changes in our area. When we first arrived it was a wetter period, and we had a robust cottage garden around the house. The creek flats were squelchy underfoot and the few kangaroos kept a discreet distance. Walking across paddocks where now there are roads I'd found low stone walls, all that remained of a miner's camp, and nearby an abandoned shaft filled with water. The scribbly gums bore the scars of early timber cutters and small scattered dams, scratched in the shaley dirt, watered native animals now, rather than flocks of sheep. Long before we arrived the creek flat had been an Aboriginal hunting ground, with the old trees on the rise hanging low, providing perfect cover for the hunters. The few trees on the flat had only grown after the hunters had long since disappeared.

People come and go, and there are always changes; some we like and some we don't. Some people make their mark, others simply vanish. Our little community has changed over the years and now it's time to farewell a couple who have, without fuss or fanfare, initiated changes in our community which have helped to make it a better place. They may quietly make their exit, but their legacy will remain.

Call it inertia... I wouldn't live anywhere else....

### Rainfall and temperatures in Wamboin

**33 year statistics from the Robertsons (This also should have appeared last month – editor)**

April rain to 28/4 -- 18.5mm (2007...23.5mm)	2008 rain to 28/4 -- 197.00mm (2007...166mm)
Avg May rainfall -- 50.30mm	Wettest May -- 171.00mm (1995)
Driest May -- 1.00mm (1985)	Hottest May day -- 20 degrees C (3 times)
Coldest May day -- 3 degrees C (29/5/00)	Coldest May night -- -5 degrees C (28/5/01)

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