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Wamboin Community Association -- President's Paragraphs

The Whisper On-Line – This edition, and archives of past editions, of The Whisper are now available from the WCA Web site at <http://wamboincommunity.asn.au/whisper/>

Wamboin Community Association – The next WCA meeting is on **17th Nov at 7:30pm at the Wamboin Community Hall**. Everybody is most welcome to attend.

Wamboin Produce Markets – The markets are a great place to get lots of local goodies and catch up with friends over a cup of coffee and scones/muffins. So don't miss the next markets which will be on **21st Nov** from 9:00am till noon. The Dec markets will be on 19th Dec.

Christmas Carols – The annual community Carols Evening will be held on **18th Dec**, details of which on-line at <http://wamboincommunity.asn.au/newsandevents> and will be included in the December Whisper. If you would like to help with the evening or have any ideas for the program, please contact Helen Montesin (ph: 6238 3208). In particular, we would like some more musicians and children for the Nativity play.

Hall and Fireshed electrical upgrade – The work has now been completed for the upgrade to the electrical supply to the Fireshed and Hall; and the new lights in the Hall. Many thanks to Peter Greenwood and the rest of his team for their hard work in obtaining the funds for this important work and getting the job done.

Noticeboard on corner of Norton and Bungendore Roads – Steve and Jenny Richards have done a great job repairing the noticeboard – thank you both very much. However, I was very disappointed to see that someone had taped a notice on it. Please do not tape signs to any of the noticeboards as the glue ruins the chalkboard surface. In addition, the noticeboards are to be used for notices of a community nature and for 'little dog lost' notices. They are not to be used for commercial or business notices and other notices must not be attached to the noticeboards

Norton and Bungendore Roads – The roadworks are now complete for the sections being upgraded on these roads. They are a great improvement. Palerang Council have done a good job with a minimum of disruption. We hope that they will continue to improve these roads as some sections are in a parlous state.

Suspicious activities – Following a spate of burglaries earlier in the year, there have been some recent reports of suspicious activities in the Wamboin/Bywong area. These involve people driving into properties purporting to be Jehovah's Witnesses. While they may be legitimate, if you see anything that you think is suspicious, you should take note of relevant details and contact the police. Taking photos of the people/car would also be useful. Most mobile phones have a camera function these days, so if you have it handy, you could use that.

WCA Electronic Noticeboard – The noticeboard is a great way to keep up with issues of community interest and I encourage everybody to subscribe. With the creation of our new Web site, the subscription process has been simplified. Just go to the noticeboard Web page at <http://wamboincommunity.asn.au/noticeboard/> and click on the subscription link.

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. All of this information, and much more, is also available on-line at <http://wamboincommunity.asn.au>, in the Community Groups and Services sections.

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

-- Helen Montesin (president@wamboincommunity.asn.au)



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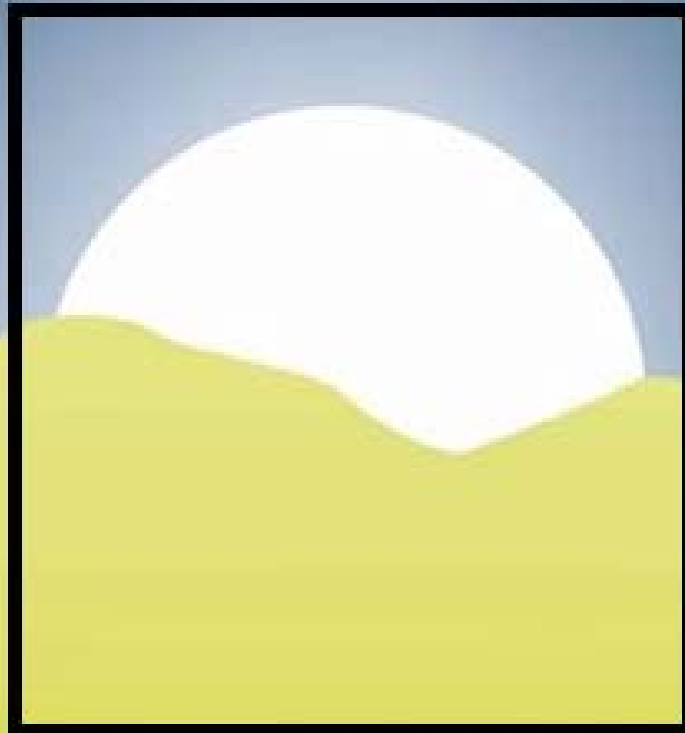
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Christmas Drinks

