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The Whisper

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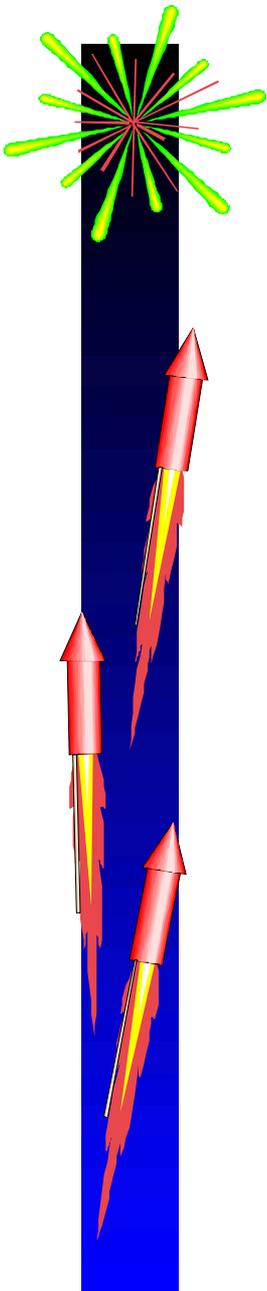
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Wamboin Community Association President's Paragraphs

Waste Management – The results of the waste management survey and the next steps in the process of getting a Waste Transfer Station at the Macs Reef tip site are being reported elsewhere in the Whisper, so I won't go into them here. However, I would like to extend my thanks to the hard working committee who have put many hours into ensuring that residents get adequate waste management facilities, particularly Terry Bransdon and Peter Harrison for analysing and reporting the survey data and John van der Straaten for his continued efforts on this issue.

Norton Road – I have had some reports of dangerous driving through the roadworks on Norton Road. The road has been particularly slippery with the recent rain and frosty mornings. So, please be careful and patient when driving through the construction zone. In particular, obey the speed limits which are enforceable. While the roadworks are inconvenient, the end result will improve Norton Road (albeit a small section).

Wamboin Community Association – The next WCA meeting is on **15th September at 7:30pm at the Wamboin Community Hall**. Everybody is welcome to attend.

Wamboin Produce Markets – The long awaited return of the markets is **19th September** from 9:00am until noon at the Community Hall. While it's a little early for some produce, there's sure to be lots of goodies as well as the opportunity to catch up with friends over a cup of coffee and scones/muffins.

Bonfire Night – Wamboin's annual fireworks and bonfire will on **26th September**. Donations of suitable material to the bonfire pile on the oval are now being gratefully accepted. It's always a great night with an impressive fireworks display by Black Widow Fireworks and yummy food provided by local community groups. We hope you and your friends will come and enjoy the night while supporting our community groups' major fundraising activity. See details elsewhere in the Whisper.

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

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Shooting in our local residential area – safety facts and other issues. Wednesday 14th October- 8pm Bywong Hall, Birriwa Road, Bywong. Join us for an informative evening on issues to do with shooting in rural residential areas, with speakers from the Queanbeyan Police, National Parks and Wildlife Service and Wildcare. We will also be holding our Annual General Meeting, and welcome nominations for all positions on the Association Committee. For more information, please call Nora on 62303305 or email nora@setdancing.com.au

Christmas Drinks – Saturday 5th December 6-8pm. Book this date in your diary! Join us for a celebratory Christmas drink.

OTHER INFORMATION

New toilets at the Bywong Hall. Two new toilets and a new storeroom have been successfully added to the Bywong Community Hall, as a result of a successful bid for Regional and Local Infrastructure Program money from the Commonwealth Government. We wish to thank the builder, Reg Giraldi, for an excellent job delivered on time and on budget, and the Les Reardon Reserve Committee for their effort.

Kids and teenagers of Bywong – where are you? Last month we indicated that we would be most interested to talk with you about activities, events or other things that you would like in our community. Suggestions we have had so far include improved access and connections to ensure people can travel safely around Bywong – horses, pedestrians and pushbikes either on Greenways or other pedestrian access. Also, suggestions were made for a communal area for pushbikes / motorbikes. We want to know what you want and how you might like to help. If you have something to tell, please contact Nora Stewart on 62303305 or text 0431862 853 (please add your name) or email nora@setdancing.com.au.

Bywong – Our Name: Our Place – a need for locality signs. On a number of occasions since the Geographic Names Board approved the locality designation for Bywong, This community has written to council requesting that council erect locality signs for Bywong and other localities in the Council area. On those occasions Council advised that funds were not available, or did not respond.

