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### Wamboin 15 Years Ago - From the WCA Report by the President, Peter Flynn

Prepared by Robyn Robertson

“Those who received the Yarrawlumla Council newsletter may have noticed that we, in the Yarrawlumla Shire, no longer have a Shire President, we now have a Mayor. Congratulations to Peter Greenwood on being the first Mayor of Yarrawlumla. It’s to be hoped that this will not result in a rise in rates to pay for the Mayoral robes of office.”



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**Palerang Council Election** – The Local Council elections will be held on **13 September 2008**. The WCA will be hosting a **'Meet the Candidates' information session** at the Wamboin Community Hall on **19<sup>th</sup> August at 8:0pm**. The next Council will have a vital role in shaping the future of our region. It is imperative that we elect a balanced Council with adequate representation from all sectors of the shire and avoid the problems of the current Council. At this stage, it looks like there will be a couple of local tickets standing. It is important for all residents to come and hear what the candidates plan to do if they are elected and to let them know what our expectations of them are. So come along to the information session, so that you can cast an informed vote and make a positive difference to our future.

**WCA Meeting** – The next WCA meeting will on **19<sup>th</sup> August at 7:30pm** at the Community Hall. The meeting will be followed by the 'Meet the Candidates' information session.

**Curry Night** – Note that Wamboin's annual Curry Night will be on **23<sup>rd</sup> August**, not 16<sup>th</sup> as I mistakenly announced in last month's Whisper.

**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.

**Bonfire Night** – Preparations have begun for Wamboin's annual fireworks and bonfire which will held on **27<sup>th</sup> September**. Donations of suitable material to the bonfire pile on the oval are now being gratefully accepted. As this is a major fundraiser for many local community groups, we hope you will come and support it, and enjoy the great display that Black Widow Fireworks always puts on.

**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 September's Whisper, please contact John van der Straaten (ph: 6238 3590).

-- Helen Montesin ([montesin@tpg.com.au](mailto:montesin@tpg.com.au))

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## BYWONG COMMUNITY NEWS

Collated by Guy Cotsell

**Trivia again.** Strong but friendly competition marked the eighth annual competition the Bywong Trivia Challenge shield. Players commented on the atmosphere of friendship and fun which has become a feature of the event.

A number of local teams competed against visitors from other parts of Palarang. Bungendore team XX, which has won several challenges over the years, and a formidable team from Carwoola have been notably stalwart supporters of the event over a number of years.



Last month's event was remarkable for the closeness of the scores. All teams scored well, and in the final countdown previous winners XX were beaten by only half a point. The proud winners were a local scratch team competing as the Bywong Miners.

Warwick Cathro and Diana Dack again conducted the evening, and continue to devote their considerable skills to the event in spite of having moved from the area. The Community is in their debt. The Community also thanks its sponsors and donors - Lambert Winery for their handsome wine prize for the winners, Wagonga Coffee for their upmarket product, D'lish Cafe for sweet-tooth prizes for individual events, the Garlick family for their PA system, committee members and friends who provided a cockle-warming selection of supper soups and Wamboin Hall for lending extra chairs.

Photo: The Bywong Miners team, proud winners of the 2008 Bywong

Trivia Challenge, hold the shield and wear their Olympic-style medals (made, we believe, of foil-coated chocolate).

**Watch this space.** The Committee is planning to present proposals for the future of the Community to members at the AGM, presently planned for September. Watch for the date and don't miss the chance to express your views.

**Council elections.** Bywong shares with Wamboin a desire to see their significant populations well represented on Council. We are hoping our new Council will have a Shire-wide view, an open and inter-active style, and a care for our environment. We look forward to seeing local names among the nominations, which close on 13 August.

**Have you seen ...?** We hear that not everyone is aware of the battery of recycling bins now handily available to both Bywong and Wamboin. They are on the corner of Denley Drive and Woolshed Lane, between Macs Reef Road and Weeroona Drive.



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During the day I work in my garden (love my vegetable garden!), work at developing a series of major garden sculptures which are accurate sun dials, and generally poke around in the work shop. A bit of welding, small irrigation jobs, handy-man tasks and welding on the side fill in the day.

I'm Club Armourer/Dealer for the Braidwood Pistol and Rifle Clubs and help local citizens as the local Licencing Examiner for gun licences and assist people with firearms problems which takes quite a deal of time each week.

