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Waste Management – I hope you all took the time to fill out and return your Waste Management Survey. By the time you get this, the survey will be being analysed. Many thanks to the committee who have worked so hard on the survey. John van der Straaten's article later in the Whisper has an update of the survey.

Norton Road – It's great to see that work has now started on Norton Road. Please be patient and careful when driving through the construction zone. The WCA will continue to lobby Council to improve the rest of Norton Road, Macs Reef Road and other local roads.

New Heater at the Hall – Lofty Mason and his trusty band of helpers (Hank Berlee, Don Evans and Charlie Montesin) have now installed the new heater which is a great improvement on the previous one. The hall was very cosy for our last WCA meeting and I'm sure all the other groups who use the hall will also appreciate the new heater. Many thanks to the Braidwood & Bungendore Community Bank (Bendigo Bank in Bungendore and Braidwood), Lofty Mason, Alan Donnelly and all the helpers.

Wamboin Community Association – The next WCA meeting is on **21st July at 7:30pm at the Wamboin Community Hall**. Everybody is welcome to attend.

Curry Night – Make a date in your diary for Wamboin's gastronomical delight of the year which will be on **15th August**. See details elsewhere in the Whisper.

Wamboin Produce Markets – After a very successful season, the markets are now in recess until spring. The next markets will be on **19th September** from 9:00am until noon.

Bonfire Night – Another important date to mark in your diary is **26th September** when the Wamboin's annual fireworks and bonfire will be held.

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 Lofty on 6238 3258 for a copy.

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

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

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Bywong Community Association News

Bywong Trivia Night – Saturday 25th July at 7.30pm. We invite all residents to the **Bywong Trivia Challenge 2009** which will be held on Saturday 25 July at 7.30pm at the Bywong Community Hall, Birriwa Road, Bywong. The evening is one of fun and merriment and any funds raised go towards donations that we give to the area annually. Come along and join your neighbours and others from nearby localities, and organise tables of 6-8 to compete for the Trivia Shield. The entry fee is \$10 per person and a supper of soup and rolls with tea/coffee will be supplied at toward the end of the evening. Please book early as tables get taken very quickly. For information and bookings, please call Kerrie Gougeon on 6236 9841 or email at dragonfloss@iinet.net.au.

Waste Management Survey – get yours in before 3 July deadline. If you are reading this now and haven't sent your survey in, it's time to get your skates on! It's important to have your say and be counted, as Bywong, Sutton and Wamboin have lobbied hard with Council to get a seat at the table and have more say about waste management options for the locality.

Donations by the Bywong Community Association. The Committee has decided on providing the following two donations:

\$1,000 to support the work of the Wamboin Rural Fire Brigade, and;

\$1,000 to the Les Reardon Reserve and Bywong Hall – as part of a larger funding application to the Department of Lands for improvements to the property. In addition, information about progress with the new toilets will be provided next month.

New Committee Office Bearers for Bywong Community Association. Two new office bearers were elected at our last Executive meeting on 23 June 2009.


Vice-President-- Bernie Greethead

Secretary -- Darryl Bourke

This election was brought about as Anne Goonan has stepped down from her role as Secretary after her election to Council. We thank Anne for her work on the Committee and wish her well in her work on the Council.

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BONFIRE AND FIREWORKS DISPLAY

This is an early reminder that this evening, which is coordinated by the Community Association, is planned for Saturday the 26th of September. The Black Widow Fireworks team has been booked and fingers will be crossed as regards the weather. In the next Whisper we will be calling for burnable rubbish to be placed at the Community Centre oval from mid August. All Community Groups will be requested to run the various food stalls. Add in our Fire Brigade's assistance and this is always a good night! With our Curry Night on the 15th of August and the Bonfire and Fireworks Display in September, we should generate enough heat to last through winter! -- Lofty Mason.