Public announcements following Federal allocation of funds to local government included an allocation for locality Signs". When we saw the announcement we assumed that this referred to the erection of signs identifying rural localities such as we had sought. We have since, however, seen considerable activity in erecting street and road junction signs, but no locality signs. (We now know that these other signs have been erected by the RTA NSW, not Council.)

This association has written twice this year to the Council General Manager requesting locality signs and no response has been received.

If you would like locality signs for Bywong, please write to our Councillors via Palerang Council or email them as a group at councillors@palerang.nsw.gov.au and urge them to take action.

Telstra Grant of \$1,000 to the Association. We wish to acknowledge receipt of \$1,000 from the Telstra Community Connections Program aimed at enhancing, encouraging and recognizing Telstra employee's involvement in community organisations.

Nora Stewart, President www.bywongcommunity.org.au

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WAMBOIN WASTE MANAGEMENT - POST SURVEY

Some current Palerang Councillors have strongly queried and even harangued members of the Wamboin Community Association when they have taken community views to Council meetings which might run counter to their opinions. Council's meeting protocol does not provide for any meaningful discussion or fair defence - and Councillors always have the last word! The options for waste management in Wamboin and Bywong have been an issue which the respective Community Associations have been in dispute with a number of Councillors and senior Council staff. It has been a struggle to get these people to 'listen' to the wishes of the residents, originally through a number of surveys over the past years, or through representation at Council meetings.

Consequently, it was hoped that the recent baseline survey by the Wamboin/Bywong/Sutton East Area Waste Management Group would determine a position acceptable to Councillors and Council staff and provide a long term solution for all residents in these communities. The survey clearly showed that the majority of residents favoured a small waste transfer station at the Macs Reef landfill site and opposed a Council-run wheelie bin roadside collection service. Pete Harrison's analysis of the survey results elsewhere in the Whisper details the results and sets out the views and attitudes of the three communities.

The August meeting of Council accepted the report of the Working Group unanimously, after its introduction and explanation by Councillor Terry Branson, and agreed to the recommendations. It was agreed that the construction of a waste transfer station at the Macs Reef landfill site would be a designated development and action would be taken to progress the early preparation and advertising of an EIS as part of the DA process. The roadside wheelie bin trial would not be undertaken, thus saving \$30 000. In the event that the landfill site proved to be unsuitable for a transfer station, a second survey would be run seeking residents' views on a Council operated roadside waste and recycling service or the use of the Bungendore waste transfer station.

The WCA will continue to monitor progress through the Working Group and is most appreciative of the work of Councillor Branson on the report to Council and his contact with Council staff, particularly the Director, Infrastructure Planning, Bill Ellison. -- John van der Straaten WCA Secretary 6238 3590

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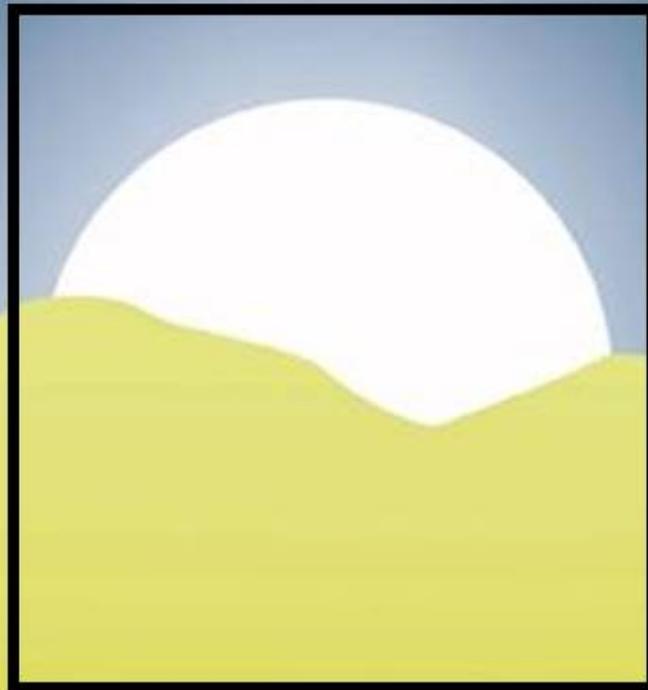


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by the Executive Committee with help from many members of the Brigade

From the Wamboin Brigade: The fire danger period in the Lake George Zone (Palarang Council) and adjoining zones has now commenced for the 2009/10 fire season, this is one month earlier than normal!