Saturday 5th Dec 2009 – 6.00-8.30pm
Bywong Hall, Birriwa Road, Bywong

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Shooting in rural residential areas: fact is, it's dangerous

About 30 people attended the information session on shooting in rural residential areas on Wednesday 14th Oct at the Bywong Hall. Our own local resident Mark Watson (pictured) gave an excellent scientific presentation on ballistics and why shooting in rural residential areas is extremely dangerous, even for the best prepared and trained shooters.

This was followed up by Stephen Horsley, Regional Manager, South West Slopes Region of the NSW National Parks. National Parks issue all licences for commercial and non-commercial culling of kangaroos, who are a protected species and may not be shot or killed without a valid licence. Mr. Horsley advised that there has now been a change in policy for issuing non-commercial culling licences in rural residential areas. Landholders must have a minimum of 25 hectares to apply for a non-commercial culling licence, and other conditions must be met before a licence may be issued.

Acting Inspector Nick Hallett from NSW Police, Queanbeyan was the final speaker and highlighted legal requirements for all gunholders and said that the Queanbeyan Police are currently conducting an audit of all gunholders, to ensure they are compliant. He stressed the importance of residents contacting police with any concern about shooting incidents, and encouraged residents to persist with getting police follow-up to any concern reported.



Bywong Committee reinstated at the AGM

A short AGM was held prior to the shooting information night to outline what the Association has been doing over the last year, to present a financial statement publicly and to elect a new committee.

All positions were not contested and the committee was confirmed, as follows;

President	Nora Stewart
Vice-President	Bernie Greethead
Secretary	Darryl Bourke
Treasurer	Clive Boughton
Committee member	Anne Goonan
Committee member	Kerrie Gougeon
Committee member	Guy Cotsell

I would like to publicly thank Jean-Pierre Favre for his years of support to the Association and wish him well for the future. I would also like to thank Peter McCullagh for assisting with chairing the AGM. Finally, the President's report and the minutes from the meeting will be posted on our website – www.bywongcommunity.org.au

It's your Hall

It is my sad duty to inform residents that there was an incident on or around Sunday 18th Oct, resulting in damage to the Bywong Hall. Police have retrieved evidence and are following lines of enquiry to ensure that the perpetrators are caught. If anyone has any information about those involved or saw anything, please contact the Police in Bungendore on 6238 1244.

The Association would be pleased if residents would be interested in helping to restore the Hall at a working bee. Please contact Nora on 62303305 or email nora@setdancing.com.au.
(Bowling News continued on page 7)



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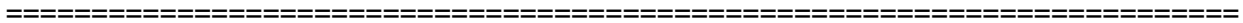
Horizon has a very good brochure that is a guide called 'Steps to Buying Your Home' in NSW & ACT. This offers advice for both the Seller & Buyer. If you would like a copy sent to you contact Jan Ladmore
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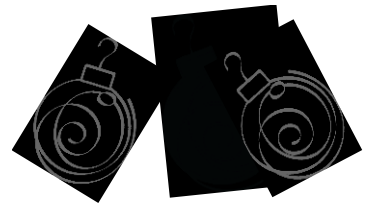
Bywong Community Association

...invites you to our **Christmas celebration drinks**
to meet and socialise with neighbours you know, and those you are yet to meet!