Hobbies: yes I do have them. Astronomy is a pet favourite and I hope to get my 115mm reflector out shortly and start star gazing properly after doing an on-line Certificate and Diploma in basic astronomy. Also the mathematical programming that goes with it is a something I like dabbling in. Vegetables I have mentioned.

I'm also a bit of a Science Fiction addict and have a good selection of movies and books. Aviation is another major interest having partially built a 4 seat aircraft some many years ago and worked on the restoration of military aircraft with a volunteer group at the Australian War Museum.

What keeps us busiest of all are the 4 children and 10 grand children of our marriages; they really do keep you on the run!!

That's a quick snap shot of me. Now, why am I standing? I am because I have the time to devote to the job. As a Councillor it takes at least 2 full days per week to do the job properly. Also I have the experience in Council affairs and government administration. Finally I'd like to have a go!

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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 PalerancN cl+41 Advtsrs	55	Penny Evans	Norton, Cmpbell to Bngley	25
Kathy Handel	Yalana West	19			
227 CO-ORDINATED BY KERRIE FISHER: Ph 6238 3489					
Colleen Foster	Joe Rocks to Norton	20			
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 Monetessin	Forrest Road area	60	Bungendore Shop	Bungendore	10
196 CO-ORDINATED BY JOHN VAN DER STRAATEN: Ph 6238 3590					
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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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by Lofty Mason

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Ball Winners were Jack Whitney 2, Tony Fisher 2 Lofty Mason 2, Paul Griffin and John Whitney. Teams of 2 competed in 'The GST Handicap' with a series of rules that prove accountants think somewhat different to others. Once all the sums (including the plus 10%) were completed, Joan and Lofty Mason came out winners of the 9 hole event with 26.95 placing the team of Robert Gorham and Larry King second with 30.675. For the 18 hole event the team of Dave Hubbard and Paul Griffin; 63.17 came second to the John, Matilda and Jack Whitney team who took out the main prize with 60.2. Yes, I know that was a team of 3 but once again accountant Keith was able to sort the numbers out. We look forward to the August competition that will be sponsored by the Wamboin tradesmen group.

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The Whisper is a community newspaper for Wamboin and Bywong. If you live in the area and have something to say about living here that is informative, thoughtful or entertaining, think about writing it up for the next issue. For more information contact the editor on 6238-3484 or email nednoel@optusnet.com.au. And thanks if you have already done so.

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## Guess Who's Home in Bywong?

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Candidate and group registrations have probably closed by the time you read this. I just hope that Wamboin decided to nominate some candidates. We really do need to stop the tail wagging the dog as it's been doing mostly during the first Palerang Council term.

Remember what "Heckle and Jeckle" did to us in 2005? Heckle is still singing the same song, as you can read from Palerang Council's minutes of our 10 July meeting this year in Braidwood:

*"14. Cr Reynolds said that at the last meeting he quoted figures regarding the rates and said that he would like to quote accurate ones. The eastern side of the Shire has a 25% of the population, has 34.8% of the valuation and pays 40.1% of the rates."*

There are ominous tones there of **back to the future**. While not wanting to linger over old ground it's important to ensure that the majority of the population in Palerang has majority representation.

And Wamboin/Bywong still has more residents than Bungendore and Braidwood combined. So it deserves good representation.

I'm up for election again, partly as when I last counted, we were pretty short of nominations over here.

I'm mainly standing again because four councillors are stepping down and there's no guarantee any of the rest of us will be re-elected. So the new Council might be a bit short on local Government experience and corporate memory.

I also have a lot to contribute, have some good ideas and have made many important contacts who can help our community move forward.

Cr Terry Bransdon

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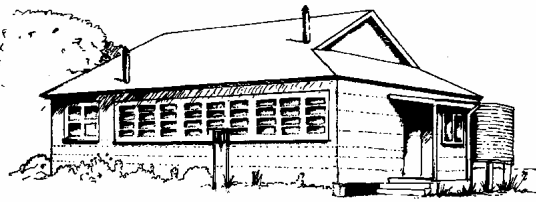
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### **News from Sutton Public School by the Principal**

**Staff Training and Development .** A big thank you to all our Staff who spent the last Saturday and Sunday of Term 2 at work – developing strategies and goals for a 3 year strategic plan for our school. The teachers worked with tremendous commitment and cohesion, to further improve what happens around our core business, quality teaching and learning in classrooms. Over and above the relentless focus on improving outcomes for all children within individual classes, teachers demonstrated great enthusiasm and preparedness to lead the development of long term planning and enriching learning within our school. All of this is helping to develop better learning opportunities for your child. We are fortunate that our teachers and all staff are interested in giving the best possible education to your child, and gave their weekend, to ensure continuous improvement in our teaching and learning programs.