Why has this decision been taken? There is considerable concern regarding the low winter rainfall, relative high temperatures and high fuel loadings to name but a few factors. We need little reminder of the devastation that intense Bush Fires can cause. Experiences in the last month indicate a very difficult fire season ahead. Therefore, from now on a **fire permit** is required for *any fire in the open that is not used for cooking*.

The upcoming fire season, some things to consider:

- Are you fire ready?
- Do you have a fire plan?
- Have you reviewed that plan for the coming fire season 2009/10?

The 'winter' month of August has been busy for the Brigade, the following events/requests have been responded to:

July 3 - Firecall to house fire in Weeroona Drive. Ceiling fire apparently started by contractors. Fire was fought by the workers and was effectively extinguished by the time we arrived. Some damage to ceiling and roof structure.

August 4 - A firecall to backup Bungendore Brigade to a house fire in Bungendore. Turned out to be a minor kitchen fire and we were no longer required and were stopped as Wamboin 1A was leaving the fire station.

August 7 - Firecall to a structure fire in Bingley Way. A flat behind the main residence was alight in the ceiling space which we managed to extinguish after removal of a few roofing sheets. Whilst the roof structure was charred there was little other damage and we used minimal water to extinguish the fire and prevented further damage from water. Apparently started by electrical wires exposed by contact with steel roof sheeting.

August 18 - Firecall to support Bungendore Brigade at a grass fire east of Bungendore . Apparently tussock burn out of control for a second time in a few days. Bungendore had it rounded up before our arrival but it demonstrated to dry nature of grass and the very quick and easy spread of fire.

August 29 - Wamboin deployed a category 1 tanker with 5 crew as part of "Strike Team' South One" to assist with the Batemans Bay fires, deployed in less that 12 hours of final confirmation.

This article is being prepared on return from what eventuated to be an 'all nighter' on the fire ground at Batemans Bay. No homes were lost during this period, which is remarkable considering the fires and conditions. It is all about helping each other out and at 0600 vegemite toast is wonderful!!!

Finally, if you need any advice about fire protection around your property please call the brigade Captain on 0409 991 340, and please review your response.

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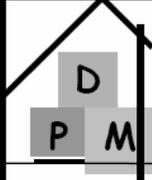
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Waste Management Survey Results

The results of the recent Waste Management Survey were tabled at the August meeting of Council. The response from our community was outstanding, with a 54.5% return rate. To their credit, Council voted unanimously to support the wishes of the overwhelming (75.2%) majority that supported the establishment of a Macs Reef Road transfer station, and postpone its plans for a roadside collection service trial.

A total of 1236 survey forms were posted out to Wamboin, Bywong and Sutton Park ratepayers, and a team comprising Cr Bransdon, council staff, and a small group of community volunteers recorded the responses from the 674 survey forms that were returned. The overall results are presented on the following pages. While the data were also analysed on a 'per road' basis, to look for geographical trends within the Community, in order to protect the anonymity of respondents these results cannot be made public. It can, however, be noted that there were no particular trends relating to geographical location, except for the obvious expectation that residents who live closer to Bungendore make more use of the Bungendore tip.

It was interesting to note that current garbage collection arrangements had little bearing on support for the two proposed options. While 19.1% of residents currently use a commercial collection service, almost 78% of these did not support the introduction of a council roadside service. The major issue was that most of these people have their rubbish collected from their residence, not the roadside, and the council proposal was seen as an unacceptable service degradation.

About 10% of the respondents were not sure which option would be better, and this is reflected in the fact that while there was only 19.7% support for the proposed council service, there was 31.5% support for a trial.

Statistically, the general pattern of responses was well established after processing just the first day's forms (~10% of the respondents), and the last 15 forms, entered on the final day of processing, showed much the same pattern. This is entirely consistent with the general observation that a survey only needs a response rate of around 10% to be statistically valid. The high response rate in the present case, however, sent a very clear message to Council: this was seen within the Community as a very important issue.

Even though there was no specific request or area provided on the survey form, 151 respondents included comments, either on the survey form itself, or attached on a separate sheet. All of these comments were read, and recorded in the database that was used in the processing of results. While there was no formal recognition of individual comments, specific remarks were given due consideration by both councillors and council staff.

We are not yet, however, entirely in the clear. The transfer station proposal is still subject to the relevant development processes. Through Council's Waste Management Working Group, we will continue to monitor and report on subsequent progress. --Pete Harrison (Ph. 6238 3525; Email: Pete.Harrison@internode.on.net), Vice President, WCA

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1 Summary Data

Forms posted out	1236	
Responses received	674	54.5%

Note that, in the following data, totals do not always add up to 100% because not all respondents answered all questions, even when it might seem logical that they would.

