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The Whisper

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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 final meeting for the year will be a social get-together, with drinks and nibbles on **15th December at 7:30pm at the Wamboin Community Hall**. Everybody is most welcome to attend. The WCA doesn't meet in January, so the first meeting for 2010 will be on 16th February.

Christmas Carols – The annual community Carols Evening will be held on **18th December**, details of which are provided later in the Whisper and online at <http://wamboincommunity.asn.au/news#carols>. It will include performances by local children, as well as the usual singing of carols, and will be followed by a visit from Santa. There will also be a sausage sizzle, the proceeds of which will be donated to the Salvation Army. As is also the tradition, there will be a Giving Tree for Christmas gifts and non-perishable food also to be distributed by the Salvation Army. While cuddly toys are nice, spare a thought for those who are often overlooked: mums and adolescents. The most convenient presentation is a Christmas bag, rather than wrapping paper.

Wamboin Produce Markets – The final market for the year will be on **19th December** from 9:00am till noon. The Christmas markets are always a real treasure trove of delights for the festive season, as well as a chance to catch up with friends over a cup of coffee and yummy food. So be sure to get there early, so you don't miss out. The January markets will be on 16th January 2010.

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 **on the WCA Web site** or in February's Whisper, please contact John van der Straaten (ph: 6238 3590 or secretary@wamboincommunity.asn.au).

WCA Web site – Keep up to date with community activities and services through the WCA Web site at <http://wamboincommunity.asn.au>.

I hope you all have a happy and safe Christmas and all the very best for 2010.

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

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Bywong Community News - December 2009

Christmas drinks – 5th December from 6-8.30pm at the Bywong Community Hall. All residents welcome and please bring a plate of food to share.

School bus stop shelter at Gum Flat Lane/ Birriwa Road intersection – no dice. Local residents and the Bywong Community Association met with council Traffic Management Committee on Monday 16 November to try to negotiate to have a local bus shelter sited where the bus currently stops at the Gum Flat Lane/ Birriwa Road intersection, rather than halfway up Birriwa Road, as preferred by the committee.

Unfortunately, the bus shelter is going to go half-way up Birriwa Road, despite the fact that parents strongly indicated that this does not provide a proper safety solution.

Residents outlined some of the safety issues for the Macs Reef Road, and the committee indicated that nothing could be done – no improvements such as removing foliage/ trees, putting in mirrors for traffic pulling onto Macs Reef, moving the bus stop on Birriwa closer to the current stop Road, no reduced speed limit (you have one already- RTA) or any concession at all. We were told that we would have to change to suit local traffic increases and that this was as a result of our choice of lifestyle.

There were seven (7) in attendance from the committee including Terry Brandson, Howard Crozier, Jim McLachlan, police, RTA, Bill Ellison and Ken Bromley from council. Also, Shane from Deanes Buses attended.

The upshot is that if the community had not applied for funds for the bus shelter (\$10,000), the bus stop would not have been “audited” and would have stayed where it was i.e more convenient, if still not safe for children.

Councillor Goonan has responded to this decision by requesting that council consider putting the shelter in Birriwa Road on a temporary basis until a more satisfactory location can be agreed by all. This proposal is going to the next Council meeting on 3 December.

Waste management update- good news. The process for reviewing the current Macs Reef Road tip site to be replaced with a waste management transfer station continues, with a report from Jim Greethead, who is ably representing Bywong Community at the waste management working party.

Good news for waste management transfer station at Macs Reef site -- An environmental survey conducted by Good Environmental Systems identified *no potentially serious issues that might prohibit development* due to unacceptable impact on the natural environment. A full Environmental Impact Study might still be required as part of the Development Application.

Remediation Work on the Tip Site - Mr Ellison (for Council) assured the working party that the work:

- a) could not be delayed and incorporated into the general redevelopment of the site, and;
- b) would not prevent the construction of an appropriate WTS on the site.

It is expected that a draft report on the waste transfer station (WTS) will be presented to the working party for comment first week January 2010, with a final report completed by the end of January 2010.

Macs Reef tip is not full - Mr Ellison informed the working party that *at current usage rates, the landfill will remain in operation until the WTS is complete* provided that there is no delay in WTS development. He also noted that there have been delays with the development of the Bungendore WTS which is unlikely to be complete before the end of 2010 and that the Woodlawn facility will require the approval of an appropriate development application before it can accept waste from Palerang.

