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The Whisper

December 2010 / January 2011

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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 or 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 February 2011 issue the deadline is Sunday, 30 January 2011, 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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WAMBOIN COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CAROLS

Friday, December 17 2010 @ 7pm
At Wamboin Community Hall, Bingley Way

Everyone is invited to come along and:



Join in the singing of Christmas Carols (both traditional and modern), ably led by our local musicians



Listen to a special performance by the Playgroup children



Experience the Christmas Story,
as presented by the children of Wamboin



Give generously to the Giving Tree (gifts and non-perishable food, preferably unwrapped or in a Christmas bag) for distribution by the Salvos



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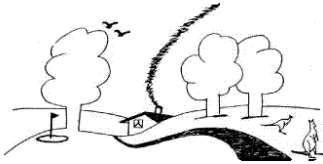
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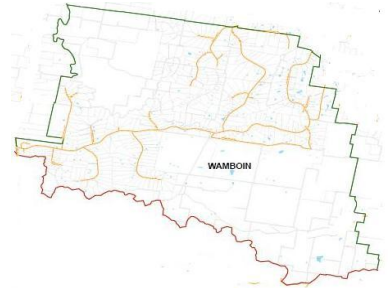
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Wamboin Community Association President's Paragraphs



Carols @ Wamboin — The annual Wamboin Community Christmas Carols evening will be held on **Friday 17th December**. With performances from local children's groups, the traditional sing along and Giving Tree, and a visit from the man in red himself, this is our final community event for the year. Come along and enjoy the evening—the more the merrier. Exercise your vocal chords, or just enjoy a chat with other community members over a drink at the sausage sizzle. All proceeds to the Salvation Army. Full details elsewhere in this edition of The Whisper and on the WCA website (<http://wamboincommunity.asn.au>).

Upcoming Events — For those who may not be aware, information on upcoming events within the community ("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.

Macs Reef Road WTS — The planning phase for the new WTS is now in full swing. The contract to prepare the relevant development document and draw up plans has been let and is scheduled for completion in April 2011. We are on track for site works to commence early in the 2011/2012 financial year.

Council Matters — As the Palerang LEP preparation process limps on, you can 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.

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>

The Whisper On-Line — Remember that copies of The Whisper are available on-line at <http://wamboincommunity.asn.au/whisper> on the first Sunday of the month. The Web Committee has also commenced the task of digitising older copies of The Whisper and making all regular Whisper articles available on their own website pages (see Feature Extracts on the Whisper page).

Wamboin Community On-Line Business Directory — The uptake on the WCA website Business Directory has been a little slow. This area of the website will only be useful if its listings are comprehensive. A free business listing is available for all Whisper advertisers—register your interest either online at <http://wamboincommunity.asn.au/directory>, or by emailing The Whisper editor at whisper@wamboincommunity.asn.au.

On behalf of the WCA, I would like to wish all readers the very best for the festive season.

Pete Harrison (president@wamboincommunity.asn.au)



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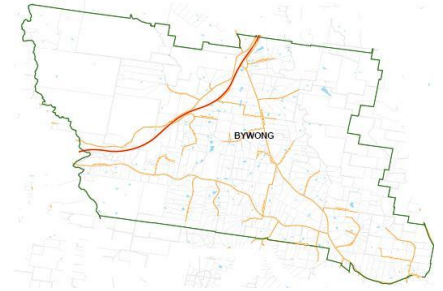
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Bywong Community News

www.bywongcommunity.org.au

by Darryl Bourke, President



Bywong Christmas Drinks – Saturday 4th December 2010 @ 6 pm

Bywong Community Association invites all residents to our annual Christmas drinks.

Bring a plate of food to share. Look forward to seeing you there. (6:00-9:30pm at the Bywong Hall, Birriwa Road, Bywong)

On line: Local BCA information is on our extensive website www.bywongcommunity.org.au

This site is regularly updated and includes local information such the Wamboin Whisper, hall hire details and the Palarang Council newsletter.

One of the items covered in the meeting was the **calendar of events for 2011**.

