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All proceeds from advertisements after printing costs go to the WAMBOIN COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION that started The Whisper as a community newsletter in 1981, and continues to own it. The newsletter is distributed to all letterboxes in Wamboin and Bywong (plus other localities in our fire brigade's area) at the start of each month, except January. Contributions from all residents are encouraged, valued and are the main content of the newsletter. The Editor is Ned Noel, 17 Reedy Creek Place, Wamboin, 2620, phone 6238-3484. Please email contributions to either [nednoel@optusnet.com.au](mailto:nednoel@optusnet.com.au) or [whisper@wamboincommunity.asn.au](mailto:whisper@wamboincommunity.asn.au) or mail them. The deadline for the next issue of The Whisper is always the last Sunday of the month, 7 pm, so for the December 2010 / January 2011 issue the deadline is Sunday, 28 November 2010, 7 pm. Instant Colour Press executes the printing. Then the new issue will go to the volunteer deliverers 5 days later.

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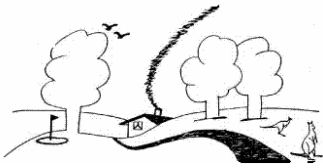
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# Wamboin Community Association President's Paragraphs



**Wamboin Community Supper Dance** — The inaugural Wamboin Community Supper Dance will be held on 13 November 2010. Relax with friends in the elegant surroundings of the Wamboin Community Hall, or dance to the music of The Jukes. Check out the details elsewhere in this issue

**Water** — In conjunction with the Geary's Gap/Wamboin Landcare group, the WCA will play host to ABC Rural Reporter Sarina Locke at our next General Meeting, on 16 November 2010. Sarina has accepted an invitation to talk on the subject: Murray-Darling Basin – A Perspective for a City/Country Divide. With all of the recent discussion on water flows in the Murray-Darling system, there is the potential for significant impact on rural communities, including rural residential communities such as ours. There will be a very brief GM prior to the commencement of Sarina's presentation at 7.45pm.

**Carols @ Wamboin** — Mark Friday 17 December in your diaries for the annual Wamboin Christmas carols evening. Full details will be provided in the December Whisper and on the WCA website..

**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 Darryl Bourke, President



## Road Information Night

An informative night was had by all who attended Bywong Community Hall on the 18th October. Gordon Cunningham, Director of Works for the Palerang Council explained how different Federal, State and local funding arrangements applied to different roads in Palerang. Gordon also discussed the road pot holes which were caused by the recent rain.

Presentations were also made by the Roads and Traffic Authority (RTA) David Corry (Southern Region Development Manager), Rhod Stevens and Nicole Stephenson (Networks Planner). Sergeant Dominic Goodyer from the NSW police in Queanbeyan revealed that half the speeding fines on Macs Reef and Norton roads were acquired by local residents.



The Bywong Community Association (BCA) Annual General Meeting was held at the start of the evening. Proposed administrative changes to the constitution were passed with one amendment. Details of the changes are available on the Association website. The elected committee comprises:

President; Darryl Bourke  
Vice-President; Vacant  
Secretary; Anne Goonan  
Treasurer; Clive Boughton  
Public Officer; Guy Cotsell

Committee members: Kerrie Gougeon; Jean-Pierre Favre; Nora Stewart; and Merle Ketley.  
Waste management representative: Jim Greehead

On behalf of the association I would like to thank the outgoing president, Nora Stewart. With Nora at the helm, the association has worked with Palerang on many items including the Macs Reef Road waste transfer station, local bus shelters, Local Environment Plan, Les Reardon Reserve, and locality and wildlife signs. The BCA also organized regular events such as Clean Up Australia, Bywong Car Boot Sale and Bywong Trivia Challenge, as well as community information events.

## Bywong Christmas Drinks – Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2010

Bywong Community Association invites all residents to our annual christmas drinks. Bring a plate of food to share. Look forward to seeing you there.

