



The Whisper

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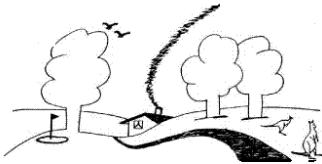
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Wamboin Community Association President's Paragraphs



Home Produce Markets — The local Produce Markets are now in winter recess, so we'll not see our monthly, Saturday get together (and produce stalls, of course) again until September.

Council Matters — Thanks to all who attended the Integrated Planning & Reporting Forum held at the Community Hall last month. It was a great turnout, and there was plenty of good discussion and input. Council now embarks on the mammoth task of working through all the information gathered from the 10 forums and coming up with a meaningful Community Strategic Plan! I'll keep you posted on the progress.

There's not been a great deal across the Council desk in the last month that directly impacts Wamboin residents. The most controversial issue of late has been the compilation of a Local Heritage List, which seems to have some owners of heritage assets up in arms. To others, this seems little more than a storm in a teacup, as they see the Local Heritage List doing little more than identifying assets that are of local heritage significance. Notably for us Wamboinites, there are no heritage assets identified in our 'back yard', and only Old Bywong Town identified in neighbouring Bywong. So if you think you know of a local heritage asset or local area of cultural significance, let me know and I'll pass the details on to the Heritage Committee for consideration.

Bonfire & Fireworks Night — The next event on the community calendar, coming up in September, will be the annual bonfire night and fireworks display. More on that in next month's Whisper.

Upcoming Events — Information on all 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.

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>

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-- Pete Harrison (president@wamboincommunity.asn.au)



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Bywong Community News



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Darryl Bourke, President
This News Put Together by the
Bywong Committee



Sustainability in Bywong houses. Staying warm in Bywong over recent weeks has not been easy – but may become a bit less burdensome and expensive with some pointers from Council’s Home and Garden Sustainability Reviewer, Annie Duke. Under a scheme to help both our environment and our residents, Palerang Council is sponsoring some helpful chats which are part of a wider programme for sustaining our towns and residential areas, and will include some pointers to retrofitting our houses. The workshop is at Bywong Hall on Thursday 28 July at 7.30 pm. All residents of Bywong and Wamboin are encouraged to attend – and take part if they feel inclined. Watch the notice boards and letter-box for confirmation and further details.

Trivia. Trivia Night is filling up fast – so don’t miss out! Questions are well under way and defying all attempts at hacking and the soups are forming in the minds of talented Bywong masterchefs. The date is Saturday 16 July. We know some of our former winners are already enrolled, and that there are new challengers honing their skills. Bookings are with Kerry on 6236 9841.

Any clever people out there? From time to time the Community needs a bit of expert direct or a skilled touch, particularly with regard to its efforts on behalf of our Bywong Community Hall. We would love to hear from anyone with trade skills who could give us the occasional hand or advice with expenditure of our grant funds or a helping hand or advice on minor maintenance issues. Larger jobs of course are part of formal budgeted quotes, which we would hope to award also to our local supporters. If you can help, please get in touch with our Secretary Anne Goonan 6230 3099 or committee members Andy Burbidge 6230 9273 or Guy Cotsell 6230 3523.

Grant expenditure. Expenditure of our grant money from the Community Building and Partnership Programme is jogging along nicely, with projects being ticked off on completion. A variety of works is now under way in the grounds, and the new large stove is enjoying use from Hall users. The hall is now in use by several local organisations and has been host to some midday and early evening family reunions.

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by Peter Evans

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Locally the Mudhooks Ladies Day was held on Saturday 25 June and was a huge success both on and off the field. The Mudhooks avenged their first round loss against Crookwell with a 24 to 19 win and, besides having a great social day; the Mudchicks raised \$6,500 for the Bungendore Community Foundation from raffles and the auction of the special edition pink jerseys worn by the Mudhooks.

The game was the usual hard fought match against the Crookwell Dogs and was a classic "game of two halves". During the first half the Mudhooks dominated the play, winning every scrum including all those that Crookwell fed. The backs ran riot with Luke Payten scoring three tries. Crookwell scored one try and the half time score was 17 to 7. In the second half, Sandy Beggs scored immediately after the game re-started and then Crookwell's game improved after coach and former Brumby 'Diesel' McCormack joined the fracas. Crookwell started to win their own scrums and scored two converted tries in quick succession. The Mudhooks were forced to defend for most of the second half and held on grimly to win the game and earn a bonus point.

The next home game is the 9th of July vs Jindabyne with an Ugly shirt and Karaoke Night afterwards. Why not spend a winters afternoon watching the local grassroots rugby and then unleash that 70's classic Glowave body shirt on the unsuspecting masses afterwards.

