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Once again, the untimely absence of our illustrious president has thrust me into the breach! It's been a pretty quiet month anyway.

A few of our number attended the **inaugural meeting of the new Council**, and we are optimistic that we are entering a period of renewed cooperation between Council and community groups.

The **Wamboin Produce Markets** are now back in full swing, and remain as much a social event as a local produce market. The next market day will be Saturday 15th November, 9:00-12:00, at the Community Hall.

The annual Wamboin **Christmas Carol sing along** is still planned for Friday 19th December, although the details remain to be finalised. All shall be revealed in the December Whisper.

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A successful and well-attended AGM for the Bywong Community Association was held on Tuesday 28th October at the Bywong Hall.

Interest in the Association and the committee had dwindled over the last 12 months, and this had prompted questions about future alternatives, including a possible merger with the Wamboin Community Association. Options had been discussed at length at a special meeting in May, and the Committee held informal talks with Wamboin about their interest. Wamboin Association subsequently had their AGM and, just prior to Bywong AGM, indicated they would prefer to support the independence of both Associations and co-operate to work together on issues of common interest.

As a result, the motion to discuss and decide a merger was withdrawn prior to the AGM commencing.

The President's report and the Treasurer's report were then delivered. Copies of these can be found on our website www.bywongcommunity.org.au

New Committee - The meeting then moved on to elect executive committee members, and invited others to join as committee members, as follows:

Nora Stewart	President
Darryl Bourke	Vice President
Clive Boughton	Treasurer
Anne Goonan	Secretary
Guy Cotsell	Public Officer
Morag Cotsell	Committee member
Jean-Pierre Favre	Committee member
Bernie Greethead	Committee member

The AGM was declared closed, and a General Meeting was then opened for ordinary business.

Membership fees - The issue of a membership fee was raised and discussed. The decision taken by the meeting was for the Association to have an initial \$1 joining fee and \$1 annual fee for the first year, with the fee being \$2 for each year after that. The fee is to be levied at each AGM or at another major event like the Car Boot Sale, where updated membership contact details would also be collected.

Meeting times - meeting frequencies were discussed and it was agreed that meetings should be purpose based and focus on the existing program of events, supplemented by speakers of interest or where a serious issue needs to be resolved.

Christmas drinks - the next community event is to gather for Christmas drinks in early December. Watch this space! Thank-you to all those people who attended the meeting and offered their support. We look forward to being a strengthened and visible force for real benefit to the Bywong community.

-- Nora Stewart



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ACTIONS SPEAK LOUDER THAN WORDS

by Richard Holding

I attended the first meeting of the newly elected Palerang Council with great hopes of a new beginning. The councillors at various times throughout the meeting, all used words such as inclusion, Palerang wide decision making, open evidenced based decision making, customer focus, and a unified cohesive council. My enthusiasm for the new council was certainly tested by the proceedings of this first meeting.

Ian Marjason was elected as mayor after receiving the highest vote from the other contenders, Terry Bransdon and Catherine Moore. I believe this is a good choice as Ian received a high vote from the residents of Palerang, has 21 years of council experience, and appears to have an inclusive consultative manner. During the meeting he quickly slipped into his new role with ease controlling the meeting and appearing to be attentive to resident and councillor issues raised. He did use the phrase 'we will look into that' issue for you regularly, so I hope this is followed through in action and feedback.

Catherine Moore was elected to Deputy Mayor after receiving the highest vote from the other contenders, Judith Miller and Richard Graham. Catherine is another councillor with a high resident vote, but with limited experience in the role, as admitted by her, so this appointment may prepare her for the role of mayor when it is next available.

The vote for mayor and deputy mayor was done by ordinary ballot which is a secret ballot. Catherine Moore moved that the election should be conducted by an open ballot but this was defeated by other councillors. The suggestion of open decision making as suggested initially by councillors, and put by Catherine in her motion, was quickly disregarded. An open ballot would have shown to all residents who the councillors supported as mayor and deputy mayor.

My euphoria of the new council soon collapsed with the motion put by Terry Bransdon to move the council meeting to a 10am start, once a month, with all meetings held in Bungendore. I never heard of any such proposal during the election campaign. Apparently, although not confirmed, an agreement in principle was made by all the councillors at a private meeting on Tuesday, 30 September to this motion. Councillors Raynolds and Cockram had apparently changed their vote by the time of the council meeting after discussing the issue with some of the residents of Palerang. This suggestion that the councillors had decided on meeting changes prior to the actual council meeting was something only confirmed to me, verbally, by a single councillor.

After input from the general manager the meeting time was changed to a 2pm start. This is still a very inconvenient time for residents who work and want to be able to attend council meetings if they choose. Surely the majority of residents are at work at 2pm on a Thursday. Interestingly most, if not all councillors, are either retired or self employed allowing them the freedom to attend the meetings during the day. Councillors, how is this an inclusive idea?

