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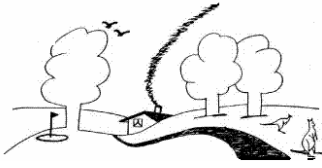
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Wamboin Community Association President's Paragraphs



Meet the Candidates — By popular demand, the WCA will again hold a Meet the Candidates evening on Thursday 12 August, at 7.30 pm. In the lead up to the federal election, candidates for the federal seat of Hume have been invited to address local residents and field questions on issues of interest within our community. More details are provided elsewhere in this issue of The Whisper, and on the WCA website at <http://wamboincommunity.asn.au/candidates>.

Upcoming Events — For those who may not be aware, information on upcoming events (“What’s on in Wamboin”) is provided on the WCA website. Just go to <http://wamboincommunity.asn.au> and follow the relevant links for more details on any event of interest. Coming in August, the annual WCA Curry Night, and in September, the Wamboin Bonfire and Fireworks Display.

Council Matters — Keep abreast of the WCA’s current Council activities through the WCA website at <http://wamboincommunity.asn.au/lep> for LEP updates and <http://wamboincommunity.asn.au/waste> for progress with the Macs Reef Road WTS.

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Bywong Community News

by Guy Cotsell



Breaking news! - Bywong Community brought off its 13th Trivia Challenge without suffering any of the calamities often associated with that unlucky number!

In fact the evening went off without a hitch, with a new team of quizmasters maintaining the great tradition bequeathed by Warwick and Diana, who have moved from the district.

We believe some attend the evening for the supper servings of a varied array of gourmet soups, served with Peter Zimmerman's dainty rolls. A decision to limit the number of tables paid off in greater comfort for all contestants, and the earlier starting time sat comfortably with the chill weather.

As in previous years, the competition was stimulated by visitors from Bungendore, Wamboin and Carwoola. The XX team from Bungendore again succeeded in holding off the opposition to win the first prize. The same Bungendore team over the years has managed to scatter its name liberally over the Challenge shield.

Once again the event fulfilled its objectives - to help people meet other locals and to renew old friendships and acquaintances. Some tables were made up of longstanding friends and neighbours: others asked for allocated tables and were meeting their team-mates for the first time. The bouquets most valued by the organisers are comments from old and new competitors on the happy and relaxed feel of the evening.

The Community thanks all who helped organise such a successful event, those including Cafe D'Lish who contributed prizes, and our friends at Wamboin Community for helping with the seating.

Macs Reef Road The planned public meeting to discuss safety and other issues on Macs Reef Road has been postponed until the October meeting. Watch for details in the October Whisper.

Meet the Candidates : Residents are urged to attend the joint Wamboin/Bywong meeting to meet and question those seeking to represent us in Parliament. Watch for details on the Wamboin Community Association and Bywong Community websites.



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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

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MEET THE CANDIDATES

The Wamboin Community Association customarily holds a "Meet the Candidates" evening prior to Federal, State and Local Government elections and invites nominated candidates to attend.

For the 2010 Federal Election on 21 August, the WCA is inviting all candidates for the Hume electorate to a meeting at 7.30pm Thursday 12 August at the Wamboin Community Hall, 112 Bingley Way, Wamboin. NSW.2620

This is an opportunity for the Wamboin and Bywong communities to hear from and meet with those candidates who attend. There is often criticism about our invisible elected representatives - so you may like to actually see who might be elected to represent you for the next three years! -- John van der Straaten, WCA Secretary



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NATURE NOTES – JULY 2010

by Jo Walker

After all that beautiful rain this month, over 50mm here, the dam is full, the creek is still trickling and springs and soakage areas on the hillsides are keeping the ground soggy. In a shallow valley at the top of the hill on my place, the water seeps down long after the rain is over, forming small puddles between the grass tussocks. At present, many of these look like miniature paddy-fields with minute green whiskers growing in them – possibly grass, but there are a lot of Onion Orchids (*Microtis parviflora*) putting up leaves nearby and the tiny seedlings may be their offspring developing from last year's seeds..

Although we are still getting heavy winter frosts some mornings, some of the birds are getting a bit territorial, and, in the first week of July, one of the magpies was flying up along the creek with a beak full of large twigs!

Over the last few years, I have occasionally seen Satin Bowerbirds here – usually one or two females. But recently, there were two females feeding just down from the house, then another – and then the handsome, glossy blue-black male joined them and they foraged around for some time. Although they are fruit-eating birds, they will also feed on insects. This group was digging into the grasses and herbaceous plants, possibly for insects although they also seemed to be pulling off and swallowing some of the leaves.

The honeyeaters – Red Wattlebirds, Eastern Spinebills and White-eared Honeyeaters – are all busy feeding on the few winter-flowering plants. The White-eared Honeyeater seems to prefer Grevillea flowers, while the other two spend a lot of time feeding on the cream flowers of the prickly little Urn Heath, *Melichrus urceolatus*. *Brachyloma daphnoides*, another heath, is still in bud but very attractive with distinctive pink flower-buds.

