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# The Whisper

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## Wamboin Community Association President's Paragraphs

**Humble Apologies** – for missing the deadline for the June issue of the Whisper. The one time in seven event that the end of the month is in the middle of the weekend confused me!

**Palerang Council** – The WCA made submissions to Council on both the Rural Residential, Rural and Environmental Areas Discussion Paper and the 2008-09 Draft Management Plan (DMP) and Budget. A number of WCA members also attended the Council meeting on 26 June where the DMP and Budget was adopted.

**Palerang Council Election** – The Local Council elections are looming. They will be held on 13 September 2008. There has been a fair bit of publicity in the Bungendore Mirror about the election and a number of people from other parts of the Shire (including Braidwood and Bungendore) have already indicated their intention to stand for election. It is imperative that the areas of Wamboin and Bywong (and other areas such as Carwoola and Burra) have adequate representation on the new Council. The WCA is still keen to facilitate the formation of a local ticket for the election. Nominations are only open from 4<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> August, so there isn't much time to get a ticket organised. If you are interested in standing for Council, or know of anybody who might be, please contact John van der Straaten (ph: 6238 3590) or Helen Montesin (ph: 6238 3208). A number of WCA members attended the Candidate Information Session conducted by the NSW Electoral Commission on 28<sup>th</sup> June. There will be another **candidate information session** for prospective councillors on **14<sup>th</sup> July at 7:00pm** at the Queanbeyan City Council Chambers, 253 Crawford St, Queanbeyan which will be conducted jointly by the Palerang and Queanbeyan Councils.

The WCA intends to host a 'Meet the Candidates' information session, where candidates will be able to inform us what they plan to do on Council and to listen to our concerns and issues. It will probably be held in conjunction with the August WCA meeting (19<sup>th</sup> August at 7:30pm at the Community Hall).

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Norton Road – After many years of lobbying Council, there has been some (albeit small) improvement on Norton Road. The big dip in the road near the Yass River crossing has been fixed which is a great appreciated. Surveyors have started work on the section between Bingley Way and Merinovale Drive which is to be reconstructed in the 2008-9 financial year.

While there is much more to be done, it is great to see some progress.

**WCA Meeting** – Everybody is most welcome to attend the next WCA meeting on **15<sup>th</sup> July at 7:30pm** at the Community Hall.

**Curry Night** – Make a date in your diary for Wamboin's gastronomical delight of the year which will be on **16<sup>th</sup> August**.

**Wamboin Produce Markets** – After a very successful season, the markets are now in recess until spring. The next markets will be on **20<sup>th</sup> September** from 9:00am until noon.

**New Residents** – If you are new to Wamboin, or know someone who is, Lofty Mason has collated a "Meet and Greet" package. It contains useful information about Wamboin, including a map. It has details of the diverse range of community groups in the area. Please contact him on 6238 3258 for a copy.

**WCA Electronic Noticeboard** – The noticeboard is a great way to keep up with issues of community interest and I encourage everybody to subscribe. To subscribe, simply send an email message (doesn't need any subject or content) to **Wamboin\_Noticeboard-subscribe@yahoo.com.au**. The Wamboin Whisper is now available on the electronic noticeboard.

**Calendar of events** – If you have any events that you would like included in August's Whisper, please contact John van der Straaten (ph: 6238 3590).

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## BYWONG COMMUNITY NEWS

**Trivia Challenge Saturday 26 July.** The Bywong Trivia Challenge will again be contested on 26 July in its traditional venue at the Bywong Hall in Birriwa Road. Teams will again compete for the honour of inscription on the Challenge shield, which is on permanent display in the Bywong Hall. As in previous years, the Community will be inviting neighbouring localities to enter teams to compete against the locals.

The Community will again warm the inner person with a selection of hearty and gourmet soups, and stimulate the mind with questions and competitions devised by long-term masters of trivia Warwick Cathro and Diana Dack. Bookings are essential - submit tables of eight or less, or let us have your name for inclusion on a mixed table. The good news is that entry, including soup, rolls and coffee, remains at only \$10 per person. Book tables with Morag or Guy on 6230 3523.

**Whither Bywong Community?** A mixed group of members and residents met at the Hall to discuss future directions for the Community association. During an evening of stimulating discussion a number of possibilities were canvassed and various levels of activity were debated. The Committee will follow up suggestions from the discussion night and report back to members.