- Clean up Australia: 6th March 2011
- Car-boot Sale: 20th March 2011
- Trivia Night 16th July 2011
- AGM 10th October 2011
- Xmas drinks 3rd December 2011

The BCA community information events are organized as circumstances warrant.

The BCA even dates are for planning purposes and may be subject to change.

Please contact us if you have suggestions relating to our community.

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HISTORIC CONFIRMATION SERVICE AT SUTTON

by Margaret Ferrett

It was 59 years since a Confirmation service had been held at St Peter's, Sutton. From February 1951 until November 2010 new confirmees from St Peter's had taken preparation classes and been confirmed at St John the Baptist Church, Reid, Canberra, mother church to St Peter's.

On Friday evening 12th November, 2010, a delightful, relaxed and special Confirmation Service was held at St Peter's. Six young people from Sutton school area were presented for Confirmation to Bishop Trevor Edwards, Assistant Bishop of Canberra and Goulburn.

The Confirmation service was the culmination of a period of preparation sessions given by Reverend David Hill, St Peter's Minister and his wife, Barbara. Thanks to Sutton school's Principal the sessions were held at the Sutton school.

Once friends and proud parents were seated, the ceremony began. Holding their confirmation candles the candidates led the clergy into the church. Assisting Bishop Trevor with the service were Reverend Paul Black, Rector of the Parish, and Reverend David Hill, St Peter's Minister. Reverend and Mrs Hill presented the candidates to the Bishop.

Michael Develin, Breanna Reynolds, Kylie Searle, Graeme Searle, Jodie Taylor and Peter Zahra were then confirmed into the Anglican Church by the Bishop. While Ayla Lucas did not ask for confirmation, she joined her classmates to receive a blessing from the Bishop. Each new confirnee was welcomed by St Peter's congregation with the gift of a Bible.

In February 1951 the confirmees were: Bob Read, Ashley Gorman, Ted Donley, Beverley Fletcher, Noeline Kershaw and Kay Hardy were confirmed by Bishop Burgman.

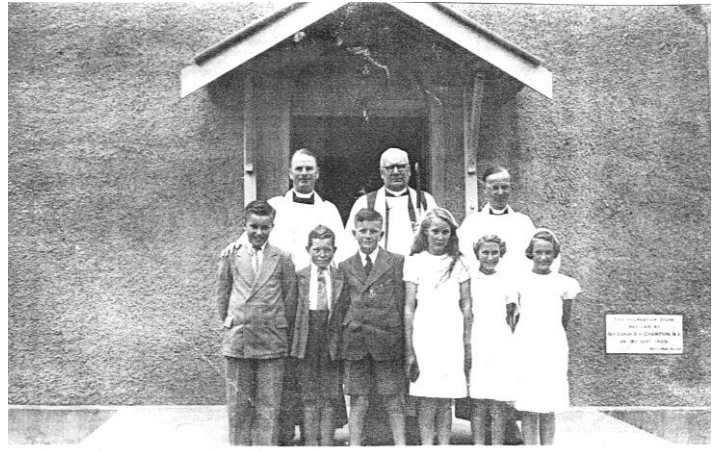
It is hoped that the 2010 Confirmation will be followed by many more at St Peter's. Reverend and Mrs Hill are already looking forward to a 2011 Confirmation service. For information about St Peter's services contact Peter Cartwright (6230 3202), David Yates (6238 3125) or St John's Parish Office (6248 8399).

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Back row (L-R): Rev'd David Hill, Bishop Trevor Edwards, Graeme Searle, Rev'd Paul Black, Kylie Searle
Front row (L-R): Ayla Lucas, Jodie Taylor; Breanna Reynolds, Michael Develin, Peter Lucas.

1951



Back Row (L-R): Rev'd Davies, Bishop Burgman, Rev'd McCallum
Front Row (L-R): Bob Read, Ashley Gorman, Ted Donley, Beverley Fletcher, Noeline Kershaw, Kay Hardy.