Wamboin 15 Years Ago

by Robyn Robertson

From the Whisper of July, 1994, circulation 390, in the Community Association Report: "The June meeting considered a proposal to apply for a grant from the Department of Sport and Recreation. Money is available in this International Year of the Family to assist community groups with the building of playgrounds. Playgroup parents have been working on a plan to open the community hall up to an enclosed play area on the north side, away from the danger of the dam and car park. The concept is for an environmentally sympathetic 'adventure playground'."

"As a condition of the grant applicants must contribute at least half the cost of the project, made up in dollars as well as in labour and materials. The WCA will contribute \$500 and we will probably have a contribution from the Yarrawlumla Shire Council."

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We had a rather interesting day doing the installation. Like many other quick jobs it wasn't. The old flue had to be raised and modified so we had Charlie and his Kanga in the Hall (working on ply sheets), Don with his cutting and welding equipment, Hank on the roof modifying the flue and cap, and I was there too. I'm at a bit of a loss to think of an answer if someone asks me what I did! Anyway, I am pleased to report the large, fan assisted heater works really well. -- Lofty Mason.

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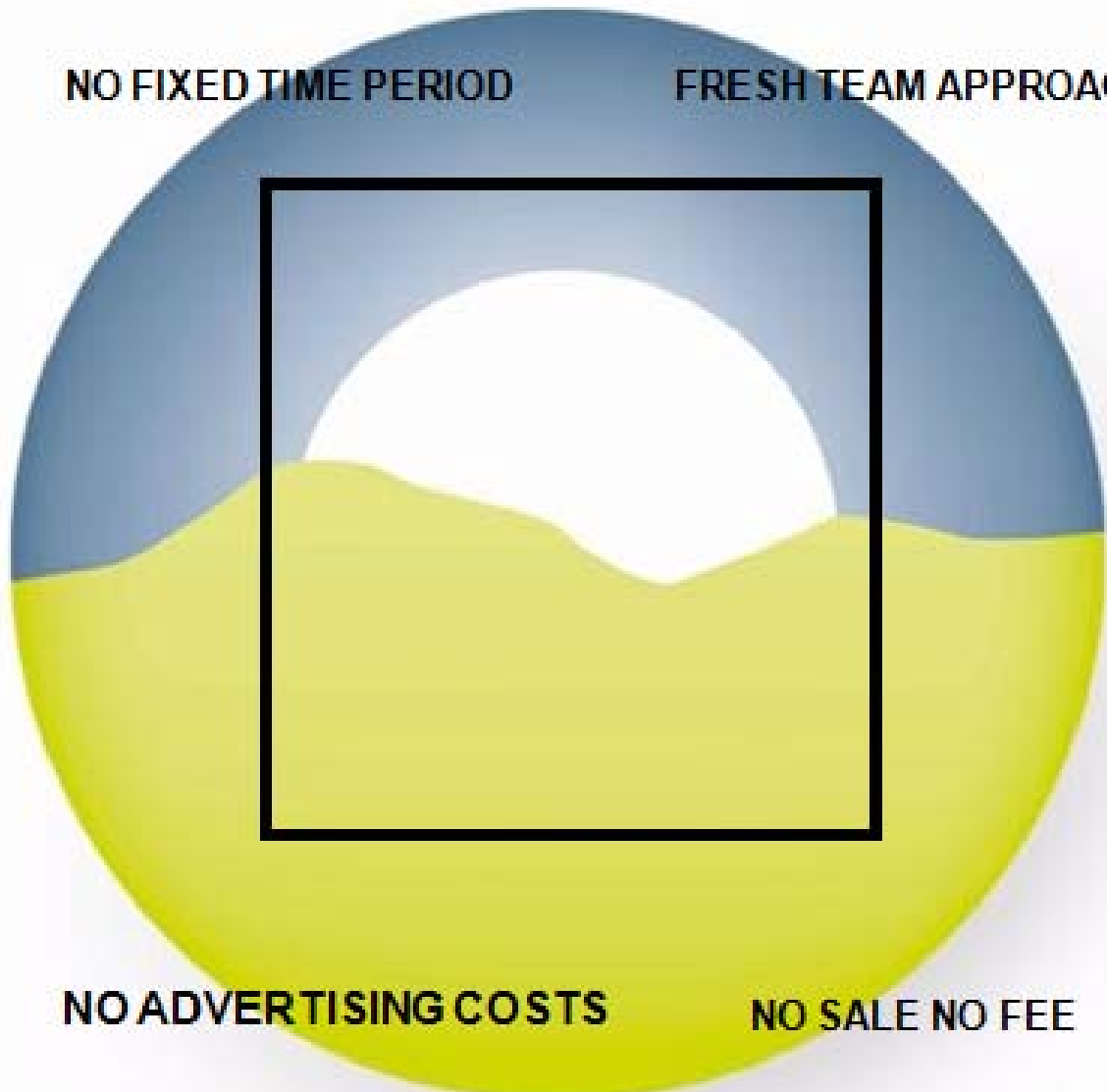
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by Peter Greenwood