2 Preferred Option

In response to the question “Which [option] do you prefer?” (only one option could be selected):

Roadside Collection	133	19.7%
Waste Transfer Station	507	75.2%

3 Support for Trial

In response to the question “Do you support the [proposed] trial?” (only one option could be selected):

Yes	212	31.5%
No	454	67.4%

4 Private Collection Service

In response to the question “Do you use O’Sullivans Household Rural Waste Collection Service?”:

Yes	129	19.1%
No	540	80.1%

5 Private Collection Frequency

For those respondents who indicated that they used O’Sullivans, their response to the question “How often do you have O’Sullivans collect your waste?”:

Weekly	40	31.0%
Fortnightly	76	58.9%
Monthly	9	7.0%
Occasionally	1	0.8%

6 Private Collection Service Location

For those respondents who indicated that they used O’Sullivans, their response to the question “From where does O’Sullivans collect your waste?”:

Roadside	32	24.8%
House	94	72.9%

7 Landfill Usage

In response to the question “Do you use an existing landfill rubbish tip?”:

Yes	636	94.4%
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8 Tip Location

Respondents who indicated that they used either of the two local landfill rubbish tips (respondents could nominate both sites if they used both):

Macs Reef Road	545	85.7%
Bungendore	200	31.4%

9 Macs Reef Road Tip Usage

For respondents who indicated that they used either of the two local landfill rubbish tips, “How often do you use the tip for household waste?”:

Weekly	98	15.4%
Fortnightly	125	19.7%
Monthly	161	25.3%
Occasionally	161	25.3%
(Never	30	4.7%)

10 Bungendore Tip Usage

For respondents who indicated that they used either of the two local landfill rubbish tips, “How often do you use the tip for household waste?”:

Weekly	37	5.8%
Fortnightly	29	4.6%
Monthly	35	5.5%
Occasionally	99	15.6%
(Never	179	28.1%)

11 # Bags of Rubbish per Tip Trip

In response to the question “On average, what quantities of household rubbish do you take to Council tips per visit (# of ‘standard’ plastic shopping bags)?”:

1-3	75	11.8%
4-6	104	16.4%
7-9	101	15.9%
10-12	170	26.7%
13-15	8	1.3%
16-18	13	2.0%
19-21	33	5.2%
21-24	8	1.3%
>24	87	13.7%

12 Tip Items

In response to the question "Tick every item you take to the tip (at least occasionally)?":

General H'hold Waste	548	86.2%
Recyclable Items	494	77.7%
Batteries	153	24.1%
Building Waste	291	45.8%
Computers	123	19.3%
Furniture	169	26.6%
Green Waste	287	45.1%
Oil	172	27.0%
Paint	93	14.6%
Tyres	94	14.8%
White Goods	175	27.5%
Wire/Fencing	219	34.4%
Other Items	145	22.8%

13 WTS Usage with Collection

In response to the question "How often would you need to use a transfer station if there was a roadside collection service?":

Weekly	39	6.1%
Fortnightly	72	11.3%
Monthly	111	17.5%
Occasionally	324	50.9%
Never	29	4.6%

14 WTS Usage without Collection

In response to the question "How often would you need to use a transfer station if there was no roadside collection service?":

Weekly	129	20.3%
Fortnightly	155	24.4%
Monthly	170	26.7%
Occasionally	139	21.9%
Never	7	1.1%

15 Recycling

In response to the question "Roughly what percentage of your recyclables do you take to a Council recycling facility?":

0%	96	14.2%
1-25%	54	8.0%
26-50%	66	9.8%
51-75%	26	3.9%
76-99%	234	34.7%
100%	198	29.4%

16 WTS Items

In response to the question "What items would you want to take to a waste transfer station?":

General H'hold Waste	437	68.7%
Recyclable Items	446	70.1%
Batteries	168	26.4%
Computers	136	21.4%
Oil	169	26.6%
Other Items	203	31.9%

Responses to items 2, 3, 4 & 10 were also analysed according to the location of respondents, but in order to preserve the anonymity of individual respondents these data have not been made publicly available.

The results for Items 2 & 3 were also analysed with respect to whether or not respondents already used a collection service:

Preferred roadside collection

Total	133	
With existing service	29	22.5% ¹
With roadside service	14	43.8% ²
With house service	13	13.8% ³
No location nominated	2	
Without existing service	102	18.9% ⁴
Status unknown	2	

Supported trial

Total	212	
With existing service	41	31.8% ¹
With roadside service	19	59.4% ²
With house service	21	22.3% ³
No location nominated	1	
Without existing service	170	31.5% ⁴
Status unknown	1	

¹ As a percentage of respondents with an existing service

² As a percentage of respondents with an existing roadside service

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by Ned Noel**

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Possum Pain

by Phil Machin

Wildcare often gets asked for advice as to how to remove possums from people's roof areas and chimneys, and whilst this is given, property owners are best placed to do the job themselves. In our area there are three types of possum – the smaller ringtail, the larger brush tail and the very small and less common sugar glider. They will readily seek out roof cavities if there are holes or climb into disused chimneys where the capping has been displaced.