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Helen Montesin	Fernloff Rd	33	Stuart Whitten	Canning Cl	17
Hank Berlee	Poppet Rd (for all on road)	32	Alan Rope	Sutton Rd	37

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Joan Mason	Bingley Way	48	Margaret Heleimin	Merino Vale Dr	17
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 (15), Advertisers/ Misc (40)	55	Penny Evans	Norton Rd (Campbell to Bingley)	24
Kathy Handel	Yalana West	19			

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Lesley Page	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

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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	Michael Deane	B idges Road Area	25
Fire Brigade	Wattle Flat Road	11			

222: 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	28
Phil & Pam Dawes	Donnelly Rd & Donnelly Ln	20			

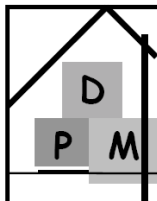
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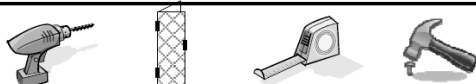
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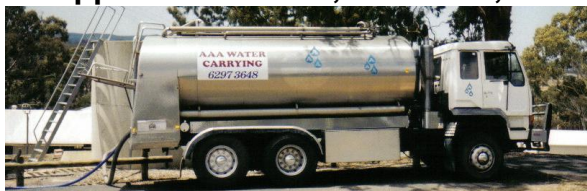


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(1st October – 31st March)

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NEXT BUSH FIRE AWARENESS/ PREPARATION INFORMATION SESSION

Saturday 11th December 11:30am to 1:00pm
 (Registration from 11:00am)

Cnr Bidges & Old Goldmines Rds, Sutton (please bring a chair)

To help you get prepared for a bushfire, the brigade will cover:

- Where 'we' live, what it means, what you can expect.
- Bush Fire Survival Plan.
- Property preparedness.
- Personal preparedness.
- Staying informed.

Refreshments will be provided as well as a chance to win a helpful lucky door prize

TIPS TO HELP YOU PREPARE. ACT. SURVIVE.

<p>PREPARE. You must make important decisions before the fire season starts.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Know and understand your bush fire risk. • Prepare yourself, your family, your home and property for bush fires. • Prepare a Bush Fire Survival Plan.
<p>ACT. The higher the fire danger rating, the more dangerous the conditions.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Know the fire danger rating for your area and what you need to do. • Put your preparations into action – don't wait and see. • Check your Bush Fire Survival Plan.
<p>SURVIVE. Fires may threaten without warning – know what you will do to survive.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The safest place is away from the fire – your survival is the highest priority. • Follow your Bush Fire Survival Plan and make decisions to protect you and your family. • You need to know what to do if you are caught in a fire. You may be threatened by a fire without warning. • Know the bush fire Alert Levels, monitor conditions and keep up to date.

DID YOU ATTEND THE BUSH FIRE PREPAREDNESS MEETING ON 20 NOVEMBER?

The first of the bush fire awareness/preparedness community meetings was held on Saturday 20th November at the Fire Station. A small but enthusiastic and interested group of residents took time out from their routine to understand how to best prepare themselves, their family, home and property for the threat of bush fire in the coming weeks and months. There were lots of questions answered by the local fire brigade.

The brigade presentations emphasized the latest advice on bush fire safety and stressed the importance of managing the prevailing conditions. Residents heard that the conditions that produced the Victorian bush fires of February 2009 also produced hazardous conditions for the unwell, the elderly and the young. More people died in Victoria in February 2009 as a result of the severe weather conditions than the bush fires themselves.

It is a matter of planning for extreme weather conditions and their effect than for a particular event caused by those weather conditions.

If resident feedback stands for anything, the 15 minute video the Brigade ran at the beginning of the session, brought home the reality of the trauma of bush fire and the importance of being prepared.



Group Captain Chris Powell explaining fire weather behaviour and local risks



Senior Deputy Captain Dave Cochrane answering a question from Oliver.



So says Oliver... 'All Mum and Dad's, please prepare your Bush Fire Survival Plan'

DIDN'T MAKE THE LAST BUSH FIRE INFORMATION SESSION?