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Winners of the nine hole competition were; Jonathan Greenwood 4th, Tom Argaet 3rd, Joan Mason 2nd and the winner was Dave Argaet with the winning score of 42/32. In the 18 hole competition Len Ivey came in 3rd with Paul Griffin 2nd on count-back from the winner, Steve Miners with an 80/63.

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ANTICHINUS – WHAT’S THAT?

by Phil Machin



Often confused with rats, mice and other rodents, our region is home to a small marsupial (has a pouch) called Antechinus. There are several different types in Australia, but a couple of the more common ones around here are the Yellow-footed and Brown Antechinus. Wildcare doesn't come across too many of these animals – perhaps because development and domestic animals have moved them on. But they occasionally turn up. Typically they are brought home by the family cat. Unfortunately cats have a particularly damaging and infectious bite and this is often fatal unless antibiotics can be given quickly. It is not always easy to identify Antechinus, but compared to other rodent-type animals, it has splayed feet, a more pointed snout and double-lobed ears.

Being mainly nocturnal, you have to be lucky to see them in the wild. However they can be seen during the day during the mating season in July/August. Females give birth to as many as 12 young. And the male dies shortly after mating – it is at this time they are 'rescued', as they are more vulnerable. Mum is often partial to eating her young, so they can be pretty tough on each other. They can live around our homes, but typically they live in woodland areas in tree cavities and rocks. It has an odd rapid and jerky hopping style and is a fast mover. It has quite a varied diet including insects, fruit and flowers, but it is also carnivorous and can eat small birds and mice. And it can be cheeky in pinching food from the kitchen and garbage bins.

There are many native wildlife rodent-like creatures, so don't always assume you have found a rat or large mouse. One way to help protect smaller mammals is to keep cats under control, particularly at night. Wildcare is your local wildlife group and can be contacted on 6299 1966. The Native Animal Rescue Group covers the Braidwood and Majors Creek area on 4846 1900.

Photo: *Brown Antechinus* (courtesy of ozanimals.com)

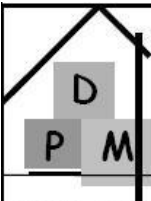
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WASTE MANAGEMENT SURVEY

The Waste Management Survey by the Palerang/Wamboin/Bywong/Sutton East Waste Management Working Group was distributed to the ratepayers of the three communities on 17 June. It was the culmination of a lot of work by Palerang Council's Director of Infrastructure Planning, Bill Ellison, Councillors Terry Bransdon, Anne Goonan and Judith Turley and representatives from our three Community Associations. The Working Group endeavoured to give residents detailed information on their waste management options once Macs Reef tip is closed.

The survey will have closed by the time you read this article so I hope that you took the time to consider your preferred option and sent your survey form in by the deadline of 3 July. School holidays and Council agenda necessitated a quickish turn-round time. 1236 survey packages were sent out and, at time of writing, there has been quite a high return rate. A good response will, of course, indicate community interest in their local amenities and confound the critics of such a community consultation process. An interim report will go to Council on 2 July.