**More Great Achievements.** Congratulations to Anna Vennonen, Nathan Kennedy, David Robinson and Jack de Puit on having their artwork reach the finals in the Sydney Operation Art Competition. Their works will be professionally framed and judged during the school holidays. We are unable to share their works with you as they have been donated to the Sydney Children’s Hospital for display when the competition has finished.

**Congratulations to** Jemima Campey who received a Distinction in the 2008 University of New South Wales Science International Competition. Jemima is in Year 4 and this is an outstanding achievement. Adrian Schmit, Tom de Puit and Jack de Puit recently travelled to Wollongong for the South Coast and Illawarra Band Camp and were outstanding representatives for our school, amazing teachers and students with their advanced repertoire of songs. They performed some of these pieces at our recent school information evening.

Write in your calendar **SUTTON SCHOOL COMMUNITY TRIVIA QUIZ.** Saturday 23 August, 2008 in the school hall starting at 7 for 7.30pm. Book a table or a chair early for a night of good humour, good fun, and lots of trivial questions!!

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## Wamboin Pony Club News

by **Marian Whalan, President**

First things first – have you secured your tickets for our 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Bush Dance? Details are as follows: Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> August, commencing 7.30pm at the community hall in Bingley Way. BYO drinks, light supper provided, including tea & coffee. The fabulous RANG TANG BLOCK Bush Band will be providing the entertainment. Tickets are priced at \$20 for a family, \$10 for singles & couples. CALL Robyn on 6238 3472 or Leanne on 6238 3435 – pre-purchase of tickets is highly recommended.

We are very grateful to our generous sponsors: Lamberts, Shepherds Run and the Feed Shed who have all donated prizes for the lucky ticket draw. All members of the community are welcome to come along and help us celebrate 25 years of pony club activities in the Wamboin area.

On the activity front, things have been busy as usual. As this edition of the Whisper closes, 15 riders from the club will be competing in 3 teams at the Zone 16 Mounted Games Championships in Bungendore. The Wamboin Warriors are the current State Junior Champions and current holders of the Zone 16 Glenlee Perpetual Trophy. They get some pretty keen practice competition from the Wamboin W.H.I.P.S (wonderful horses, important persons) and the Wamboin Wicked Witches (our youngest team). The teams are made up of the following combinations:

Wamboin Warriors	Wamboin W.H.I.P.S	Wamboin Wicked Witches
Hannah Brugman & Breeze*	Brodie Worden & Galaxy	Vicki Steele & Shania
Penny Slater & Ashes	Laura Worden & Annie	Victoria Evans & Coco
Lauren Slater & Cody	Amy Evans & Zac	Sammy Quick & Cisco
Nicole Smith & Jack	Mara Sutcliffe & Penny	Katelyn Brown & Mackenzie
Ellen Smith & Polly	Elena Sutcliffe & Toro	Andrea Thompson & Pog

*\*Riding for Katie Slater, who is in Perth competing in the International Mounted Games Championships as part of the Australian team. Hannah was an original member of the Warriors in 2006/2007.*

We wish all our riders the best of luck and loads of fun!

Quite a few of our younger riders competed during July at the Canberra Lakes One Day Event, held at Equestrian Park. In E Grade (split over two divisions due to entries) Jess Baldwin came in 3<sup>rd</sup> (and especially thrilled to get her pony through the water jump!) and Craig Simpkin 5<sup>th</sup> in one division and Amy Evans placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the other division. All three of these riders were upgraded to D grade as a result of their achievements on the day. In C Grade, Lauren Slater placed 2<sup>nd</sup> overall.

Quite a few of our members, including some “veterans” (anyone 25 years of age or older folks!), took the short trip to Gunning mid July to compete in a mounted games competition. Penny Slater won the under 15 years age individual competition. In the teams competition, Maureen Purdie’s team of veterans took out the novice division, with the Durr family team hot on their heels in 2<sup>nd</sup> place. In the open team competition, Rebecca Purdie’s team (in what is the toughest division) rode well to finish 5<sup>th</sup>.

Perhaps we will see you at the Bush Dance. GO WAMBOIN!