While I was cutting up some dead Silver Wattles recently, I found about 40 ladybirds of two different species, sheltering under a loose piece of bark. Years ago, it was a common event to find many different insects and spiders under bark, but during the drought these got fewer and fewer – probably making life difficult for tree creepers and sittellas. So it was good to see the ladybirds (they were carefully removed to a safe new shelter).

Another insect surprise was a group of large bristly, reddish caterpillars feeding on *Amyema pendulum*, one of the local mistletoes. These were the larvae of the Imperial White Butterfly (*Delias harpalyce*). A few have disappeared since then, possibly eaten by birds, but the remaining caterpillars are spinning a fine film of silk over the leaves and stems of the mistletoe prior to pupating. The pupae are suspended on the silk film until mature. The butterflies all emerge at the same time and hang there for a few hours until their wings have expanded and dried, a fleetingly beautiful sight I look forward to.



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THE GREAT WAMBOIN CURRY NIGHT

It is on again: The Great Wamboin Curry Night. There is an entry fee of a gold coin per person to offset the hire of the Hall. Saturday, August 14 is the date and from 7pm all diners bring along a prepared dish. The dishes are displayed and then on offer to all curry munchers from 7.30. A prize will be given to the dish as selected by a secret (no bribes) judge. Tables and chairs and a warm Hall are provided. BYO drinks, plates and cutlery.

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Geary's Gap/Wamboin Landcare

Think global, act local

by Chris Fowler

Land for Wildlife. The use of the Land for Wildlife concept in NSW [which originated in Victoria some years ago] has fairly recently been licensed to the Community Environment Network. Phil and Lesley Machin [machin4@bigpond.com] recently had a meeting with John Asquith to find out what was involved and how the concept might be further promoted in our region. Landcare has always supported such initiatives and if you are interested in following it up, please contact either Phil or Land for Wildlife [lfnsw@cen.org.au]. More details from Phil elsewhere in The Whisper.

National Tree Day. Combining our support for this event and our commitment to the planting at the new Birchman's Grove development, we completed the planting on the day.

Weeds Field Day. In conjunction with Pelarang Council, and possibly officers from I & I, we will be holding a field day on weeds at the Bywong Community Hall on Sunday 19th September. Put it in the diary. More details as plans are finalised.

Nursery session – Saturday 7th August – 39 Birchman's Grove, Wamboin, Ph: 62369158 or email gbu22182@bigpond.net.au. Continuation of our cuttings programme. You must contact Geoff if you plan to attend or bring cuttings. Geoff has almost exhausted the range of cuttings from his block and it is becoming critical that we extend the range from other plant species. If you are planning on attending, please bring one or two small branches with you, enough for about 20 cuttings. If you know the name of the plant, you should ring Geoff to check whether it is suitable material, otherwise just bring it anyway and a decision can be made on the spot.

Fox and Rabbit control. The local LHPA's have recently begun introducing new short [3 hour] courses for licensing in the use of 1080 [foxes] and Pintone [rabbits]. The use of 1080 [and Pintone?] in the future will require a license which when issued under this scheme will last for 5 years. It is currently almost impossible for local landholders on small blocks to meet the requirements of the Poisons Act, and I am not certain how, or whether the new license will change that difficulty. The SE LHPA based at Bega [Ph: 64921283], but with a [sometimes unattended] office at Braidwood [Ph: 48422536] has no immediate plans for any more courses, but will be happy to run another one if enough people register their interest. A collective approach from group[s] of neighbours may be one way to overcome present difficulties and promote another course in the Braidwood area. Landholders west of Bungendore might find it more convenient to apply to join one of the Tablelands LHPA courses. Contact that office at – Ph: [Goulburn] 48212522, [Yass] 62261155. Priority in the Tablelands region will be given to local landholders. Costs are likely to be around \$22 – ratepayers, \$45 – non ratepayers.



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IN SUPPORT OF ROSES

By 'The Market's Flower Man', a.k.a. Lofty Mason

Roses really suit the dry Wamboin climate however they must have a sunny, open position with good drainage. They resent being crowded and shaded by other plants. Roses are very adaptable and can be grown in most soil types providing it is well drained to allow excess water to move away from the root zone. Judging by results, Ken and Deb Gordon seem to have a great spot beside their elevated driveway between the road and their entrance. Deb claims she leaves them alone however the following is suggested.

Water new rose plants in and then deep water sparingly as required. Spray watering is harmful to flowers, foliage and roots. If required there are specific sprays and fertiliser available for roses.