-- Darryl Bourke, President. (02) 62303055, [president@bywongcommunity.org.au](mailto:president@bywongcommunity.org.au)

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## Completing Paragraphs from Nature Notes from October Issue

by Jo Walker

**Due to a mistake on my part, the final two paragraphs from last month's Nature Notes were left out of the October Whisper, and are printed below. November's Nature Notes appear later in this November issue. - Ned Noel**

Recently, a short burrow was excavated close to one of the house walls over a period of several nights. I thought at first it was probably a rabbit, but there were no droppings. Then, one morning, the hole had been filled and the soil neatly tamped down. A mystery so far – hopefully, something interesting will eventuate.

Lastly, one of those Wamboin moments that stay in the memory. The Sulphur-crested Cockatoos have been spending some time in the afternoons carefully demolishing the wattle tree in front of the house, leaving a carpet of wattle flowers on short stems. Sometimes the kangaroos will pick them up and nibble the flowers. A few days ago, at dusk, I walked round the corner of the house and surprised five half-grown 'roos there. They know me so didn't take off – but stood there, bolt upright, each clutching a bunch of golden wattle blossom as if they were about to present me with their bouquets. What a lovely picture!

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Helen Montesin	Fernloff Rd	33	Stuart Whitten	Canning Cl	17
Hank Berlee	Poppet Rd (for all on road)	31	Alan Rope	Sutton Rd	30

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Sue Ward	Norton Rd (Bingley to Weeroona)	32	Anne Gardner	Weeroona Dr (Norton to Majors)	31
Trish Rice	Majors Cl	18	David Anderson	Weeroona Dr (Majors to Denley)	35
Ned Noel	Pal Cncl (13), Advertisers/ Misc (42)	55	Penny Evans	Norton Rd (Campbell to Bingley)	24
Kathy Handel	Yalana West	19			

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TBA	Valley View Ln	4	Deb Gordon	Yalana East	42
Colleen Foster	B'dore Rd to Nrtm Rd incl Joe Rcks	20	Rob Gorham	South end Clare Valley	38
Cassie Fisher	Clare Ln	12	Lyle Montesin	The Forest Rd area	60
Axelby family	North end Clare Valley	42	Bungendore Foodworks	Bungendore	10

332: CO-ORDINATED BY JOHN VAN DER STRAATEN: ph 6238 3590

Sheryl Barnes	Denley Dr (Kestral to sthn end)	20	Brian Higgison	Denley Dr (Birchmans to Kestral inc)	12
Don Malcolmson	Macs Reef Rd (Denley to Gum Flat)	7	Rhett Cox	Macs Reef Rd (Newington to Bankers)	7
Connie & Hans Bachor	Dnly Dr to Macs Rf Rd incl Bchm Gr	26	Morag & Guy Cotsell	Macs Reef Rd b'n Nwngtn& Harriott	30
Nora Stewart	Rovere Ln	7	Sandra Favre	Macs Reef Rd b'n Nwngtn& Harriott	20
Rob. & Marzena Luton	Sutton Park Estate	48	Joan Milnor	Birriwa Rd plus Macs Rf Rd to Harriott	30
Beth Hope	Gum Flat Ln	6	Tony Bond	Hogan Dr	28
Carol & Clive Boughton	Macs Reef Rd (Bankers to Fed Hwy)	29	Wamboin Fire Brigade	Fed Hwy Serv Rd/Bidges/E'hawk	62

219: CO-ORDINATED BY KEVIN ANDERSON ph 6236 9333

Trevor Kirk	Macs Reef Rd (Denley to B'dore)	20	David Featherston	Summerhill and Creekborough Rds	24
Kevin Anderson	B'dore Rd (Macs Reef to Summerhill)	33	Diana & Keith Gascoine	Snowgum Rd	27
Kerrie Gougeon	B'dore Rd (Fed Hwy to Summerhill)	25	Thelma Martin/Chris Fowler	Shinglehouse & Millyn Rds	27
Sue Aunella	Brooks Rd	18	Richard Holding	Wyoming & Doust Rds	25
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## Geary's Gap/Wamboin Landcare

Think global, act local  
by Chris Fowler

G'day Landcarers.