We particularly would like to welcome all the new residents to Bywong



WHEN: Saturday 5th Dec
 TIME: 6-8.30pm
 WHERE: Bywong Community Hall
 Birriwa Road, Bywong
 BRING: A plate with nibbles/ finger food to share
 RSVP: Friday 4th Dec (if possible) – to give us an idea of numbers
 Nora Stewart on 62303305 or email nora@setdancing.com.au



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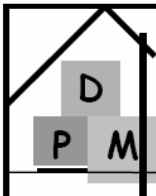
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Wildcare Spring Snapshot

by Phil Machin

Spring has been a mixed bag so far. First it got warm and we started to see lizards, snakes and reptiles scurrying and slithering around; then there was a cold snap and they all must have gone back to sleep; and now it is warming up again with all the wildlife activity that goes with that. Reptiles can't help but use our roads to get warm and motorists must keep a wary eye open to avoid them. Ideally if you see a turtle or lizard on the road – stop the car and move them off in the direction they were headed. For snakes, just stop and let them pass by, whilst alerting other motorists. If you come across an injured reptile, place it in a box and keep it cool and then seek help. If you can't bear the thought of picking up a lizard or turtle, use a towel or piece of cloth to bundle it up. The same can be done for echidnas and to avoid their thorns. In the garden, try to keep dogs and cats under control. If you discover a lizard in the dog run, then move it somewhere else, but nearby. And check that bird netting is off the ground to avoid snakes getting tangled up.

The recent high winds and blustery rain has caused some baby birds to fall out of their nest prematurely. If you come across a baby bird on the ground, just keep an eye on it for a day or so, as it could continue to be fed by its mother on the ground. Only if it looks like it has been permanently abandoned do you need to pick it up and hand it over to a wildlife group. Often baby birds end up on the ground as they learn to fly and haven't quite got the knack.



At this time of the year there are less kangaroos coming into care. There is a lot more grass around for them to eat in safety, albeit some still seem to like to come to the roadsides during dusk and over night to feed. Many young joeys are getting used to being out of mum's pouch and it is another delight of spring to see these little ones making the first few hops.

Wildcare and the Native Animal Rescue Group continue to get a steady stream of baby wombats into care. These are mainly from road kill situations. It is important to check animals on the road to see if there is a Joey onboard or hiding nearby.

It's great to see so many people using the services of Wildcare - 6299 1966 and the Native Animal Rescue Group – 48461900 and getting involved, so keep up the good work in caring for our wildlife.
Photo: Baby Magpie

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Wamboin Arts

<http://wamboin.org/wamboin-arts/>

The Wamboin Web is collaborating with locally based artists, individuals and organisations to provide an opportunity for the wider community to learn more about the creative input of the Wamboin community.

If you would like to promote your work, or share your opinion on the arts, contact the Webmaster.

The Wamboin Gardener

<http://wamboin.org/the-wamboin-gardener/>

A new page on Wamboin.org is the Wamboin Gardener. This page provides a place for gardeners to talk about the weather – and the soil – and the critters – and to share photographs of their successes, or failures.

There are some regular contributors, including Kathy Handel, Penny Evans, Aidan and Jacquelyn O'Leary and me. Jude Evans and Jo Walker have also offered to contribute from time to time.

- Jude's garden is designed on a grand scale, making use of exotic plants as well as native plants; she propagates, pots and sells plants for jumble sales for her Church and other worthy causes;
- Jo Walker and Kathy Handel are both knowledgeable about native plants and their gardens reflect this interest. Jo is familiar to the Wamboin community through her delightful column in the Whisper and the Mirror, and Kathy is also well known through her involvement with Landcare. Both Jo and Kathy sell plants at the Wamboin market on a regular basis;
- Penny Evans is also well-known to Wamboin; she is a vegetable gardener who grows and sells her produce both at the Wamboin markets and at her front door. Aidan and Jacquelyn O'Leary also grow vegetables on a grand scale, along with other plants;
- I am the exception – no real gardening skills at all – but decided to join in the fun. My gardening effort includes planting 1500 native grasses on our block, and succeeded in feeding the Wamboin critters during the worst of the drought! My interest is in learning to improve my gardening knowledge.