There was a suggestion by councillors that somehow the controversial development applications would be held over until late in the meetings so that this would allow interested residents to attend and participate. This was not clarified even though the new meeting time was passed by the council. Councillors where does the current agenda item - 'Questions from the Gallery', fit into your new inclusive agenda with a meeting time start of 2pm and most residents working at this time?

Various councillors argued in support of the change in time. One explained the long hours the farming based councillors worked if they start at 5am and then had to attend a council meeting which concluded at 10pm. Other reasons were the low blood sugar level a councillor would endure by not eating before the meeting, and the dangers of driving on out local roads at night due to the kangaroos. As adults we all have to prepare for our responsibilities and deal with the issues that confront us. I think the main concern of councillors should be getting the residents involved in their shire, not excluding residents because it might be inconvenient to the councillors.

Conducting meetings in only Bungendore is controversial as one of the big complaints of residents is the feeling that the council does not work for all residents across Palerang but interest groups or the immediate community of the councillors. In the long term, conducting meetings in Bungendore may be a cost effective and efficient method of operation, but until the residents feel confident in the actions of the council, at the very minimum, the meetings should continue to alternate between Bungendore and Braidwood. Councillor Raynolds argued very strongly for this meeting schedule. Councillor Moore put forward a motion of council meetings being held at different locations around the shire. It was decided to follow the previous alternating meeting schedule.

Councillor Miller proposed the councillors could attend the various resident association meetings across the shire as a way of including the residents in decisions being made by the council. I believe this is a good idea, but it needs to be explained in more detail so that residents are aware which and when councillors will attend various association meetings.

The council meeting moved on to the next agenda item, the allocation of the councillors to the many committees that exist across Palerang. Interestingly the councillors decided on which committees they would join by where they reside. Bungendore based councillors went on Bungendore related committees, and Braidwood councillors went on Braidwood related committees. If councillors are truly interested in representing all residents and unifying Palerang, why don't they show this by being on committees from areas other than their immediate area? This would be a move to breaking down the current resident thoughts that councillors are only concerned about their local area not all of Palerang.

I am a resident interested in the activities and decisions of the Palerang Council. If you as residents have any issues that I may be able to assist with to ensure that the councillors, the local newspapers, and the other residents need to know, please contact me on Richard.holding@hotmail.com OR Ph. 0412489988 / 62369037

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In response to ACTIONS SPEAK LOUDER THAN WORDS

While it is true that there was quite a lot of discussion at the first get-together of councillors prior to the October Council meeting, and that discussion continued via email, there was no agreement by all councillors about the time and place for meetings. We were all willing to consider the 10am start and two-thirds of our numbers supported Bungendore meetings from the outset but the rest - Paul, Judith T and I - were all sceptical about restricting the venue to Bungendore only. Discussion with members of the public after that get-together only confirmed that a 10am start would not suit many people and some of us came to the Council meeting with proposals for alternative arrangements. In any case, it is against the Local Government Act to come to a Council meeting with a fixed position, though this was not uncommon practice in past Councils.

The final decision about the time and place/s for meetings has not yet been made, and there is still plenty of opportunity to come up with the best outcome; we have fixed upon 2pm as the starting time for our next meeting only. I totally agree with the statement that "the main concern of councillors should be getting the residents involved in their shire, not excluding residents because it might be inconvenient to the councillors" and I am not alone in wanting to make sure that adequate access to the democratic process is a major driver of our decision. As far as the issue of Questions and Statements from the Gallery goes, we recognised in our first discussions that it would need to be scheduled for a later time in any meeting that began early in the day.


The idea of councillors attending community association meetings is not new – what is new is the idea that this might replace holding Council meetings in different places. I remain unconvinced, but if the communities involved are happy with such an arrangement I will of course support it.

It is not correct to say that councillors decided which committees they would be on based on where they lived (I ended up with no Braidwood committees). This applied certainly to the SCA (Sydney Catchment Authority) Committee and the UMCCC (Upper Murrumbidgee Catchment Co-ordinating Committee) – councillors who live in the catchments are appropriate for both of those. And doesn't it make sense for a councillor who lives in a particular area to be the councillor rep. on that committee? It will save the ratepayer much in travel reimbursements and that councillor will be more familiar with many of the issues. That doesn't mean that other councillors can't attend those meetings however, and no doubt they will from time to time.

I would ask the community to give us – the new Council – a chance. There have been a number of views put forward by councillors during this teething period which may not end up as law, but it is part of the process, and I feel confident that the will is there to do the best for the residents and rate-payers of Palerang.

- Catherine Moore, Councillor

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Oct 2007 -- 23.5mm

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Next meeting: Monday 10th November, 7:30pm. Bywong Community Hall, Birriwa Rd (off Macs Reef Rd) Come and learn what our local Landcare group does. Help us plan our activities and projects for next year. How many planting projects should we run, and when and where? How many meetings should we have? What guest speakers should we invite? What field trips would be appreciated by our members? Come and find out how you can help.