Before thinking about removing a possum it is necessary to prepare for where it has to go. Being territorial, ideally there should be a new home for it to go to – such as the one shown in the picture. A possum box is easily made or you can buy one from Wildcare. The possum box needs to be placed close to the entry and exit area some distance off the ground (ideally 4 metres) and away from cats and dogs. You can attract a brush tail possum to the box by placing fruit such as a banana or apple, on and around it. However ringtail possums eat gumleaf shoots and flower heads. If you are able to find the nest of the possum, then you can put some of it inside the possum box, as well as other dry leaf litter.

To get the possum to leave where it shouldn't be and stay away, place a light in the roof cavity, or wherever the animal has its nest, and leave it in place for about three days and nights. Some people also place quassia chips (obtained from a pharmacy) and mothballs in and around the area. The combination of light and foul smell should be enough to drive the possum away. When you are absolutely sure the possum is no longer in the roof cavity or chimney, block off the entrance and exit with timber and chicken wire or make a proper repair to the building. If you no longer see or hear the possum, then it is likely it has found a new home – possibly the one you put out.

By the way, if possums are eating your roses and best veggies, then it is best to put up a barrier to stop them having access. This can be done around a veggie patch, but in the garden it is probably a case of growing different flowers and shrubs or planting a few more. Possum traps can be set, but the animals do not relocate well - far better to try to coexist with them. If all else fails, get in touch with Wildcare on 6299 1966 or the Native Animal Rescue Group that covers the Braidwood and Majors Creek area on 4846 1900.

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by Ian Coillet

An occasional piece.....

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“But hang on a minute!” I hear you exclaim. “Seems like last year’s bushfire danger period only just closed!” Indeed, you aren’t far wrong. Due to the low rainfall and the weather conditions prevailing and anticipated, last year’s bushfire danger period was extended by a month to 30 April this year.

Problem is, weather-wise, regrettably not much has changed. The low rainfall and dry conditions along with the winds and electrical storms experienced over the past several years persist. Warmer weather is almost certainly just around the corner. What moisture is in the soil and vegetation will soon be much reduced.

So, from September 1, the current bushfire danger period will be declared for our region, a declaration not normally occurring for another month. What’s the effect of the declaration for us all? Simply put, we must not burn off without a permit. No permit – no burning off.

Indisputably, much of our continent is experiencing prolonged drought. Southern NSW continues to be ravaged by drought with experts predicting conditions will get worse. Currently, more than 60% of NSW is drought declared. If this long dry cycle persists, an even higher proportion of our land and population will be in deep stickle.

Disturbingly, as I pen this article (Sat 29 Aug) there are no less than 11 bushfire-related (forest/ scrub) incidents along the south coast stretching from Bega Valley in the south to the Shoalhaven in the north and ranging in size from just two hectares to a whopping two thousand two hundred hectares and growing. Resources have been called in from afar, including, for the most serious of fires, heavy plant, pumpers and helicopters. Personnel and fire trucks from out of area including fire-fighting volunteers and a large appliance from Wamboin are engaged.

Let’s hope it’s not the case but 2009-10 is shaping up to be a long and hard bushfire danger period.

The Victorian fires – February 2009

Remember the extreme fire situation in Victoria earlier this year. The loss of 173 lives and the destruction caused by the fires on February 7 2009 were the principal reasons the Victorian Government established the 2009 Victorian Bushfires Royal Commission. The Commission has broad terms of reference to investigate the causes of, preparation for, responses to, and the impact on infrastructure of the fires that occurred in late January and early February 2009.

The Commission was required to produce an interim report with recommendations that are amenable to immediate actions that could be taken for the 2009-10 Victorian bushfire season. It has adopted protection of human life as the fundamental guiding principle in framing the recommendations for the interim report. The interim report was released on 17 August. The copy I ordered arrived late in the week – just a few days after ordering. Unfortunately, I’ve only had the opportunity to skim the 360 page interim report (inclusive of an Executive Summary). The Executive Summary (26 pages) is also available separately.

Over 1200 submissions were received prior to the closing date for the Interim report. They have come from across Victoria, from people in fire-affected and unaffected areas and from around Australia and overseas.