So take a look, and share your stories.... they can't be worse than mine!

Cheers, Jenni (& Bruce)

Contact us via email: webmaster@wamboin.org

Contact us by telephone: 6238 3421

Two New Conveners for Playgroup

Hi there, Just letting you know there are two new conveners for playgroup, playgroup will still be on Tuesdays, 10.30-12.30 during school term. Kristen Skinner Ph. 02 62 381201 Raylene Beckett Ph. 02 62 383863,

Thank you, -- Angie Matsinos

Lake George Day VIEW Club

by Lydia Teodorowych

... will hold its elections on Tuesday Nov 17 at Claddagh Lodge 75 Tarago Rd Bungendore at 11.30am for a 12 noon start. All financial members are requested to attend this important luncheon meeting. New members wishing to sign up as financial members are encouraged to attend and to experience VIEW club elections. RSVP to Pauline on 6238 1996 by Friday 13 Nov. Cost \$20.

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BRIGADE ACTIVITY DURING THE MONTH

Sunday the 11th October there were three separate motor vehicle accidents within 500 metres on Macs Reef Road all within minutes of each other. All three accidents occurred on a thick blanket of hail on the road. During the cleanup operation there were another two near misses. It reinforces the point that drivers must drive to the conditions and be particularly vigilant around accidents; the risk factors may still be present. Remember there will be emergency workers at the scene; you should be especially mindful of their safety.

The other thing you will have noticed is, this Spring has been more typical of the season we used to regularly experience several years ago. Quite a deal of rain. Yes, isn't it green – almost verdant. The rain is very welcome but as you'll already be noticing, a touch of the warm weather and the grass is growing rapidly (i.e. fuel level is building). Be mindful.

Over the next few weeks members of your volunteer fire brigade will be undertaking assessment for advancement to Bush Fire fighter, Village Fire fighter, Advanced Fire fighter, Crew Leader - Village and Crew Leader - Wildfire. I hope you will join me in wishing them well.

PREPARE. ACT. SURVIVE

Are you Prepared to Survive?

The NSW Rural Fire Services (RFS) is posing this question to the NSW community this fire season. All local residents should be seeking answers. After all, what is at stake is the health and well-being of families, friends, animals and property. And, don't forget, the actions and decisions we make as individuals can affect others in the community.

By preparing and executing a properly thought out Plan, you improve your prospect of survival and that of other people in the community within which you reside. So, ask yourself - Am I Prepared to Survive?

- Do I know where to go to get an understanding of what the question means?
- Do I know where to go to find the answers?
- Do I need help to decide on what decisions I should make?

The RFS has developed a stepped process to help ensure your Bush Fire Survival Plan is appropriate for your circumstances. The RFS website (<http://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au>) has details of what you need to know, and tools and information to help you find the answers you need. Please take the time to become familiar with the updated material on this website. Secondly, in association with the Wamboin Community Association, the Wamboin Fire Brigade has developed new website pages tailored to provide advice and guidance for local residents (<http://brigade.wamboincommunity.asn.au>). Follow the

'Community Advice' menu link to view information that will help guide you through the process of making your survival plans. The site also augments the local fire danger signs by reporting the local Fire Danger Index online. If you don't travel past the local signs regularly (signs are located on Norton Rd near Sutton Rd intersection, near intersection of Bungendore Rd and Harriott Rd, near intersection of Bungendore Rd and The Mountain Rd, and at Sutton Park near the intersection of the Federal Hwy Service Road and Goolabri Dr), you can use the website to monitor local conditions and brigade announcements.

In the process of making your survival plan decisions. Don't forget to inform your neighbours as well as friends who visit you; and if you have made special plans (e.g. as a neighbouring community group in a remote or difficult area). Please also inform the Wamboin Fire Brigade so that we can help understand your arrangements and situation.