Propagation sessions are held on the first Saturday of each month at Geoff Butler's place, 38 Birchman's Grove, Wamboin, 9am – 11am; enquiries to Geoff Butler on ph 62369158, or gbu22182@bigpond.net.au. The next sessions will be on **1 November** and **6 December**. At these sessions, we will finish re-potting the successful cuttings and seedlings, and start new cuttings and seedlings.

The Geary's Gap/Wamboin Landcare group had its AGM on Monday 13 October. The following people were elected for 2008/2009: Convener - Roger Good; Co-Convener – Geoff Butler; Secretary – Chris Fowler; Treasurer – Kathy Handel; committee members – Kathy Cook; Kris Nash; Brian Higgison; Graeme Harris; Jacqui O'Leary; Bruce Woodland.

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The Wamboin Firefighter

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From the Captain's Desk



The life of a volunteer firefighter can be interesting at times and if nothing else, quite unpredictable. The incidents your brigade has responded to over the past month have ranged from a number of motor vehicle accidents to rescuing a horse from a swimming pool! One of the motor vehicle accidents (shown below) was an early morning call out following a decision by the truck driver to park his unladen semi-trailer at some speed in the front paddock of a property along Sutton Road. Apart from a dent to his pride, the driver was not injured, but the truck had to be towed to Sydney for some extensive repairs. The second accident also involved a truck after it ended up upside down. From all reports no serious injuries resulted but the food and snacks that were being transported were later treated with some suspicion as they had fallen off the back of

would have been difficult to system, was a callout to into a swimming pool. is stereotypically a over but we now have to rescue. The story did have a horse may think twice about future.



of a truck! The other incident note, if for nothing else than it classify in the RFS recording rescue a horse that had fallen Removing a cat stuck in a tree firefighter's fate the world chalk up a new type of animal happy ending though, but the grazing near a pool in the

As I put fingers to together I can sense a through Wamboin, Bywong has an excited feel to it and knowledge that your party is but a few weeks in your calendar as the day mark the Christmas season, welcome the visit of a big jolly bloke in a red suit and also thank everyone in our community for their on-going and much valued support. It will also be a good opportunity for everyone to come along and meet your friends and neighbours who put in the time and effort to look after our community in times of crisis. We have it on good authority from our contact at the North Pole that the Man in Red should arrive close to 6pm to say g'day to the young children and other believers. The festivities kick off from just around 5:30pm. It would be great to see you there.

keyboard in putting this epistle tremor in the ether flowing and Sutton Park. The tremor I am sure it stems from the brigade's famous Christmas away. Please put December 2 for our annual get-together to

The Brigade's Street Meetings are slowly gaining momentum with residents in our community. The last one was held on Sunday the 19th of October for residents in and around the Fernloff Road area (shown in the attached photograph). Attendance was low but we believe that the people who came along found it an informative and friendly experience. The informal two-hour program has several presentations to help us all better prepare ourselves and our



properties for the fire season. If for no other reason, the delectable goodies prepared for the occasion by Wendy Downs and the brigade's support crew are reasons enough to come along. Topping that off with some handy and valuable insights make a visit more than worthwhile. The next meeting is planned for the 16th of November at the picnic area in Joe Rocks Road near Hillside Lane. The presentations will run from 10am to 12pm. If you don't live in that area and would like to attend please call 0409 991 340. Residents in and around Joe Rocks Road will have an invitation in their letterbox closer to the day.

During last month many members of the brigade took part in a large scale training assessment day. Steve Foley, John Taubman, Nick Hunter, Adrienne McKenzie, and John Freeland were showing their skills as part of their Advanced Firefighter course. David Johnson, Anne Lea and Tim Barter undertook their assessment in their Basic Firefighter course as did Faye McGrath as part of her Basic Firefighter (Support) program. Also during the month a number of people received their qualifications from other courses. Col Prest passed his Safety Induction course. Keith Wrench and Matt O'Brien now have their qualifications as Crew Leaders (Village Firefighting).

Last year, around this time, I included the information below from the NSW Rural Fire Service website to provide some help as we approached the fire season. I believe it should be repeated.

Asset Protection Zones

Creating effective asset protection zones, firebreaks and undertaking appropriate hazard reduction will increase the chances of managing a fire outbreak.

An Asset Protection Zone is an area surrounding an asset that is managed to reduce bushfire fuels to a level that will minimise the impact of fire and provide an area for firefighters and homeowners to defend their property.

On the RFS website see the sections on:

- Guidelines for Asset Protection Zones, [available in PDF format from their Publications Area](#)
- [Asset Protection Zones](#)
- [Preparing Your Property for Bushfire](#)
- Hazard Reduction

Hazard Reduction

Hazard reduction seeks to reduce the fine fuel load but not to remove vegetation completely. Hazard reduction can be achieved through:

- removal or pruning of trees, shrubs and understorey
- raking or manual clearing of fine fuels
- mowing of grass
- slashing and trittering
- ploughing and grading
- burning off (hazard reduction burning)
- pile burning.