After a long hiatus, we have finally found a way to distribute our Landcare news without interruption from spam filters on your ISP servers. The problems besetting the system which prevented me from sending this remaining information should have been fixed.

I am deeply indebted to Pete Harrison from the Wamboin Community Association for the many hours [and more than a hundred emails] he spent with me trying to establish a mailing list through the Wamboin Community Association website. For a couple of months a newsletter was distributed to all on the mailing list without my knowing that no-one was receiving it. My apologies for that.

We were never able to make the system work, but I have since been alerted [by David Macdonald] to the existence of a similar service using Mailman at [www.case.org.au](http://www.case.org.au) [which we have now joined] and through them at [www.communitylists.org.au/](http://www.communitylists.org.au/).

You should all have by now received a welcome message to this service. Anyone who was on the previous Geary's Gap/Wamboin Landcare mailing list *will have been subscribed to the new list*. If you wish to unsubscribe, please follow the instructions in the Landcare newsletter email, your personal welcome message or contact me direct at [chrisft@spitfire.com.au](mailto:chrisft@spitfire.com.au).

For the moment, everyone on the list has been enabled with the option of 'posting' messages to the Landcare list. I would ask you, in the interests of privacy in the group, to ignore this option. The list has been established for the sole purpose of distributing the Landcare newsletter *not as a group forum*. In due course, this option may be disabled for all on the list except the person responsible for distributing the newsletter.

One last point. Mailman does not allow the use of attachments to the newsletter. A great deal of the information about events, field days and other matters from other organisations comes to the Secretary in the form of attachments to their emails. In the past, it was a simply matter of re-attaching them to the outgoing Landcare newsletter, but this often led to an email that was larger in file size than many in the group either liked, were able to handle through their ISP mailbox, or in some cases, because they were still on dial-up. These attachments have been replaced in your newsletter by a link at the end of the newsletter. Clicking on this link will take you to the attachment. Until I see, and use it, I cannot be certain how you get to find and open the attachment. If anyone has difficulties with the set up, please contact me.

**Landcare Annual General Meeting – 10<sup>th</sup> November 2010.** I am advised that the guest speaker, Sarina Locke, originally lined up for our AGM will now be speaking at a Wamboin Community Association meeting instead. Details should be appearing in the Wamboin Whisper due out next week.

-- Chris Fowler, Secretary, Geary's Gap/Wamboin Landcare Group, Ph: 62369189; 0438591098

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## WAMBOIN HOME PRODUCE MARKETS

(Joan Mason 62383258)

The Wamboin Home Produce Markets are held at the Wamboin Hall, Bingley Way on the third Saturday of the month. Not much produce at present, but with the nice weather, I'm sure the gardens will soon be producing lots of excess fresh vegies etc in the next month or two. A number of stalls with lots of variety for you all to come along and buy from. With