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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.  
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LEAST 24 HOURS BEFORE YOU LIGHT THE FIRE.  
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## From the Captain's Desk



Over the past few weekends some brigade members have finished work on installing a powered hose reel on one of our Category 1 tankers and hose winders on each of the four tankers. The brigade is grateful to be able to fit the electric hose reel. It has been purchased through the generous support of the Eagle Hawk Hotel Social Club, the Bywong Community Association and our local Landcare group. This new hose reel saves a lot of physical effort in winding in one of the long hoses on this truck. During a bushfire it is remarkable how often this needs to be done. Our members will really value this addition. Although a manual device, the other hose winders we have fitted to the trucks will help us roll up all sizes of collapsible hoses faster and with less effort. These too will be of great help to our firefighters. We have just taken delivery of some new safety devices we can use at night to help motorists see our firefighters or help warn motorists of

any traffic restrictions. These new devices are called e-flares and look like a torch which emit very bright flashing blue and red lights. They can be worn by the volunteers or clipped to witches hats laid out on a road or even fitted to special stands. These too have been purchased using some of the generous donations from our community. The new e-flares were very helpful one recent late Saturday night and into Sunday morning at the accident reported below.

It seems some tourists to our country received a very personal introduction to our hopping wildlife late on a cold Sunday evening quite recently. Their journey along Macs Reef Road was interrupted suddenly when a kangaroo landed on the bonnet of their vehicle. As can be seen in the photograph taken by Peter Greenwood, the vehicle eventually stopped in a ditch beside the road and the occupants were lucky not to have sustained any serious injuries. The car was extensively damaged. The fate of the kangaroo is unknown. Crews in the brigade's two Category 1 tankers remained alert to the threat posed by leaking petrol until the tow truck arrived. Although at that hour of the night and morning other traffic was very light, the road was blocked off for a short while. The new safety e-flare beacons worked well and helped highlight the firefighters and the area immediately near our fire trucks.

Over recent weekends several members of our brigade have spent their time improving their fire fighting skills. Keith Wrench took part in the rural fire driving course learning to drive fire tankers off-road in places which many people may think were impassable to vehicular traffic, let alone 13 tonne trucks! Lemmi Briedis, Eirk Hughes, Jake Blight and John Gray took part in a practical session held at the hot-fire training facility in Mogo as part of their course in village fire fighting.

In September this year we will be organising some public meetings to help residents in our community understand the nature of bushfires and what they can do to prepare themselves and their properties. Knowing what to expect and what can be done beforehand goes a long way to helping us all make better decisions during emergencies. While we do not have the resources to hold these meetings in all parts of our brigade area before the start of the next fire season, residents will be notified by a letterbox drop a couple of weeks before the meetings are held near where they live.

An important issue for all of us is understanding how fires can start at home. Many authorities consider the kitchen as the most dangerous room in the house. I am not referring to the possibilities of repercussions if you comment on the cooking prowess of your significant other, but rather what the cooking could create in terms of fires. Most cooking related fires occur between 5pm and 7pm. There is also the problem of faulty electrical wiring or overloading the existing circuits. Portable heaters and other appliances, especially in winter can be easily left on resulting in problems when we least expect them. The perennial problem of children playing with matches or other ignition sources can lead to serious injuries and damage to your property. That carelessly discarded cigarette or a candle left unattended can also be causes for concern.



Properly installed smoke detectors with functioning batteries are important in giving you early warning of impending problems in your home, especially at night. It is a sobering thought that when we are asleep we can go into a deeper sleep if smoke is in a room. Waking up time to do anything about a fire is much harder. If you just use your present smoke detector to let you that the toast is cooked may be using the technology creatively, but the detector may need relocating. There are several types of smoke detectors on the market. Some of the more sophisticated ones detect combustion products even before smoke is produced. Some detect both. Some have test switches. Some have receptors built in that allow a TV remote control to test them or turn them off. Some can be controlled by shining a strong torch at them. It all depends on what you and your budget needs. A lot of detailed information is available on many websites. The Rural Fire Service and the NSW Fire Brigade websites have a lot of information. Many hardware and other retail outlets have booklets and pamphlets as well as many different types of detectors.