Firebreaks

The correct location of firebreaks is the key to their effectiveness. Ensure firebreaks are maintained properly throughout the year. Firebreaks are needed in the following areas:

- paddock boundaries to isolate flammable crops
- around wood lots or windrows where ground vegetation accumulates
- along fence lines to reduce fuel and provide access for vehicles
- around haystacks and outbuildings
- beneath high-voltage powerlines
- along road and railway boundaries
- around rubbish dumps, incinerators, fuel storage areas.

When constructing a firebreak:

- consider if fire permits and environmental approvals are required
- consider the best way to create the firebreak – slashing, trittering, mowing, burning
- grazing paddocks and planting and maintaining lawn can provide firebreaks
- a Lucerne paddock may provide an effective firebreak, protect key improvements or provide refuge for livestock
- ensure that firebreak construction will not cause erosion.

In an emergency fire situation **DO NOT** call:

- a NSW Rural Fire Service district office
- a Fire Control Centre
- a rural fire brigade
- volunteer members.
- 911 (unless you are in the United States of America)

This could lead to a delayed response or inappropriate resource being sent. Please use the '000' (triple zero) number to contact the Rural Fire Service if our assistance is required at an emergency.

Things everyone should know and do:

- take time to teach children and overseas visitors how to make an emergency call
- if a person unable to speak English calls '000' they just need to say "fire" and leave the phone off the hook. The call will be recorded and traced, and a fire engine will be sent to that address
- leave the '000' emergency number by the phone
- for callers with hearing or speech impairments, call '106' (one zero six) using a textphone
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WAMBOIN PRODUCE MARKETS

by Joan Mason

The monthly markets in October were once again quite a successful morning despite late cancellations by 2 regular stallholders. Good weather ensured a busy morning with stallholders and clients catching up with each other, seeing neighbours, friends, meeting new locals, buying goodies, enjoying hot bacon and eggs rolls, or scones and cream with lovely cups of Wagonga coffee. Also on sale: Dried fruits and nuts, native plants, jewellery, pickled olives, flowering plants, cakes, sausage rolls, needle work, live chickens, eggs, vegetables etc. Come to our November market and enjoy with us. Lookers and buyers entry – free. Stall holders \$5. The next markets are:

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The Whisper of November 1993 reported much “busyness”, but it was normal end-of-year activities with nothing unusual or record-breaking. – Robyn Robertson

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A Case for Better Meeting Outcomes

by Richard Graham, Palerang Councillor

I am a strong proponent for changing our Council meeting times. I believe that change will deliver better deliberative outcomes, better community participation, and better meeting harmony and collaboration.

Change by its very nature means that circumstances and scenarios evolve from those of the past. Change is often initially greeted with suspicion and sometimes contempt. However, change isn't by its nature bad or good, it's just different. Change can be appropriate and beneficial for social progress.

Perhaps the single most consistent demand of the residents and the candidates at the recent Palerang LGA elections was for better conduct and deliberation at council meetings. Regardless of where people were on other issues, this one was always near the top of their priorities. I think it can then be considered that there is a community mandate to make better conduct and deliberation happen.

In considering moving the meeting times, I see Councillors wanting to implement that mandate by making six progressive changes to:

- increase our productivity as a deliberative body;
- increase Council's transparency through audio recording and podcasting our public sessions;
- reducing the performance stress on Councillors caused by conducting meetings after the end of their working day and before an adequate meal is eaten; (such stress reduction contributing to civiler meetings, better cognitive deliberation, and appropriate humane consideration for the Councillors who are effectively community volunteers);
- making participation in council meetings by residents, council staff, and councillors safer and more hospitable in terms of late night travel and arranging for evening family care (such as babysitting and meal making); and
- increasing quality interactive times between residents and councillors through regular informal meetings in all the major localities.

These objectives are admirable and probably leading edge in terms of Council / Community relations anywhere.

This approach would consolidate more items into one meeting and we could organise the agendas so that people who did want to speak or observe wouldn't have to sit around all day but could come to the part that was important to them.

This is a very positive, responsive and transparent agenda which would meet many of the priority objectives of residents for improving council deliberations.

In my view, the Council Meetings are primarily deliberative events, and as such it is in the interest of all residents that the Councillors' intellect and metabolism are sharp, rested and balanced. Isn't that the best state from which to do the work they were elected to do? Won't Councillors in that state consider resident submissions more deeply and reflectively? Won't they interact with their fellow councillors more cooperatively? It's my experience from three decades of meeting leadership that those positive outcomes are reasonable to expect.