The Commission made 51 recommendations in its interim report.

An area of particular interest to me concerns the recommendations regarding the policy that directs residents to Prepare, Stay and Defend or Leave Early (known more commonly as the ‘stay or go’ policy) as applied in Victoria.

The Commission’s interim report notes that, of the one hundred and seventy-three Victorians who died in the fires of 7 February, two-thirds of them did so in their homes. While broadly supporting the thrust of the policy, against the background of the 2009 Victorian fires, the Commission has concluded that more emphasis needs to be placed on the risks of staying and defending.

In the Commission’s view the safest course is to leave early.

To stay may still be an appropriate option for some particularly in less dangerous bushfires. But to stay requires considerable effort to prepare and make a property defensible. Some properties, because of their nature and locality, will not be defensible in extremely dangerous bushfires.

The Commission observed that to defend a property successfully requires considerable physical effort and emotional strain. Often more than one person needs to be involved. It is a task for those who are physically fit and mentally strong. It is not a place for children, older people or the infirm.

Properties also need a range of auxiliary equipment to bushfire standards, and an ample water supply not dependent on mains power.

In addition, the concept of defensible space needs stronger recognition.

The Commission concluded that these messages need greater acknowledgment in the written publications, training and advice provided by the Country Fire Authority (CFA) – (Victoria’s equivalent to the NSW Rural Fire Service – author’s insertion).

The Commission recommended that emphasis of CFA community education literature and advice be changed and improved to more realistically acknowledge the risks of extremely dangerous bushfires.

The Commission made comments and recommendations on several other related matters including the risk of death, identifying triggers that should be used to determine when to go; development of a personal fire plan that also recognises that a person’s preferred option may not be possible and sometimes fails.

The Commission's website www.royalcommission.vic.gov.au is extensive and well laid out. A copy of the report can be viewed or downloaded from the website. You can also view submissions (some exceptions) made to the Commission and read the Commission's community consultation notes and other material. To obtain a printed copy of the Interim Report and/ or the Executive Summary, contact Information Victoria on 1300 366 356 or bookshop@diird.vic.gov.au and they will post a copy out at no cost.

The 2009 Victorian Bushfires Royal Commission's Final Report is due on 31 July 2010.

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Glynda Bluhm of Alpaca Magic has been a long time Sutton area resident and a long time generous advertiser in the Whisper. She asked if there could be a way to advertise in the classifieds. Up until now classifieds have been free but generally limited to Wamboin and Bywong residents. Glynda, as an out of area business advertiser, offered to pay for some sort of classified listings. This additional form of advertising in the Whisper hence appears as a trial in this issue. It will be available to all businesses and to out of area residents as an alternate form of advertising. It will be priced at the same as the normal "display" ads, at \$100 per full A4 page, \$50 per half page, \$25 per ¼ page, \$20 per 1/6 page, \$15 per 1/8 A4 page. - Editor