The next step will entail the collation and analysis of the results. I anticipate that their interpretation will interest, and create much discussion, for Councillors and residents in determining the positions they will adopt. I can only hope for open minds and lateral thinking. The recent Council meeting which discussed the costs for operating the Captains Flat transfer station brings into focus the costs to Palerang Council and to Palerang ratepayers for such a community amenity for a much smaller population than the Wamboin, Bywong and Sutton East area.

It is anticipated that an agreed analysis from the Working Group will be reported to Council at the August General meeting. -- John van der Straaten, WCA Secretary 6238 3590

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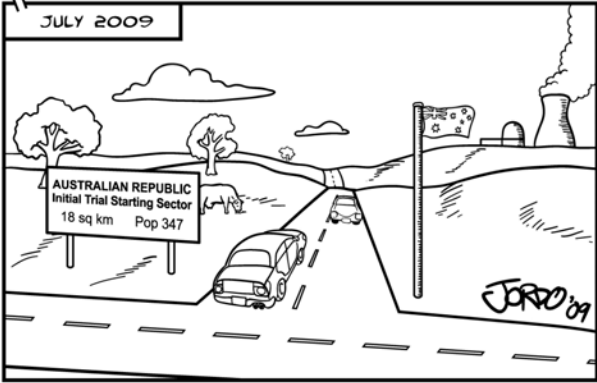
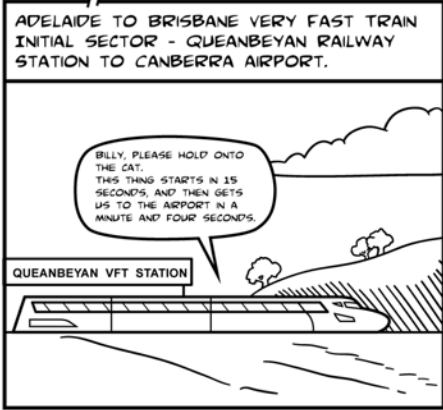
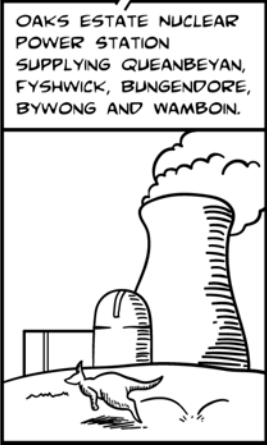
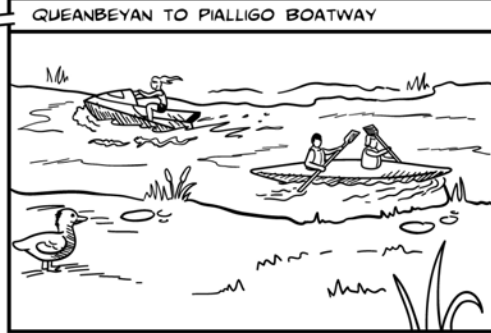
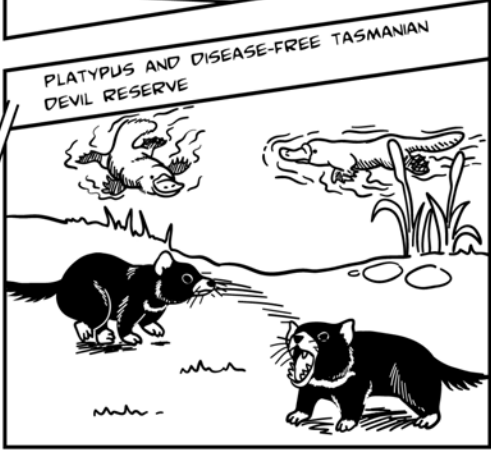
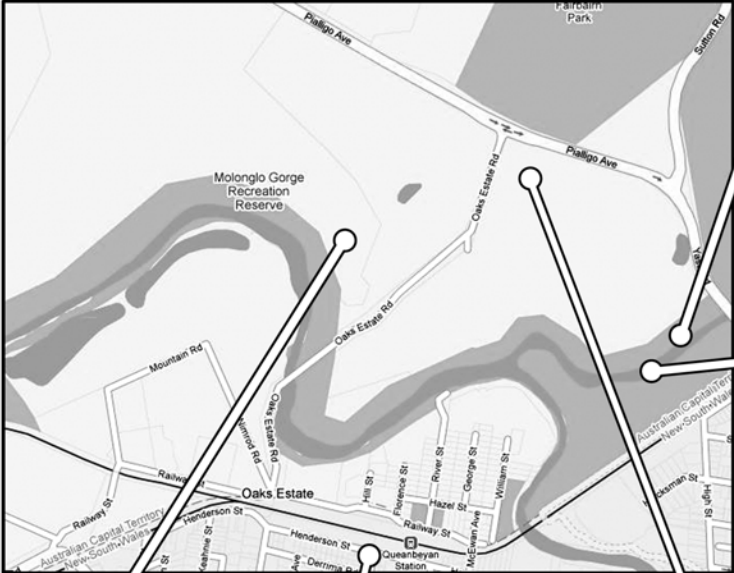
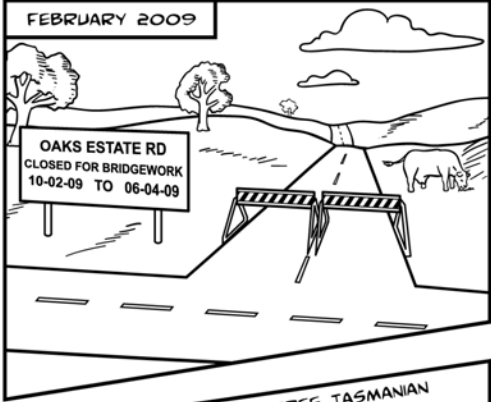
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Lake George Day VIEW Club