Without a doubt, direct resident participation (verses normal written submissions) must be considered and facilitated in the balance. Practically speaking, the average number of persons presenting from the gallery at a Council meeting is about 5, and the average number of persons sitting in the gallery is about 8. The number of attendees gets larger a few times a year during very contentious issues, perhaps to 30 or 40 people, while the actual number of people speaking might raise less, to say an average of 10 people.

It's uncommon for residents to attend meetings they have little direct interest and so those 8 – 40 attending people will probably only do so once or perhaps twice in a year. So taking that small statistical reality into account, the progressive question to answer is, what is the best priority for community outcomes – *night time meetings for a few people to come to one or two meetings a year?* or *having the Councillors come to every meeting sharp and cordial for their deliberative tasks?* I would argue that that compromise should come down on the side of the latter proposition, especially when added to that scenario comes recorded access to all public meetings for the residents, and facilitation for oral presenters to come just for their topic of concern and not to have to otherwise sit around for hours.

Personally, I think the best of all worlds would be to have Council meetings once a month on Saturday mornings. I'd argue that Saturday morning meetings would facilitate more popular participation in Council.

For the current gallery demographics of largely mature-aged people, a Saturday daytime meeting would represent a safer option for participation, than would a night-time meeting with an uncertain ending time and some distance to drive while tired. A Saturday daytime meeting would also facilitate school children or classes to attend a council meeting and see local government at work. That exciting opportunity would not happen at an evening meeting.

A Saturday Council meeting would finish up in the early afternoon, providing a further opportunity for informal post-meeting get togethers of community and councillors to share ideas and aspirations over a cuppa, while the day is still fresh. No such opportunity exists today in our community, and it would go some way to facilitating the approachable and transparent Council, which electors pleaded for the candidates to create.

Greater participation, not less, greater facilitation, not less would be the predictable outcome of moving to once a month Saturday morning Council meetings.

At the risk of stating the obvious, to change from the past, we need to change from the past.

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Nature Notes – October 2008

Jo Walker

Spring has offered a few surprises so far, heating up fast with temperatures almost to 30 degrees then cooling suddenly to give us a couple of frosty mornings.

All of the pea plants have flowered heavily this year, and, better still, seem to be developing a lot of seed. The prickly little *Daviesia genistifolia* is already covered with large, triangular green seed pods, while *Daviesia mimosoides* is still bearing masses of delicately scented flowers. *Dillwynia sericea* and *Pultenaea procumbens* are still providing a display of yellow and orange flowers along the roadsides – and there are still a few orange-flowered *Pultenaea microphylla* under the trees on the high side of Sutton Road.

Pomaderris angustifolia has just about finished flowering along the same road, but, in a more sheltered spot at my place, there is a suckering thicket of this species creating a cream cloud on the hillside.

In the flatter areas through Wamboin, yellow Buttercups (*Ranunculus lappaceus*) and Billy Buttons (*Craspedia varia*) have been flowering for a while – and there is a meadow of Bulbine Lilies (*Bulbine bulbosa*) in a property on Weeroona Drive. And, of course, there are all those beautiful white Hoary Sunray daisies (*Leucochrysum albicans*) on Denley Drive and thereabouts.

Native grasses are beginning to flower too. The most noticeable at present is one of the Speargrasses, *Austrostipa scabra*, its dainty, pinkish silky flower-heads nodding in the breeze along the roadsides.

Birds are still busy, mostly incubating their eggs or feeding noisy nestlings – but a few have progressed a bit further and are watching over their offspring as they take to their wings. There was a beautiful young Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike recently at the edge of the forest following its anxious parents closely and still calling for food. The Eastern Spinebill that nests every year in a large Grevillea bush at the top of the hill is still sitting on its two eggs in a neat little cup nest that is suspended by its rim to the surrounding branches.

There are plenty of lizards around already. I saw the family of Cunningham's Skinks the other day, sunning themselves on their large home log, and yesterday there were two large Shinglebacks on the garden beside the back door. I'd been blaming the kangaroos for nibbling the flowers off the bluebells there, but, as I watched, one of the lizards ambled over and snapped up a couple of the blue flowers and stayed to munch them thoughtfully. Of course, when you think of it, that's what native plants are really for.

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Vexed question of Council meetings : when and where?

The new Palerang Council may finalise its monthly meeting times at a second attempt on November 6. But it shouldn't. It might be smarter for the Council to wait until the New Year to agree on the meetings schedule for the next four years. Clearly after the furor that followed consideration of a proposal at the first meeting of the newly elected Council to have daytime meetings, input is required from our communities.

No one person or group or community in the shire will have the same answer.

Councillors met at an informal get together two days before the first meeting in October to try to reach agreement on some important issues like meeting times and whether they should continue to be split between Bungendore and Braidwood and how to get councillors' election promises on the new council's agenda.

The motivation of the discussions was an attempt to show our community that the new council would be different from the dissonant previous one. But the consensus, reached informally, fell apart at the formal Council meeting.

