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## The Whisper

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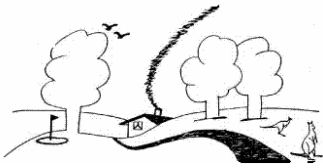
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## Wamboin Community Association President's Paragraphs



**Wamboin Bonfire and Fireworks Display** — The weather could hardly have been better, and the excellent turnout (estimated at well over a thousand) made this the most successful evening ever. The bonfire, another all-time best, was still glowing at 10.00pm when the last of the crowd filtered away. I must also commend (almost) everyone who attended for their consideration in keeping the Hall site virtually litter-free.

**Recycling Station** — The recycling bins at the Community Hall are provided by Council to help our community maintain a responsible approach to waste management. These bins, however, are provided for the disposal of recyclable materials, as identified by the attendant signs, only.

Recyclable materials are not taken to landfill sites, but to the Mugga Lane recycling depot for processing. From time to time, however, individuals see fit to dispose of general waste at the community hall, or to place household rubbish in the recycling bins. When the recycling bins are 'contaminated' with general waste, the contractor who empties the bins is obliged to take his entire load to a landfill, rather than to the recycling depot, completely defeating the purpose of the recycling station. Waste of any description that is not placed in the recycling bins is not removed by the garbage contractor, and would just be left to litter the Community Centre environs if not for the efforts of more community-minded residents who take it upon themselves to remove this rubbish.

One particular item that seems to be finding its way into the recycling bins with unfortunate regularity is soiled disposable nappies. Please be aware, if there was ever any misunderstanding, that these are not considered recyclable material. Nor is it often practical for more community-minded residents to remove such items from the recycling bins and take them to a landfill site.

Our community will only thrive if we all work together. It may not be very pleasant to have to dispose of soiled nappies, but it's no more pleasant for anyone else. And inappropriate dumping at recycling stations certainly doesn't encourage Council to continue to provide these local facilities.

Please consider others when you dispose of your waste. Place only recyclable materials in the bins at the recycling stations, and if you haven't contracted someone to collect your general household waste, please don't leave it at a recycling station for others to clean up—please take it to one of the tips yourself.

**Dogs** — The matter of stray dogs has come to the fore again this month. While anecdotal evidence suggests that in some cases straying dogs allow neighbours to meet and get to know one another better, in other cases they have exactly the opposite effect. In extreme cases, where a stray animal presents a threat to person or livestock, the law allows a landholder to injure or destroy the animal to prevent attack. This is invariably an unpleasant event for both the landholder and the animal's owner, not to mention the dog itself.

Unfortunately, stray dogs are one of largest contributors to tensions within rural communities. If you keep a dog, please consider other community members and be aware of your responsibilities under the Companion Animals Act.

**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. If you belong to a local community group and would like your event(s) included, please email details to the WCA Webmaster at [webmaster@wamboincommunity.asn.au](mailto:webmaster@wamboincommunity.asn.au).

**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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-- Pete Harrison ([president@wamboincommunity.asn.au](mailto:president@wamboincommunity.asn.au))

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# Bywong Community News

[www.bywongcommunity.org.au](http://www.bywongcommunity.org.au)

by Nora Stewart, President



**AGM and Information Night: Road Information and Plans for Bywong and Wamboin -- Monday 18<sup>th</sup> October 7.30pm Bywong Hall, Birriwa Road, Bywong.** Join us for an informative night to get a clearer picture about the road planning process for our area, upcoming plans and also the roles and responsibilities of the key players in funding, regulation and planning. Gordon Cunningham, Director of Works for the Palerang Council will be presenting.

The Association is also holding a short AGM, with two main items:

- (1) Proposed administrative changes to the constitution. *Details available on the Association website.*
- (2) Election of a new committee.

If you would like to make a contribution to your community, please consider volunteering for the Association committee. Nominations can be forwarded to the [president@bywongcommunity.org.au](mailto:president@bywongcommunity.org.au) or can be made at the AGM. **Lots more information on the AGM and about Bywong can be found at our extensive website [www.bywongcommunity.org.au](http://www.bywongcommunity.org.au)**

**Greenways Map Now Available.** A new graphic map showing all the current Greenways with photos and descriptions of the area has now been completed and is available via the home page of the Bywong Community website. Thanks to Merle Ketley for her excellent design and hard work in producing this map. Merle Ketley has given permission for the map and the accompanying photos to be printed as a centrefold in this issue of the Whisper. A master copy of the map in colour and the accompanying photos in colour are and will continue to be available at [www.bywongcommunity.org.au](http://www.bywongcommunity.org.au)

**Bywong representative at the Youth World Climbing Championships.** Melissa Anderson was chosen to represent Australia in the IFSC World Youth Climbing Championships in Edinburgh in September. Bywong Community Association gave \$300 to Melissa to support her trip and congratulates her for being chosen to compete against the top young climbers in the world.

**Bywong Christmas Drinks – Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2010.** Put this date in your diary now!

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This will be my last Whisper news as I am not standing again for election this year. Thanks to all who have supported the Association. - Nora Stewart, President, (02) 62303305, [president@bywongcommunity.org.au](mailto:president@bywongcommunity.org.au), [www.bywongcommunity.org.au](http://www.bywongcommunity.org.au)

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**Bywong Community Association (Inc), P.O. Box 486, Dickson, ACT, 2602**  
**Annual General Meeting, Monday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2010 at 7.30pm, Bywong Community Hall, Birriwa Road Bywong**

## AGENDA

1. Welcome and apologies
2. Minutes of the 2009 Annual General Meeting
3. President's report
4. Treasurer's report
5. Special item: Association Constitution -administrative changes to improve operation of the Association.
6. Election of office bearers and ordinary committee members- committee must be 7 in total
  - a. President
  - b. Vice-President
  - c. Secretary
  - d. Treasurer
  - e. Election of other committee members
  - f. Confirmation of 2010-2011 Committee
7. Close AGM

### The Bonfire and Fireworks.

From Lofty Mason.

The 30<sup>th</sup> annual Wamboin Bonfire and Fireworks Night was a great night. First up there was Ian Cuthbertson of 'Anytime Hire' as he manoeuvred his backhoe to pack the bonfire. An acrobatic display worthy on its own of any admission fee. Compliments to the local groups who ran the various food and drink stalls with all customers happy as to the quality and pricing of the goodies offered. Our thank you to those who donated goods for the WCA raffle. The bonfire lighting and burning went great and the display by Fireworks Australia was spectacular. The over riding feeling for me was that it was a great Community night. This Community feeling is one of the reasons we have lived here for 29 years. Clean up next morning was somewhat quieter.

Our Bonfire and Fireworks Night depends not only on good weather but also on the following: Residents bringing bonfire material, the organization of the Fireworks display, the organization at the Community Centre, effective advertising, the packing/lighting of the bonfire, the great efforts of the stall holders, the entry collection, parking control and fire supervision by the Brigade and finally the support of the community. On Saturday night it all came together. Congratulations Wamboin!