In Wamboin roses should be pruned late August to early September. Earlier pruning will cause the resulting new shoots to be hit by frost. Follow the 4 D method by first removing any dead, damaged, diseased and distorted wood then shorten back healthy branches to about one third of their length to promote new growth (flowers are borne on new wood). Trim the bushes to a suitable size and shape. In the summer 'dead heading', that is removing old flowers, will prolong the flowering period. With grafted or budded roses ensure any buds or shoots below the graft are cleanly removed. These 'briar shoots' will take over the plant if allowed to grow.

If Shakespeare visited I am sure he would have said 'A rose by any other name would flourish as well in Wamboin'.

Notes from St Andrews

Church services this month will be on **1 August** (Matins) and **15 August** (Holy Communion). The services begin at 9am. The church on the corner of Poppet and Norton Roads is lovely and warm, and the welcome is even warmer! Any enquiries can be directed to the Rectors Warden, Robyn Robertson on 62383202.

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(from www.palerang.nsw.gov.au on 1-Dec-2009)

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For ten years or so Sue Gane has volunteered time and driving to pick up the printed Whisper from Instant Colour Press in Belconnen and to organise its delivery. Over all those years she set up and the proper numbers and then drove these copies to go to five "distributors", who then did the work of getting the right number of copies to each of the persons listed below. She also worked in various ways to help many other people. Sue is unable to carry on this task due while she fights a health problem. Trish Rice years ago offered to help out if Sue ever needed a hand, and has stepped in now, true to her word.

The 50 people below each spend time every month to make sure that Wamboin and Bywong homes own and receive a free community newspaper written by residents. If your deliverer has been on the job for a long time and you have a bit of time you could spare, think about offering to take over the job. If you already have too many tasks in your month, every now and then give your volunteer paperwoman/man/boy/girl a thank you. - Ned Noel, Volunteer Editor

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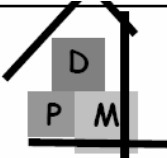

Rainfall and Temperatures in Wamboin 35 year statistics from the Robertsons

Through a mistake on my part the June we statistics did not get included in the July issue, so they are printed first below, followed by the statistics for July as prepared for this August issue up to the time of printing. - Editor

June Rainfall to 27/6 ... 34.75 mm	June rainfall to 27/6 ... 34.75mm	2010 rainfall ... 410mm
2009 rainfall to 30/6 ... 198.25mm	June 2009 ... 41.25mm	Average July rainfall ... 52.7mm
(July 2009 ... 39.5mm)	Wettest July ... 142mm in 1993	Driest July ... 4.5mm in 1982
Hottest July day ... 15C on 22/7/79	Coldest July day ... 4C on 17/7/07	Coldest July night ... -5C on 10/7/96

July rainfall to 25/7 ... 72.25mm	(July 2009 ... 39.5mm	2010 rainfall to 25/7 ... 482.25mm
2009 to 31/7 ... 237.75mm	Average August rainfall ... 54.9mm	August 2009 ... 35.25mm
Wettest August ... 170mm in 1985	Wettest August day ... 35mm on 7/8/85	Driest August ... 5.5mm in 1994
Hottest August day ... 20C on 31/8/82	Coldest August day ... 5C x 5 times	Coldest August night ... -4C on 9/8/97

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The Wamboin Firefighter

THE BUSHFIRE DANGER PERIOD HAS ENDED

For the present a Fire Permit is not required to burn off in the open but if you plan to light a fire in the open you must notify:

1. your neighbours, and
2. the Brigade Captain on 0409 991 340 or (02) 6238 1849 (ah) at least 24 hours before you light the fire.

Your thoughtfulness will help minimise neighbour anxiety and unnecessary brigade call-outs.

Management, including containment of a fire originating on your property, is your responsibility.

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BRIGADE ACTIVITY DURING THE PERIOD

Charlie Le Lievre receives Life Member Plaque: President Peter Greenwood presented Charlie Le Lievre with his Life Member plaque. Charlie was appointed as a Life member of the Wamboin Brigade in 2006 but due to an administrative oversight had not been presented with a plaque. This was rectified on Friday 23rd July 2010 with a luncheon at the local Shepherds Run Restaurant.



BRIGADE TRAINING EXERCISE – WESTERN SECTOR OF WAMBOIN

Brigade members were put through the hoops in a simulated bush fire training exercise on Sunday 25 July. The exercise

envisioned an increasingly hot, blustery summer day, wind from the north-west, low humidity and very high fire danger. A bush fire had originating in the Goorooyarroo Nature Reserve which lies to the west of Sutton



Road. The cocktail (heat, wind, fuel along with low humidity) was giving rise to a severe ember attack and spot fires on the western edge of Wamboin (region of Sutton and Norton Rds and adjacent properties on the escarpment). All of Wamboin brigade's tankers and supporting appliances were involved and the exercise envisioned additional vehicles from other brigades to be also operating in the area. Several properties were visited during the morning's activities. The key issues addressed during the exercise included fire fighter safety, property protection, communications, sourcing and management of water, property familiarisation and pre incident planning. The assistance of a number of local residents in the exercise is appreciated.