Looking at the meetings issue, it's important to analyse the facts. First, after being appointed administrator, I established the two meetings a month, alternatively in Bungendore and Braidwood policy, to try to meld together the vastly different communities in the east and west.

After the June 2004 election, the first Palerang Council agreed to continue this practice. The makeup of the Council was certainly an influence with the majority of councillors based in the former Tallaganda Shire. But it was a unanimous decision in an attempt to heal the rifts caused by the emotion of the amalgamation.

It also was needed, I theorised, because we were bringing together basically two vastly different councils and communities – Yarrolumla being more cosmopolitan, based in Queanbeyan and having a majority hobby-farmer commuter-belt community and Tallaganda, located in Braidwood, which was more a small rural council by nature with an eclectic mixture of broadacre farmers and citizens focused on the arts.

I regret the bid to bring these diverse communities together failed.

When we went to the polls six weeks ago, the east and west, rather than having coupled into one Palerang community remained very divided.

But with more than 50 formal Council meetings having been held in each of the two towns in its first term it is interesting to absorb the facts.

Cr Richard Graham in an article in this current newsletter points to the small number of persons attending and speaking at Council meetings. Most he says come for specific agenda items which impact on them and in most cases it's a couple of time a year or a "oncer". There are of course the perennial attendees and some community group representatives like yours, but the number is just a handful.

So the arguments about removing the democratic rights of the community to attend meetings by holding them in daytime or day/night combinations is questionable. What about the democratic rights of those in our community who can only attend meetings during the day – the elderly, parents with small children, people who live far from the council venues etc etc? Being inclusive requires us to consider these sections of the community too.

It's interesting that no other council I'm aware of in NSW holds meetings in two of its towns alternatively. No other Council holds two meetings a month to facilitate this. Most other rural councils have more than three towns (I'm also classifying Captains Flat as a town) and feel comfortable about meeting where their headquarters are located.

What we have actually done has been to perpetuate the east-west divide through our previous meeting practice.

The economies and functionality of the meeting issue are important. During the election campaign most candidates supported making sound recordings of formal meetings so what was allegedly said could be easily checked. I believe this is very important, particularly considering some of the inaccurate reporting in local newspapers.

We can expect an outspoken gallery to attend the Council's November 6 meeting in Bungendore to voice their outrage at previous suggestions on meeting times and location.

That's why I would like to see the decision delayed. I'd like to get some real community feedback on this issue and not just the "stage-managed" petitions we've seen raised in the past by the more vocal residents.

Perhaps an independent telephone survey would give us a more accurate reading on this issue?

But given arguments presented so far I'm now supporting retaining night meetings, holding them once a month and centralising them at our headquarters in Bungendore which involves for most of Palerang's population, half an hour's travel or less.

I would appreciate your input. Please email me at tbransdon@palerang.com

— Cr Terry Bransdon

News from Sutton School -- Smart School

At home students are texting and chatting online to their friends, adding to wikis about their favourite topics, playing computer games, making their own movies, creating their own sites on the web by uploading pictures, video, music and documents or leaving their footprint on a blog. How bland must their experiences be at school when teachers ask for no more than a search or cut and paste exercise? Fancy having to stare at a blackboard or textbook all day! What amazing lessons we could have if we could harness their talents and excite students about learning using these technologies that they so easily and willingly engage in.

At Sutton Primary we can now engage and stretch the talents of all children using the latest technologies. Working in partnership with Charity Computers and with an enormous fundraising effort by the school P & C this year, all children now have access to interactive smartboards. Over \$40,000 has been invested into the latest technologies, and classrooms now have smartboards to enhance pedagogy and teaching. Through the use of these smartboards, reading, writing and maths become more engaging and stimulating for every student. Students are actively learning and all children are extremely excited to be able to use these fabulous tools as a part of their learning.

The introduction of effective computer-based activities into the classroom can have profound effects on social interaction and classroom organisation. They provide many possibilities for new or different experiences and ways of interacting. However ultimately it is the teacher who ensures that learning activities with computer based technologies are meaningful and support each child's learning. We are very fortunate at Sutton to have staff who are not only enthusiastic about integrating technology into learning programs, but are all eager to learn how to use the latest technology in our school.

We are extremely proud of the opportunities that we are providing for children to build their excitement and enthusiasm for learning. We invite all parents and community members to drop in and have a look at the fabulous learning currently happening in our classrooms. -- Jenny Cooper, Principal

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GEARY'S GAP PONY CLUB – 2008

by Leigh-Anne Barlow

Geary's Gap Pony Club celebrated its 30th Anniversary in 2008. In many ways it has been a year of highlights for the club after the doubts and pessimism that arose from last year's Equine Influenza outbreak.

We now have a healthy membership of 45 riders ranging in age from 3 to 20years. These riders have a diverse range of interests and abilities to which we cater.