**Funding support for local groups.** As in previous years, the Community has a surplus of funds from the Car Boot Sale and will shortly be deciding on allocating some of it to support local groups and activities. If you are part of a group or activity fostering local or community interests which would be helped by a small infusion of locally-raised funds or you are setting up a new local venture and would like some seed funding please send a request to us outlining your proposal and indicating what size of funding would help. Requests should be addressed to the Acting President, Bywong Community Inc, PO Box 486, Dickson, ACT 2602.

-- Nora Stewart , Acting President

### Bushfire

By Mitch Perkins - Bywong and Wamboin Short Story Competition merit awardee – Year 6

We sit and watch the flow of the fire  
As its fingers crawl up Smiths Gap  
Burning ever closer.  
As the fire towers above our house  
I watch the flames of red and yellow  
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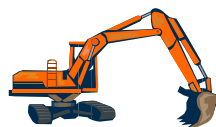
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160 CO-ORDINATED BY HELEN MONTESIN: Ph 6238 3208					
Dean Evans	Nrtn Area frm Campbl West	18	Bill Owen	Cooper Rd.	26
Helen Montesin	Fernloff Rd	33	Stuart Whitten	Canning Close	17
Hank Berlee	11 Poppet Rd (for all on road)	34	Alan Rope	Sutton Road	30
278 CO-ORDINATED BY SUE GANE:					
Joan Mason	Bingley Way	45	Margaret Heleimin	Merino Vale Drive	17
Sue Ward	Norton, Bngly to Weeroona	32	Anne Gardner	Weeroona, Norton to Majors	31
Sue Gane	Majors Close	20	David Anderson	Weeroona, Majors to Denley	35
Ned Noel	13 Palarancn cl+41 Advtsrs	55	Penny Evans	Norton, Cmpbell to Bngley	25
Kathy Handel	Yalana West	19			
227 CO-ORDINATED BY KERRIE FISHER:					
Colleen Foster	Joe Rocks to Norton	20	Ph 6238 3489		
Deb Gordon	Yalana East	41	Rob Gorham	South End - Clare Valley	38
Cassie Fisher	Clare Lane	11	Axelby Family	North End - Clare Valley	42
Lyle Monetesin	Forrest Road area	60	Bungendore Shop	Bungendore	10
196 CO-ORDINATED BY JOHN VAN DER STRAATEN:					
Sheryl Barnes	Denley/Kestral to End	20	Brian Higgison	Deley/Birchmans - Kestra	112
Don Malcomson	Macs R -- Denley to Gum Flat	7	Rhett Cox	Macs Reef /Nwngtn to Bankers	12
Ann Platts	Denley MacReef to Birchman's	26	Morag&Guy Cotsell	MReef /Newington/Harriot (A)	30
Nora Stewart	Rovere Lane	7	Sandra Favre	MReef /Newington/Harriot (B)	20
Joan Milner	Birriwa & MacsR to Harriot	30	Ian & Esther Rudd	Mreef/Bankers to Fed Hwy	26
Beth Hope	Gum Flat Lane	6			
216 CO-ORDINATED BY LAURA SNOWDON Ph 6236 9609					
Trevor Kirk	Macs R - Denley to Bung Rd	21	Snowdon Family	Hogan Drive	28
Kevin Anderson	BungRd - McRf to Smmhl	33	Diana+Keith Gascoine	Snow Gum Road	23
Kerrie Gougeon	BungRd - FedHy to Smmh l	25	Thelma Martin	Shinglehouse & Millyn	20
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## **\*\* Wamboin Whisper Online (eWhisper) \*\***

by Steve Richards

At the same time the WCA was organising to make The Whisper available on a yahoo newsgroup, others were having similar thoughts about a Wamboin community-based website; something which might also provide issues of The Whisper in electronic form.

Many times at my computer at home, or at work, I wanted to look up a business contact number, or recall the details of an interesting article from The Whisper, and the absence of a handy hard-copy or an electronic copy, was of increasing annoyance... So much so that I set about rectifying the situation by drafting a demo website that could be accessed by anyone, anywhere connected to the Internet. A sample site to test the waters.