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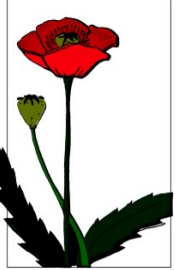
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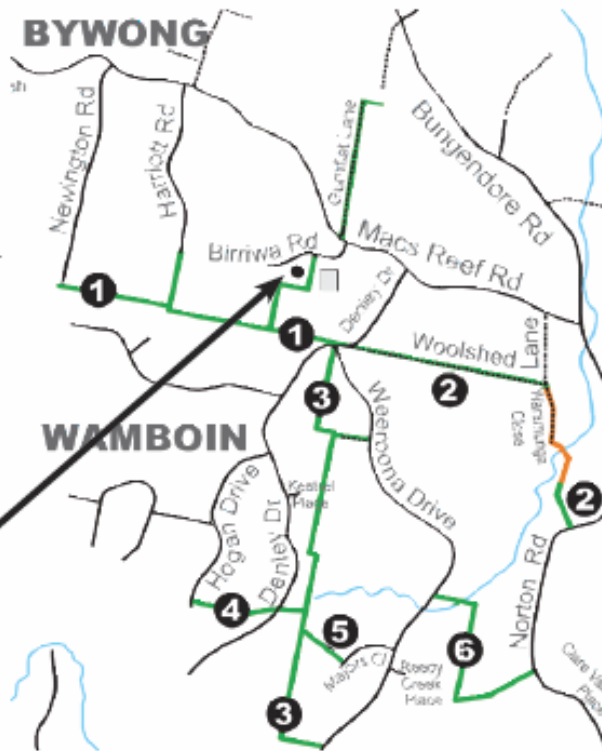
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**Sunday  
21st November  
9.30am**

Meet at Bywong Community Hall car park.



Wear good walking shoes and bring other items you might need like hats and drink bottles. Estimated walk time is about two hours.

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**FIELD DIARY - Compiled by David Odell**

**Location: Wamboin Date: 2 October 2010**

**Subject: Alpacas**

On being surveyed by a pair of alpacas and over-hearing their comments. Translated from their quaintly-distinctive language as understood by me.

Alpacas appear -  
To sneer

“Our exterior  
Is superior  
Our flair  
Beyond compare  
Our wish  
Top swish  
We feature  
Superior creature

How now  
Poor cow?  
(No to dairy -  
quite contrary)  
Of course  
The horse  
(the learner  
On hayburner)

Butt to note  
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## **WE ARE NOW IN THE BUSHFIRE DANGER PERIOD**

(1<sup>st</sup> October – 31<sup>st</sup> March)

**A FIRE PERMIT IS REQUIRED FOR ANY FIRE IN THE OPEN. FOR ADVICE ON OBTAINING A PERMIT PLEASE PHONE THE BRIGADE CAPTAIN ON 0409 991 340.**

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## **PREPARE. ACT. SURVIVE.**

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

have a Bush Fire Survival Plan

know the Fire Danger Ratings and what you need to do

know the Alert Levels that are used during a fire

## **BUSH FIRE INFORMATION SESSION**

**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> November 11:30AM to 1:00PM**

**(Registration 11:00AM)**

**At the Fire Station - 112 Bingley Way Wamboin**

**To help you get prepared for a bushfire, the brigade will lead a discussion about:**

- Where we live, what it means, what you can expect.
- Bush Fire Survival Plan.
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## PREPARE YOUR PROPERTY

The following is a check list of the actions you should have already taken or be in the process of undertaking:

### In Spring

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|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Slash or mow long grass and remove cut material (unless it can rot down before Summer).                                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Remove leaves from gutters.  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Remove weeds.   | <input type="checkbox"/> Review and restock Relocation Kit.   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cut back trees overhanging your home. Remove fallen branches and other debris.  | <input type="checkbox"/> Review and update your Bushfire Survival Plan.   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Check and service all mechanical equipment, including grass cutters, water pumps, sprinkler systems and fire extinguishers. | <input type="checkbox"/> Review your insurance coverage to ensure it is adequate especially if you have recently conducted improvements to your home (e.g. solar panels). |

### In Summer

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Maintain up to a 20 metre fuel reduction zone around your home (greater if on a slope) and 5 metres around sheds and garages. | <input type="checkbox"/> Practise your Bushfire Survival Plan with your family.   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Clear around trees.   | <input type="checkbox"/> Check Relocation Kit.  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Remove leaves from gutters.   | <input type="checkbox"/> Ensure that you have a portable battery-powered radio and spare batteries to hear bushfire warnings. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Check reserve water supplies.   | <input type="checkbox"/> Monitor Fire Danger Rating - daily.  |

Weather conditions to date have ensured considerable moisture in the air (i.e. high relative humidity). As we draw closer to Summer, the lush growth can be expected to dry. For the moment, you still have time to undertake many of the preparations listed above.