As well as the smoke detectors, it would pay to also consider the often overlooked fire extinguishers and fire blankets. Using fire extinguishers and fire blankets is not particularly difficult and can be the difference between scorch marks on the walls and losing the kitchen or even the house. Again, there is a lot of information around on the types of fire extinguishers and fire blankets and where they should be used. Using a water-based fire extinguisher or even throwing water on cooking oil or fat fires, electrical fires, flammable liquids or gases is too dangerous to contemplate. For example, throwing water or using a water-based fire extinguisher on a cooking oil fire or a fat fire causes the water to instantly vaporise causing an explosion which can result in horrendous burns for anyone nearby.

For those of us luckily enough to have shed to work in, play in or even retreat to, installing a fire extinguisher there, and a first aid kit, could pay dividends. Installing a fire extinguisher or a knapsack sprayer on mobile machinery such as the tractor or ride-on mower, can also be a godsend in the hotter months.

Developing an evacuation plan for your property is another thing that can give you some comforting certainty and save you time when decisions have to be made under pressure. The plan should consider the members of your family including any people with restricted mobility or medical conditions, children, possible visitors, any pets, and any livestock.

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

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## WILDCARE SPRINGS INTO ACTION

by Philip Machin

Does this picture look like your backyard? Spring is just around the corner and this is a great time of the year to have a



look around your living and work areas to see what needs to be tidied away. Why? Because the more dead and dying vegetation, rubbish, long grass and woodpiles left close to the house and outhouses the more chance of encouraging snakes and lizards. Lizards are OK, but they need to be protected from uncontrolled dogs and cats. We live in a great part of the world, but it is also famous for its tiger, brown and red-bellied black snakes. These are amongst the most venomous snakes, so there is good reason to give yourself every chance to keep these reptiles at arms distance.

Being aware and not alarmed is the key. And to help you see snakes close to your home have a good old tidy-up. This will not only deter snakes from moving across open spaces, but you will see them better and be able to avoid them.

On larger properties leave as much natural bush undisturbed to keep and attract all those animals and reptiles that we know are around – like echidnas, lizards, kangaroos, possums, flying foxes, wallabies, wombats, birds and snakes

Possums and many birds like to use tree hollows, so make a point of leaving them standing. There is much we can do to live in harmony with our wildlife and in winter we can see much more clearly the structure of the landscape and see what can be done to improve things. Keeping the areas around where we live and work will help to make everyone safer and avoid surprises.

And it's really important to take charge of cats and dogs. Not only for their safety - to stop them being bitten, but to prevent them chasing and injuring other animals. Cats do most of their damage at night, so owners need to get in the habit of bringing them inside. Most of us like living in a wildlife rich environment, so it's up to us to play our part. Oh and why not start taking down barbed wire to stop birds, bats and other animals from becoming hooked.

If you come across wildlife that needs help contact *Wildcare* (NSW bordering the ACT and locally) for advice on their helpline - 6299 1966, 24 hours a day. If you are interested in joining *Wildcare* to help rescue and care for native animals in distress, give them a call or visit their Website: [www.wildcare.com.au](http://www.wildcare.com.au).



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## Wildcare's Cracked Record

by Philip Machin

(Phillip sent in this article for the last Issue but I made a mistake and didn't include it then. - Editor)

Love them or hate them we all have an opinion about kangaroos. Most residents of Wamboin and Bywong are keen to live in harmony with our wildlife, including the Eastern Grey Kangaroo. Living close to nature is often the reason people give for liking the life in this rural residential area. But there is a minority of people who have a different idea. Wildcare callouts have been relatively less than in previous years, but the telephone routinely rings for volunteers to attend road accidents to rescue or euthanise animals. And all too often it is the Good Samaritan who has rung in well after the accident driver has raced away. If you hit an animal please stop and check what damage has been done and contact Wildcare for help. If you have to drive away pass an accurate location to Wildcare so they can find the animal and check it out. There is no blame-game here, so feel safe to contact Wildcare if you hit a kangaroo.



Many people never hit a kangaroo. But some drivers haven't learnt the tricks of the trade – to drive slower at dawn, dusk and overnight; to be especially vigilant at known wildlife crossing points; to look out along the road verges, as well as ahead; to get passengers to look out too; to stop and check an animal if it is hit; and to ring Wildcare or another wildlife group to come and check an injured animal. Many female kangaroos can have a Joey onboard and they can be rescued.

Not everyone reads the Wamboin Whisper, so please pass the message onto your family and friends to help them be safer on our roads. It's OK to drive slowly – you will save fuel, as well as wildlife. Sometimes 60 km/h is too fast, but there is nothing wrong with going at a speed much less than the speed limit.

And it's OK to set an example to all those other go-faster drivers.