As the web pages developed it was clear that the site could become much more than an electronic mailbox -- it could be a dynamic, interactive site, that dove-tails neatly with community needs. Something that both complements and enhances the efforts of The Whisper itself.

What the site may or may not become is yet to be determined, but what is now available is an endorsed website for the delivery of current & historical issues of The Whisper in PDF format. Access to the site is unrestricted and requires no registration. Electronic copies of The Whisper should be available online a few days before the paper version is delivered to your door. Around 5 years of back issues will hopefully be available for download shortly.

Like most websites, this new website is "A work in progress", experimental, however the site is functional and available to use. Download help is available online. The URL of the new website is (<http://thewhisper.freehosting.net>). Thanks go to Ned Noel, Pete Harrison and the Wamboin Community Association for participating and endorsing the new website.



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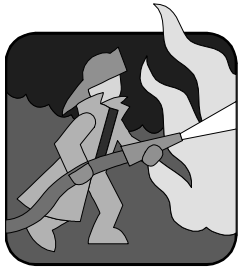
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### From the Captain's Desk



At the risk of sounding like a repeating CD (I am not sure that the expression "sounding like a broken record" is relevant any more); last month was a quiet one for your brigade. The weather has been having a great influence on this in more ways than the obvious. Not only is it keeping the risks of bushfires to a minimum, but I can only guess that with the mild conditions in the mountains the number of cars with those flattish sticks, boards and poles strapped to the roof is less than this time last year. The bottom line is very few callouts. However, that hasn't stopped the pagers from going off in response to reports of fires that residents have lit but failed to notify their neighbours or their local fire brigade. While I can only thank those many people who have either called me or Andrew Dunn, our Senior Deputy Captain, the Fire Control Centre in Queanbeyan, and notified their neighbours about burn-offs and bonfires, there are a few people who have not yet got the message. Just this week we were called to help with a reported bushfire in an adjoining brigade's area.



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Our loyal reader may be asking if it was possible to have a bushfire this time of the year but with the right time of day and a decent wind there is enough ground fuel to create a few headaches. As it turned out we were stood down after a short while because the bushfire turned out to be a windrow being burned off. This didn't stop the alarm being raised, a response initiated and volunteers called out. Prior notification could have prevented the response but as you can imagine we could not take the chance and the report had to be investigated.

While on the subject of incidents, I should add a few words about the picture of the damaged car that appeared in last month's edition. I can confirm that there was a collision between the sedan pictured and a utility; not a steam roller! I suspect the article succumbed to a little known computer affliction that pops up now and again when we send messages through the Internet ether, Intermittent Format Dysfunction.

With the arrival of winter, we need to remind everyone about the dangers of house fires and urge you to take precautions. Superintendent Nick Turner, Manager of Lake George Rural Fire Zone said recently that "Last winter across NSW, ten people lost their lives and 188 people were injured in home fires. Lake George volunteer brigades attended 16 house fires from May to September last year." Many winter house fires can be prevented by taking a few simple precautions:

- ✓ Never leave heaters or fireplaces unattended.
- ✓ Ensure things like curtains and blankets are kept well clear of sources of heat or fire.
- ✓ If you are drying clothes indoors, do it safely by cleaning your dryer's lint filter and never placing clothes close to a heater.
- ✓ Always keep watch on pots and pans because it only takes a few moments for a fire to start and spread.
- ✓ Ensure your smoke alarm is working properly.
- ✓ Prepare and practice your evacuation plan.

The brigade held its Annual General Meeting last month. I would like to thank all the visitors we had at the meeting and Superintendent Nick Turner for acting as the Returning Officer and his words of encouragement and thanks to the brigade members. The results of the elections mean that we won't have to arrange for a new photograph of the Captain for the Whisper article just yet! Except for Nev Schroder, all the field officers from last year were re-elected. They are Andrew Dunn, Senior Deputy Captain; Richard Hobbs, Geoff Foster, Darrell Tipton and Dave Cochrane, Deputy Captains. Wendy Downs was again elected as our Support Crew Coordinator.

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Nev Schroder has been one of the brigade's longest serving Deputy Captains. The brigade is much the better for his hard work and commitment in that role since 1999. Our members have benefited from his guidance and leadership over that time. While he isn't leaving the brigade I think he believes that the shoulder stripe he has proudly worn for almost 10 years needs to move on.