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After 2 years of planning, we have finally received a State Government grant and are about to start the upgrade of the kitchen at the Wamboin Community Hall. We will retain the near new fridge and stove, replace the unused roller shutter in the east wall with a servery window, fit a complete set of new cupboards with a stainless steel bench top plus a new sink and an under bench oven. Other work includes tile repair, painting and other general maintenance. Except for the plumbing and electrical upgrade, as usual, the work will be done by non professional, volunteer labour.

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With a very cold **June** morning, I thought that the locals would have stayed home, either in bed or by the warm fire, but glad to say that a good number came to support the local markets. The warm and cosy '**Olde Coffee Shop**' was very popular, with lots having their hot cups of coffee, tasty egg and bacon rolls, and lovely freshly made scones with jam and cream. Everyone enjoying themselves, catching up with friends and locals for a chat. I believe it was hard to find a vacant seat!

A big THANK-YOU to all the stallholders who have come along each month, and to those who support our local market. **We are now in recess for July and August and will resume on -**

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 17, 2011

If anyone is interested in having a stall at our markets, please contact me.

Joan Mason, Ph: 62 383 258

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June rainfall to 26/6 ... 41.25mm	(June 2010 ... 34.75mm)
2011 rainfall to 26/6 ... 312mm	(2010 to end June ... 410mm)
Average July rainfall ... 53.5mm	(July 2010 ... 80.25mm)
Wettest July ... 142mm in 1993	Driest July ... 4.5mm in 1982
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Your thoughtfulness will help minimise neighbour anxiety and unnecessary brigade call-outs.

Management, including containment of a fire originating on your property, is your responsibility. If the fire escalates to become more than you can handle, don't hesitate, ring Triple Zero (000).

The next fire danger period is less than three months away. Prepare your property now by removing long grass and clearing around buildings.

BRIGADE ACTIVITY LAST MONTH

Call Outs: Your brigade was responded to three Triple Zero callouts during the month.

On Sunday 12 June - circa 8pm the brigade was responded to a smoke and sparks scare (allegedly powerlines arcing) in the vicinity of Donnelly Rd, Bywong. Despite an extensive search of the area all that could be found were a couple of bonfires situated close together the sparks from which may well have been the trigger for someone making a call to Triple Zero.

On Sunday 19 June – around 1.30pm the brigade was called to a grassfire that had gotten out of control on a property in Summerhill Rd. The brigade despatched one of its heavy tankers, two medium tankers and a light unit. Fortunately, with the quick response, some deft footwork, and a little bit of luck, the fire was contained reasonably quickly despite having made some ingress into a nearby stand of pine trees.

The final incident was on Thursday 23 June when at around 6.15 pm the brigade was responded to a motor vehicle accident involving two cars on Macs Reef Rd between Denley Dr and Bungendore Rd.

Training Courses: During the 'quieter' months several members of the brigade are sharpening up their existing skills or gaining new skills by attending skills workshops and courses being conducted by the RFS.

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Management, including containment of a fire originating on your property, is your responsibility. Please ensure you have an adequate water supply and appropriate strategy and tools to control and contain your fire e.g. pump, hose, appropriate fittings, backpack sprayer, rake, shovel, etc. You should also dress appropriately and remain vigilant until the fire is extinguished. If per chance your fire becomes uncontrollable or escapes, ring Triple Zero (000).

AGM: The Brigade’s 2011 Annual General Meeting (AGM) was held on Tuesday 14 June.

At the AGM, a special Certificate of Appreciation was awarded to Larry King for his generous and valued contribution as a member and long-time Treasurer of the Brigade. A special award was also given to Eureka Plants Pty Ltd for its long and generous support of the Brigade by providing plants for on-sale by the Brigade. The contributions of retiring President Peter Greenwood, Captain Andrew Dunn, Senior Deputy Darrell Tipton and Deputy Captain Cliff Spong, were also acknowledged.

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John Gordon from Eureka Plants Pty Ltd with his Certificate of Appreciation receiving thanks from President Peter Greenwood.



Brigade members, invited guests, and visitors at the AGM.



Acting NSWRFs Regional Manager Lake George Zone, Tim Carroll, thanking the brigade for its efforts during the year. Tim also acted as Returning Officer for the elections at the Brigade's 2011 AGM.