Details of the 2 remaining information sessions

Sat 11 Dec: cnr Bidges & Old Goldmines Rds, Sutton – access via Federal Hwy Service Rd (*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 11.30 am start. Sessions include Q & A and run for 1.5 hrs.*



UPCOMING EVENTS

- December 7- Fire Brigade Christmas Party from 5.30pm. Santa arrives at 6pm.
- December 11 – Bush Fire Awareness/ Preparedness Information Session (details above)
-

BRIGADE TRAINING (all sessions begin at the Fire Station)

- 1st Tuesday of the Month 7:30pm to 9:30pm
- 2nd Saturday of the Month 1:30pm to 4:30pm
- 4th Sunday of the Month 8:30am to 11:30am

In addition, several Brigade members meet at Eaglehawk Hotel on the 4th Thursday of every month at 7pm for dinner. We'd love you to come along and join in the fun. You might even be a winner in a raffle.

FURTHER INFORMATION



The Wamboin Brigade Website: will help you to monitor local conditions and Brigade announcements. The Community Information section has useful information including links to other websites that provide guidance regarding bush fire preparations.

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

Brigade Information Stall at the monthly Wamboin Home Produce Market:

The Wamboin Fire Station and 'Shop Front' is open on Wamboin Home Produce Market days (3rd Saturday in the month) from 9am – 12noon. The next and last market day for the year is Saturday

December 18th 2010. If you are coming to the market, you'll find us in front of the Fire Station.

SEASONS GREETINGS

The Brigade would like to wish the Wamboin, Bywong and Sutton Park communities a happy and safe holiday period. This is our last article for the year. We hope you have found it and our other monthly articles during the year helpful and informative. We will be back in February with another edition of the Wamboin Firefighter. Back copies of the Brigade's articles can be viewed via the Brigade's and the Wamboin Community Association's websites.

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WAMBOIN 15 YEARS AGO - from the Whisper, December 1995 (Circulation: 500)

by Robyn Robertson

From the Wamboin Bushfire Brigade Report: "Due to the continuous wet weather we have been experiencing this Spring the growth in the area is very lush. This is great as far as feed for animals, etc. is concerned, but is a potential fire hazard. All it will take is a few days of warm, dry, windy weather and the paddocks and verges of the road will become tinder boxes. So please be very careful with whatever you are doing, especially mowing or slashing." -- Graham Heathcote, President. (This could have been written this week! - R.R.)

WAMBOIN HOME PRODUCE MARKETS

by Joan Mason 6238-3258

What a wonderful market we had in November, I'm sure all those who attended thought the same. It was what Wamboin Markets are all about with a nice variety of fresh produce available, and this should get even better as the produce from the local gardens become available. Plenty of seedlings, plants, native plants, dried fruit, nuts, lollies, honey, cakes, Christmas puddings, smoked trout, candles, jewellery, glass ware, cards, and numerous other items for sale. Plenty of Christmas gifts for you to choose from. Not forgetting, the wonderful coffee, scones with jam & cream and great egg & bacon rolls.

You will just have to come along and see for yourself and meet up with the locals.

The Wamboin Home Produce Markets are held at the Wamboin Hall, Bingley Way on the third Saturday of the month. Entry fee is free to customers, and \$5 per table for stallholders. Come along and enjoy our markets on:

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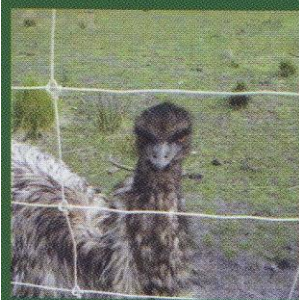
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This season, for the first time, I tried the upside-down system of growing two types of tomato from the bases of hanging bags. For comparison I grew the same type of tomato in the ground. The upside-down ones matured a little earlier however the plants don't look near as healthy and the fruit is not as well formed as the ones planted in the ground. I would be interested to hear from anyone who has tried this system. Maybe they can point out what I am doing wrong. -- Lofty Mason.

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News from WWOW -- The Wonderful Women of Wamboin

by Sally Saunders

November was a quieter-than-normal month for the WWOWs because many were away visiting, travelling or tending to grandchildren. The decibel level dropped and surely no one in the immediate vicinity of St Andrews could hear. Not like the usual Mondays when the chatter and laughter can be heard a block away.