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by Lydia Teodorowych

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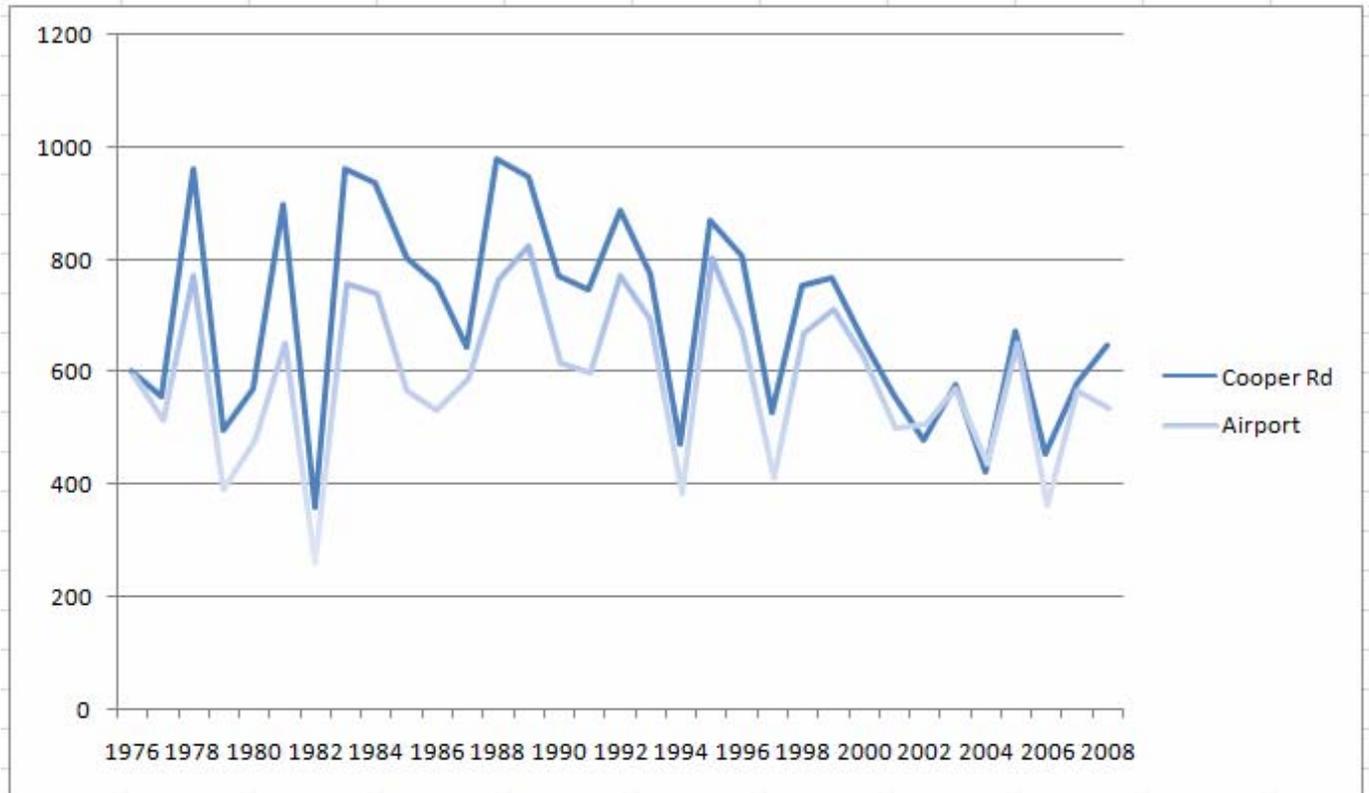
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Wettest Sept day ... 48.00mm 19/9/85
Hottest Sept day ... 24 degrees C 18/9/81
Coldest Sept night ... -2 degrees C (4/9/00)

Aug 2008 ... 34.25mm
2008 to 31/8 ... 374.50mm
Wettest Sept ... 146.00mm 1978
Driest Sept ... 6.00mm 1994
Coldest Sept day ... 5 degrees C 4/9/82
1994 was the driest January to July period since 1982
1982 .. 228.0 mm 1994 .. 281.5 mm 2009 .. 237.75mm



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by Peter Greenwood

It was Tradies Day at the Wamboin Golf Club last month. Well known "tradies" Don, Trent and Hank, long time keen community workers, sponsored the August golf game as they have done for many years. The game was a regular Stableford event with 18 hole and 9 hole competitions.

Ball winners for long drives and nearest the pin were; Tim Barter, Dave Hubbard, Nev Schroder x2, Jack Whitney x4, Rob Gorham, Joan Mason and Len Ivey.

The 9 hole competition was won by Lofty Mason with 21 points, and keeping it in the family was Joan Mason with 20 points in 2nd place and Charlie Montesin with 17 points in 3rd spot.

The 18 hole comp was won by Dave Hubbard with a "get out of town!" 45 points. (Even Ned Kelly couldn't get 45 points!!) Tim Barter was 2nd with a very respectable 41 points and 3rd on count-back was Jack Whitney with 34 points. Next month we will be out of Winter and into Spring with the Mason's Spring Trophy up for grabs.

-- Peter Greenwood Enquiries 6238 3358

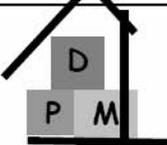
WAMBOIN HOME PRODUCE MARKETS

It seems as though the two months off just flew past now the Home Produce Markets are on again on Saturday the 19th of September. These Markets are held at the Hall in Bingley Way and run from 9am to noon. We may be down on garden produce but come along and buy up big on plants, jewellery, cakes, sausage rolls, dried fruit, nuts etc. The Markets are a great place to meet and talk. Ye Olde Coffee Shoppe will be operating selling delicious Wagonga Coffee with jam and cream scones. Forgot to have breakfast? Freshly cooked egg and bacon rolls will supply the comfort food. See you there.