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(from [www.palerang.nsw.gov.au](http://www.palerang.nsw.gov.au) on 1-Dec-2009)

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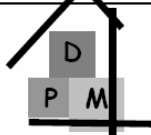

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Ned Noel	13PlrngCncl+42Advertisers/Misc	55	Penny Evans	Norton, Cmpbell to Bngley	24
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Cassie Fisher	Clare Lane	12	Lyle Montesin	Forrest Road area	60
Axelby Family	North End - Clare Valley	42	Bungendore Shop	Bungendore	10
326 CO-ORDINATED BY JOHN VAN DER STRAATEN:					
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Connie+Hans Bachor	Denley to MacReef + BirchmansG	26	Morag&Guy Cotsell	MReef /Newington/Harriot (A)	30
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## WAMBOIN 15 YEARS AGO - from the Whisper, October 1995 - Circulation 500

by Robyn Robertson

**From the Wamboin Community Association President's Annual Report:** "The last Community Association meeting was well attended by the community and councillors to listen to the latest revision of the development proposal for land to the south east of Wamboin.

A development proposal for the same parcel of land was considered by the Yarrawlumla Council last year and it was decided that it should not proceed because of the seemingly insurmountable objections raised by the Community Association and others regarding traffic/transport difficulties, declining rural amenity and environmental concerns.....

Why must we face such proposals that fail to the fundamental concerns of the district in apparent infinitum? Why is this recent proposal put to the community so soon after Council had agreed to withstand the previous development application for the same parcel of land?. .....

The community must be vigilant over this issue. Please contribute to the sensible future of Wamboin and put your views to Council. -- Steve Lambert.

## An Invitation to Dance

by Brenda Carter, Captain's Flat

The Captains Flat Community Association invites the Readers of the Wamboin Whisper to an evening of dancing and underwater delights at the Captains Flat Annual Ball.

The Ball, our seventh, is to be held on 20<sup>th</sup> November, from 8 pm to Midnight. The Ball is a great evening and features live music and a chance to win some fabulous prizes. In true country ball tradition we ask you to bring a picnic basket supper and whatever you would like to drink.

Tickets are \$25 per person and can be purchased from vivi muchmore gallery in Foxlow Street, Captains Flat (opposite the pub), on Saturdays and Sundays from 10 am to 2 pm beginning 23<sup>rd</sup> October. Alternatively, you can purchase tickets by direct deposit: contact Elizabeth at [ball@captainsflat.org](mailto:ball@captainsflat.org) for details. Tables seat fourteen people but you do not have to fill a table – singles and couples are as welcome as large or small groups.

Dress for the Ball is formal but you may wish to take your inspiration from this year's theme of "Neptune's Ball".

The Annual Ball is Captains Flat's biggest community fundraiser: money raised from this year's Ball will go to projects for Wilkins Memorial Park. -- Enquiries to Brenda on 6236 6013.

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(1 October - 31 March)

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## PREPARE. ACT. SURVIVE.

**PREPARE**  
**ACT**  
**SURVIVE**

have a Bush Fire Survival Plan

know the Bush Fire Danger Ratings and what you need to do

know the Alert Levels which are used during a fire

## THE WAMBOIN FIREWORKS



The Wamboin Community Association's Bonfire and Fireworks night on Sat 25 Sept. **The only fire show we like!**

## BUSHFIRE PREPARATIONS

### PREPARE. ACT. SURVIVE.

**PREPARE.** It is your responsibility to prepare yourself, your family and your home for the threat of bush fire. Every home must have a Bush Fire Survival Plan encompassing the decision to either "Leave Early" or to "Stay and Defend" to ensure you are prepared and know what to do in the event of a bush fire. You also need a contingency plan in the event your primary plan is not able to be implemented.

**ACT.** You need to act decisively in accordance with your Bush Fire Survival Plan when bush fires threaten.

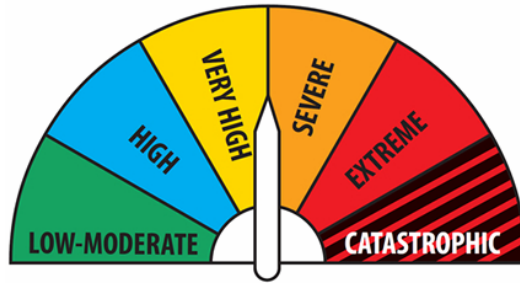
**SURVIVE.** Your survival depends on your preparations, and the decisions you make.

Regardless of your decision, you must prepare your property to give you, your family and your home the best chance of survival. 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\\_PrepareActSurvive.pdf](http://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/file_system/attachments/Attachment_PrepareActSurvive.pdf)



## FIRE DANGER RATING



The Fire Danger Rating is an early indicator of potential danger. It is an assessment of the potential fire behaviour, the difficulty of suppressing a fire, and the potential impact on the community should a bush fire occur on a given day. The FDR is determined by the Fire Danger Index (FDI). The FDI is a combination of air temperature, relative humidity, wind speed and drought.

When a Fire Danger Rating is advised, you need to take it seriously and be prepared to act. It should act as your first trigger for action.

The signs for our area are located near the intersections of:

- Norton Rd and Sutton Rd (Wamboin)
- Macs Reef Rd and Harriott Rd (Bywong)
- Bungendore Rd and Joe Rocks Rd (Bungendore)
- Bungendore Rd and Summerhill Rd (Bywong), and
- Federal Hwy Service Rd and Goolabri Dr (Sutton Park).

The Fire Danger Rating (FDR) for our area can also be viewed on the brigade’s website at: <http://brigade.wamboincommunity.asn.au> (click on the Fire Danger Rating sign on the website for an explanation of the ratings)

**Table: Fire Danger Conditions and Sample Messages**

Fire Danger Rating	Sample Messages - Potential Fire Behaviour and Impact
<b>CATASTROPHIC (CODE RED) FDI 100+</b>	<p style="text-align: center;">If a fire starts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fires will be uncontrollable, unpredictable and fast moving – flames will be higher than roof tops.</li> <li>• There is a very high likelihood that people in the path of the fire will die or be injured. Thousands of homes and businesses will be destroyed.</li> <li>• Well prepared, well-constructed and defended homes may not be safe during the fire. Construction standards do not go beyond a Fire Danger Index of 100.</li> <li>• Thousands of embers will be blown around.</li> <li>• Spot fires will move quickly and come from many directions, up to 20 km ahead of the fire.</li> <li>• <b>Leaving and doing so early is the best option.</b></li> </ul>
<b>EXTREME FDI 75-99</b>	<p style="text-align: center;">If a fire starts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fires will be uncontrollable, unpredictable and fast moving – flames will be higher than roof tops.</li> <li>• There is a likelihood that people in the path of the fire will die and be injured. Hundreds of homes and businesses will be destroyed.</li> <li>• Only well prepared, well constructed and actively defended houses are likely to offer safety during a fire.</li> <li>• Thousands of embers will be blown around.</li> <li>• Spot fires will move quickly and come from many directions, up to 6 km ahead of the fire.</li> <li>• <b>Leaving and doing so early is the safest option for your survival.</b></li> </ul>
<b>SEVERE FDI 50-74</b>	<p style="text-align: center;">If a fire starts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fires will be uncontrollable and move quickly– flames may be higher than roof tops.</li> <li>• There is a chance people may die and be injured. Some homes and businesses will be destroyed.</li> <li>• Well prepared and actively defended houses can offer safety during a fire.</li> <li>• Expect embers to be blown around.</li> <li>• Spot fires may occur up to 4 km ahead of the fire</li> <li>• <b>Leaving and doing so early is the safest option for your survival. Your home will only offer safety if it and you are well prepared and you can actively defend it during a fire.</b></li> </ul>