Based on group discussion and agreement, the WWOWs gave two substantial donations to Palerang-based charities as well as a donation to the Motor Neurone Disease Research Institute of Australia. The donations to Palerang included monies raised by selling curries at the Wamboin Bonfire and Fireworks evening.

We have also enjoyed several more personal stories of how members arrived in Wamboin, with tales of immigration, childhoods, families and adventures.

On 20 November we will hear a personal story about the wonders of cochlear implants. Then we will have a craft day on 6 December. 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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**2010 Wamboin Open Golf Championship
by Peter Greenwood**

The 24th Annual Wamboin Open Golf Championships were held on 7th November on the Wamboin Country Golf Course. There were plenty of players for both the 18 and 9 hole competitions with great prizes to be won. We also had many juniors playing with Dad (and Mum). No player went home without a prize. Encouragement award went to Logan Beckett with runner-up prizes to Alex, Madison, Jarrod, Phoebe and Taylor. Nearest the pin awards went to; Jack Whitney, John Whitney, Phil Kuczma x2, Tim Barter x2, Nev Schroder x2, Larry King and Rachel Schroder. 2010 Junior Champion is Jack Whitney. 2010 Eclectic winner was Tim Barter.



The grinners are the winners (and place getters)



John Whitney, the eventual Open Champion, putts out on his final hole watched by son Jack and Paul Griffin.

Club Champions (Net event) for 2010 are;

- 9 Hole Champion is Peter Greenwood 39/30 from Lofty Mason 46/33 and Ken Gordon 40/34.
- 18 Hole B Grade Champion is Larry King 95/66 from Paul Griffin 100/76 and Peter Lacy 108/83.
- 18 Hole A Grade Champion is Tim Barter 80/64 from Len Ivey 82/66 and Nev Schroder 82/69.
- The 2010 Ladies Open (Junior Champion) is Rachel Schroder and
- The 2010 Wamboin Men's Open Champion is John Whitney with a 79.
- The Open was sponsored by the Wamboin Golf Club, part of the Wamboin Community Association.