The brigade President, Peter Greenwood; Treasurer, Larry King and Secretary, Ian Coillet all chose to stand again, and much to the appreciation of brigade members, were re-elected. The brigade also approved an expansion of the number of executive positions to better reflect the changing and expanding role rural fire brigades now have in our communities. These changes involve improving the partnerships between rural fire brigades and the communities they serve, and improving the administration and operation of an enterprise that can be likened to running a not for profit business with a significant responsibility in ensuring the people are well trained. Lemmi Briedis was elected to the position of Community Education Officer. Col Prest was elected as the brigade's Equipment Officer and Richard Hobbs was elected as Training Officer.

I would again like to thank the field officers, the brigade executive, and especially the members of our brigade for all their hard work and dedication over the past year. We have a brigade our community can be proud of.

During the AGM the brigade was able to show its appreciation to the Wonderful Women of Wamboin for the invaluable support they have provided to our members during the past year. I also had the pleasure of presenting the Captain's Award to Ian Coillet to acknowledge the fantastic work he has been doing as the brigade's secretary. The pictures show Lemmi Briedis accepting the brigade's appreciation certificate on behalf of the Wonderful Women of Wamboin and Ian Coillet accepting the Captain's Award for 2008.



Our training program continues throughout the year and the picture below shows Mark Watson running a recent enlightening workshop for brigade members on the practicalities and pitfalls in using GPS navigation systems.

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## Wamboin Muse

Jill Gregory

The joys of winter are many. Bright green mosses that look for all the world like the rich fabric folds of an old master's painting, winter irises, delicate and blue mauve, hiding in a tangle of strappy leaves, forgotten bulbs poking through the cold damp earth amongst the violets and the first creamy jonquils. The flowering quince, my instant ikebana arrangement, has produced pink rosettes on its stark and twisted stems, and the wrens are very busy, darting and twittering as the boys show off their new blue caps and collars. When walking along the road I've seen flashes of yellow as tiny pardelotes dart through the bushes as if trying to find their lost tails, and below on the shaley banks, masses of hardenbergia growing with a vigour I've never seen in my garden. I love winter days...sparkling frosts and soft, grey, silent fogs that swallow up the world until the sun triumphs. But I especially love winter nights.

There is little that beats the pleasure of settling, after a good dinner, into my favourite fireside chair with a crossword on my lap. The only downside is the ancient TV that shares my cosy space with my channel surfer spouse at the controls. Stuck for a clue, and glancing up I'm suddenly confronted by an intense, dark eyed young chap, a belt of explosives strapped around his middle. Next minute there's a spaghetti of hairy, beefy legs and someone's blowing a whistle, and before I know it the screen is captured by a beautiful young blonde, designer stethoscope around her perfect neck, disposing of the opposition with a few swift karate moves. I can't keep the thread; I'm forever losing the plot. And then there are the images that simply overwhelm and I wonder if we've all lost the plot. Tragic pictures of people, their lives shattered by earthquakes and floods, pathetic wide eyed children with swollen bellies, weeping women swathed in black with sad eyed men and children against a back drop of smoke and rubble. And these images are not always from far off places. Some of them are in our own back yard.

With the days closing in early and the sun reluctant to get up in the morning, winter can be a gloomy time for some. I am, however, one of the lucky ones, able to get outside, to walk with numb fingers and an icy nose, and to see and breathe in and listen to the richness of the world around us. And when it all seems "too much" and our prospects bleak, a walk through the bush can be a wonderful tonic. We don't have to wait until spring!

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## Wamboin Golf Club

by **Lofty Mason**

18 golfers competed in the June competition however because of the threatening weather, 11 opted to play in the 9 Hole event. Lambert Wines sponsored the day and served up the post match nibblies. There is no award for guessing the labels on the bottles of wine that Steve handed out as prizes.

Not wanting to embarrass the father and son team of Robert and Vincent Gorham the Ball Winners of the long drive and nearest the pin will be omitted. First of the competition prizes was an encouragement award to Junior golfer Matilda Whitney who posted a 57/31. Steve Lambert with a 41/25 was the best of the 9 hole group however being the sponsor (and possibly in a bid to escape the handicapper?) he relinquished his position leaving Peter Greenwood 37/28 who claims to 'never win anything' as the front-runner.