<b>VERY HIGH</b> <b>FDI 25-49</b>	<p style="text-align: center;">If a fire starts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fires can be difficult to control – flames may burn into the tree tops.</li> <li>• There is a low chance people may die or be injured. Some homes and businesses may be damaged or destroyed.</li> <li>• Well prepared and actively defended houses can offer safety during a fire.</li> <li>• Embers may be blown ahead of the fire.</li> <li>• Spot fires may occur up to 2 km ahead of the fire.</li> <li>• <b>Your home will only offer safety if it is and you are well prepared and you can actively defend it during a fire.</b></li> </ul>
<b>HIGH</b> <b>FDI 12-24</b>	<p style="text-align: center;">If a fire starts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fires can be controlled</li> <li>• Loss of life is highly unlikely and damage to property will be limited</li> <li>• Well prepared and actively defended houses can offer safety during a fire.</li> <li>• Embers may be blown ahead of the fire.</li> <li>• Spot fires can occur close to the main fire.</li> <li>• <b>Know where to get more information and monitor the situation for any changes</b></li> </ul>
<b>LOW-MODERATE</b> <b>FDI 0-11</b>	<p style="text-align: center;">If a fire starts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fires can be easily controlled</li> <li>• Little to no risk to life and property. Know where to get more information and monitor the situation for any changes</li> <li>• <b>Know where to get more information and monitor the situation for any changes.</b></li> </ul>

## BUSH FIRE ALERTS

Bush fire alerts are about getting messages to the community when there is a fire, using a wide range of media such as the web, radio and television. Bush fires can threaten suddenly and without warning, so people must be prepared to take action whether they receive an official emergency warning or not.

The decision to issue a Bushfire Alert is based on the threat posed by a fire. It considers the current [Fire Danger Rating](#) and the predicted rate of spread of the fire, which can vary depending on topography, fuel type, prolonged drought and other local conditions.

The messaging levels are designed with safety in mind, whilst acknowledging that over-warning can lead to complacency and delays in people taking action.

### Advice

### Watch and Act

## Emergency Warning

<b>Advice</b>	<b>A fire has started.</b> There is no immediate danger.
<b>Watch &amp; Act</b>	<b>A heightened level of threat.</b> Conditions are changing; you need to start taking action now to protect you and your family. Follow your Bush Fire Survival Plan.
<b>Emergency Warning</b>	<b>You are in danger and need to take action immediately.</b> Any delay now puts your life at risk.

## SCHOOLS CADET PROGRAM

The Brigade has been involved in the NSWRFs Schools Cadet Program at Queanbeyan and Karabar High Schools **OVER THE LAST 3 MONTHS**. The aim of the program is to teach students in Year 9 ‘life skills’ and working as a team. Other benefits include greater bush fire awareness and understanding the work that emergency service volunteers undertake in assisting the community. Twenty-five students from these two schools participated in the 10 week program that covered trucks and equipment, pumps and pumping, firefighting, working with other Emergency Services, motor vehicle accidents and extraction of trapped people, community safety, structure and gas fires, first aid, navigation and communications.

As part of their graduation on 21st September (Queanbeyan High) and 23rd September (Karabar High), participants demonstrated their skills to fellow students, school staff, local councillors, other agencies and RFS regional and staff members.

The program is Zone based with Bungendore, Stoney Creek, Burra, Queanbeyan City and Wamboin Brigades assisting with the provision of trucks and mentors for these two schools. Group Captain Chris Powell, Ian Coillet and John Taubman participated in the program from the Wamboin Brigade.





**PRESENTATION  
TO  
THE WHISPER**



At the Community Association's 21st September meeting, Vice President of the Wamboin Volunteer Rural Fire Brigade, Ian Coillet presented Ned Noel, editor of the Wamboin Community Association's monthly newsletter, The Whisper, with a Certificate of Appreciation. The Brigade wanted to recognise the many people who have worked to provide Whisper's long and generous service to the community and also supported the Brigade's efforts to communicate with residents.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**(Mark your diary for one of the following Brigade-run Bush Fire Information Sessions.)**

Sat 20 Nov: at the Wamboin Fire Station

Sat 11 Dec: at the corner of Bidges & Old Goldmines Rds, Sutton

Sat 19 Feb 2011: at the Wamboin Fire Station

*All sessions - 10am for registration with 10.30am start. Sessions include Q & A and run for 1.5 hrs.*

**FURTHER INFORMATION**

**Firewise eNews:** is a new quarterly e newsletter, a way for the NSW Rural Fire Service (RFS) to bring you current RFS news, safety messages, research and details of upcoming events. To subscribe go to the NSW RFS website at [www.rfs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au) and click on 'Firewise Email Newsletter' or, if you are reading the Wamboin Firefighter electronically, click on the 'subscribe' link below:  
[subscribe to Firewise eNews](#)

**The Wamboin Brigade Website:** The Brigade's website will help 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 (3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday in the month) from 9am – 12noon. 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 Saturday October 16th 2010.

**Finally, if you have any queries on a fire-related issue** including preparing yourself, your family and your property for a bush fire, please contact the Brigade's Captain (Andrew Dunn) on 0409 991 340 or (02) 6238 1849 (ah).

**PREPARE. ACT. SURVIVE.**

### Being overcharged by Livestock Health and Pest Authority (LHPA)?

Any residents who are being charged rates by the LHPA may have noticed that the rates are now calculated using both the area of holding and a 'Notional Carrying Capacity (NCC)'. The higher the NCC: the higher the rates. Amazed at our nominated high NCC (any beasts would have had to be on a starvation diet plus hand feeding) we challenged the Authority figures. An inspector arrived who stated the NCC was nominated as to an area with no regard to natural bush, plantations or terrain. After the inspector reported back to the LHPA, our account was almost halved. (No, we still don't get any thing of value from this Authority but at least it is cheaper). -- Lofty Mason.

#### NEW CLASSIFIEDS

**ADULT TAP DANCING CLASSES:** Get fit and have fun. Join the *Tap at Palarang* classes held on Monday evenings, 6.30-7.45 pm, at Bungendore Memorial Hall. No experience required. The cost is \$10 per class. For further information phone Pip 6238 1270.

Gardener wanted on a regular basis in Wamboin to mow lawn and whippersnip, \$ 20 ph. Pls phone 0418994767.

#### LONG RUNNING CLASSIFIEDS

Mobile Natural Horse Care and Gardening - Not enough hrs in the day / week? Away on weekends or holidays? Need someone to feed, rug, groom, clean up and care for your horse/s? General gardening, weed, mow, mulch and tidy. Other pets included and mail collected. Unable to ask neighbours / friends again? Call Cheryl - on 62369373 or 0402201491

South Durras holiday house - 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, double carport, close to shop and 5 minute walk to beaches. Dog friendly, fully enclosed yard. Available now. Please phone Karen on 0428 148 500 for further information.