LAKE GEORGE ZONE BUSH FIRE RISK MANAGEMENT PLAN

The Lake George Zone Bush Fire Risk Management Plan has been approved and can be viewed and/or downloaded from: http://rfs.nsw.gov.au/file_system/attachments/State08/Attachment_20100510_8162D103.pdf

It is a reasonably large document (16mb) and a summary of the key points that may be of interest to residents is below.

Under the Rural Fires Act 1997 the Bush Fire Coordinating Committee (BFCC) must constitute a Bush Fire Management Committee (BFMC) for each area of the state that is subject to the risk of bush fires. The BFMC is required to prepare and submit a draft Bush Fire Risk Management Plan (BFRMP) to the NSW Bush Fire Coordinating Committee for approval. A BFRMP is a strategic document that identifies community assets at risk and sets out a five year program of coordinated, multi agency treatments to reduce the risk of bush fire. The Wamboin Volunteer Rural Fire Brigade uses the BFRMP to develop its own plan for its area of responsibility (Wamboin, Bywong, Sutton Park and Eagle Hawk localities).

The aim of the BFRMP is to:

- Reduce the number of human-induced bush fire ignitions that cause damage to life, property and the environment.
- Manage fuel to reduce the rate of spread and intensity of bush fires, while minimising environmental/ecological impact.
- Reduce the community's vulnerability to bush fires by improving preparedness.
- Effectively contain fires with a potential to cause damage to life, property and the environment.

The following are the specific treatments recommended for our area by the BFRMP:

- **Ignition Management** – Fire danger signs, and 'No Fires' signs on Total Fire Ban days. The Brigade manages 5 fire danger signs at the entrances to the Brigade area, during the bush fire season; residents should note on a daily basis the fire danger rating for the day.
- **Hazard Reduction** – Assist property owners to reduce fuel loads in and around their property (it is the owner's responsibility to actually conduct the hazard reduction). This typically should be conducted during the winter months.
- **Community Education** – The Brigade will conduct 'street' meetings, and provide community advice by letter box drops, the Brigade web site and in Whisper articles. During periods of bush fire activity local advice may be broadcast on ABC radio AM 666, CB channel 6 and local radio 88.7FM.
- **Property Planning** – Advise residents on bush fire planning and the 'Stay and Defend or Leave Early' policy. Remember each property should have a 'stay' plan and a 'leave' plan, regardless of intentions during the planning stage, as on the day your plans may have to change. The Brigade is able to provide advice to residents on property preparation - see contact details below.
- **Preparedness** – Brigade Pre Incident Planning, location of water sources as part of a State-wide Static Water Supply (SWS) Program recorded on a central RFS database, gathering of information regarding the local area, identification of strategic assets and regular Brigade training in bush fire prone areas.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- August 14th – Wamboin Curry Night (several brigade members are planning to attend this fun community night – so you can expect at least one 'fire engine red' curry along with something to 'hose' it down).
- September 25th - Annual Wamboin Bonfire & Fireworks Night.

FURTHER INFORMATION

The Wamboin Brigade Website: The Brigade's website will enable you to monitor local conditions as well as Brigade announcements. The Community Information section has particularly useful information and links to other websites that provide guidance regarding bush fire preparations. <http://brigade.wamboincommunity.asn.au>

Brigade Information Stall at the monthly Wamboin Home Produce Market: The Wamboin Fire Station and 'Shop Front' is open on Wamboin Home Produce Market days (3rd Saturday in the month). Brigade members are happy to listen and offer advice to residents pertinent to their particular situation. If you would like your fire plan reviewed then please bring it along. Assistance with completing your RFS Property Fire Assessment questionnaire can also be obtained here. The next market day is September 18th 2010.

FINALLY, IF YOU HAVE ANY QUERIES ON A FIRE-RELATED ISSUE (INCLUDING PREPARATIONS FOR THE COMING BUSH FIRE SEASON) please contact the Brigade's Captain (Andrew Dunn) on 0409 991 340 or (02) 6238 1849 (ah).

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NSW Government – Changes to Associations Legislation.

The NSW Minister for Fair Trading has advised that the new Associations Incorporation Act 2009 and Associations Incorporation Regulation 2010 commenced on 1 July 2010.

This legislation aims to make it easier for associations to manage their own affairs, including a stronger protection of association finances. The changes are set out at the website www.fairtrading.nsw.gov.au or you can contact the Registry of Co-operatives & Associations on 6333 1400 or FreeCall 1800 502 042.