Unable to split Larry King 44/30 and Lofty Mason 41/30, the second prize was divided. (I would point out that Larry, because he could only afford half of the nomination fee, was very fortunate not to be disqualified). The winner of B Grade was Vincent Gorham with a handicapper's red light 82/55. Robert Gorham 85/65 took out second place in A Grade with Tim Barter 81/60 the clear A Grade winner. Keith France & Associates will sponsor the July competition. What else but the GST Handicap?

### Rainfall and Temperatures in Wamboin -- 33 year statistics from the Robertsons

June rainfall to 29/6 -- 32mm	Wettest July -- 142.00mm (1993)
2007 to 30/6 -- 122mm	Driest July -- 4.50mm (1982)
2008 rainfall to 29/6 -- 247.25mm	Wettest July day -- 50.50mm (11/7/91)
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## Bywong the Great Toad

By Oscar Lange - Bywong and Wamboin Short Story Competition winner – Year 5

A long time ago, in the Dreamtime, there was a giant toad called Bywong. He thought very well of himself and thought he was beautiful because his fat and swelling body was encrusted with gold.

A lot of the time he liked to tease the other animals. He liked to tease them to remind them how he was better looking and how they were just ordinary.

One day, all the animals decided to do something about the vain toad. They went to see Wamboin, the almighty kangaroo. He promised to rid them of Bywong.

So Wamboin fought Bywong for days on end, finally managing to pick Bywong up and throw him in the air. When Bywong hit the ground, he didn't stop. He kept tunnelling down deeper and deeper into the ground, all from the force of Wamboin's throw.

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## The Whisper On-Line (Update)

by Pete Harrison

In our endless quest for community service enhancement, and following requests from community members who, for various reasons, are unable to easily access Yahoo services, there are now two more ways to get your Whisper hit on-line!

One of our number, Steve Richards (see article elsewhere in this issue) has been working on a pilot Web site for the Wamboin Community and, as a part of this effort, will make past copies of the Whisper available therein.

The Bywong Community Association also maintains a Web site that contains information relating to activities within the Bywong and Wamboin communities. The Bywong Community Association has now kindly agreed to provide electronic access to the current copy of the Whisper. Just navigate to the site ([www.bywongcommunity.org.au](http://www.bywongcommunity.org.au)) and click on "Wamboin Whisper".

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## Lake George Day VIEW Club

by Lydia Teodorowych

The Lake George Day VIEW Club was fortunate to have one of its members, Anne-Maria, pamper members and guests at the last club meeting. Attendees were treated to hand and face massages using natural ingredients and thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

The treat was made all the more special by a small gift for each attending member from AB&M Bombonierri of Bungendore.

We are currently accepting donations of wool and knitters to knit items for sale to provide money to the Smith Family for underprivileged children. Alternately if you are handy with the sewing machine there are Calico Library Bags that are in need of sprucing up and delivering to our Zone Councillor. If you can help with either of these projects please phone President Pauline.

We are proud to announce that one of our members and club secretary Lorraine Goldsmith celebrated 40 years as a member of VIEW. Congratulations

Lorraine! May you have many more years of friendship and enjoyment in VIEW!

Lake George Day VIEW Club will hold its next meeting on Tuesday July 15, 2008 at Goolabri Country Resort, Goolabri Drive Sutton. Arrive at 11.30am for a 12 noon

start. Lunch will cost \$21. Join us for our meeting, lunch and speaker. Bring along a friend and get a free raffle ticket. This month our speaker is Rebecca, who is the Executive Officer for RDA with Para Olympian Rob Oakley to book your lunch phone Lorraine on 6238 1953 by Friday July 11. For more information on the VIEW Club ring President Pauline on 6238 1996.

visit our blog:<http://lgdviewclub.blogspot.com>

## WAMBOIN PRODUCE MARKETS

Due to several complaints, and in compliance with Health Regulations,  
**NO ANIMALS** will be allowed in the Hall at any time.