## TOP 10 BUSH FIRE PREPARATION HINTS

1. Understand the environment in which you live - is your house surrounded by - or near - bush or grass? Do you travel through bushfire-prone areas?
2. Sit down with your family now and write a Bushfire Survival Plan - your life could depend on it. Download a copy of an outline offered by the NSWRFSS from its website <http://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au>
3. Make sure you understand - and are familiar with the national fire danger ratings and what those ratings mean for your family's Bushfire Survival Plan. To download a copy, go to [http://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/file\\_system/attachments/Attachment\\_FireDangerRating.pdf](http://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/file_system/attachments/Attachment_FireDangerRating.pdf)
4. Practise your Bushfire Survival Plan with your whole family, including your strategies for dealing with stock or large pets such as horses.
5. Create and maintain as much defensible space as possible around your home by managing vegetation, including grass and shrubs.
6. Be aware that should you plan to defend your home in accordance with Fire Danger Rating guidelines, you need to be physically capable and mentally prepared.
7. Take the time to put together your family's Bushfire Survival Kits, including a Relocation Kit and a Recovery Kit containing the things you'll need to survive in the first 24 to 48 hours after a bushfire. You'll find all the details and fact sheets on the NSWRFSS website at <http://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au>
8. Learn as much as you can about bushfire warnings and safety - remember we have several forthcoming community meetings (see elsewhere in this newsletter or visit the brigade website at <http://brigade.wamboincommunity.asn.au>
9. Update your home and contents insurance and leave a copy of your policies in a secure place away from your home.
10. Prepare. Act. Survive. [http://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/file\\_system/attachments/Attachment\\_PrepareActSurvive.pdf](http://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/file_system/attachments/Attachment_PrepareActSurvive.pdf)

Check out the NSWRFSS Fact Sheets and other resources in the 'For the Community' section for more detailed information at <http://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au>

You can also find or access this information via the Wamboin Brigade website at <http://brigade.wamboincommunity.asn.au>

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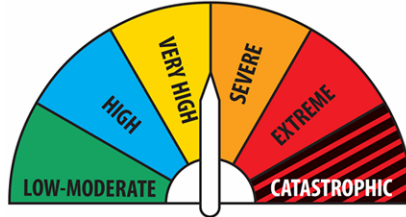
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## FIRE DANGER RATING



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Fire Danger Ratings are displayed on the NSWRFs website <http://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/> They are also usually publicised on local radio and television and in the press. If none of these information sources is convenient for you, the Fire Danger Rating for our area can be viewed on the Wamboin Fire Brigade website at: <http://brigade.wamboincommunity.asn.au> If you click on the Fire Danger Rating sign on the website you can also see an explanation of the ratings and what you should do. In addition, the Brigade has Fire Danger Rating signs located roadside in its area. These 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).

- ❖ Fires can threaten suddenly and without warning.
- ❖ Watch for signs of fire, especially smoke and flames.
- ❖ Know the Fire Danger Rating in your area, be aware of local conditions and keep informed.
- ❖ Have your Bushfire Survival Plan and kit ready.
- ❖ Call Triple Zero (000) to report a fire.
- ❖ To seek information: listen to local radio, go to [www.rfs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au) or call the Fire Information Line 1800NSWRFS.

## AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS

The Brigade has recently purchased four Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) for our fire trucks. This is a significant investment of over \$12,000. This purchase has been made possible due to the local community's support and financial assistance which is greatly appreciated. The Wamboin Brigade's fire trucks are the first in the Lake George Zone to be fitted with AEDs.