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**MATHS & SCIENCE TUTORING,** K-6, 7-10 and 11 & 12, & 1st year university. Encouraging, expert coaching. Judy Shellard BSc(Hons), Dip Ed, David Shellard (3rd year Mathematics ANU). Please contact Judy. Phone 6238 3050

**WCA Electronic Noticeboard** – The WCA electronic noticeboard is a convenient way to keep up with community activities. Subscribe by visiting the WCA website at <http://wamboincommunity.asn.au/noticeboard>

**CHOOKS WANTED** – Any age & roosters. Phone Frank on 6297-3523 to arrange collection.

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Large Holiday house situated in Tuross, 180 degree Ocean views, opposite shops, 2 minute walk to beach, large block for parking, available now. Discounts apply for Wamboin/Bywong residents. Please phone Cherrie 0418 621 462 for details.

**ADVERTISING RATES:** Local classified advertisements are free, as are announcements from community organisations and clubs. Business advertisements pay printing and Community Association Projects. Contact editor on 6238-3484 for information. Advertising rates: Full Page - \$120 Half Pg - \$60 1/3 Pg \$40 1/4 Pg - \$30 1/5 Pg - \$25 1/8 Pg - \$20

**FOR HIRE** from the Wamboin Community Association: GAS BBQ - Party Size, Portable, \$30 (includes gas) together with \$30 cleaning bond, both payable on collection. Cleaning bond will be refunded if BBQ is returned clean. Enquiries - Joan Mason 6238 3258.

Trestles and chairs are available for hire by local residents. Hire rates are: Trestle \$10ea and chairs \$1.50 ea. Price does not include delivery or pick-up charges. Available from the Wamboin Community Hall, 112 Bingley Way. Must be returned in clean servicable condition. All damages are responsibility of the hirer. Equipment must be tied securely on trailer etc. whentaken (otherwise they don't go.) Time of pick-up and returned MUST be adhered to (I don't live at the Hall!) - Joan Mason, 62383258.

**FOR HIRE: WAMBOIN COMMUNITY HALL.** Bookings arranged by Joan Mason 6238 3258. Local Residents \$100, Bond \$250. Non-Resident \$150, Bond \$300. The Hall is not available for teenage, 18 or 21st. functions.

**FOR HIRE: BYWONG COMMUNITY HALL.** Suitable for smaller functions and seminars, groups etc. Check availability and booking information on [www.bywongcommunity.org.au](http://www.bywongcommunity.org.au).

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](mailto:nednoel@optusnet.com.au)

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**1**  
190 Newington Road – take the driveway at the end of the road and through the creek.



**2**  
Greenway runs along the side of Woolshed Lane.



**3**  
Denley and Weerona junction, starts next to green shed and runs parallel to Weerona Drive.



**4**  
Denley Drive to Millpost Hill, near 379 Denley Drive.



**6**  
Near 1205 Norton Road.



**153-154 Harrot Road** up the driveway. Greenway starts at the top of the hill.



**From Waramunga Close** intersection.



**441 Weerona Drive** up the driveway to Greenway behind.



**Hogan Drive to Millpost Hill.**



**Near 244 Weerona Drive** (East side of road).



**Track starts behind the Bywong Hall**, past the horse jumps, past the dam through the gate.



**Norton Road**, small access gate on right hand side near driveway.



**Near 65 Weerona Drive** (West side of road).



**60 Majors Close** follow driveway for 150 m to entry gate.



**At end of Clare Valley Place.** Dirt track to right of green letterbox driveway.



**Track from Denley Drive starts 100m West of Weerona Drive**, North side near the road sign.



**Denley Drive to Majors Close** (West), near 379 Denley Drive.



**Clare Lane/Valley View Lane.** On dirt gated road, closer to Valley View Lane end.

These pictures and descriptions will help you find the access points for the Greenways most have signs these are written in green, access points without signs are written in black.

**Text in Green = Greenway Sign**  
**Text in Black = No Greenway Sign**

## Greenway Code of Conduct

The Greenways Management Committee oversees the good management of the corridors, in cooperation with the community and user groups for the benefit of the conservation of nature and use by the community.

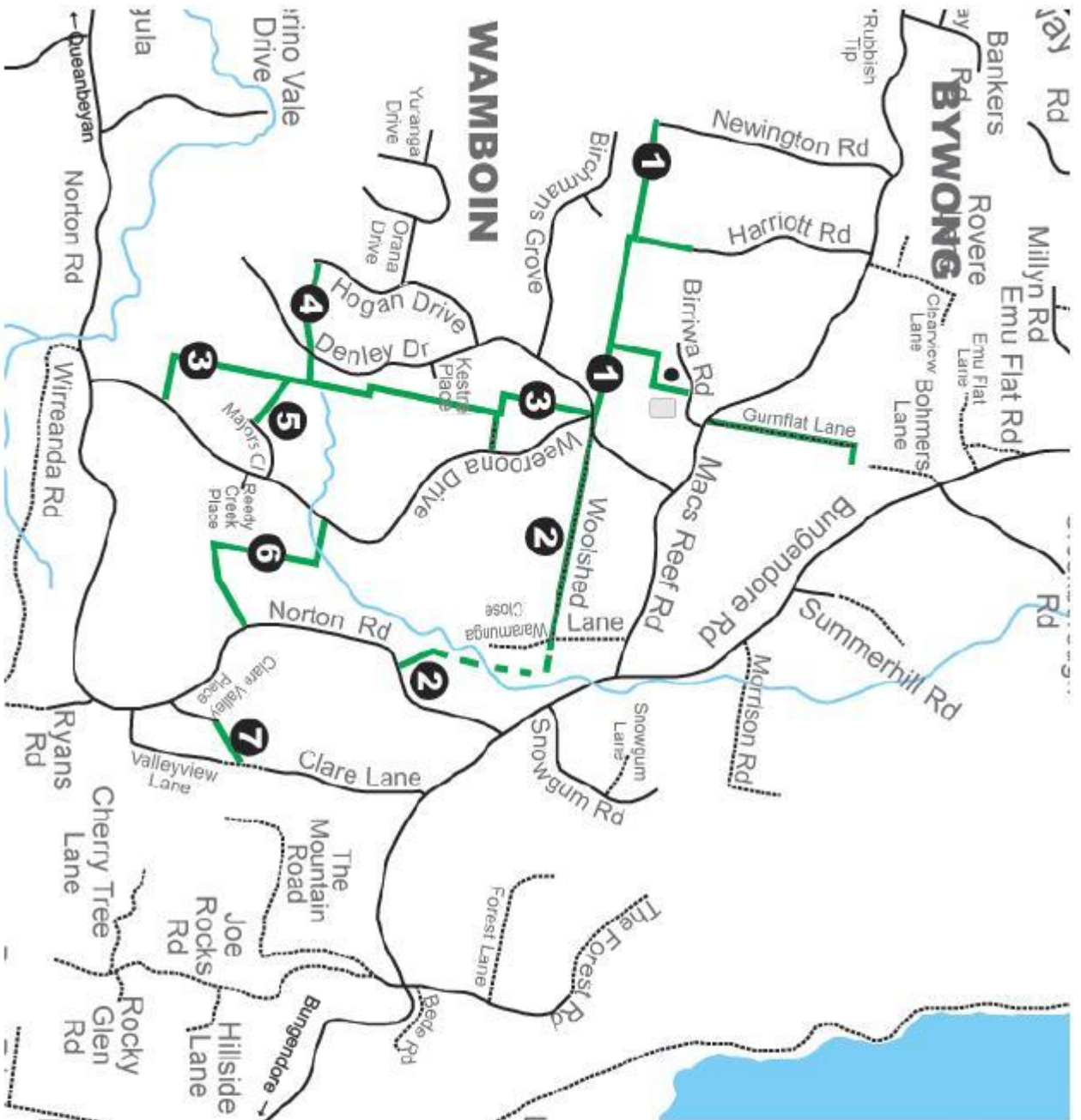
To help us maintain them in good condition as a community resource for the use and enjoyment of all, the following rules apply:

- No motorised vehicles,\*\*
- All noise to be kept to a minimum,
- All users must respect private property and the adjacent residents' privacy,
- The carriage of firearms or other weapons and hunting activities are not permitted.
- All rubbish to be removed,
- All gates should be left as found,
- No neighbouring residents are to fence, obstruct, plant on or otherwise interfere with the Greenways,
- Dogs should be under control at all times,
- No camping,
- No lighting of fires,
- Remain on the defined track,
- No collection of natural or archaeological items, and
- All users are encouraged to report issues or problems to the management committee.

The Committee may place restrictions on the use of any or all of the Greenways if degradation occurs or is likely to occur due to prevailing conditions of environmental concerns.

\*\*Note: The use of unregistered motorised vehicles (especially trail bikes) may expose the riders of these vehicles to serious liability risk if an accident were to result.





## Key

- Greenway
- Greenway/road/driveway
- ① Greenway label
- Sealed road
- - - Unsealed road
- Waterways
- Bywong
- Community Hall
- Wamboin
- Community Hall

This map has all current Greenways.

Look for the number of the greenway you wish to use, on the back are pictures of the entrances to the greenways. Some Greenways run alongside unsealed roads/driveways.

Remember a Greenway is for human powered vehicles, no cars or motor bikes.

There are also a number of other access tracks in the area.

**August 2010**

The map on this page was created by Merle Ketley, using an earlier map by Paul Brugman as one of the starting points. Merle also created the attached page of photos and reproduced the code of conduct created by the Greenways Management Committee.

Merle has given permission for both pages to be reproduced in the Whisper.

The master copy of the map and the photos, both in colour, are and will long continue to be available on the Bywong Community website, at

[www.bywongcommunity.org.au](http://www.bywongcommunity.org.au)

## Letter

I am a concerned resident with an ongoing problem that has festered for many years. It is a matter of uncontrolled dogs.

I have taken my concerns to Yarralumla council several times and also more recently to Palerang council by way of telephone calls to both a councillor and to the council officers. I at one stage contacted the Queanbeyan Police for their advice on the matter.

Now once again the behaviour of these dogs has arisen.

Our garbage has been raided and scattered over the area going towards the residence of the owners of these animals. A dead kangaroo was found in our dam. When I retrieved it, I noticed the hind legs had been bitten repeatedly, probably scaring the kangaroo into the dam for refuge. The poor animal probably drowned in total fear of its life. A few days later we went looking for the carcas. We found it had been eaten away to nearly nothing.

During these events my dog has barked and acted in a state I would describe an erratic and not a normal state for him. He is a red heeler and is under control at all times because we realise the need for dog controls in a rural area where some neighbours have animals such as horses and sheep.

"Keep records of each attack, time of day and the sighting of these dogs" I was told by one of the authorities. "Capture and hold these dogs then call the pound", said another. The police said "you are within your rights to shoot them if they are on your property and threatening your family, yourself or your animals."

So here I am writing to the Wamboin Whisper in an attempt to raise the community's awareness of the problem. Cooper and Poppet road residents who aren't already aware of the problem, you should be warned that there are dogs that WILL attack your stock, your garbage and possibly your selves. They have done so in an increasingly frequent and vicious nature. Please publish this so that perhaps some one can be saved the distress of finding a loved one being attacked.

-- Patrick McCudden

Note from the editor: As best I can see, and after checking with the Council and the Police, the NSW Govt Legislation on this subject is in "Companion Animals Act 1998 No 87" Part 3, "Responsibilities for the Control of Dogs". The act is available at <http://www.legislation.nsw.gov.au> by going to that site and then searching within the site on "companion animals".

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Are you happy with the way that maintenance issues are dealt with?

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Are you satisfied with the service you receive when contacting our office?

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 Average Response

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## Geary's Gap/Wamboin Landcare - September

Think global, act local

by Chris Fowler

**Nursery Session – 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2010 – 38 Birchman's Grove, Wamboin.** Although this is a long w/e, we are falling behind with re-potting of cuttings. There are probably 250 pots of 25 plants each that have to be re-potted as soon as possible. If it is not completed they will become unusable and we will have nothing for sale [the Car Boot Sale for instance] or for planting in coming months. An extra session may have to be organised.

As well as this, there are hundreds of pots to be washed. This can just as easily be completed at home using a tub or bucket of water and standard household bleach. The pots just have to be collected and returned. If you are bringing back any pots, or have acquired some from anywhere for our use, please wash them before putting them in the shed.

Remember to contact Geoff Butler [Ph: 62369158 [gbu22182@bigpond.net.au](mailto:gbu22182@bigpond.net.au).] if you plan to attend.

**Annual General meeting – 10<sup>th</sup> November 2010.** This date and our guest speaker have now been finalised. Sarinna Locke is the ABC Rural correspondent / journalist and a good and articulate speaker. She was the chairperson / facilitator on the day for the YAN carbon conference last year and is known to be enthusiastic about matters rural. It is very important that we show her some respect and provide a reasonable size audience.

The AGM itself should be mercifully brief, [an agenda and reports will be sent before the meeting] but you are invited to suggest items for discussion as well as nominations for the main positions of Convenor [2], Secretary, and Treasurer, as well as a number of committee members. The members currently holding those main positions will offer themselves for re-election, but wish to emphasise that they are keen to see more new faces actively involved in planning, decision making and volunteering. You may not realise it, but there are almost 140 people in the local area on our Landcare mailing list. That should give us plenty to choose from even if only 1/3 attended the AGM.

Members currently serving on the committee are: Roger Good [Convenor], Geoff Butler [Convenor], Chris Fowler [Secretary], Kathy Handel [Treasurer], Committee members: Kathy Cook, Graham Harris, Brian Higgison, Kris Nash, Jaqui O'Leary, with Jan Creswell and Jan Goug-Watson as ex-officio representatives. Most of these have been serving Landcare in one way or another for many, many years and we are indebted to their dedication.