Bywong Community Hall – thanks to volunteers. Significant amounts of graffiti was removed last week from the walls and paved areas of the hall by Anne Goonan, Peter and Mary McCullagh and Hans Bachor. I would like to thank them sincerely for their effort.

Thank-you to all the people who have helped the community in 2009 and we look forward to seeing more people involved in 2010

-- **Nora Stewart, President**

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Lake George Day View Club by Lydia Teodorowych

Members of the Lake George Day VIEW Club would like to wish all VIEW Club members, friends and supporters a happy and safe Christmas Season and prosperity in the new year. Next year, 2010, is a milestone year for the VIEW Clubs of Australia who will be celebrating 50 years since the first VIEW Club was started. Now there are VIEW Clubs in all states of Australia with some 60,000 members. All Clubs are closed in January and will resume in February. We look forward to a year that is full of friendship, new members, fun and support of the Smith Family. Happy holidays!

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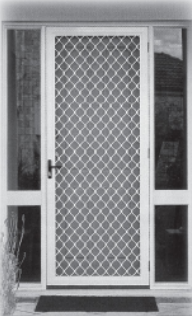
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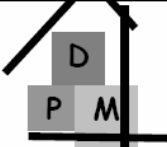
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BRIGADE ACTIVITY DURING THE MONTH

November was a busy month for your Brigade. It started with 'NAVEX' which is a whole of Lake George Zone training exercise held over the weekend of 7th and 8th November in the hills behind Braidwood. Some 22 fire brigade vehicles participated and representatives from the Lake George Zone, Murray Irrigation Area, ACT Bush Fire Brigades and a contingent from New Zealand attended. NAVEX is aimed at preparing crews for the upcoming fire season. Over the 2 days crews are presented with several life-like scenarios to which they are asked to respond. Being a two day camp-out focusing on learning, effective strategising, and teamwork, NAVEX is intended to complement individual Brigade training. Seven Wamboin Brigade members attended. We also hosted one of the New Zealand fire fighters in our team. Wamboin members included Col Prest, John Taubman, Nick Hunter, John McGrath, Steve Richards, Anne Lea, plus Naomi Whyte from New Zealand. As in previous years, crew members returned home with new and/or honed skills.

A fire was started by lighting on Saturday 12th November in the Bundanoon Creek, Fitzroy Falls area. Members of the Lake George Remote Area Fire-fighting Team (RAFT), which included the Brigade Captain Andrew Dunn, were deployed on Sunday along with members of the Mulwaree and National Parks RAFT. The teams were flown to the fire ground by helicopter and ground crews cut a fire break using rake hoes (McLeod tool) – i.e. a fire fighting rake, chainsaws and a 2 stroke blower, to clear away leaf litter and other fine material. The fire was brought under control by Sunday afternoon but only after it had burnt out 10 hectares.

On Friday 20th November the Brigade responded two tankers to a grass fire in Fyshwick. In all, five tankers from the Lake George Zone assisted the ACT Fire and Bush Fire Brigades in bringing the blaze under control. Brigade members Richard Hobbs, Peter Greenwood, Matt O'Brien, John McGrath, John Taubman and Phil Sadler attended.

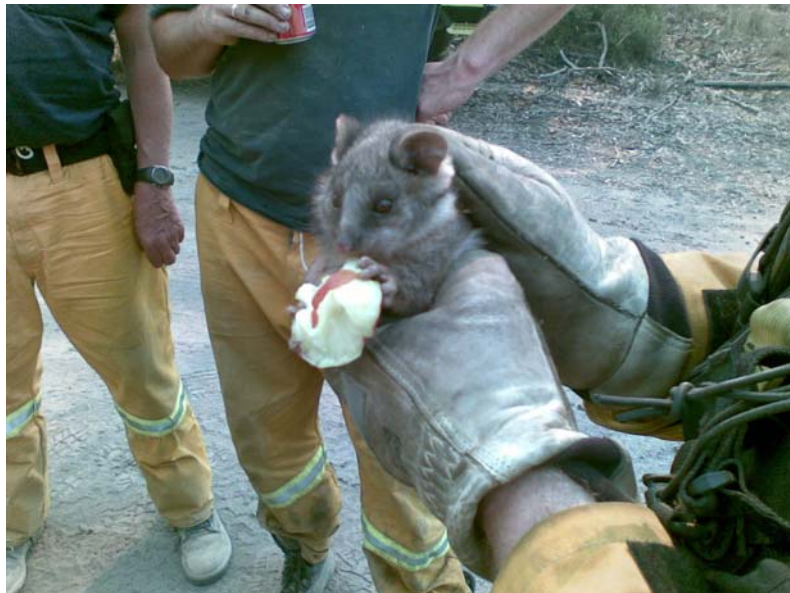
On Saturday 21st November, late in the afternoon, Lake George Zone was requested to provide a Task Force to assist with bush fires to the north of the ACT. A heavy tanker from Wamboin joined four other heavy tankers from the zone to form Strike Force 'South 10'. The Wamboin team consisted of Brad Arrowsmith, John Taubman, Steve Richards and Grant Boore. The Strike Force departed Queanbeyan Fire Control Centre early on Sunday morning and proceeded north – our final destination at that stage unknown.