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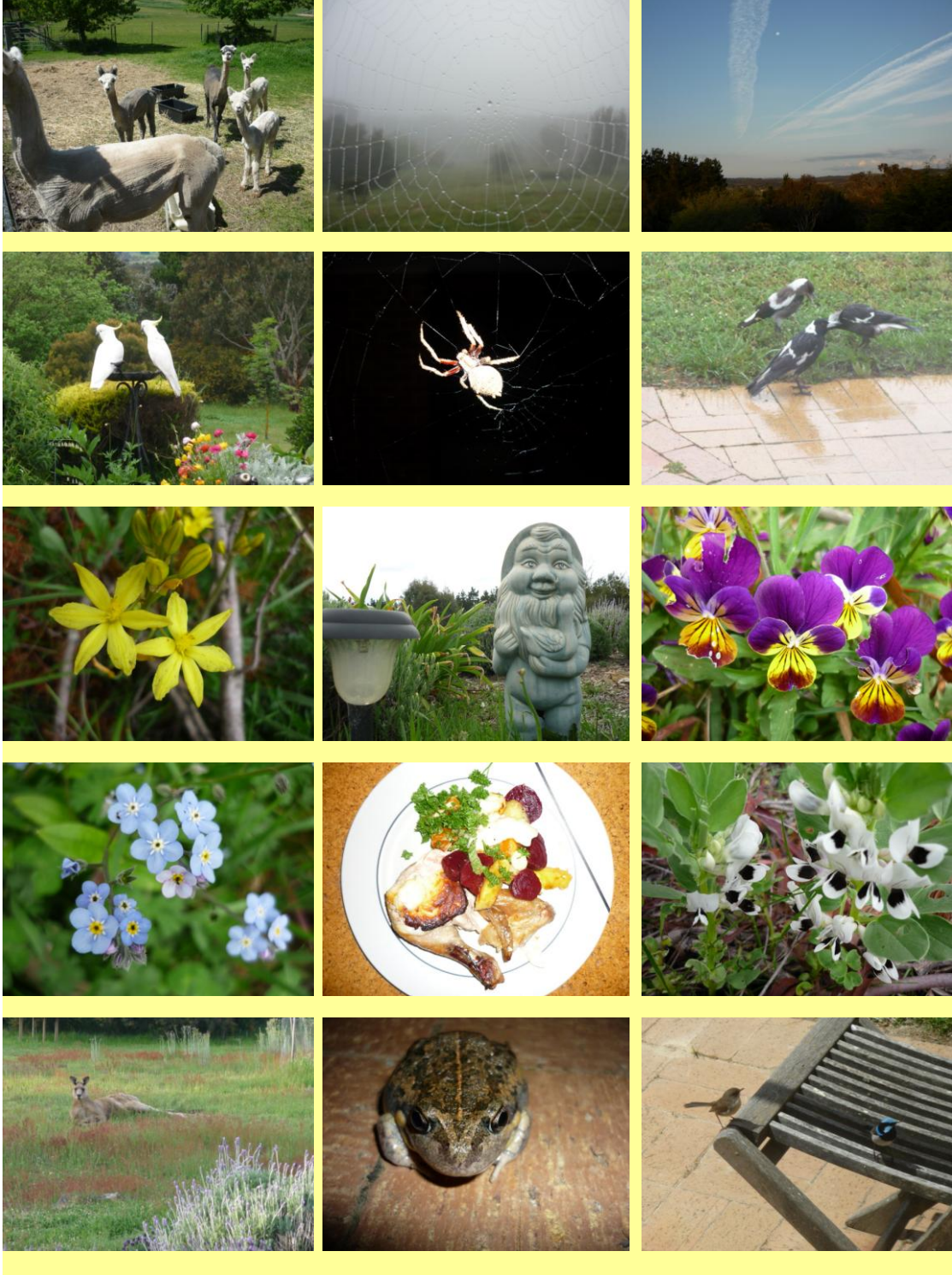


THE STABLE DOOR

by Ian Collet

(an occasional piece)

Springtime happenings in the heart of Wamboin – Pt3 (of 3)





From Gonzo and Whoopie and the others who toil away for the Stable Door World Conglomerate

The photos above can be viewed in living colour if you go to <http://wamboincommunity.asn.au/> then click on 'The Whisper' and call up the December 2010/January 2011 edition. Pts 1 and 2 feature in the October and November newsletters respectively.

Rainfall and Temperatures in Wamboin - 35 year statistics from the Robertsons

Nov rainfall to 28/11/10 ... 133.5mm
2010 rainfall to 28/11/10 ... 870.5mm
Average Dec rainfall ... 60.1mm
Wettest Dec ... 164.. (1988)
Hottest Dec day ... 37C (21/12/99)
Coldest Dec night ... 3C (9/12/99)
Jan 2010 ... 5.5mm
Driest Jan ... 6mm (1979)

Nov 2009 ... 18.5mm
2009 to 30/11 ... 428.75mm
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Nature Notes – November 2010

Jo Walker

Spring continues to be beyond any expectations we've held for a long while. The rains continued into November, and, because the temperatures have been so mild, the local plants have had a relatively long flowering season.

In the damper areas, the Buttercups, Bulbine Lilies (*Bulbine bulbosa*) and Billy Buttons (*Craspedia variabilis*) have almost finished flowering now, and their place is being taken by yellow Scaly Buttons (*Leptorhynchos squamatus*) and the golden, star-shaped flowers of the little *Hypoxis hygrometrica*.

On the drier slopes, the white flowers of Prickly Starwort (*Stellaria pungens*) are more noticeable than they have been for some years. These flowers are somewhat daisy-like, but this little plant, which can sucker over a wide area, is actually in the carnation family (Caryophyllaceae). And, of course, the real daisies are coming into their own right now – most spectacularly the Sticky Everlastings (*Xerochrysum viscosum*), their golden papery flowers adorning long stretches of the roadways around Wamboin. Over the past twenty years, these and other daisy species have proliferated in the region, probably because daisies are more drought-tolerant than many other plants.