A number of our riders compete at high level within Pony Club and in Open competitions. We are thrilled with the success of: Shannon Barlow (2nd in State Eventing), Alison Gill (5th overall in State Dressage), and the Tornadoes Mounted Games Team (Tomas Walsh, Alison Gill, Patrick Beer, Shannon Barlow and Mark McInnes) who came 5th overall at State Mounted Games. We also have riders competing at State level Show Jumping, including 4 attending the State Equitation Championships to be held at EPIC in November, and Australian Mounted Games.

Another of our success stories is Rachel Burton who, this year, is a recipient of the Keith Lowe Award. This award is presented to a NSWPC member over the age of 17 who has given outstanding service to pony club. Rachel joined pony club as a 10 year old, has participated in every activity over the years, and is now concentrating on dressage and showing. She is now a regular and popular instructor at rally days, and happily gives back to the club that has given so much to her and others.

Other highlights of the year include:

- winning a Canberra Times competition and securing \$5000 of much needed funding
- members past and present gathered at Bungendore in September to celebrate the 30th Anniversary
- a trail ride to Lake George Escarpment was held, following in the tradition of those earlier members.

We are in the process of developing a purpose built arena at our grounds at Les Reardon Reserve (LRR), Bywong. Apart from the obvious benefit to our riders and ponies of having a safe and more weather resistant area to ride on, it is hoped that there will be a benefit to the community from less stress being placed on the LRR grounds. This is a lengthy and expensive process and we are currently seeking corporate sponsorship to assist the club.

2009 looks to be an exciting year with our Camp to start off the year in January, and the outlook for a full year unfettered with the restrictions of 2008.

More information on Geary's Gap Pony Club can be found at our website: www.gearysgap.pcansw.org.au

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WILDCARE – BERTIE RECOVERS

by Phillip Machin

With Spring well underway most of us would have noticed the number of lizards moving around and warming themselves up on the roads. *Wildcare* has had a number of injured lizards coming into care and it is great to see people getting involved and handing them on. It's important to pass injured animals onto *Wildcare* as soon as possible so that the right treatment can be given.



As Lesley of *Wildcare* says "Most backyard lizard injuries are caused by dog bites. Often it is difficult to keep lizards out of dog runs, but if your dog is simply left to wander, then there is a bigger problem. Dogs will have a go at anything that moves. Many injured lizards end up with puncture wounds that can be treated with saline solution and antibiotics. In the worse cases the lizard's back is broken and the animal has to be euthanised. With old wounds there are often maggots to remove. If you want a backyard and property that attracts and keeps wildlife, then it is necessary to control dogs." First aid for injured lizards is to put them in a box in a quiet cool area, such as the bathroom – then contact *Wildcare*.

Motorists can help protect lizards by keeping an eye out for those that are sun-baking on the road. Stop the car, make sure you are clear of any other traffic and pick the lizard up to transfer it off the road in the direction it was going. The best way to pick up a lizard is with a finger either side of its head and support the body with the other hand. If you are a bit squeamish about this, use a towel or cloth to cover the lizard and then pick it up. By taking the time to stop and move lizards off the road you will help prevent them being another dead statistic.

Bertie (see photo) is an Eastern Bearded Dragon that was saved by a member of the public. It had minor injuries that have been fixed up. For any wildlife help and advice, telephone *Wildcare's* helpline 6299 1966.

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Wamboin Muse

Jill Gregory

The year is rolling on and before we know it the screeching of cockatoos and the whining of blowflies will be joined by jingling bells. The silly season will be upon us. It seems to come a little earlier each year, and when it does there is hardly time to pause and appreciate all that is around us.

My garden is a picture at the moment and I can hardly claim credit for it. I simply fill spaces with a bit of this or a bit of that and wait and see. I am not one for grand plans. A little manure and water and mulch probably help, and then I trust the bees to do their bit. At the moment I'm enjoying the sweet fragrance of banksia roses tumbling over the trellis, the first roses and the last of the crab apple blossom. The tall irises are magnificent, sturdy yet fragile, and the daisies, sprinkled amongst the lavender spikes, pink diosmas and delicate columbines are bright and sunny against the fresh green growth. I'm sure I never planned it this way....it just grows.

But sometimes some real magic creeps into the garden and it makes me stop and watch in silence; the lizards and goannas are emerging. Motionless they pose on a warm rock or drape themselves over a low wall, or stand, sentinel like in the middle of the gravel road. They are like visitors from another world, a quieter, slower other world: visitors from an ancient past. I saw one the other day at the fish pond and it was "flat out like a lizard drinking". When it had had its fill it rose slowly, carefully edged away and slid under a blanket of leaves. It barely acknowledged me. I enjoy goannas and lizards but I treat their cousins with utmost respect and courtesy. I prefer less intimate meetings with snakes!