Eventually, the Task Force was directed to the Rylstone/Kandos area on the western edge of the Wollemi National Park more than 100 kilometres north of Bathurst and arrived mid afternoon on Sunday. Initial tasking was property protection but this quickly escalated to direct attack on the grass fire.

There followed three and a half days of intense and varied fire fighting with minimal property damage. No homes were lost and nobody was injured. The most notable aspect was how well the farmers were prepared for bush fires and the team spirit amongst the property owners. They clearly had a bush fire plan and implemented it with calm proficiency.



Probably the highlight of the deployment was the discovery of a very 'dazed and confused' baby ring-tailed possum with burnt paws. After suitable nourishment of water and apple, a suitable temporary home was found for him in a hollow stump.



The Task Force returned to Queanbeyan on Thursday afternoon after a five day deployment and some of the most intense fire fighting seen by the Brigade in many years.

On Saturday November 28th a fire broke out in difficult terrain in the Krawaree area (between Captains Flat and Araluen). Late on Saturday afternoon Wamboin was requested to provide a medium tanker. Keith Wrench, Darrol Dykes and John McGrath departed late afternoon, returning late evening.

BUSH FIRE PREPARATIONS

New Fire Danger Rating Signs: The new roadside Fire Danger Rating signs are expected to be erected during the first week of December. An explanation of the new ratings can be found at:

http://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/file_system/attachments/Attachment_FireDangerRating.pdf

PREPARE. ACT. SURVIVE: The RFS has produced guidance on the preparations and actions that you need to take in order to survive a bush fire. This advice can be found at:

http://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/file_system/attachments/Attachment_PrepereActSurvive.pdf

The Wamboin Brigade Website: We are continuously working on the Brigade website. It has useful information and links to other websites that provide guidance regarding bush fire preparations:

<http://brigade.wamboincommunity.asn.au>

Finally, if you have any queries, please contact the Brigade's Captain (Andrew Dunn) on 0409 991 340 or (02) 6238 1849 (ah). The Brigade wishes you and your families a happy Christmas and New Year.

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Average Jan rainfall -- 62.20mm
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Nov 2008 -- 106.25mm
2008 -- 532.50mm
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Next Plant Sale: Saturday 19 December at the Wamboin Market, 9am -12 noon

Other news: Gary Challen in Bungendore has been busily propagating trees for sale, the proceeds of which are directly forwarded to the Sydney Children's Hospital. He currently has about 4 – 500 Eucalyptus Leucoxydon for sale at \$1.00 each. The tree has a large flower and a big seed. Gary says that there are examples outside the Bungendore Pre-school. The trees are in 50mm square tube stock and about 200mm high, so are ready for planting. If you are interested, and can handle the watering, contact Gary on 62380521, Mob. 0413503153.

Membership is free: Activities are notified to members via email and also advertised in the Whisper. If you wish to be added to the email list, send a message to the secretary, Chris Fowler, chrisft@spitfire.com.au.

Planting tip: Now is the time for mulching, to keep moisture in the ground over the dry summer. If you are going to plant now, make a bowl around the plant deep enough to pour a bucket of water into, and add some mulch (and maybe some water crystals if you can't water regularly). -- Kathy Handel, ph 6238 3596, email: kukinya@bigpond.com

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As the grant application was formally supported by the WCA, Council is seeking our input in selecting titles to add to the Bungendore and Braidwood libraries.

If you have any suggestions for subject areas or topics, particularly if you're a bloke and there's something you remember enjoying reading (anything from humour to practical advice), please pass them on to John van der Straaten (6238 3590) or Pete Harrison (6238 3525), or email them to the WCA secretary at secretary@wamboincommunity.asn.au by December 13, 2009.