However, for the Wamboin Community Association and you and me, the significant points appear to be:

1. An association's "rules" will now be called its "constitution" and a "model constitution" is set out in the Regulation. The "model constitution" is not compulsory and does not automatically apply to existing associations. Associations may choose to adopt their own constitution and include clauses to suit their association's needs. Associations will need to ensure all aspects of their new constitution comply with the new law. Fair Trading will provide some optional clauses. This is a good opportunity for the WCA to review our current rules to ensure they are what we want.
2. The constitution may provide for a postal ballot to pass any kind of resolution or permit meetings at more than one venue using technology that allows members in different places to participate. This might make it easier for meetings to be organised and for more members to be involved.
3. Associations no longer need to hold an annual general meeting in each calendar year, but must still hold one within 6 months of the end of the financial year. The WCA would need to set out its financial year in the constitution which can be up to a maximum of 18 months.
4. A common seal will no longer be needed to execute documents. Documents can be signed by two of the authorised signatories. The public officer is an authorised signatory by virtue of the office.
5. Financial reporting will comprise 2 tiers. The WCA is in the smaller or "tier 2" and will still need to lodge an annual summary of the WCA financial affairs.
6. Committee members and office bearers must disclose any potential conflict of interest and must not use their position or information for a dishonest purpose.

The WCA Committee will consider a new Constitution for the WCA Inc. based on the "model constitution" and would appreciate any comments from members and the community on aspects of the "model constitution" which should be amended to meet their needs. Before a draft Constitution for the WCA is proposed to the Department of Fair Trading it will be an item for community discussion at a General Meeting of the WCA.

Your comments should be sent the WCA Secretary on 6238 3590 or secretary@wamboincommunity.asn.au by the end of August. -- by John VanDerStraaten

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Golf

by Peter Greenwood

Tradition has it that the July competition of the Wamboin Golf Club is sponsored by local accountant Keith France in conjunction with Parkhill Financial Group and we thank them for their continued support for golf in Wamboin. July is also the anniversary of the GST and naturally, with an accountant in the mix, there is always a 10% complicating factor when determining the final outcomes.

Long drive and nearest the pin winners were; John Whitney x2, Joan Mason, Jack Whitney, Keith France, Phil Kuczma, Len Ivey and Tim Barter.

The game was a variation of American Foursomes teams event. The winning team in the 9 hole event was Lofty and Joan Mason (29.575) from Phil Kuczma and Peter Greenwood (29.775)

The 18 hole competition was won by Tim Barter and Matt O'Brien (57.6) with Paul Griffin and Len Ivey second (58.45) and Larry King, John Whitney and Rob Gorham third (60.184).

Next game on 1 Aug will be sponsored by the Wamboin local tradies.



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Land for Wildlife – What’s That?

Some of you will already know the answer, but as the website (www.cen.org.au/landforwildlife/) says, Land for Wildlife is a voluntary property registration scheme for landowners who wish to manage parts or all of their property for biodiversity and wildlife habitat. The scheme started in Victoria in 1981 and is slowly taking hold in NSW. Of 10,000 members nationally there are only 500 in NSW. The National Parks & Wildlife Service (now part of the Department of Environment, Climate Change and Water) oversee the scheme through an organisation called the Community Environment Network (CEN).



Basically you commit to managing your property (or part of it) in an environmentally friendly way. The program is free to join and is not legally binding. The legal status of a property does not change. The minimum size of land to register is half a hectare of native bush land. I suppose if you don't have any native bushland one would have to start to regenerate habitat from scratch.

The scheme puts like-minded people in touch with each other, but the key feature of the program is an environmental property assessment to help you determine how best to manage local environmental issues, such as erosion, wildlife habitats and weed control. There is also advice on how to integrate wildlife conservation into other farm management activities. Local councils, catchment management authorities or relevant community groups, who are trained, carry out property assessments. There are newsletters, fact sheets and other information – such as workshops. A free Land for Wildlife sign (as shown) is provided to show your property is involved with wildlife conservation.

The Chairman of the NSW CEN, John Asquith, has offered to visit Wamboin and Bywong on Sat 31 October (1100 – 1230) to brief people who are interested in joining Land for Wildlife. It would be good if you could let Philip Machin know (machin4@bigpond.com or 6238 3717) whether you want to come along to the meeting to be held at either at the Community Hall or someone's house depending on numbers. Cheers! -- Philip Machin



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Compiled by Robyn Robertson

" Greenways Management Plan adopted by Council. After much public consultation and dedicated work by the Greenways Management Committee, Council has reviewed the plan and with very minor alteration, it has now been approved. Much interest has been shown in the system of trails, particularly the pilot trails in the Wamboin / Geary's Gap area, and the plan as now adopted, will be the management tool to be administered by the appointed management committee."

-- Peter Greenwood, Councillor.

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PONY TALES - Goings on at WPC July 2010

Well the long damp winter drags on, and it seems this year will be damper and colder than we've had for a while (nice weather for ducks..!)