Please have consideration for your neighbours. In the event of a fire emergency – are your neighbours well enough, or fit enough to manage by themselves? Do they need a hand in planning or executing their own survival plans? We can all help each other if we communicate our situation and survival plans with each other.

So you have made a plan to Survive. That's good. But you're not quite finished! Once you have prepared your survival plan (and informed people affected by your plan) - trial it. Does it work? Is it practical? And, remember, your situation could quite possibly change quickly and dramatically depending on what is happening at the time of a bushfire:

- Are all your family members at home? Maybe the kids are at school, or a friend's house, or your husband, wife or partner is at work?
- If there is a fire – how far away is it, what is the intensity (fire danger), what direction is it travelling?
- What time of day or night is it, can you see or smell it? Things are much harder to execute in the dark or very smoky conditions - will this affect your actions?
- Do you have the same utility services? The phone lines and power could be down, no water supply.
- Do you have family or friends visiting at the time of a fire situation? Are they aware of the dangers? Have you familiarised them with your Survival Plan? It is important for everyone to understand what they should do?
- If you plan to defend your property – have you tested all your equipment to make sure it works as expected?

The list of variables that can occur during a fire event are potentially endless. You should be aware of the likely variations that can affect the execution of your plan, and have alternative plans in case the situation changes.

For more information go to the RFS website: [<http://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au>], or the Wamboin Fire Brigade section of the Wamboin Community Association website: [<http://wamboincommunity.asn.au>] (which also has links to selected content on the RFS website).

If you are still unsure of what to do, or you have limited access to the Internet, you can also contact the NSW RFS INFORMATION Support Phone Line: 1800 679 737, and discuss you situation with a trained officer.

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The Whisper is a community newspaper for Wamboin and Bywong. If you live in the area and have something to say about living here that is informative, thoughtful or entertaining, think about writing it up for the next issue. For more information contact the editor on 6238-3484 or email nednoel@optusnet.com.au
The Whisper is available on the web at wamboincommunity.asn.au , bywongcommunity.org.au and wamboin.org

Notes from St Andrews

by Robyn Robertson

By the time you are reading this, St Andrews will have enjoyed the annual Blessing of the Animals service; celebrated on 1 November. This is always an interesting service with the added attraction of vocals from the non-humans! Pictures to follow next month!

Holy Communion will be on 15 November at 9am. On the 29 November St Andrews celebrates its birthday or Patronal festival. The service will be at 5pm followed by supper in the church.

Everyone is most welcome to join us for any of our services. Further details can be given by our Rectors Warden, Robyn Robertson on 6238-3202.

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WWoW Whispers

but Clayre Ayling

October has flown by and the WWoW are busy planning end of year activities.

This month we had Father Peter Day to speak to us about 'Home in Queanbeyan'. It was a most interesting talk and the WWoW are pleased to support this most worthy of causes. The group each donate \$2 each week to go towards expenses and the surplus is donated to local, national and international charities. This month we also donated some money to the Red Cross to go to Samoa after the devastating tsunami.

The teddies are progressing and dozens are now with the Queanbeyan Ambulance Station – next week we are having an outing to the station to hand over the next selection. We are all looking forward to turning on the lights and siren!!!

We are having a financial planner as a speaker this month who will give us some tips and advice especially as most of us are in the second or third stages of our lives – judging by the laughter coming out of St Andrews on Monday mornings this must be the best stage!

New ladies are most welcome to come along and are assured of a warm welcome – you don't have to be crafty – I don't think I have completed anything this year and last week we even found some of the beaded Christmas decorations we started three years ago!! – this year they may make the Christmas tree!

If you would like any more information please contact Claire Ayling on 62383347 or just come along to St Andrews Church on Monday mornings between 10 and 12.