**Murrumbateman Field Days 15<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> October 2010.** The Yass Area Network of Landcare groups will be mounting a major presence at the field days this year. Landcare will be sharing a marquee with the Murrumbidgee Catchment Management Authority and our contribution will be to provide demonstrations of propagation such as we normally do at our nursery sessions as well as answering questions generally about Landcare. Murrumbateman, Taylors Creek, and Jerriwa Creek Landcare groups will be there as well with displays, printed information and other demonstrations. Roger Good is co-ordinating our volunteers for two periods of time on each day : 10 am – 12pm, and 12pm – 2pm. **Contact Roger if you would like to be involved – Ph: 62369048, [rgo03227@bigpond.net.au](mailto:rgo03227@bigpond.net.au).**

**Landcare book – "Look After Your Natural Assets".** This excellent publication is now also available from the Secretary. A very useful addition to anyone's bookshelf.

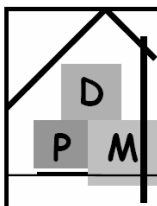
**Trees and shrubs for sale.** Although the GG/W Landcare nursery always has shrubs and trees for sale and you are welcome to contact us about them, this appeared in the MCMA newsletter the other day and is worth noting: "This season promises to be a good one for tree growing. If you are looking for native seedlings to plant, Damien DeMarco has the following species available in tubestock for \$1 each -- Red box, Yellow Box, Blakely's red gum, River red gum, White box, Weeping snow gum, Casuarina cunninghamiana, Callistemon, Leptospermum, Melaleuca\_Kunzia, Hakea. These were snapped up by landcarers last year so get in early to avoid disappointment. Please contact Damian directly on 0407224490."

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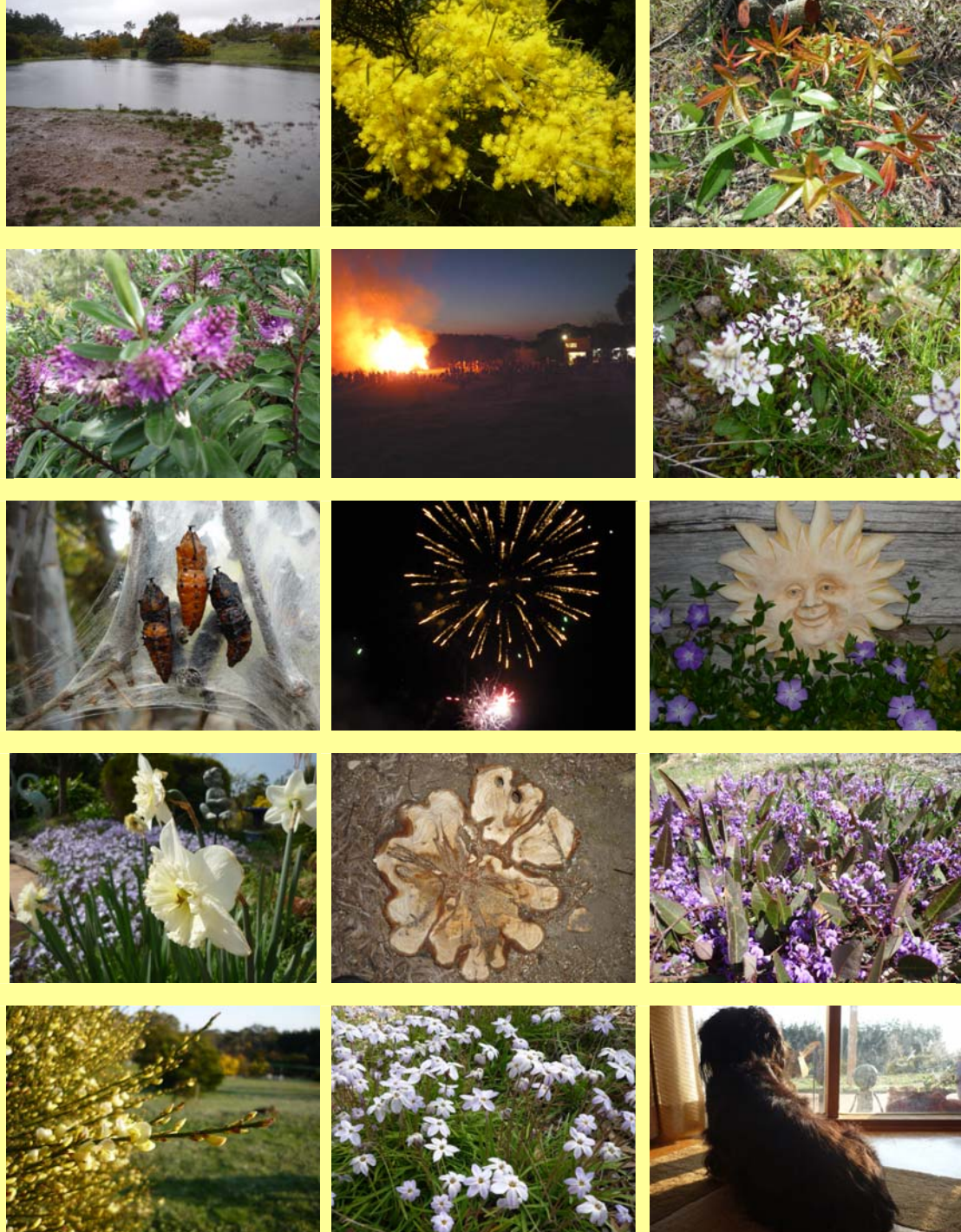
# THE STABLE DOOR



by Ian Coillet

(An occasional piece)

Springtime happenings in Wamboin



The Springtime photos can be viewed in living colour if you go to <http://wamboincommunity.asn.au/> then click on 'The Whisper' and call up the October edition.



## Lake George Day View Club

by Lydia Teodorowych

Canberra was the location for the recent 2010 VIEW Convention where over 900 women from across Australia gathered to celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year of VIEW. Following a welcome to country by Auntie Agnes Shea, an Elder of the Ngunnawal people, Mary Porter, Member of the ACT Legislative Assembly, welcomed the women to Canberra. The Inaugural George Forbes Oration was delivered by Pru Goward MP and reflected George's vision for women to have a greater voice in the community. Pru, who has strong connections to community, and social justice, as well as the enhancement of women's issues and the role of women in today's society, related well to the ideals of VIEW - compassion and social justice for all.

There was an introduction by Karen Arthur, a *Learning for Life* Alumnus who told a moving story of her journey from student in western Sydney to being a solicitor with Mallesons Stephen Jaques. The main highlight was a forum of four high profile women - Ita Buttrose, The Hon. Bronwyn Bishop, Naseema Sparks and Senator Kate Lundy - who examined the role of "women in the past and the future" with specific references to their own experiences, moderated by Virginia Haussegger. The women were delighted with this forum.

The following day Noeline Brown, The Ambassador for Ageing, was keynote speaker and told amusing tales about her career on stage and in TV and how to "Live Life Well." Three members from Lake George Day VIEW Club-President Lydia Teodorowych, Bernie Gteethhead and Philida Sturgis-Hoy took part in the debate on "increasing gender equality and presentation of women in leadership roles" this resolution was passed by VIEW members.