An election for Office Bearers was conducted with the following results:

Administrative Officers		Field Officers	
President	Ian Coillet	Senior Deputy Captain	Col Prest
Vice President	Peter Greenwood	Deputy Captain 1	Richard Hobbs
Secretary	John Taubman	Deputy Captain 2	Geoff Foster
Treasurer	Nev Schroder	Deputy Captain 3	Andrew Dunn
Support Crew Coordinator	Wendy Downs	Deputy Captain 4	Matt O'Brien
Community Safety Officer	Geoff Foster	Deputy Captain 5	Vacant
Equipment Officer	Tim Barter	Deputy Captain 6	Vacant
Brigade Training Officer	Matt O'Brien		

BRIGADE TRAINING (all sessions begin at the Fire Station)

If you are thinking about becoming a fire fighter or member of the brigade's support group, or would just like to see the brigade in action during a training session, you are very welcome to come along to any of the set training sessions. You'll be made welcome and we're happy to just have a chat. All training begins 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 the Eaglehawk Hotel on the 4th Thursday of every month at 7pm for dinner. There's a great selection of food to choose from. We'd love other people in the community to come along and join in the fun. You might even be a winner in a raffle!

Of course, if you want to just have a chat on the phone about becoming a member of the brigade, please give our Secretary a call on 6236 9794.

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. You'll also find the brigade's history, some pretty interesting photos and other fascinating material on the site.

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

Brigade Information Stall at the Wamboin Home Produce Market: The next information stall will be when the Wamboin Home Produce Market re-opens from its winter recess on the 3rd Saturday in September. Remember, when you come to the market, which is located in the Wamboin Community Association's Hall, you'll find us in front of the Fire Station happy to answer all your questions.

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Results from the Wamboin Golf Club

by Peter Greenwood

The Wamboin Golf Club competition on June 5th was a modified handicap Ambrose event sponsored by Steve and Ruth Lambert from Lambert Vineyards with a great selection of wines on offer as prizes.

The 9 hole competition was won by the team of Ken and Alex Gordon with the team of Rob Gorham, Lofty and Joan Mason coming in second.

The 18 hole competition was keenly fought with prizes going all the way to fourth. Winners were Jason and Logan Beckett with John and Jack Whitney, with a team score of 41.7. Second were Steve Lambert, Phil Kuczma and Larry King with 44.4. Third team were Nev and Rachel Schroder and Keith France with a score of 45 and fourth were Charles Guscott, Tim Barter and Paul Griffin with a score of 48.7. Looks a bit as though the juniors with their generous handicaps helped their Dads bring home the trophies in this family oriented golf club. Congratulations to all the winners, but every player was a winner and went home with a prize.

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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

283: CO-ORDINATED BY TRISH RICE: ph 6238 3791

Joan Mason	Bingley Way	48	Margaret Heleimin	Merino Vale Dr	17
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Trish Rice	Majors Cl	18	David Anderson	Weeroona Dr (Majors to Denley)	35
Ned Noel	Pal Cncl (14), Advertisers/ Misc (45)	59	Penny Evans	Norton Rd (Campbell to Bingley)	24
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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
Carol & Clive Boughton	Macs Reef Rd (Bankers to Fed Hwy)	30	Joan Milnor	Birriwa Rd plus Macs Rf Rd to Harriott	30
Beth Hope	Gum Flat Ln	6	Tony Bond	Hogan Dr	28

122: CO-ORDINATED BY IAN COILLET ph 6238 3425

Michael & Jose Deane	FdHwSvcRd/Bidges/Hickey/O'Gold	63	Jenny Bryce	Wattle Flat Rd	11
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207: CO-ORDINATED BY KEVIN ANDERSON ph 6236 9333

Phil & Pam Dawes	Donnelly Rd & Donnelly Ln	25	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	Chris Fowler	Shinglehouse & Millyn Rds	27
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Nature Notes -- June 2011

Jo Walker

Another month with very little rain – and some really white frosts. But there is still plenty of grass growing for the kangaroos, and the buds on the Silver Wattles (*Acacia dealbata*) are beginning to show a tinge of yellow. *Acacia genistifolia* (Early Wattle) has already had a display of pale cream flowers for some time now, and the cream flowers of the Urn Heath (*Melichrus urceolatus*) and the taller heath plant, *Styphelia triflora*, are still providing nectar for the honeyeaters.

Some plants seem not to have noticed the winter. The Hoary Sunray (*Leucochrysum albicans*) is still producing papery white flowers and the tall pea-bush (*Dillwynia sieberi*, formerly *D. juniperina*) has a scatter of yellow flowers adorning its prickly foliage.

Three patches of a native waterlily (*Ottelia ovatifolia*) appeared on the surface of the dam this year. This plant has eye-catching three-petalled white flowers with maroon centres, and, as one plant had ten large buds on it, I was looking forward to its flowering. Unfortunately, the buds are a tasty food item for birds that come to the dam. The Pacific Black Ducks are regular visitors and the probable culprits – but it's nice to have them around.