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The October Home Produce Markets were one of our biggest markets to date. These Markets are held at the Hall in Bingley Way on the third Saturday of the month and run from 9am to noon. There will be 2 more markets this year on the 21st of November and the 19th of December. The Holland family stepped in to run the Brunch stall with the freshly cooked bacon and egg rolls. Thanks go to David O'Dell who has made this stall so much a part of the markets. Garden produce is making a come back with the warmer weather and the interest in plants, jewellery, cakes, sausage rolls, dried fruit, nuts etc. has been maintained. Ye Olde Coffee Shoppe broke all records by running out of milk by 1030. A panic re-supply ensured delicious

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A Message to the Phantom Rubbish Dumper

The Wamboin Hall Management Committee is dismayed at yet another mindless dump of household garbage and plasterboard building rubbish, in the grounds of the Wamboin hall and fire station. This rubbish has blocked access to a fire brigade facility, just like the last similar load which was dumped against the doors of the fire station. With some security camera shots and especially the mother's day cards, found in the rubbish, to mum and aunty Nig and signed by each of the children and cousin Beth- , we are considering whether further action may be appropriate to identify the culprit. All of the building work, maintenance and cleaning of the facilities has been carried out by a very small volunteer group since the hall was built in 1983 and we do not appreciate this criminal act. If anyone has any information, or perhaps if a member of the family concerned wants to come clean, then it would be appreciated by the Committee. It's bad enough with the recycling centre on the site without the area being turned into a garbage dump so *please* be careful when depositing recyclables and keep the area tidy. - Wamboin Hall and Community Centre Management Committee.

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WCA On-Line

The WCA Web site is expanding by the day. We hope to continue to augment the Whisper content with on-line material each month. Here's a run down on the new material you can find on the WCA site this month.

Railway / Engineering Buffs. For anyone who's interested in what happened to the Yass Road railway bridge last weekend, there's a pictorial news item on the bridge replacement at <http://wamboincommunity.asn.au/news>. (If you're not reading this copy of The Whisper after November 2009, look for the article in the news archives at <http://wamboincommunity.asn.au/newsarchive>.)

Local Government Referenda. As many readers will be aware, Council has agreed to consider holding referenda on the establishment of Wards in the Palerang LGA, and on the way in which the mayor is elected. Over the coming months, Council will distribute educational material and hold public meetings in an effort to gauge interest in holding referenda on these issues. To assist in this process, the WCA Web site has been expanded to include a section on Council Issues (<http://wamboincommunity.asn.au/council>), and in particular to provide background information on the proposed referenda (<http://wamboincommunity.asn.au/referenda>).

Amongst other things, this area of the WCA Web site provides the information presented by several Councils at the last local government elections, when they held similar referenda, and a map illustrating the Palerang population distribution and one possible Ward division.

Waste Management in the Wamboin Area. The new Council area of the Web site also contains a current synopsis of the issues surrounding the closure of the Macs Reef Road tip (<http://wamboincommunity.asn.au/waste>). We will continue to update this area as new information comes to hand.

Community Groups. If you are a member of a local community group that is not yet listed on the WCA Website (<http://wamboincommunity.asn.au/community>), and you would like your club, group, or association to have more visibility and dialogue with the community, you can make a request to have your own page published on the WCA website by emailing details to the webmaster@wamboincommunity.asn.au, or by calling one of the contacts listed below.

-- Steve Richards - 6238 1329 Ned Noel - 6238 3484 Pete Harrison - 6238 3525

The pARTnership Nov 14th-15th 2009

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Bonfire Clean Up


by Lofty Mason

The clearing of bonfire residue is an activity that takes place long after the event. Due to all the long nails left from the 2 truckloads of pallets that formed the base of the fire I was worried about using a tyred machine in the area. I was naïve enough to think our best approach was to use rakes and wheel barrows. Fortunately Charlie Montesin came to the rescue with his Kanga and picked up **two truckloads** of refuse. All those volunteers for the manual task of cleaning up can now relax. Thanks again Charlie for the demonstration of your capabilities. No punctures reported!