Gala dinner was a great experience as 900 women from all around Australia chatted, dined, sang and danced their way through entertainment from *Sing Australia* and the *Stilletos*. The "Grand Celebration" titled Our Community, Our Future held in the Great Hall at Parliament House concluded with pipers marching in playing "Amazing Grace" -- a grand finale to a great Convention for lots of Happy VIEW members.

The following LGDVC meeting will be held on Tuesday 19 October 11.30 for a 12 noon start, entitled "Octoberfest in Wamboin" If you are interested in attending RSVP by 13 October to June on 6236 -9136

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## Muddies Break Though for 1<sup>st</sup> Premiership

by Peter Evans

After losing four grand finals in the past five years the Mudhooks have broken the drought and posted the club's first premiership. The game was played in atrocious weather conditions with driving rain and howling wind, which seemed to suit our boys and eventually ran out convincing winners of the 2010 Monaro Second Division grand final against 2009 season premiers Boorowa Goldies by 30-6.

A big crowd of loyal and enthusiastic supporters braved the elements (and broke out the gumboots) to encourage the Mudhooks to score five tries to nil on a pitch that resembled Lake George back in the mid nineties. At times it looked like players were water skiing. To score this many tries in the rain, on a heavy, muddy ground with a very slippery ball was an amazing effort and capped an extremely successful undefeated season for the Bungendore team. The Boorowa players were obviously tired and carrying some injuries from the previous two finals games and put up a gallant effort, but the Mudhooks were just too strong, too committed and carried the seasons form to victory.

The forwards showed awesome power and control to completely dominate their opposition in every facet of the game. Loose head prop Scott Cottrell ruled the scrums and was the first try scorer for Bungendore with a driving run only four minutes into the match. Scott kept his body height low and drove ahead for 10 metres through the Boorowa defence to crash over the line. John Turner, playing at lock, continued his great season scoring a try in the second half from a powerful pick and drive.

They say that forwards win rugby games and that backs determine by how much, and in this game, despite the poor playing conditions, the Mudhooks backs played some remarkable running rugby. The backs' excellent ball skills and support play was best illustrated by the brilliant try scored by Dancing Dave McDonald in the second half. At the end of a back line move that started behind the Mudhooks 22 metre line, Dancing Dave was racing down the side line in support of Luke Payten calling for Luke to "put in a box kick". Running at full speed, Luke chipped in-field over the heads of the opposition and Dave raced past them to gather in the ball and score. During the game fly half Brett Watson continually bamboozled the opposition and scored a try out wide in the second half while half back Luke Payten won the Man of the Match Award and also scored a great try.

This season the Mudhooks played 14 games to finish the season undefeated scoring 68 tries for a total of 436 points, with 128 point being scored against them. The Bungendore Rugby Football Club would like to thank all the sponsors, supporters and volunteers for their generous support and help this year. The next challenge is to defend the title in 2011.



### Land for Wildlife Meeting – is on!

The meeting to find out about the Land for Wildlife scheme will go ahead on Saturday 30 October 2010 at 1030 for 1100 am start at the Wamboin Community Hall. Several people have been in touch and plan to come along. It is not too late to jump onboard – just let me know you are coming [machin4@bigpond.com](mailto:machin4@bigpond.com) or 6238 3717.

Just to recap..... you can find out about the Land for Wildlife program at [www.cen.org.au/landforwildlife/](http://www.cen.org.au/landforwildlife/). The Land for Wildlife scheme encourages property owners to commit to managing all or part of their land in an environmentally friendly way. The program is free to join and is not legally binding. The minimum size of land to register is half a hectare of native bush land. Over time the scheme not only provides refuges for wildlife, but it allows wildlife

corridors to be created where Land for Wildlife areas match up. It also gives us encouragement to look after our wildlife and enjoy having it around. Cheers! -- Philip Machin, 6238 3717, [machin4@bigpond.com](mailto:machin4@bigpond.com)



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## 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, came out of winter recess in September. New stalls included hand made soap products and smoked trout. (Not on the same stall). Customer numbers were down. We hope things will pick up as the weather improves and more fresh local produce is available. Entry is free to customers and \$5 per table for stallholders. After visiting other markets we see ours as more of a Community Market than a commercial one. Your only decision is whether to have an egg and bacon roll, scones, cakes or biscuits to go with your delicious coffee. Tony has christened his coffee the 'Wamboin Markets Coffee'. Delicious. So come along and meet the locals at our next markets that are on:

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## WAMBOIN BONFIRE & FIREWORKS RAFFLE RESULTS

The Wamboin Community Association thanks the following sponsors for their generous donations for prizes at the Wamboin Bonfire & Fireworks raffle drawn on Saturday night. The WCA would also thank those people who supported the raffle. The monies will be well spent to the benefit of the wider community. - John Van Der Straaten

The winners were:

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| 2. Lamberts Winery /Rest. \$50 Vchr | Red E46    | Chris Jefferys |
| 3. Meat Tray Value \$30             | Black E84  | Emmett         |
| 4. Meat Tray Value \$30             | Red E88    | Sam Pavitt     |
| 5. Pack of Foster's Organic Produce | Green F23  | Sue Forster    |
| 6. 2 Bottles Wine                   | Black E60  | Adrian Meijer  |
| 7. 6 Eureka Nursery Plants          | Purple E77 | Juliet         |
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| 9. 250g Wamboin Markets             | Black E93  | Murdock        |
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## Nature Notes – September 2010

Jo Walker

Good rainfall continued into September with almost 60 mm in my rain gauge so far this month. Not quite as welcome was the day of gale-force winds at the beginning of September that brought down three large eucalypt trees on my place – all well away from the house fortunately!

The expanses of bright green grass are now liberally dotted with the white and maroon flowers of Early Nancy (*Wurmbea dioica*), and the swaying golden heads of the Billy Buttons (*Craspedia variabilis*) are just appearing. And, of course, the wattles are still producing splashes of colour on the hillsides and along the roads.

The local birds are frenetically building nests or feeding their young. A few weeks ago, there were two 'roos basking in the sunshine on the slope across the creek. They were soon joined by a White-eared Honeyeater which proceeded to divest them of some of their fur for a nest. It landed on their backs, grabbed a tuft of fur in its beak and rose, flapping its wings furiously, until the soft fur came loose. It was flying back and forth to its nest with its booty for nearly half an hour. The 'roos occasionally reached round with a vague swipe of the paw, but seemed pretty unconcerned with the bird's actions.

The Magpies built their nest, as they have done for many years, in one of the old Red Stringybark trees along the creek. Sadly, one of the adults was lying dead under the tree just as the nestlings were starting to call for food. Fortunately, the other adult stayed around and continued to rear them. The pair of Red Wattle-birds whose territory covers the grevilleas and mistletoes at the top of the hill have built their usual rather flimsy nest high in a large grevillea there. Up along the creek, a pair of White-browed Scrub-wrens built a well-hidden domed nest in a dense clump of *Carex appressa*. This was in an area where the water rushed down a while later in one of the heavier downpours we were experiencing at the time – but the little birds had chosen well with a site just above the water-line. Just above the dam on my place there is a deep section of gully – last week I saw a little Spotted Pardalote disappearing into the shadows with a beak full of bark fibre. These attractive small birds build their nests in a tunnel, up to 60 cm long, excavated in the banks of creeks or in cliff faces.