Firefighting and other associated emergency activities can be stressful. AEDs provide peace of mind and are a potentially lifesaving device for someone who suffers a cardiac arrest and other emergency help is more than a few minutes away. Most of the Brigade's firefighting activities are conducted in remote areas and this places our firefighters at greater risk. Studies have shown that appropriate use of an AED does increase the chance of survival of a heart-related event from 5% (or lower) for CPR alone to over 90% (or higher) where CPR and an AED are applied

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## BUSH FIRE INFORMATION

Mark your diary for one of the following Brigade-run

### Bush Fire Information Sessions



Sat 20 Nov: at the Wamboin Fire Station (112 Bingley Way)

Sat 11 Dec: at the corner of Bidges & Old Goldmines Rds, Sutton (*please bring a chair*)

Sat 19 Feb 2011: at the Wamboin Fire Station (112 Bingley Way)

*NOTE: All sessions – 11:00 am for registration with 11.30am start. Sessions include Q & A and run for 1.5 hrs.*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- December 7<sup>th</sup> - Fire Brigade Christmas Party..

## 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: [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 normally open on Wamboin Home Produce Market days (3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday in the month) from 9am – 12noon. As the next market day, Saturday November 20, coincides with a community-wide Bush Fire Information session at the Fire Station (see above for details) there will be no separate information stall at the Market. All enquiries will be accommodated within the larger bush fire information session planned for the day.

**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).

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## Nature Notes – October 2010

Jo Walker

With the weather warming up and still more rain falling, the countryside is looking positively lush and better than we've seen it for many years now.

Some of the more moisture-loving plants are in their element this spring. The little white and maroon Early Nancies (*Wurmbea dioica*) grew too thickly in some places to walk between them, and some were almost twice their usual height. Most of them have finished flowering now and are carrying sturdy seed capsules. I've always had a few Yam Daisies (*Microseris lanceolata*) making an appearance on my place in spring, but, this year, there are forty or more in soakage areas at the top of the hill. And the swaying heads of the Billy Buttons (*Craspedia variabilis*) are huge this year too. Strangely, the tiny succulent Australian Stonecrop (*Crassula sieberana*) which most often grows in dry rocky places is also enjoying the rain and taking over any bare ground. Another plant filling the spaces between the grasses is *Hydrocotyle laxiflora* – this one is ground-hugging, with round, scalloped leaves and globose heads of yellowish-green flowers. A patch of it can look quite attractive, but it has one drawback. The strong scent of the flowers is similar to a pig-stye long overdue for a clean-out!

White flowers always stand out in the landscape, and the Hoary Sunrays (*Leucochrysum albicans*) growing along Denley Drive and increasing their range along Weeroona Drive are a picture this year. I've naturalized them on my place and have several extensive populations. Something is nipping off some of the flowers at the moment – the cockatoos and rosellas possibly, but Shingleback Lizards like to ingest flowers too and might be amongst the culprits. Cream Candles (*Stackhousia monogyna*) are also displaying their tall, cylindrical flowerheads of tiny creamy-white flowers.

Some of the birds are still nesting. The baby magpies in their nest high in a stringybark tree along the creek are keeping their parents busy searching for food. One pair of Red Wattlebirds already have fledgelings following them around through the grevillea bushes while another pair is still feeding nestlings nearby. Brown Thornbills and White-browed Scrubwrens are also flying around with beaks full of insects to their well-hidden nests. A few days ago, an aggressive group of Noisy Miners were harassing a White-faced Heron in a tree down by the dam, until the poor bird flapped off to find another roost. I've seen Miners attacking Herons before – possibly mistaking them for raptors.

During winter, there were two groups of Imperial White (*Delias harpalyce*) caterpillars feeding on mistletoes here. These later pupated on the silken mats they had spun over the leaves. Some pupae retained an orange colour, although most of them turned black. I thought this might have been a sign that some of them had died, but recently butterflies have been emerging from pupae of both colours. They are beautiful butterflies, with patterns of black and white on the upper surface of their wings and patches of red, yellow, black and white on the under-surface. They hang for several hours after emerging, expanding and drying their wings.