We had another visitor a few weeks ago, before the sun had enticed the goannas from their holes. It was a friendly red kelpie. Now I know there are some dogs that get bad press around here, but this red kelpie seemed a decent sort of chap and appeared quite at home with us. However, I'd seen a sign on the chalk website at the bottom of the hill and thought that he probably had another home. What followed was a wonderful dog story that could only happen here. "Boy", as we called him, was indeed a fine fellow, but had learned a few tricks from Houdini and was an accomplished escapee. He'd escaped from both his birth parents and his adopted parents' homes despite their best efforts...and finally his adopted parents rescued him yet again, this time from death row at the Pound. That, of course, came at great cost to both "Boy" and his surrogate parents. He was now micro chipped and neutered. "Boy" was eventually reunited with his real parents after a month on the run but for once our notice board failed. It took an advertisement in the Bungendore paper to find them.

There are lots of visitors in the garden at the moment...feathered, furred and scaled...and they are enjoying what's left of spring before the dry winds blow the life out of it and the silly season takes hold. Savour it while you can.....I wouldn't live anywhere else.



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Councillor's Corner

From Councillor Judith Miller

In the October Whisper, John van der Straaten described the Palerang Council election journey of Group D. As you know, I was elected to Council from Group D with the considerable assistance of the Wamboin and Bywong communities. In particular, I want to thank the other members of Group D : John van der Straaten, Ned Noel, Helen Montesin and Pete Harrison for their contribution to my success. It is a pity that at least one more of our Group was not elected, given the number of votes we attracted. John finished his article wishing me 'Bon voyage' and I thought that you would be interested to hear each month a bit about how my travels are going on the good ship Palerang.

After a delayed start owing to the time taken to finalise the counting for Palerang, Councillors first met informally on the 30th September, with our first Council meeting held on Thursday 2nd October. The main items of business were remuneration of Councillors, the election of Mayor and Deputy Mayor and the setting of the date, time and place of Council meetings. Remuneration was set at the highest figure of \$9060.00 pa for Councillors. This amount covers all out of pocket expenses for Councillors except fuel costs involved in attending official Council meetings. Ian Marjason was elected Mayor and Catherine Moore elected Deputy Mayor. There has been some controversy over the meeting times and places and these items will be on the agenda for the next Council meeting. I personally have spoken to many people and understand their concerns about daytime meetings.

In addition to the first Council meeting, there have been two Extraordinary Council meetings concerning the global financial crisis as it affects Palerang's investments. Most of our investments are covered by the Prime Minister's guarantee and those that are not, are being moved to a safer location. There has also been a planning workshop to discuss the Development Applications coming before Council on 6th November.

Apart from formal Council meetings, there are 4 formal training sessions and other in-house induction sessions covering the LEP, budget and management plans. There will also be a 'beat the bounds' bus ride around Palerang to introduce Councillors to areas and issues they may not be familiar with. We then move into the development of the 2009/10 Budget and Management Plan.

The work of Council is conducted through a wide range of Committees. The Council Committees I am on are :

- Wamboin Hall Management Committee
- Les Reardon Reserve Facility
- Carwoola/Stoney Creek Area Committee
- Bungendore Town Centre and Turallo Creek Green Space Committee
- Palerang Heritage Advisory Committee
- Bungendore Floodplain Management Committee
- Queanbeyan Palerang Library Service
- Occupational Health and Safety Committee

As all Councillors were elected on a platform of finalising the LEP, the aim is to get a draft copy to a Councillors' workshop in November. After various procedural issues are dealt with, the draft LEP should be available for comment early next year. I am certainly working hard to have this occur.

Finally, during the election campaign, we received a lot of feedback on the lack of consultation between residents and Councillors. To address this issue, Councillors have determined to arrange to attend a designated and well advertised Community group meeting in respective demographic areas such as Wamboin and Bywong. The agenda will be set by the Community Association. The first of these meetings will be at Araluen on 5th November. Council will be contacting Community Associations to develop a timetable for these visits.

Please don't hesitate to contact me on any Council issues. My phone number is 62369321, which is the best phone number to use, my mobile is 0408150616 and my email address is : judith.miller@palerang.nsw.gov.au

Lake George Day View Club

by Lydia Teodorowych

Last month the Lake George Day VIEW Club held its annual elections. Zone councillor Marie William convened the elections and welcomed a new committee onboard which will be starting their duties in February 2009 at which time the current committee will be stepping aside. We welcome the new committee and look forward to a a profitable and fun year ahead.

Lake George Day VIEW Club will hold it's next meeting on Tuesday 18 November, 2008 at Logan's Cafe Gibraltar Street Bungendore. Arrive at 11.30am for a 12 noon start. Lunch will cost \$20. To book your lunch phone Lorraine on 6238 1953 by Friday November 14.

VIEW Club is a charitable organisation and ALL money raised after covering our meal cost is donated to the Smith Family for their Learning for Life program.

For more information on the VIEW Club ring President Pauline on 6238 1996 or visit our blog to see what interesting things we have been involved in -- <http://lgdviewclub.blogspot.com>

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