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Sun 4 th Oct	Bungendore	9.00am
	Confirmation	10.30am
Sat 10 th Oct	Bungendore	6.00pm
Sun 11 th Oct	Braidwood Parish Assembly	9.00am
Sat 17 th Oct	Braidwood	6.00pm
Sun 18 th Oct	Bungendore	9.00am
	Gundaroo	10.30am
Sat 24 th Oct	Bungendore	6.00pm
Sun 25 th Oct	Braidwood Krawaree	9.00am 10.30am
Sat 31 st Oct	Braidwood	6.00pm
Sun 1 st Nov	Bungendore	9.00am
	Hoskinstown	10.30am
Sat 7 th Nov	Bungendore	6.00pm
Sun 8 th Nov	Braidwood Tarago	9.00am 10.30am
Sat 14 th Nov	Braidwood	6.00pm
Sun 15 th Nov	Bungendore	9.00am
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Sat 21 st Nov	Bungendore	6.00pm
Sun 22 nd Nov	Braidwood Krawaree	9.00am 10.30am
Sat 28 th Nov	Bungendore	6.00pm
Sun 29 th Nov	Braidwood Nerriga	9.00am 10.30am
Sat 5 th Dec	Braidwood	6.00pm
Sun 6 th Dec	Bungendore	9.00am
	Hoskinstown	10.30am
Sat 12 th Dec	Bungendore	6.00pm
Sun 13 th Dec	Braidwood Tarago	9.00am 10.30am
Sat 19 th Dec	Braidwood	6.00pm
Sun 20 th Dec	Bungendore	9.00am
	Gundaroo	10.30am
Thu 24 th Dec	Bungendore	6.00pm
	Braidwood	8.00pm
	Braidwood	TBA
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Sun 27 th Dec	Braidwood Krawaree	9.00am 10.30am



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Nature Notes - October 2009

by Jo Walker

What a wonderful spring, the first really green one we've had for several years. The dams are full, the frogs are calling and laying frothy clusters of eggs – and, we're still getting rain, a good fall of 17 mm last night.

The Early Nancy (*Wurmbea dioica*) got rain just in time to give a good display of maroon-centred white flowers. These are fading now, and it's the turn of the violets (*Viola betonicifolia*) to provide a bit of colour. Common Buttercups (*Ranunculus lappaceus*) are just beginning to flower in the damper grassland areas, and it seems to be a particularly good year for the yellow Bulbine Lilies (*Bulbine bulbosa*).

Something that has surprised me this spring is the number of tiny native annual plants that have colonised bare patches of ground, especially where soil has washed down from higher areas. Two of these – Australian Piert (*Aphanes australiana*) and Spoon Cudweed (*Stuartina muelleri*) – I haven't seen here before, but they are occurring over wide areas this year. The Piert grows to only 4-5 cm tall and has deeply divided hairy leaves and tiny, inconspicuous green flowers and fruit. The Cudweed can grow to about 10 cm tall, but is often smaller in crowded situations. The leaves are greyish-green, and, as one would expect, are spoon-shaped. The tiny greyish flower-heads bear minute blackish flowers. Another annual, one that has been here for many years, is *Cotula australis*. It has bright green pinnate leaves, tiny cream button flowers that develop into nodding heads of green seeds. All three of these can probably take on weed proportions in the vegetable garden, but, in grassland areas they have a useful function as first colonisers helping to repair drought damage.

The birds are still nesting and feeding their chicks – which causes a bit of territorial aggression now and then, especially amongst the various honeyeaters who spend a lot of time and energy chasing their neighbours. The Sulphur-crested Cockatoos seem to prefer teasing the furred inhabitants. Several years ago, there was a cockatoo that picked on a particular kangaroo and made her life difficult by hopping after her and nipping her tail until she took off for a more peaceful place to graze. I was reminded of this the other evening when a rabbit turned up to nibble some grass near the house. One of the cockatoos followed it for nearly ten minutes, occasionally biting its tail or one of its hind feet, then standing with its head cocked on one side watching the rabbit hop off a few paces before repeating the performance. There was no apparent reason, apart from a bit of fun for the cockatoo.