A bit more rain fell this morning, and now the sun is shining on the kangaroos resting on the hillside and watching the grass grow.



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**CAN YOU HELP US? A REQUEST TO THE PEOPLE ON THE FEDERAL HWY SERVICE RD, BIDGES, HICKEY AND OLD GOLD MINES RDS**

Can you help distribute The Whisper newsletter?

We're looking for 2-3 volunteers who can take over from the Fire Brigade volunteers to help with the monthly distribution of The Whisper to letterboxes on the Federal Highway Service Road, Bidges, Hickey and Old Gold Mines Roads.

Distribution of The Whisper, which includes the Fire Brigade's newsletter and bush fire awareness articles that are written for the community, was expanded in September to take in the above localities and so ensure that all properties within the Brigade's area receive a copy of the monthly newsletter.

As you will appreciate, apart from fighting bush and house fires and attending motor vehicle accidents, the Brigade also make a considerable commitment of time and energy to training, fundraising, more training, and putting together and providing information to help the community prepare for and respond to a bush fire threat.

If you are in a position to relieve the Brigade's fire fighting team and its Support Crew from this role, and are happy to assist for an hour or so each month to distribute the community newsletter in your area, please call the Fire Brigade's, Ian Coillet, on 6238 3425 or email [lodestar@ozemail.com.au](mailto:lodestar@ozemail.com.au)

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**Pony Tales - Goings on at WPC October 2010**

**by Steve Quick**

Green grass in Wamboin? spring has a different look this year, the dams are full and finally we can all emerge from the winter slumber and enjoy a bit of sunshine and the daylight saving. Although it was a long cold winter Wamboin Pony club has still been gathering a couple of times each month (weather permitting) since I last tapped out this column. Last month's rally days have been a great opportunity to practice some of the riding skills needed for some upcoming inter club events.

Every year Wamboin and the local Geary's Gap pony club have what we call the Wamboin Challenge Shield...our riders compete with the Geary's gap riders to be the winning club in a day of many varied riding challenges. There will be showjumping, dressage, ring and sporting events. Every rider has a chance to build up points throughout the day. These then go towards the total score with the winning club taking the trophy and the glory of being top Wamboin area club. Geary's Gap won the day last year so it will be payback time this year for Wamboin. We've been practicing so hopefully luck is with our riders this year. No matter what the result it will be a fun day of competition. Oh and did I mention that it's always a good opportunity for parents to eat way too many runny egg and bacon rolls and sausage sangas.....

November sees not only the Challenge Shield but the weekend after is our clubs annual Gymkhana (busy month!). Riders from throughout our zone can come to Wamboin to compete in a day of challenging but fun filled riding, we hope that we'll get a good gathering of local riders this year. The great thing about Pony Club is that it allows horse riders of all ages to get together in a safe riding environment. All the upcoming competitions will involve riders from the young age of 5 or 6 up to riders 25. It's a great experience to compete with riders from different clubs.

The last few months have also seen some hard work being done by a few of our parents to get our clubhouse extension to lock up stage. We have tripled the clubhouse size and now have a great space to shelter if the weathers bad or just have good protection from the sun at lunchtime. We still need to put in the concrete floor but sadly the funds have run out (donations welcome!) for the moment we just have to be happy with walls and the dirt floor. Thanks go to all that have helped to get the clubhouse to where it is, especially our foreman Peter.

Last month saw a couple of our clubs mounted games teams compete in the State competition which was held in Bungendore this year. Congratulations go to "The Wamboin Warriors" who were second overall and well done "Wamboin Whips" who also put in a good effort.

Remember your local Wamboin Pony Club is open to riders aged 5 - 25 who have access to their own horse and want to improve their riding skills and have lots of fun in a safe environment. We usually meet twice a month on a Sunday at our grounds in Canning Close. If you want more info look at our website [www.wamboin.pcansw.org.au](http://www.wamboin.pcansw.org.au) or contact our Senior Instructor Robyn Slater on 62383472. The Challenge Shield is on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> November. See you there.