For those good Samaritans– keep up the good work. It is refreshing to see the number of people who want to do the right thing – to stop and check animals that may be injured. Some people even stop to shoo animals off the road and through open gates.

If you want to get involved with Wildcare or simply get help, ring 6299 1966 and visit the website [www.wildcare.com.au](http://www.wildcare.com.au). Put the number in your telephone, so you have it ready.

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## LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS - PALERANG COUNCIL

by John Van Der Straaten

Local Government elections in New South Wales are held every four years and if you are over 18 years of age and on the Electoral Roll you are required to vote at each election. The 2008 election will be held on Saturday 13 September and, although voting booths are yet to be officially notified, it can be presumed that the Wamboin Community Hall will be one location. To be eligible to vote you should check with the Electoral Office by 4 August.

You will also have noticed in the Bungendore Bulletin and the Bungendore Mirror that there has been a series of letters on the subject and statements and publicity by people offering themselves as candidates for Council for the subsequent four years. Tickets are being organised to obtain maximum support for their candidates and some people are standing alone. Some candidates were previously Councillors and have a track record, some have stood for Council before while others are new to the scene and, as unknowns, have a difficulty in such a large Council area to have their views known to electors. Consequently between the time you read this article and 13 September there will be considerable publicity in the local press and in your letter box as groups and individual people manoeuvre to obtain your vote.

The Wamboin Community Association recognises the difficulties faced by the community and will hold a 'Meet The Candidates' evening at the Wamboin Community Hall at 8pm on Tuesday 19 August.

Since the NSW Government amalgamated a number of Shires and created the precursor of the Palerang Council out of the former Tallaganda, Mulwaree(part), Goulburn(part), and Yarrowlumla Shires, the now Palerang Council has experienced difficulty in financing the responsibilities given to it by the NSW Government and this hasn't been helped by the adversarial composition of the Council and the behaviour of some Councillors. Unfortunately, there was a geographical, if not philosophical, imbalance between the interests of the Council majority and the larger part of the Palerang population and, only after much acrimony and representations by the rural residential communities, that a better balance of opinion was obtained. However, there were many responsibilities either evaded or not focussed on by the Councillors, eg the Local Environment Plan (LEP). It is to be hoped that the next Council will remedy some of these important legal responsibilities which will shape the future direction of Palerang's local area.

Until nominations close on Wednesday 13 August we will not know who will be standing for election but it is anticipated that there might be two or three tickets (groups) from the Wamboin/Bywong area who will be providing an opportunity for us to elect a more representative Council. Even though there has been a lot of vocal Community dissatisfaction with the current Councillors on matters other than roads, rates and rubbish, it has been very difficult to find prospective candidates who will volunteer to give of their time to be your community representatives for the next four years.

So, I would encourage you to think seriously about what you want for your community in the future and then before you vote choose a team or person(s) who are likely to succeed in achieving your objectives.

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## Lake George Day View Club – 4<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

by Lydia Teodorowych

It is with great excitement that Lake George Day VIEW Club is celebrating its Fourth Birthday and would like to invite members current, past and future, friends and supporters to our Fourth Birthday Party.

The theme for our party is the Olympics and will be held at The Carrington Inn Bungendore on Tuesday 19 August 2008, 11.30 for a 12 noon start. We will be entertained by Brian Butler. Cost \$25. Ring Lorraine by Friday 15 August on 6238 1953 to reserve your place.

Already we have a large number of reservations so come along and don't miss out on being a part of this celebration. Reacquaint yourself with old friends and make new friends while providing support to the Smith Family's Learning for Life programme. Bring along a friend and get a free raffle ticket.

So put 19-08-08 in your diary and join members for this fun packed birthday celebration.

In 1960 under the direction of George Forbes, the then General Secretary of the Smith Family, the first VIEW Club in Balgowlah in Sydney was formed. The VIEW Club was formed at a time in our history when women were not permitted to



join clubs (yes, this was only in 1960) such as Rotary, Apex, Lions or other service clubs. It was a time when women were restricted by legislation and regulation about where they could go and what they could do. George Forbes realised social isolation of women exacerbated many family concerns and would be eased when women were able to meet regularly with other women. Women value their female friends and confidants whether they are single or married, parents or grandparents, pursuing a career or working from or in the home.