There have been plenty of orchids in evidence too. I counted over seventy Tiger Orchids (*Diuris sulphurea*) amongst the Red-anther Wallaby-grass tussocks on my place, and Musky Caps (*Stegostyla moschata*), named for the musky scent of the flowers, is growing in the forest just over the fence. Two Needle-point Rustyhoods (*Oligochaetochilus aciculiformis*) made an appearance, and several pale blue Slender Sun Orchids (*Thelymitra pauciflora*) flowered in wet seepage areas after many years of absence.

The birds are all still busy feeding nestlings and fledglings. Although I haven't seen their nest, the White-eared Honeyeaters are disappearing into the bushes near the creek with beakfuls of insects, so presumably they have young ones there. Four Ravens recently came searching for food in front of the house – a pair of adults with two extremely vociferous young ones begging for food. The Pied Currawong population seems to have increased lately, not a good thing for the lizards and other small creatures – one bird flew past me under the carport a few days ago with the limp body of a small lizard clamped firmly in its beak. Currawongs have a habit of regurgitating large pellets of undigested food, usually full of a variety of seed. At present, they consist mainly of the green skins and woody seed of the Cherry Ballart (*Exocarpos cupressiformis*). There were 74 seed in one pellet, so there might be a few small forests around in the near future!

Years ago, there were several Red-browed Finches here. They nested, reared their young very successfully, and the population grew to over twenty birds. Then one day, they all took off and didn't return. But, last week, a pair of these attractive little birds were feeding in the garden. I've seen them once or twice since, so hope they start the process again and produce another little flock.

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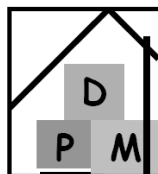
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Pony Tales - Goings on at WPC

November 2010

Where has the year gone? It's almost Christmas and soon the riders at the Wamboin pony club will be hanging up their saddles and bridles for another year. December 12th see's our last rally day and Christmas party. This day is a bit different to the usual as we have a bit of a dress up competition – horses and riders come in all sorts of costumes, there are some interesting get-up's each year so riders better start planning their outfit's !

This year our riders young and old gathered a couple of times every month getting much value out of being able to ride with others of similar ages and varying skills. Our instructors worked hard to help everyone improve. Many of our riders have competed in local and state competitions throughout the year. Our mounted games teams rode in various levels of the inter club competitions and achieved some success. We welcomed some new riders to our club and are always happy to see more come and join us on our rally days, our club needs more young riders to keep us growing.



**** Photos by Jenni Worden ****

It's also been a busy year for our club's parents and helpers as we have been trying to improve our grounds. We have rebuilt some of our arena fencing and of course the major project was the clubhouse extension. It has taken much time and hard labour, the volunteer workers have toiled away throughout the year and we now have a secure, enclosed area to gather on rally days. If it's wet we can still gather or at lunchtimes we can shelter from the sun on those hot Wamboin days. We still need to put in a proper slab floor however our structure is solid and a vast improvement on the small clubhouse we had. Our sincere thanks goes to the VIOLIA MALWAREE TRUST, who's financial support has got our clubhouse to the stage we are at now. Thanks also to Peter our foreman who's design skills and hard work enabled us to build what we have so far on our limited budget. Also thanks to the workers who assisted along the way. Well done. All the work on our Pony Club grounds is voluntary and as Wamboin seems to have a larger rock quota than elsewhere everything we achieve seems to need that little extra effort. We hope next year we can continue to improve our structures and our riding areas. All donations from the community are welcome and appreciated.

Being the last column for the year I thought it appropriate to thank some of those in our club who work tirelessly and help to keep it running without this effort our riders wouldn't have the fun and experiences they do. Thanks go to instructors Robin, Marion, Maureen and the other committee members. Alison in the canteen who keeps everyone fed on rally days. I can't mention everyone but there are many more helpers behind the scenes who do lots of little jobs often without thanks, give yourselves a pat on the back, thanks to you all. Remember we need new committee members and office holders next year as the same people can't keep doing the same jobs forever. If anyone in the club is able to help out please come along to the annual meeting at the last rally day Dec 12th and offer to help or be on the club committee we need some new blood.