This month's pony club's highlight in between that rain and wind was the Wamboin team's battle with fellow zone teams at the Mounted Games Challenge down at Bungendore Showground just the other weekend. It certainly was a weekend of thrills and spills, for horse and rider. When pushed to the limit what seemed easier during the weeks of practice became harder for some in the reality of real life competition. The combined excitement of over 100 riders, excitable horses, cheering spectators made for a fair bit of rough and tumble. I saw many a horse decide it was better to race off with it's rider only half in the saddle, if at all. How hard it seemed for some to get those excitable four legged creatures anywhere near a pole to grab a cup or stand still enough to enable a rider to get back on in the middle of a race. There were quite a few muddy knees by the end of the weekend.

Saturday was spent getting the teams in order with everyone going through the races and trying to get a good time.

Sunday was the main event, 5 teams raced each time. 5 riders in each team raced against the other team's and the clock. Congratulations to all the Wamboin teams who tried there hardest to get through the races. Many successful in achieving some place ribbons and some good race times. Special congrats. to the "Wamboin Warriors" who qualified for the State Championships.

These events couldn't happen without a lot of hard work and support from parents and friends... standing for hours timing, marshalling, judging or just being the mobile horse holder!.....layers of clothing, jumpers, gloves and beanies, all the order of the weekend - Oh how the wind cuts through you on the Bungendore flat! I silently salute all those helpers for getting through what was a very long and many times crazy, noisy, tiring weekend of riding - with it's fair share of mud sweat and tears...(the pictures below show you some of the thrills).

Unfortunately mother nature's winter fest washed out our Wamboin clubs recent rally day. Only an intrepid few parents (including yours truly) plus helper put in a few more hours work on our clubhouse extension.

The wall's are going up as "foreman" Pete guides us laborers through the building process. It's starting to come together and we will soon have a large dry place to do gather when the weather isn't condusive to saddling up the horses.

Remember if you are aged 5 to 25 and have access to your own horse you can come along and join the Wamboin Pony Club. It's a safe, fun place to improve your riding and learn heaps, plus its great fun. We try to gather twice a month at our grounds off Canning Close. Look on the website www.wamboin.pcansw.org.au and you'll find all the contact numbers and info, plus there's heaps more photo's from the mounted games.

- Steve Quick



Look mum.....no hands!!



Look mum.....no legs!!



Remember to.....let go!!



Next stop Flemington!! Photos by Catherine Daniel

WAMBOIN HOME PRODUCE MARKETS

(Joan Mason 62383258)

The Home Produce Markets, which are held at the Wamboin Hall on the third Saturday of the month, are in recess until the 18th of September. The reason is that it is too cold and there are limited excess home grown vegies.

I would like to thank all stallholders, and customers who have made these markets such a social success. I would also say a special thanks to Tony Smith for the provision of the Wagonga coffee stall. Tony has sold the business but don't despair, Tony plans to run our coffee stall (with the assistance of trainees) and to sell beans etc. at future Markets.

See you again at our next market:

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Wamboin Fishing Club

Hi. We've have had a few outings over winter, and a few nice fish have been caught, salmon at the coast and trout in lakes and streams, over the time.

We have had a fly fishing day on a local stocked dam, it was a good learning exercise. Special thanks to the owner of this dam, for the use of it, for our day out, and to Lyle Montesin for his organisation.

We are planning an outing to a local lake to try catching trout on the 22nd August. This is to be organised at the next meeting.

All interested people are able to attend at The Eaglehawk Hotel, on Wed 18th August. 5.30pm. We will have a small meat raffle on the night. New members are always welcome.

Tight lines, see you there. -- Chris Byrne of Hogan Drive

Lake George Day View Club

Lake George Day VIEW Club is celebrating it's Sixth Birthday with the theme of Flower Power and invites members and friends to attend this fun day. As a special treat we have a guest performance by Karisma Katz DJ Gosper. Our celebration is being held On Tuesday August 17, 2010 at Shepherd's Run Winery 344 Norton Rd Wamboin 11.30 for a 12 noon start. Cost \$30pp. Wear your peace beads, caftans, tie dyed skirts & flowers in your hair. RSVP by August 6, 2010 to this email: [lgdvc at hotmail dot com](mailto:lgdvc@hotmail.com) or Brenda on 4849 4471. Any lady who has not been to a VIEW Club meeting is encouraged to attend, bring a friend and join the Lake George Day VIEW Club in 2010. We are a club that caters for all ages of women who would like to meet other women in the area, strike up new friendships, enjoy a meal cooked by somebody else and support charity work for the Smith Family . - Lydia Teodorowych

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THE STABLE DOOR

by Ian Collet

An occasional piece

LETTER BOXES—What do they say about their owners? (Final in 3 part series)

Pts 1 + 2 of the STABLE DOOR 'Letter Box' Series appeared in the May and June editions of The Whisper. To complete the trilogy, here are the final 12 offerings of the letterbox artistry that dots our region. This expression of cultural diversity can also be viewed in living colour if you go to <http://wamboincommunity.asn.au/> then click on 'The Whisper' and call up the August edition. The bride and I recently enjoyed a short stint overseas. Among other things, I took the opportunity to do a bit of Irish *letterbox spotting*. So there's a rogue entry from a posh suburb of Dublin included below; certainly ups the anti and frightened the b'geezees out of me at the time.