There are not many women who have been in the VIEW Club for as many years as Lorraine Goldsmith. This year Lorraine is celebrating being an active member of VIEW for 40 years. Lorraine has been a member of a number of VIEW Clubs in Sydney serving on committees and previously as Zone Councillor and National Councillor. She is still an active member of two clubs, as has the role of secretary of the Lake George Day VIEW Club and member of the Bungendore Evening VIEW Club. At the Gala held in Ainslie Lorraine was honoured with a 40 year badge presented by past National President Barbara Murray and Singapore orchids.

In the photo the President of the Lake George Day VIEW Club Pauline Segeri is standing on the left, Lorraine Goldsmith in the middle and President of the Bungendore Evening VIEW Club Debbie Hudson on the right. If you would like to join your nearest VIEW club or would like to venture further afield check this link

<http://mc2.vicnet.net.au/home/viewol/web/OnlineClubs2.html> or visit our blog:<http://lgdviewclub.blogspot.com> For more information about LGDVC ring President Pauline on 6238 1996 and for a snapshot of our clubs activities.

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## Judith Miller – Time for Palarang to move into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century

Judith Miller is immediate Past President of the Bywong Community Association (BCA) and Bywong resident for 18 years. Judith has been active in the Bywong community for many years, including several years as Secretary and President of the BCA. This voluntary work involved participation in Council matters on behalf of the BCA, as well as being involved in the various social activities of the Association, including the very successful Car Boot sale. Judith has also worked closely with the Wamboin Community Association, as both groups share much in common.



As a former senior manager in the Australian Public Service, Judith has a good background in management and financial matters. Her most recent challenge has been to set up the three Electorate Offices of Mike Kelly, the Federal Member for Eden-Monaro. Now recently retired, she is keen to further serve the wider Palarang community as an elected Councillor. Judith is a member of the Bungendore Branch of the Australian Labor Party.

Judith and husband Richard live on a beautiful rural residential block, where they have planted hundreds of trees and have attempted to live in harmony with the environment. Judith is very aware that there are many challenges facing people living on rural residential blocks. Issues such as climate change, the effect of the drought, cost of petrol and other energy costs, the state of rural roads, the effect of development on neighbouring properties and general lack of services all impinge on rural dwellers and there are no easy solutions.

Judith's aim as a Councillor will be to attempt to get the balance right between the various parts of the Shire, both demographically and geographically. Compromise will be necessary but the ultimate aim must be an equitable outcome for the majority of Palarang residents. To meet these goals, it is imperative that the Council have a Local Environment Plan (LEP) which looks forward from 2008 into the next decades. The LEP is a coherent blueprint for action in areas of climate change, and must address pressing social and development issues in the Shire.

### Rainfall and Temperatures in Wamboin

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2008 rainfall to 27/7 -- 297.5mm  
Av Aug rainfall -- 56.2mm  
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## Wamboin Muse

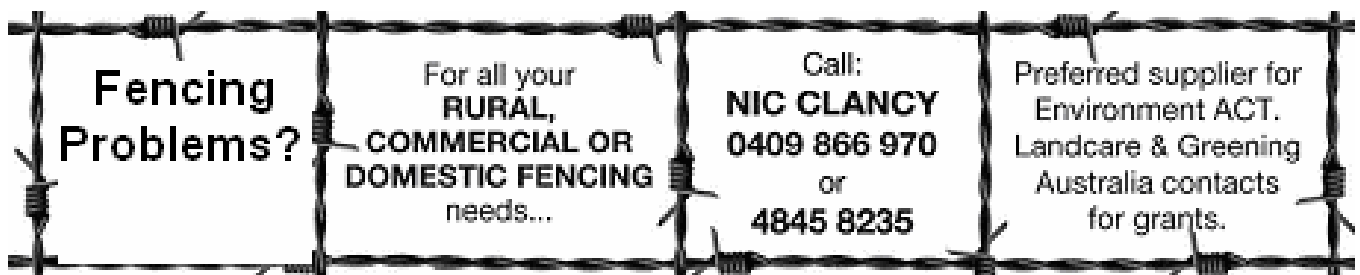
Jill Gregory

The morning is frozen and still. We didn't get the snow, but yesterday's raindrops hang onto the naked branches like tiny crystal balls. The wattles beside our road, those that survived the ravages of the clearing bobcats, are covered in tight little balls of icy yellow. The lone daffodil looks downcast, perhaps regretting its early appearance, and the few hellebores are tucked up under last year's leaves. We're in the depths of winter, but the days are getting longer. My dear old chook noticed it probably before I did, and laid her first egg for the season in a cosy nest of lucerne away from the chook yard.