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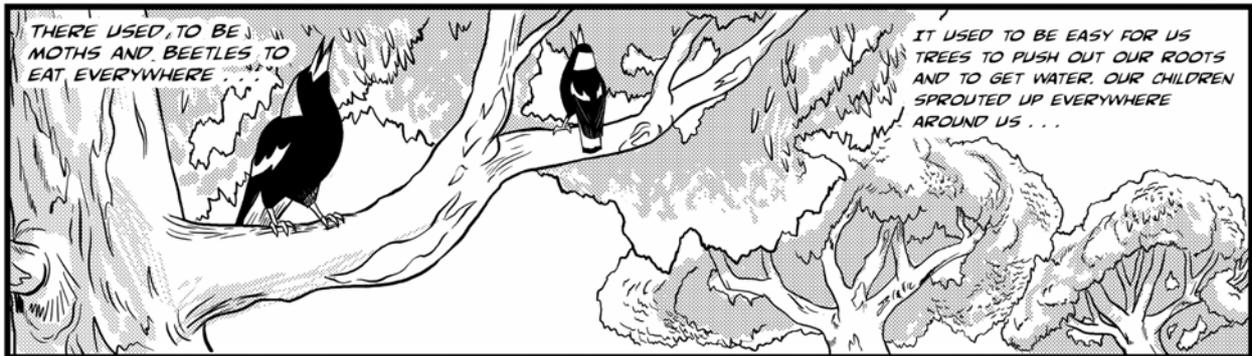
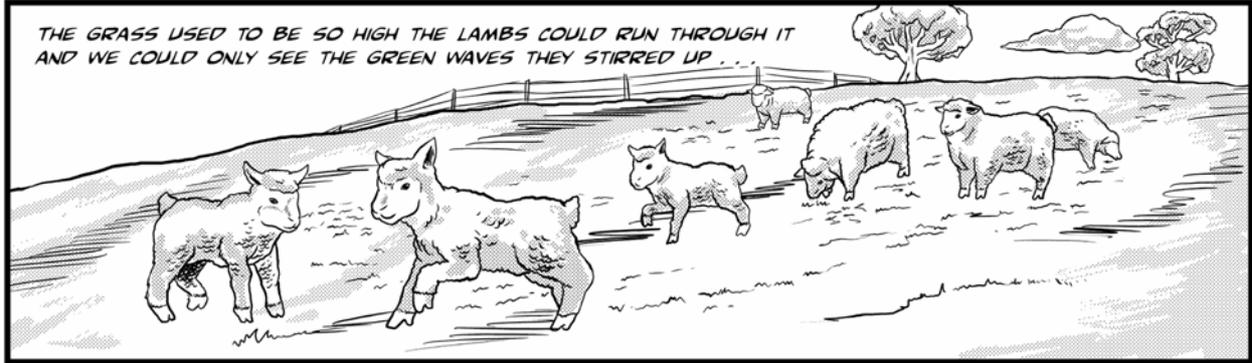
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Wamboin Muse

Jill Gregory

The bees are buzzing in the first frothy blossoms of spring, the golden daffodils are nodding wisely to each other in the blustery wind and the wattles are bursting into bundles of yellow above the grey spikes of kangaroo grass. Winter is officially behind us, but it didn't disappear without a fight. How wonderful it was to spend an idle Saturday, cocooned inside because it was too wet and cold to tackle the myriad new season jobs outside. The wet weather didn't last very long, barely long enough to make a few puddles in the dry creek bed, but I cherished winter's last hurrah.

I'm often amused by the topics of conversation when locals gather, and surprised at how different they are from those of town dwellers. I recently heard a horror story about a couple who arrived home from a hectic few days at the coast to an icy, dark house with a large puddle on the kitchen floor and a freezer brimming with warm, limp items. Usually we would blame our electricity supplier, but this time the forces of nature had been at work. Hornets had cleverly built a mud nest in the power box and chewed through some tasty insulation. While the mud remained moist, the power flow was uninterrupted. However, once the nest had dried out the power supply was cut! And the other morning I turned on the tap and nothing happened. There was no water, but there was light! We discovered to our dismay that a furry nocturnal friend hopping home after a night of feasting had tripped on a very cold plastic pipe and broken it. The pump obligingly turned itself on and pumped out the contents of the tank onto the grateful ground. At least we had power; no water usually spells no power. Then there are the stories of cockatoos that pick daffodils indiscriminately and "tip prune" small branches of trees, and possums that try to propagate plants with no horticultural skills at all. But how good it is to see the little wrens, all a nervous twitter, hopping around in their new spring outfits, listen to the happy sounds of the little honey eaters, and hear a chook, cackling with sheer delight at her cleverness in laying an egg.

With the fire in the hearth still burning, the wind tossing the blossoms outside and the fire bans already imposed, we can only hope for a gentle spring that eases us into summer. I think about it occasionally.....but I wouldn't live anywhere else.

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