Wamboin Conversations about Religion

It is appropriate to keep many matters private. But others cry out for public discussion. Subjects like national security, the economy and education. And for some of us, the Christian religion falls into that same category; it ought to be argued about so that those who are misled might be put right. The trick is to discover who is in error.

Two philosophers who think that way are Wamboin resident Dr Jeremy Shearmur, a Reader in Philosophy at ANU and Fr Peter Grundy, an Anglican priest who is pastor to the Church of St Andrew at Wamboin. They have been in enjoyable disputation about religion for some years and it has occurred to them that others might like to eavesdrop on what they are saying. Indeed, there should be scope for questions and rejoinders by those who are interested enough to participate.

So, it is proposed to conduct three public meetings this year from 7.30pm on the last Tuesday in the months of July (27), August (31) and September (28) over wine, cheese and coffee at St Andrew's church on the corner of Norton Road and Poppet St Wamboin. It is envisaged that these evenings will present a robust yet civilised environment in which, following the encouragement of Socrates, we will take the argument wherever it may lead.

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Mudhooks Beat the Devils

by Peter Evans

Despite many regular players being unavailable due to various reasons, the Bungendore Mudhooks still managed to convincingly beat the Harden Red Devils 43-5 at Harden on 24 July. The win plus bonus point secures Bungendore at the top of their competition ladder heading into the final round.

The Harden team is getting stronger each season, but the Mudhooks were never in danger of being beaten despite a spirited effort by the Harden forwards. In fact, the score would have favoured Bungendore even more but for the tenacious defence of Harden who held up Mudhooks players over the try line on three separate occasions.

Nevertheless, the Mudhooks scored seven tries to one with team captain Woody Fraser scoring two, and Eddie Mitford-Burgess, John Turner, Luke Payten, Dave McDonald and Jeremy Taylor scoring one try each. Winger Aaron Williams enjoyed a welcome return to form kicking four conversions, almost scoring a try and receiving the Botham Fencing Coach's award for his efforts.

The next game for the Mudhooks will be a tough one against RMC at Bungendore on 31 July and this will also be Ladies Day.

The Mudhooks will be holding a fundraising day that will benefit both the club and the Bungendore Preschool. This is a day to say thank you to all of the ladies of the club and supporters for the hours spent washing clothes that should really be incinerated, finding mouth guards, listening to the moans and groans about the battle wounds, recounting length of the field tries and most importantly standing and supporting the Muddies in a climate that is best suited to penguins.

So come along and enjoy the rugby in style and join us in the heated marquee where food and beverages will be available. If the heating alone isn't enough to convince you then be further tempted by a lucky door prize and raffles for gourmet hampers. The is from 12noon and the cost is \$15 at the tent door. For further details please contact Stacey Beggs 0438 382 363

Please note that the kick-off will be at 1:30pm and the Mudhooks game will be followed by Bungendore Tigers and the Tigers under 18's playing two games.