The Clubhouse extension



Pairs practice



Jumping practice, yeeha

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Average Nov. rainfall ... 75.5mm  
Wettest Nov ... 146mm in 1986  
Driest Nov ... 0.0mm in 1982  
Coldest Nov day ... 10C on 16/11/78

October ... 2009 53.75mm  
2009 to 31/10 ... 410.25mm  
Nov 2009 ... 18.5mm  
Wettest Nov day ... 77mm on 19/11/86  
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# THE STABLE DOOR

by Ian Coillet

(An occasional piece)

## Springtime happenings in Wamboin – Pt2



Photo above in last month's Whisper



Snow falling Sat Oct 16



*Springtime happenings in Wamboin – Pt2* photos can be viewed in living colour if you go to <http://wamboincommunity.asn.au/> then click on 'The Whisper' and call up the November edition. Pt 1 is in the October newsletter.




### Letter

Alison and I have just celebrated 7 years in Bywong after a 20 year stint in the UK, preceded by life in Zimbabwe. Each move being a culture shock for the better. We could not have done it without the help and assistance from Alison's relatives, 'The Greers'. Tom, Laureen and Tracy who worked tirelessly providing information and a lifes worth of experiance to make our move as smooth as possible.

We would like to welcome our newish neighbours, 'the Stewarts', who have been great neighbours since they moved here from Canberra a couple of years ago. We would also like to thank our other neighbours and friends in Bywong and surrounds who made us feel very welcome in Australia. They know who they are.

- Kevin and Alison Barry, Bywong

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## Wamboin Muse

Jill Gregory

This time last year I was relieved to see some bright green leaves and cheery blue flowers of the periwinkle, pleased to find wandering jew creeping over arid wastelands, yarrow filling the gaps between the pink flowered Peruvian lily that was poking through, uninvited, in an exposed garden bed, and amazed to find a cringing asparagus creeper in an inconvenient spot. This time last year I was grateful for **anything** that was growing in the garden. However, it's a different story this spring. Suddenly the cheery periwinkle is rampant, threatening to overwhelm not only the garden but the house as well, my wandering jew has become less aimless and shows no respect for territorial boundaries, and the asparagus creeper has picked up pace and is off! I thought I'd methodically uprooted every last trace of yarrow and Peruvian lily in late winter, but obviously they regarded my efforts as simply overdue "thinning" and have re-emerged with gratitude. But I guess you can't have it both ways.

It is a long, long time since I've seen my garden and the bush beyond looking so spectacular. Everything is bursting into life and colour. Purple lavender, bright orange Californian poppies, graceful pendulums of lacey white may, pink balls of crab apple ready to explode, mounds of daisies and purple mint bushes, irises and the last tulip of the season. And what's more, I have roses. Thank goodness I'd run out of energy before I'd attacked more than the first two rose bushes last autumn. A light prune, some timely scattered rose food pellets, a recent spray of seaweed juice and the beautiful rain has the bushes covered with buds and blooms. It sure helps to have nature on your side.

And with the bush and our gardens looking like glossy magazine spreads, is it any wonder that Wamboin has once again become the venue for parties; birthday parties, engagements, weddings, in fact any reason to celebrate. I don't even have to be invited to get pleasure from seeing coloured balloons floating above letterboxes or dangling below street signs signalling a gathering just down the road. And we certainly know how to party! I do wonder, however, about that stock of plastic chairs and trestle tables that do the social rounds, moving from one venue to the next on the back of a ute, the soul of discretion. What stories they could tell!!

I wouldn't live anywhere else.....and if only I can keep one step ahead of the weeds and my former friends I'll be content to smell the roses. There are simply no free lunches in a garden.

## INAUGURAL WAMBOIN COMMUNITY SUPPER DANCE



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