The gale-force winds last week didn't do as much damage as they could have done. Last month, on a windy day, a large *Eucalyptus goniocalyx* (Bundy) across the creek lost three huge branches. The Sulphur-crested Cockatoos are already busy gouging out the rotten wood to form nesting hollows.

The Yellow-tailed Black Cockatoos paid one of their regular visits yesterday. Sometimes only a dozen or so drop off at my place while the others continue on to surrounding properties, but this time fifty or more spent the day here. They had a great time on the *Hakea salicifolia* plants, munching chunks out of the woody fruit to reach the hidden seed – and managed to do quite a bit of pruning too.

I've seen two bushflies this month – unusual as they are usually gone by the end of May. Although we had another white frost this morning, the temperature reached 16 degrees yesterday and seems set to do almost the same today. Feels almost like spring!

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To this point we have raised \$2800.00. On Saturday of the following week I set up a stall outside Foodworks of Bungendore. The freezing conditions did not deter the community from donating to such a worthy cause. A raffle of 3 prizes was organised and we raised another \$316.00. Thank you to my son Glen for the muscle work, Dianne Lesak, Margarita & Fred Skerbic who travelled from Monash to help me on the day.

Sunday morning the Parishioners of St Mary's Catholic church donated a further \$205.00. The remainder of the week saw visitors calling in to my home to give their donation. Today (7 June) WE have raised \$4087.40.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all my helpers in the lead up to the big day. A huge thank you for the support I received on the day. A special thank you goes to my husband Stefan, Judy Nikolaou, Angelica & Albert Martin. Thank you to all of you that made donations in vouchers or in kind. There are so many of you, I am bound to leave someone if I was to make a list.

Let me remind you – that I could not do this without you. Thank you each and everyone of you. May God reward you for your generosity. And finally, I have been informed that our contribution to last year's cancer morning tea set us 2nd highest individual fundraiser in the ACT. (Cancer Council Annual Report 09/10 page 23)

-- Pauline Segeri

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THE STABLE DOOR (continued from back page)

(Local) Carrot & Orange Soup

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| 2 teaspoons oil | 1 teaspoon curry powder |
| 400gm (local) carrots chopped | 1 crushed (local or at least Australian) garlic clove |
| 1 large onion chopped | freshly ground black pepper (to taste) |
| juice of 2 oranges, plus zest | non-fat yoghurt |
| 1 litre chicken stock (cubes if you must) | mint & orange to garnish |
| 1 cup chopped celery (optional) | |

Heat the oil, add onion, and cook until glassy. Add carrots and celery and cook for 10 minutes, stirring to prevent sticking and burning. Add the juice, rind, stock, curry, garlic and pepper. Simmer for 10-15 mins until carrot is soft. Blend. Serve hot or chilled with yoghurt and garnish with orange.

According to Wikipedia: Carrot and stick (also "carrot or stick") is an idiom that refers to a policy of offering a combination of rewards and punishment to induce behavior. Some claim that this usage of phrase is erroneous, and that in fact comes from the figure of a carrot on a stick. In this case, the driver would tie a carrot on a string to a long stick and dangle it in front of the donkey, just out of its reach. As the donkey moved forward to get the carrot, it pulled the cart and the driver so that the carrot would always remain out of reach.

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THE STABLE DOOR

by Ian Coillet

An occasional piece

Sunday 26 June:....and it's pretty clear that Jack has been out and about.



With the synoptic chart showing a High Pressure currently above us to be slow moving, we are experiencing some wonderfully blue, sunny skies, the kind we yearn for this time of the year but generally they only after rather frigid temperatures in the early morning.

On my not infrequent loop down the greenway and back along Weeroona Drive, I often hear the bray of the two neighbouring donkeys. On this occasion the sound of the braying is almost totally lost in the din of the friendly black lab that challenges me to come closer to the fence so he can smack me around the chops a bit. I continue walking and move beyond the property line. As is its practise, the playful pooch pulls up but a bee's whatsit shy of the fence. The word 'carrot' popped into my head and then the association between 'donkey' and 'carrot'. Moving into overdrive, the old brain recalled the idiom 'carrot and stick' or is it 'carrot or stick'. As with many things in life the answer is not straightforward but more on that a little later.

Carrots. According to the good books, in cold areas such as ours, it seems that carrots can be stored in the ground over winter, as long as they are protected from frost. This tends to sweeten the flavour. Given the chilly mornings and evenings, and the fact that carrots have been slipping back into vogue, I thought I'd share with you a carrot-based recipe I've had in hand and used over many years. (continued on previous page)

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