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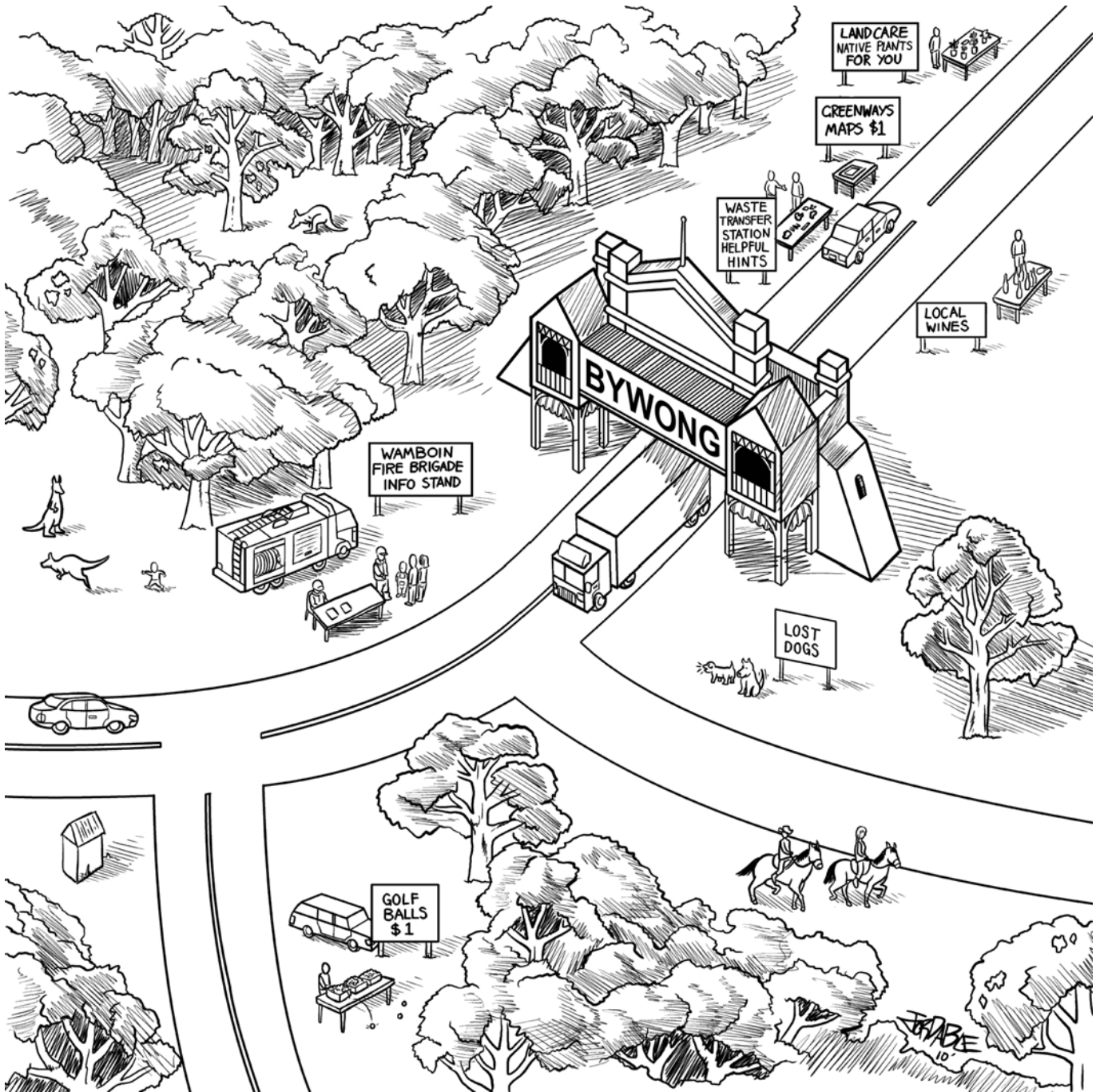
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Contact Pres. Pete Harrison on 6238 3525 or even Lofty on 6238 3258

Wamboin Muse

by Jill Gregory

I lost interest in watching glib garden shows on TV long ago. My waning interest might have had something to do with the quality of the picture on our vintage TV set, but I tend to think that it had more to do with the total lack of reality they peddle. Gardens don't just happen, they require genuine effort, especially here. Several months ago I chanced upon a tree that I had admired in another's garden, but had never before seen in a nursery. I was so delighted to find one that I promptly bought it. Once I had it safely home, however, the problems started...where to plant it. I walked around for months trying to find the perfect spot. The best positions, naturally, coincided with either an outcrop of shale or were under power lines. And even unencumbered sites were a challenge. The clay was as hard as rock and a mattock, wielded with all my strength and blistered hands, bounced off. The prized specimen began to haunt me. I tried repotting to appease it. At least, in a bigger pot, it might survive until next year. I walked around in ever decreasing circles, with furrowed brow, hoping for a hole to magically appear, but it seemed as if it never would. Then the gods smiled on me. It rained, and it rained some more, the flint-like clay became malleable and suddenly all seemed possible. I loaded the wheelbarrow with potting mix and mulch, balanced the mattock, spade and crow bar, just for good measure, on top, and selected a spot that I had not even considered before. The tree went into the ground, and a wire cage grew up around it. Now I just have to wait til spring!

Although winter in Wamboin is a battle against the cold, it is a beautiful time. To awaken to mornings bleached white and sprinkled with diamonds beneath a cloudless sky still enchants me. To lift panes of frozen glass from muddy puddles and shatter them on the ground, to watch puddles in the creek transform into a raging, roaring river where once you stepped across with ease, to hear happy frogs in noisy chorus, feel the soft, silent dampness of an enveloping fog and smell wood smoke. The flowers have disappeared, but there is the scent of violets and winter honeysuckle, splashes of golden dionysias and red berried nandinas and the promise of daffodils. The school holidays saw kids building cubbies, stepping around fairy rings, and finding ant hills and echidnas while the kangaroos watched, unfazed, and the birds returned.

I know we should buy a new TV. Sooner or later new technology will force our hand, but when it does I still don't think I'll be able to watch those plastic gardening shows....not until they portray real people, with genuine sweat on their brows and calloused hands, wielding real tools in real dirt, and then, stooped and aching, surveying a garden wreathed in chicken wire.

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