by Lydia Teodorowych

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Nature Notes June 2009

by Jo Walker

A few good falls of rain during the month have combined with very mild temperatures to create ideal growing conditions for the winter grasses. And it looks as if it is going to be a good season for some of the daisies that prefer moister sites. Billy Buttons (*Craspedia variabilis*) are coming up along the creek and Scaly Buttons (*Leptorhynchos squamatus*) rosettes are appearing in large patches. A daisy that wasn't very common on my place when I came here years ago is Austral Bear's-ear (*Cymbonotus lawsonianus*). Over the last few years, though, it has appeared in sizeable populations. The bright green leaves are up to 10cm long and almost as wide, with lobed margins, and form a flat rosette around the almost stalkless bright yellow flowers, very noticeable during spring and summer.

It's possibly going to be a good year for orchids, too. Certainly, there are large patches of Greenhood rosettes, mostly Little Dumpies (*Diplodium truncatum* – previously *Pterostylis truncata*), coming up at present on my place, and one plant appears to have a small flower bud already. Some of these patches are over a metre across, but so far I've only once seen a really good flowering season.

The Early Wattle (*Acacia genistifolia*) is already in flower in places along Sutton Road, and the buds on the Silver Wattle (*A.dealbata*) are already beginning to show some colour. We could get some early flowerings, unless the temperatures are a bit closer to normal next month – so far there have been only about four frosts here and those very light. It hasn't been cold enough yet for the Wolf Spiders to close over their holes in the ground for winter.

There are a few winter visitors amongst the birds. A Yellow-tufted Honeyeater has claimed a group of grevilleas near the dam, and was busy keeping the Eastern Spinebills at bay recently. Two Satin Bowerbirds turned up close to the house the other day. Neither had the blue-black plumage of a male, so they were probably either two females or, possibly, immature birds. Immature males have similar plumage to females for two or three years, then begin to develop a green band across the chest. After this, they gradually produce the blue-black feathers, but are six or seven years old before full adult plumage is obtained. And a pair of Pink Robins flew in and sat in a bush close to me when I was cutting up one of the dead Silver Wattles. The male came to almost within arm's length, perched on a twig watching intently, then dived on a small insect I must have disturbed.

With just a little bit more rain, the countryside should stay green until spring. Right now there is more rain forecast. Let's hope it happens.

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