The lizards have been out and about for a while now – some of them tempting fate by sunning themselves on the local roads. I removed a Bearded Dragon from a Wamboin road a few days ago – it had obviously risked its life before, as it had a rather short stubby tail rather than the long tapering one it should have been sporting. Shinglebacks are lumbering around, Jacky Lizards darting along fallen logs and Grass Skinks searching avidly for the odd insect, but the Cunningham's Skinks are yet to make an appearance on their family log.

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## Quirky Thoughts

by David Odell

These days I spend some time under a gum tree thinking of things I've learned or heard since coming to live in Wamboin a long time ago. Here are some of them:

1. I said to the wind, "Go away". The wind replied, "I am going".
2. Is God a Teddy Bear?
3. Was Mary contrary because she was an Organic Gardener?
4. Does mortar hold bricks together or keep them apart?
5. Is a Canon a big shot in the church?
6. Why do we have two eyes, two ears and two nostrils but only one mouth?
7. When did a holy day become a holiday?
8. What became of my wrist watch?
9. Does a tree falling need an ear to make the sound?
10. Why is gravity the enemy of the elderly?

## Who Really Works to Get Out the Whisper Each Month?

by Ned Noel

The Fire Brigade recently thanked me for work on the Whisper over the years. Whenever some recognition for the Whisper comes to me, it is rewarding. It is also worrying and uncomfortable because it focuses on only a small part of the story.

50 or more people work to deliver the Whisper each month. 40 or more businesses together give a total of around \$1000 each month to print it and to support the Wamboin Community Association by paying for ads. Dozens of people each month take the trouble to write up a classified, an announcement, a letter or an article, and those many and varied contributions make our community owned and produced newsletter worth reading.

Without any of these efforts, the Whisper would be less than it is. Editing it is one of the softer, and certainly not the most unpleasant, dirtiest or most dangerous of the hundreds of volunteer jobs that Wamboin and Bywong residents take on. If editing the Whisper ever represents any more than a small percentage of the many little and not so little tasks that residents volunteer to do for each issue, the paper will be worth a whole lot less. To each of you who helped this month or in a past month, thanks for what you did.

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## News from WWOW The Wonderful Women of Wamboin

26 September 2010

September ended with a wonderful bonfire / fireworks night at the Wamboin Community Centre where the WWOWs sold homemade curries and cold drinks. (The rumour is out that the cooking team had a great deal of fun on Friday.) The Saturday night team were worked off their feet selling all but one spoonful of rice and curry. We raised just over \$600 in profit, so in October we will all discuss and decide to what organisation we will make our next community contribution. Thank you to all who bought the curries, and special thanks to those of you who came back to say how good they were.

On Monday 13 September, the WWOWs heard a presentation from psychologist Janet Adams about depression and how to deal with it personally and how to help others.

We have also enjoyed several more personal stories of how members arrived in Queanbeyan, with tales of immigration, childhoods, families and adventures. We will soon hear the story of how the Wamboin St Andrews Church came to be.

The report is in: we have given more than 200 knit trauma teddies to Queanbeyan Ambulance, and when I looked last week there were more in the cupboard waiting to go. It's a great project and lots of WWOWs have learned to knit to contribute.

**Apologies to Clare Muston** who delivered our August Tupperware Party. I gave credit in error to another Tupperware Representative. If you want or need more organised cupboards, freezers and pantries, need microwave ware, or want to carry a cake to a special function, just give Clare a call on 0403 714 307.

All women are welcome at WWOW -- Mondays, 10 AM to 12 NOON at the Anglican Church on the corner of Poppet Road and Norton Road in Wamboin. The Convener is Claire Ayling, 6238-3347, and members come from Sutton, Gundaroo, Bywong and Wamboin, with a few from ACT and Queanbeyan.



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Average Oct rainfall....61.8mm	(Oct 2009....53.75mm)
Wettest Oct....199mm in 1996	Wettest Oct day....59mm on 16/10/76
Driest Oct...5.6mm in 2006	Hottest Oct day...31C on 27/10/97
Coldest Oct day....9C on 19/10/82 & 2/10/04	Coldest Oct night....1C (several occasions)

## Wamboin Rural Golf Club

The September golf competition (Mason's Spring Trophy) was deferred due to flooding of the fairways. This was a first for the Club however, the social side was salvaged by opening up the 19<sup>th</sup> hole to demolish Joan's 96 traditional spring rolls (plus other tasty goodies). A group of 30 turned up at the 19<sup>th</sup> but 'air golf' scores were not allowed and a game was programmed a week later.

While only a small but select group ventured out on September 12, this had the advantage that everyone was a winner. After the hosts (not allowed to win) were removed from the 9 hole competition, Ken Gordon (34) won from Deb Gordon (43). A challenging 45 earned Rachel Schroder (Caddied by Nifty) third place. The 18 hole competition was taken out by Len Ivey by a handicappers alert of 61 with Paul Griffin, a workman like (68) second and Tim Barter (69) filling third place. I would note that Robert Gorham fronted up to play one hole only so that he could live up to his reputation of never missing a game? Submitted by Lofty Mason due PG's copout.

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## Wamboin Muse

Jill Gregory

A little girl, very well known to me, expressed sadness that she would miss the Fireworks because her inconsiderate parents were dragging her off to Europe for the Grand Tour. She was further aggrieved because she would leave before and arrive home after Floriade had wrapped up. The little girl in me is sad because she, too, will miss the Fireworks Spectacular at Wamboin this year, but I am not too fazed about forfeiting a trip to Floriade. Instead, I have been delighting in my personal Floriade around the house. And not only have I been admiring the colours, textures, perfumes and sounds in the spring garden, but rolling up my sleeves and getting my hands dirty while avoiding the crowds, parking hassles and camera happy tourists. What bliss!

The daffodils are fading, flowering plum blossoms are carpeting the ground and the crab apples are poised ready to burst. Behind the massed pink and yellow of the diosmas and the wash of purple-blue rosemary, the viburnums are showered with tiny white flowers. And everywhere there is the scent of violets and wallflowers, and the calls of hopeful frogs and busy birds above the white noise of a billion bees.

While some may have been focused on fireworks and flower festivals, there are others who've been obsessed with football and grand finals. Even with your head in the clouds or in the garden, there is no way you could have escaped some reference to football over the past few weeks. Now, it is unlikely that Wamboin will ever host a football Grand Final, but I was wondering if once the bonfire had died down and the ground had cooled and hardened to a perfect cricket pitch, whether the Wamboin First XI might rise from the ashes. I can almost see it ....a cricket game on the village "green", players in pristine whites with the click of leather on willow. However, I would object most strongly if our team and any game it played was likened to a military operation; no one would be "called up" for "battle" in their "campaign" to win. Sport should remain a game, not a metaphor for war ....otherwise "it's just not cricket".

But now I must thrust some of the seed potatoes into the ground if we're to have potatoes to dig for Christmas, throw my glad rags into a bag and dash to the airport or I will miss my flight.


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