With the cold weather it's rather hard to turn your mind to the notions of global warming, and the need to make as little negative impact on the environment as possible, but we try. We try to save water and we try to be as Green as we can, using the car judiciously, recycling and reusing. Doing this creates a warm, fuzzy feeling, but it's easy to be naïve. Every human activity has a consequence. However, we've become a little more earnest in our endeavours to help protect our beautiful world, but it's a hard road.

We still have our twenty five year old, water guzzling washing machine which refuses to die. It's had many near death experiences but skilful surgery has always brought it back from the brink. Until it splutters for the last time I simply can't throw it on the dump, so we have to find ways to help it live compatibly in this green world. Now "recycle" is not a new word, and it rolls easily off the tongue. It has a sort of effortless and self sustaining ring to it but the reality is very different. We lug water from the wash to the toilet cistern, spilling slops onto the floor, and we try to save wherever we can. Not content to simply collect the cold water in a bucket before the warm comes through to the shower, and then push the bucket aside to luxuriate for thirty seconds under a stream of hot water, my dear boy decided we should have a tub. Now I love those round, flexible plastic tubs that are in every hardware shop. They have so many uses. So, a tub was duly installed in the shower recess and early one morning, still befuddled by sleep, I leapt into the tub as the first hint of steam appeared. Words cannot describe the shock and horror that consumed me as my petal pink toes met the outside temperature of the icy water. Suddenly that warm and fuzzy feeling shrivelled. I was wide awake, and not even an indulgent 35 seconds under the hot spray could restore my calm. My frozen toes remained so for the entire day.

Being a Greenie is hard work, but as long as we breathe we'll keep trying to find ways to conserve and recycle. I am on the lookout, though, for a pair of rubber boots, size 8, with drawstring tops.....I wouldn't live anywhere else!



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## Nature Notes – July 2008

Jo Walker

At last it's beginning to feel a bit like winter after a few white frosts and the odd snowflake. The rain was very welcome, and, although it wasn't enough to get the creek running and the dam full, the winter grasses have greened up sufficiently to make all the herbivores happier. I hadn't seen the red-necked wallabies for a while, but last week four of them were grazing up near the forest with a group of kangaroos, their beautiful soft coats glowing reddish in the late afternoon sunlight.

Some of the Silver Wattles (*Acacia dealbata*) have begun to flower and there are a few prickly, pale-flowered *A. genistifolia* flowering profusely on that bank above the stone wall on Sutton Road. The tiny Ploughshare Wattle (*A. gunnii*), which often only grows to about 30 cm tall, is also sporting a few cream flowers. All of the local wattles are carrying lots of buds so there should be a good display of yellow shortly.

Even with the onset of some colder mornings, it still feels more like spring than winter. Probably the magpies and some of the other birds are feeling the same way as they've started to behave a bit more aggressively as if they're staking out their nesting territory. Interestingly, the sulphur-crested cockatoos still have three youngsters in their flock being fed by parent birds (after much heart-rending, raucous calling!). I've noticed before that their young ones seem to appear in winter – also that very few of the sixty or so birds in the local flock seem to breed.

I was down by the dam the other day when a movement caught my eye. It was a little yellow-faced honeyeater diving from its perch into and under the water and hurtling straight out again. It did this several times, then sat back on a branch above the water fluffing and preening its wet feathers. The day before, another honeyeater, a red wattlebird, had had a rather longer bath in a large water bowl near the house – it was there for several minutes, splashing around and snapping and clacking its beak in enjoyment. Galahs seem to prefer showering to bathing: when it was raining recently, five of them were sitting on a dead tree lifting their wings and eventually hanging upside down with their wings open obviously enjoying the sensation of water falling on their feathers.

Wamboin seems to provide good habitat for some of the native orchids, especially one of the Greenhood Orchids. Colonies of the Little Dumpy Orchid, *Diplodium truncatum* (previously *Pterostylis truncata* – botanists love to keep changing the well-known names of plants!), seem to be popping up everywhere this year. At this time of the year, only the rosettes of bright green ovate leaves are visible and some of the colonies on my place are over a metre across. Unfortunately, they don't flower every year, and I've only ever seen one really good flowering season here when the numerous pale green, brown-striped, rather bulbous flowers covered sizeable patches of bare soil between the grass tussocks. Maybe, just maybe, this will be another one of those years.



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