Results of the Wamboin Open Golf Championship

The 24th Wamboin Open Golf Championship was played and won on the Wamboin Country golf course on 1st November. The 2009 Open Champion is Len Ivey, a one stroke winner from Nev Schroder and the ladies 2009 Champion is Lisa Whitney. The A Grade Club Champion is Nev Schroder 78/64 with second place to Tim Barter 82/65. The B Grade Club Champion is Tom Argaet 86/60 with Paul Griffin 86/61 coming in 2nd.

The 2009 Nine Hole Champion is Rob Gorham with a "Ned Kelly - get run out of town score" of 38/28 with Peter Greenwood in 2nd place. The 2009 Eclectic was won by Tim Barter. Junior Champion is Jack Whitney and the Encouragement award went to Rachel Schroder. Long drive and nearest the pin winners were Ken Gordon, Tom Argaet x3, Len Ivey, John Whitney x2, Jack Whitney x2 and Dave Hubbard.

Our only visitor for the day, Peter Lucy, went home a happy man with a stubby cooler and the experience of playing in the Wamboin Open. My congratulations to all winners. -- Peter Greenwood enquiries 6238 3358

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Macs Reef Landfill Site – Current Situation

The Palerang Waste Management Group, comprising three Councillors, Council staff and community association representatives, will report to Council at the December Council Meeting on progress towards a transfer station at the Macs Reef landfill site.

An environmental survey has been completed by Good Environmental Systems which will form part of an eventual Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). This survey is a preliminary document that identifies potentially serious issues which might prohibit development due to unacceptable impact on the natural environment. In the event, no such issues were identified. A full EIS will only be required if the development is declared a Designated Development, due to prevailing environmental factors. If an EIS is required the NSW Department of Planning will identify a list of issues that will need to be investigated and addressed in the proposals for the works.

The next step now is to determine a cost for the proposed transfer station. A consultant has been selected to produce a Concept Options Report and it is expected that a final report will be ready for Council by the end of January.

Council has advised that should a decision be made to proceed with the development of a waste transfer station at the Macs Reef landfill site, the site would remain operational until the development was complete. Council also has indicated that there had been delays with the development of the Bungendore Waste Transfer Station and it was unlikely to be ready for use before the end of 2010. -- John van der Straaten, Secretary, WCA.

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Nature Notes November 2009

Jo Walker

Although it's raining sporadically this morning, we've had very little rain and a few very hot days this month. The grass that was so green in October has dried, but the native grasses are seeding well this year.

The daisy plants that have been extending their range throughout Wamboin during the dry years are in full flower, adorning the roadsides with yellow and white patches. The most prominent ones right now are the tall Cauliflower Bush (*Cassinia longifolia*), bearing clusters of white flowers, and the smaller golden-flowered Sticky Everlasting (*Xerochrysum viscosum*). The low-growing Hoary Sunray (*Leucochrysum albicans*) – those are the ones growing all around the intersection of Weeroona and Denley Drives – have almost finished flowering and are scattering their seed further afield. There are still patches of the suckering, button-flowered *Chrysocephalum apiculatum*, and the taller *C. semipapposum* is bearing its yellow, clustered flower-heads.

Amongst the trees, the Black Wattle (*Acacia mearnsii*) is carrying its scented cream flowers (recovering after a hot, windy day a week or two ago shrivelled and blew away some of the flowers). Some of the Scribbly Gums (*Eucalyptus rossii*) are flowering heavily this year. Maybe this profusion of flowers is what tempted a little Sugar Glider to drift across to a tree near the house a few evenings ago. It was almost dark, and I mistook it for an owl until it landed on a slender tree trunk and scampered upwards.

It's interesting that so many of our local native plants have either white or yellow flowers. One notable exception at present is the Fringe Lily (*Thysanotus tuberosus*) with its large, purple, fringed flowers. The similar (but non-fringed) Chocolate Lily (*Dichopogon fimbriatus*) may also occur in Wamboin, although I haven't yet seen it here. It certainly grows in the region, sometimes in purple, chocolate-scented swathes through grassland areas.

On the bird front, the Koel has been calling in the area for the past week or so. This large, fruit-eating cuckoo is a rather shy bird. I've only glimpsed it twice, although its presence is confirmed by the repeated and very loud 'coo-wit' call. Koels stay around for several months during summer, and have only included our area in their itinerary during the last four or five years, possibly because of the proliferation of vineyards, olive groves and orchards in the region.