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Golf

by Peter Greenwood

The October long weekend coupled with the Grand Final always means reduced numbers for the Wamboin golf. This means however, that we all have a better chance of winning a trophy. The "L & L King Trophy" was again sponsored by Larry and Libby King and we thank them for continued support.

Nearest the pin/long drive winners primarily went to the Whitney family with John taking four balls and son Jack taking home three, but just to share things around Joan Mason also collected one ball.

In the 9 hole competition Peter Greenwood had a win (at long last!) with 37/29 and Jack Whitney came in second with 48/33.

The 18 hole competition was won by John Whitney 80/63 with Paul Griffin second with 91/66.

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From: Yarrawlumba Council News, By Councillor Peter Greenwood: "One major issue likely to receive prominent attention from Council over the next couple of months is the proposal for Greenways. This will be a network of recreational trails throughout the Shire mainly using existing Crown Road Reserves plus a series of new reserves created by the Council in recent rural-residential subdivisions. The proposal will provide an excellent amenity for the residents, however there are some concerns relating to environmental issues, plus privacy and security issues where the Greenways pass close to private properties. The Council has received many excellent and very positive submissions on the proposal

As it has an impact on many people I will encourage all Councillors and senior Council staff to closely consider the effect on local residents as well as the advantages, as a public asset that the Greenways will provide for current and future residents."

Rainfall and Temperatures in Wamboin

34 year statistics from the Robertsons

October rainfall to 25/10 -- 37.75mm
2009 rainfall to 25/10 -- 394.25mm
Av Nov rainfall -- 77.2mm
Wettest Nov -- 146.00mm (1986)
Wettest Nov day -- 77.0mm (19/11/86)
Coldest Nov day -- 10degrees C (16/11/78)

2008 -- 29.75mm
2008 to 31/10...426.25mm
Nov 2008 -- 106.25mm
Driest Nov -- 0.0mm (1982)
Hottest Nov day -- 39.0 degrees C (3 times)
Coldest Nov night -- 0 degree C (1/11/98)

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Wamboin Muse

by Jill Gregory

A weed is defined as a plant in the wrong place. I thought that I had been keeping abreast of the weeds in my garden until they took off with the sudden burst of warm weather last week and left me flailing in their wake. The welcome rain last night has made it easier to pull out some of the weeds, but I've been overwhelmed by those ghastly things that twist and turn and climb through bushes and over everything else that struggles to grow. Even the chooks shun the big sticky mounds of goose grass that I toss to them over the fence. And periwinkle, once tolerated because it clung to life in areas where everything else had withered and died, and required "Care: nil" according to the Garden books, has invaded every inch of unguarded territory and seems to have dug itself in.

I realised that I had been duped by the grey skies and cool weather for most of the month into believing that there was still good soil moisture. When I scratched the surface I knew it was time to turn on the irrigation. But it was then that I discovered little fountains of water spurting in inappropriate places throughout the garden beds and I regretted having been a trifle cavalier with the garden fork over winter. Having to mend hoses was another setback to the weeds' advantage. And I'm way behind with my mulching.

But while the weeds were making their presence felt, so were the lizards. Suddenly there were lizards popping out of the rock holes in the embankment, enjoying the sun's warmth while their more adventurous brothers choose the middle of the road for their place in the sun. I found the last of the donkey orchids and clumps of purple orchids and I began to tread more warily in the bush across the creek. I haven't seen a snake, yet, but I daresay they have been aware of my presence.

A spring garden is a delight. The first blossoms have given way to blue lavenders and irises and the may bushes are massing with white flowers. The first pink rose has appeared at my front steps, and as I walk around the garden I try to look beyond the weeds, but my fingers begin to twitch uncontrollably and in no time I find myself bent double with a mound of weeds beside me. If only I could train the kangaroos and rabbits to be my allies.

I wouldn't live anywhere else....but sometimes I wonder if this gardening business makes any sense at all!



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