The Wamboin Pony club will be back bigger and better next year so remember if you are 5 to 25 and have access to a horse come and join our merry band of riders on Sunday's, usually twice a month. It's great fun and you can improve your riding skills in a safe environment. We'll be back again in February so look up our website for info - www.wamboin.pcansw.org.au Below are some photo's from the recent competition between Wamboin and Geary's Gap, oh and Wamboin got the trophy back this year, well done riders..... Merry Christmas to you all, I hope everyone has a happy and safe festive season. - Steve Quick

Notes from St Andrews

WANTED WISE MEN, SHEPHERDS AND ANGELS

At the beginning of this festive season our beautiful church is looking at its finest, and we are all looking forward to celebrating the most important season in the church calendar.

We have services on the first (Matins) and third (Holy Communion) Sundays in the month. The services begin at 9am and all are most welcome to come along. Our congregation is growing and it is wonderful to be happening in this very special place where we live.

Our magnificent Nativity Pageant will take place for the fifth consecutive year. It begins at 6pm on Christmas Eve and is followed by a service of Holy Communion.

The pageant welcomes participants; the prerequisite is to come dressed ready to participate – wise men, angels and shepherds with no rehearsals necessary. We have donkeys, goats and sheep and hopefully Angus the alpaca will accompany the Wise Men on their journey. The Nativity is becoming a highlight on the Wamboin calendar with over 200 people joining us last year. For any added information and assistance with costumes (towels, fairy wings – simpler the better) feel free to call Claire Ayling on 62383347.

MASS SCHEDULE FOR CHRISTMAS AND SURROUNDINGS - BUNGENDORE

Christmas Vigil Mass - 6pm – Fr Varghese Vavolil

Christmas Day Mass - 8:30am – Fr Brian Maher

Holy Family - Sunday 26th December 8.30am – Fr Brian Bourke

The Epiphany - Sunday 2nd January 8.30am – Fr Varghese Vavolil

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Wamboin Muse **by Jill Gregory**

A few days until the official start of summer, but from my window I am looking out onto a wet and wintry world. The low, leaden sky has smothered the distant hills, and the trees and bushes are sagging, heavy with rain. Yet only a few nights ago I was driving home to brilliant sunsets.... one night an orange painted sky held together with brush strokes of grey, the next a brilliant deep pink morphing into purple, and then a sunset sky of bleached blue and pale gold. And the night air was warm and damp, fragrant with the smell of drying grass.

But even if the weather is trying to confuse us, there are other more reliable signs that Christmas is just around the corner. I now drive with greater caution, looking out for lizards of all types sunning themselves on the early morning road. One, more streetwise than its mates, chose to drape itself instead on a sunny letterbox. The fledgling galahs have started their monotone grizzles, the air is thick with flying insects and red bottle brushes and yellow black wattles are in flower. Fringing the road yellow paper daisies and bush peas add patches of sunshine. But where are the pretty blue wrens? They seem to have disappeared from my garden this spring.

It's a busy time of the year, not just with Christmas preparations and end of year deadlines and festivities, but trying to keep one step ahead of the grass. Even the kangaroos can't tame the energy of all the grasses this year. Suddenly old Victas that haven't seen the light of day for years have re appeared and with them a whole vocabulary, almost forgotten, revived in an attempt to get them started; the snarl of the feisty four stroke competing with the earnest drone of the latest "ride on," drowning out the background chirrup of a million frogs.

It's been a wonderful year, full of surprises, in our neck of the woods. As the year comes to a close I'd like to say thank you to all who help make our community such a vibrant and happy one. And it's not just the people who put up their hands and volunteer their time and talents, but all those who support our local organisations, groups and activities. I think, but I can't be exactly sure as I'm not very good at keeping records, that this may be my 100th Muse. It's been a personal pleasure to keep an eye on our environment and chronicle some of what has happened in our midst, and I thank those who have travelled with me.

I wouldn't live anywhere else.....Seasons greetings!

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