The markets are now in recess for the next two months and will resume on **Saturday, September 20<sup>th</sup> at 9am**. To all the local and surrounding residents who come along each month and support this market, also to the stallholders who make it all happen, a big **THANK-YOU**, you all help make our little Wamboin market the very successful, happy, social occasion that we look forward to each month. For details: Joan Mason on 6238 3258 or [L3JMason@bigpond.net.au](mailto:L3JMason@bigpond.net.au)



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## WHISPERERINGS

(by Alan Rope)

**Observations .** My aren't we a talkative lot. I have been amazed at the volume of e-mails sent with your comments and suggestions for this column. Zero, zilch, nought, nowt, aught, none, nil, nix.....nothing at all. This maybe explains why the Bungendore Mirror, when recently reporting on the coming council elections, stated "So far there is no sign of candidates from Wamboin and Bywong". This quote was in an article headed "We'll get the council that we deserve". How true.

Apparently neither Wamboin nor Bywong warrant a "snapshots" section on the Palerang website at this stage. Do you want your area to be included? Is it in the pipeline? Do you just sit back and assume the WCA will do it? I had a teacher who would write on the blackboard -----"never assume...it makes an ass out of you and me". Action speaks louder than words (Mark Twain)... so who will act?

To make this column "local" I need to have input from "locals" as well as what I observe myself. I don't want gossip, I need information and leads so that we can use this publication to spread the humour/trivia/word in the "local" area for our entertainment and benefit. So find the time to send an e-mail to [wamboinwhisperings@gmail.com.au](mailto:wamboinwhisperings@gmail.com.au) with your comments. If none are received this month I will assume no one reads the column (or maybe no one reads anything). Let other contributors know, through this column, that you read and appreciate their efforts each month, to keep us all informed and entertained.

To give you some reason to respond, send the answer to this to [wamboinwhisperings@gmail.com](mailto:wamboinwhisperings@gmail.com)

This is an unusual paragraph. I'm curious to know just how quickly you can find out what is so unusual about it. It looks so ordinary and plain that you would think nothing is wrong with it. In fact, nothing is wrong with it! It is highly unusual though. Study it and think about it, but you still may not find anything odd. But if you work at it a bit, you might find out. Try to do so without any coaching.

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## Whisper Music Link

by Angela Hunter and Jake Annetts

It's been a while since we've had a Whisper Music Link segment. Partly because we ran out of local artists to feature (we know there are more of you out there) and partly because we've been distracted with other more pressing things like moving house. So without further ado here are the final Musos Of The Month.

**The Bond Traps:** With musical inspirations drawn mainly from the Australian bush and their farm life near Braidwood, NSW the "Bond Traps" perform an eclectic mix of original songs including bush ballads, Australian folk, and American blue country. The combination of the Bond twins Isabelle and Ellena (11) on vocals, accordion and percussion, accompanied by Luke Bond on acoustic guitar, Tim Snowdon on double bass and Ben Phillips on fiddle, provides the audience with an inspirational display of talent, energy and sheer musical pleasure. 2007 saw Isabelle and Ellena chosen as joint winners of the Majors Creek Junior Talent Quest. They went on to perform at the Folk Alliance Australia Youth Concert at the National Folk Festival in 2008.

After concentrating the first six months of 2008 on recording, the band has finally released its debut album "Out there". The CD captures the energy and musical creativity of this uniquely Australian group and is a great compilation of original songs largely written by the bands two youngest members, Isabelle and Ellena.

The Bond Traps launch their debut album "Out there" next month. 7pm Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> July, Bungendore bowling Club (TuralloTee). Tickets at the door. Adults \$10, kids 16 and under free. Special guests are Canberra's rockabilly kings - "The Fuelers". For info contact Luke Bond on 0409440619.

### Wamboin 15 years ago: from the Whisper of July 1993, Circulation 325

From the President's report to the Wamboin Community Association's Annual General Meeting: ..... "The last year has seen the completion of extension work to the kitchen, the acquisition of chairs and tables, restoration work to the hall, and the grading of the entry road to the community facilities. - Malcolm Harrington, President