Another cuckoo, a Brush Cuckoo, was calling from a tree in the driveway recently. It had taken off before I could fetch the binoculars to have a closer look at it, but it has a very distinctive call – a series of seven or eight notes on a descending scale. The call has a rather complaining tone, described more kindly as mournful in most descriptions!

A pair of King Parrots made an appearance here a few evenings ago, and spent some time feeding on the well-developed buds of a *Melaleuca liariifolia* bush. These are fruit-eating parrots (although they obviously include flowers in their diet), and they too seem to have only recently begun making forays into this area.

Since I started this article, the rain has begun falling steadily. What a welcome sight.

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From the President, Wamboin Community Association: "WCA Special Meeting. Yarrowlumla Shire Council has now released stage 2 of the Yarrowlumla Local Environment Plan. This plan proposes the rezoning of 2800 hectares of General Rural land in South Wamboin for Rural Residential development. The area under consideration runs to the south of Norton Road from behind existing blocks on Bingley Way out to the Lake George Range. The area has the potential to be subdivided into 400 allotments, which will double the size of Wamboin and hence double the traffic on Norton Road.The WCA is organizing a special meeting so that the Wamboin Community has an opportunity to air their views and find out more about the proposal." -- Pip Deveson, President, W.C.A.

News from the Wamboin Web

Wamboin Arts -- <http://wamboin.org/wamboin-arts> The Wamboin arts section of the web has continued to grow, with two new sculptors coming out of the woodworks - not to be confused with the Bungendore Woodworks, of course. We are confident more sculptures will soon be unearthed from the back of a few Wamboin sheds, not to mention oil paintings and a few musty musicians. If you do find any, send an email to webmaster@wamboin.org

The Wamboin Gardener -- <http://wamboin.org/the-wamboin-gardener> In December there are a few things to think about in the garden. In the December Cuttings, Kathy warns of lizards, snakes, turtles and echidnas, as well as giving some sensible gardening advice to prepare and protect your garden from the heat. Aidan's English spinach experiment didn't go too well, but that's what gardening is about, isn't it? Lots of trial, quite a few errors, and then bingo! New growth! Join the Wamboin Gardener crew, and send in your stories about gardening in Wamboin. Email me on webmaster@wamboin.org - Jenni Colville

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Wamboin Muse

Jill Gregory

Without Lofty's plant stall on the back of his ute at the monthly markets, I wouldn't be able to fund my garden and still have a bit left over to buy the odd bottle of wine. And without a glass of wine under my belt my garden wouldn't look half as good as it does. There are few pleasures greater than sitting on the verandah after the sun has slipped behind the gum trees, soaking up the intense quiet and indulging in a wee sip of something. My garden grows better as the glass empties, the rough bits are smoothed, the holes are filled and I feel as if I am seeing my world through Monet's eyes. Blurred vision improves my Wamboin garden.

Sadly, it seems as if spring is over and a long hot summer is upon us. But for a fleeting fortnight I had an almost picture perfect garden. The roses tumbled from their buds, lavenders bloomed under the wisteria and the ground was overrun with snow- in -summer. My garden became a mass of green and white and purple, with dots of red and orange. Once upon a time I'd had a bright, disorderly cottage garden which seemed to flourish effortlessly, but the years of drought have wrought many changes and I have drifted towards some of the hardier native plants. And without Jo's stall at the markets, as well, I wouldn't have the correas, grevilleas, callistemons and mints that are thriving further out.

For some people the onset of the "silly season" is marked by hot weather or Christmas catalogues slipped between the folds of the newspaper, or carolling shops decked with glass balls and tinsel, but for me Christmas is heralded by the appearance of the bottlebrushes in bloom and the monotone bleat of the fledgling galahs. I don't think we have as many different birds around our place this year, but the little galahs have arrived and I heard the first notes of a distant koel. In the bottlebrush the honey eaters and wattle birds are enjoying their Christmas cheer. The season has begun.

And with Christmas fast approaching, there is precious little time left to indulge myself in playing "Monet" on the front verandah. Another happy year in Wamboin is drawing to a close.

I wouldn't live anywhere else.....and it's rather comforting to think that, as summer strikes, the proceeds from Lofty's monthly garden stall will continue to assist our Fire Brigade in its vital role. -- Seasons greetings!



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