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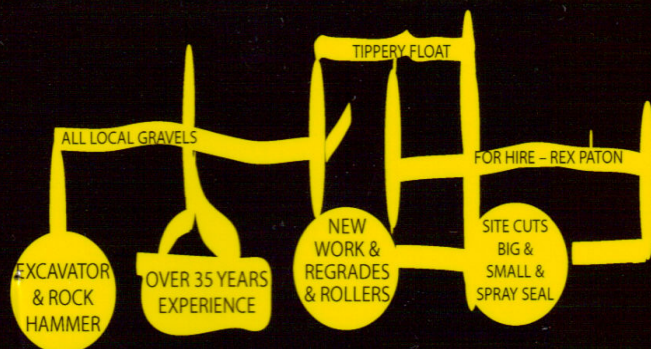
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## Wamboin 15 Years Ago

by Robyn Robertson and Ned Noel

There was no Whisper in May 1993. In June 93 Ned Noel picked up the editing task. Max Klempke, as he had for many years before and would for many years after, using the BRUCE CIT's donation of photocopying facilities, took the time to make copies, then at 300. A number of residents continued writing notices and features. Local businesses paid for ads so as to provide some funds to the community association. Other people continued volunteering time and vehicle running costs to put Whispers in mailboxes.

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## Farewell to Wamboin

It is with much regret and sadness that we say goodbye to Wamboin after 3 and a half very happy years here.

We came to Wamboin originally with the intention of escaping suburban life and in turn, escaping from people. We were not to know that the one thing that would make our time here so happy would be the very thing we were trying to avoid - people. In our relatively short time here we have met some wonderful people and formed some deep and long-lasting friendships. Wamboin has such a great community spirit and we feel privileged to have been a part of it.

We've learned a lot of valuable lessons about life in the country (who knew sheep could be such good escape artists) and have experienced what it truly means to live in a rural community. If you have never gotten out and about to meet the locals then we can highly recommend it. Wamboin is a place rich with interesting, talented and diverse people and it hides many a surprise. Spend a day at the local tip and you'll soon come across most of them.

So it's off to Braidwood for us, and a new chapter in our lives. Thank you Wamboin for making our time here so special and giving us wonderful memories that we will treasure forever.

With Love, -- Angela Hunter and Jake Annetts



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### **Baroque Music Concert**

Bush Baroque will be holding another of their concerts of baroque music in support of Hartley LifeCare over the weekend of July 5 and 6, 2008. 'Potpourri' will feature as guest artists the exciting young countertenor, David Yardley (known to local audiences from his performances with Pocket Score) singing cantatas by Bach, Bononcini and Handel as well as the intimate acapella female group Polifemy. The program will also include motets by Palestrina, as well as music for recorders, viols, organ and harpsichord by Frescobaldi, Schulze, and Hardt. Sponsorship for the event has been kindly provided by Lambert Vineyards. The concert starts at 2.00 on Saturday and 12.00 noon on Sunday. Lambert's wines will be served after both concerts. Entry is by donation to Hartley LifeCare of \$15 or \$12 (conc.). Phone Richard Milner of Bywong on 0262359212 or email [richardandjoan@aanet.com.au](mailto:richardandjoan@aanet.com.au) for details and to make a booking.

## **The Day After the Day After Tomorrow**

**By Adrian Schmidt - Bywong and Wamboin Short Story Competition winner – Year 6**

I opened it to see if anything was in there. Nothing again! I hate days when there's no mail. I just hate them. It's so annoying.

One day I looked in and saw a package. It was brown and was the size of my hand. I started walking up the driveway. I didn't like our new house. It was old and in the country. It was in Bywong. I had a bad feeling when we moved here.

Opening the package I found a watch. It was old. I couldn't understand who it was from. It looked like gibberish but I could just read it. It said, "*Time* watch." I thought it was a joke.

It said "Wind to date" so I wound it to an hour before. I pushed the button and everything started to move and I was carrying a parcel up my driveway. I realised it was a time machine. I opened it up on the driveway and wound it 100,000 years into the future. When it stopped moving there were aliens everywhere.

Right in front of me was Bywong Bank. I went in and asked how much the coins in my pocket were worth. The alien banker got excited and jumped up and down then gave me a big bag of marbles. Outside the bank I saw a space ship with a for sale sign on it. The strange-looking owner said I could have it for 10 blue and three red marbles. I had more than enough so paid and got it. I set the watch for 1946.

As the ship slowed I looked down and saw someone who looked familiar. Oh no! My Grandma! I tried to make the ship stop but it wouldn't. It rammed into the ground and I heard a scream. Then I faded away.

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