

The Whisper

September 2011 CIRCULATION: 1,255

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 Bywong Community www.bywongcommunity.org.au
 Fire Brigade: <http://brigade.wamboincommunity.asn.au>

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 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 October 2011 issue the deadline is Sunday, 25 September 2011, 7 pm. Instant Colour Press will then multiply 1 copy into more than 1200. Then the new issue will go to the volunteer deliverers 5 days later.

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Important news from the NSW Rural Fire Service

The Bush Fire Danger Period has begun

The official Bush Fire Danger Period for our area has been brought forward by one month. It commenced on 1st September 2011. **No fires may be lit in the open without a Fire Permit.**

Further details in the Fire Brigade's newsletter inside.

It is on again!

**Wamboin Community
Association's
Annual Bonfire and
Fireworks Display
By
*Fireworks Australia***



**Wamboin Community
Centre,
112 Bingley Way, Wamboin.**

Saturday 24th September 2011

Food stalls from 5.30

Bonfire lit at 6.33 and

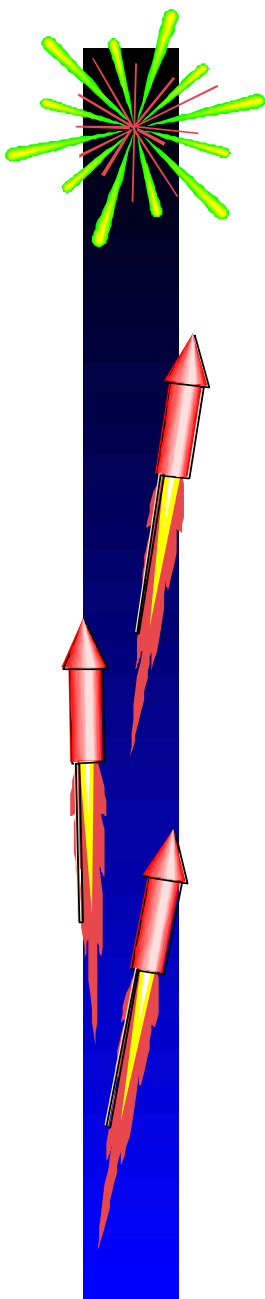
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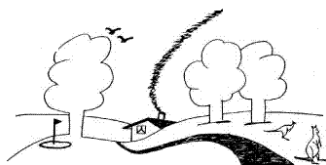
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Family \$10**



**Please note: by law the only fireworks allowed will be
the display by 'FIREWORKS AUSTRALIA'.**





Wamboin Community Association President's Paragraphs



The Great Wamboin Curry Night — The Curry Night was one of the most popular ever, with over 120 patrons, from near and far, converging on the Community Hall to demonstrate their curry cooking and/or munching prowess. On the night, three creations were chosen for special recognition—the “Curried Red Kidney Beans” prepared by Queanbeyan visitor Lyn Malcolm, Curry Night stalwart Dave Hubbard’s curiously named “Chicken—Will Burn Tomorrow”, and Colleen Foster’s interpretation of the Burmese dish “Kyetha Hin”, prepared with local organic produce.

Many thanks to Dave Hubbard for his efforts in coordinating the event.

Curry Recipes — It has been proposed that this year’s Curry Night recipes be collected and published for all to enjoy, year round. To this end, please send your recipes to curry@wamboincommunity.asn.au. We’ll collate what we receive, come up with an appropriate publication format and advertise availability in due course.

Bonfire & Fireworks Night — Our Gala Bonfire and Fireworks Night is the next community event on the local social calendar. To be held on Saturday 24 September, this is a major fundraiser for local community groups. Bring your family, friends, and anyone else you can find, and enjoy some uniquely Wamboin company. Check the advertisement elsewhere in this edition of The Whisper for details.

Telstra Presentation — Telstra representatives will be attending the September general meeting of the WCA to outline their plans for improved mobile phone communications in the area. After the controversy surrounding the proposal to locate a tower on Millpost Hill, Telstra has indicated that they have identified an alternative site, and that they will be happy to field questions on the subject from local residents.

Home Produce Markets — Remember that the Wamboin Home Produce Markets awake from their winter hibernation this month, and will be back again on Saturday 17 September.

Community Hall Kitchen ‘Upgrade’ — The job is almost complete. Check Lofty’s report elsewhere in this edition of The 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>

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.

Pete Harrison (president@wamboincommunity.asn.au)



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Bywong Community News

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from various residents

Greenway

Many of you would have noticed the small development being carried out along Warramunga Close. The development includes a new greenway which will link Warramunga Close with Norton Road. We will donate this land to the people of Bywong (ie to Council) and expect to have the 'linen plan' approved by Council towards the end of the year. Once this happens and title for this section of land passes to Council, the greenway will be opened for public use. Until then it is our private land and should not be traversed. - Keith & Diana Gascoine



Greenways Working Group

by Nora Stewart on Behalf of the Greenways Renewal Working Group (GROW)

Greenways Walk Sunday 18th September: Join members of the Greenways Renewal Group on an organised walk to explore the Millpost Hill track. Check out the spectacular scenery and learn about our local Flora and Fauna, as well as experiencing our wonderful local asset.

Either **9.30am** meet at Bywong Community Hall car park. Estimated walk time is about three hours return (including 1hr for Morning tea Or - **10.00am** meet at end of Majors Close. Estimated walk time is about 2 hours return (including 1hr for Morning tea). For those who would like to take a more leisurely pace and explore the plants and learn about local birds with our resident expert. We will then join the convoy at the top of Millpost hill. Wear good walking shoes and bring other items you might need like suncream, hats and water. Families welcome. Bring refreshments for a light morning tea on the top of Millpost Hill.

GROW met at the Bywong Hall on 2 August to discuss how to progress expanding the current Greenways network in Bywong and Wamboin. We have an opportunity now to put forward some proposed areas for Greenways to the NSW Dept. of Lands for them to review the current legal status of those lands, and to discuss how we might progress to the benefit of everyone.

This is the first step of many in this process, and all parties involved – residents, landholders, other user groups and Palerang Council will be included in discussions about any possible options before anything is decided or acted on. GROW welcomes your involvement, and constructive comments and feedback from all residents about this matter.

Want more information about the Greenways? Ring Nora Stewart, GROW co-ordinator on 6230-3305 or email nora@setdancing.com.au or go to the website www.bywongcommunity.org.au and search "Greenways". We also have a FaceBook page – *Greenways Bywong and Wamboin* – if you want to share your Greenways experiences, ask questions or find people to walk with.

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WAMBOIN HALL KITCHEN UPGRADE

The attached photos show that considerable progress has been made. The only extra wrecking as listed last Whisper was the removal of the servery roller shutter and surrounding trim. We have now replaced and painted all wall and ceiling panels, painted the floor and installed the cupboard shells. The ceiling lights have been replaced and new power points fitted. These power points include one in Hall for the heater and one on the entry veranda.



The stainless steel bench-tops and servery shelf were delivered the day before I wrote this report. By the time you read this we plan to have these stainless steel fittings installed and hopefully the doors and draws fitted to the cupboards. Hank Berlee has joined the list of workers since he returned from Queensland and Councillor Pete Harrison has taken on the repair of plaster and the painting of doors and architraves.

Future work includes the fitting of sliding doors in the servery window, the manufacture and fitting of cupboards in the entry plus a mop drying rack outside. Finally we also plan to renew the leaking gutter along the south side of the Hall. And that I hope will be the finish of this project. -- Lofty Mason, Project Officer.



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Wamboin Local Finishes Badwater Ultra Marathon in Death Valley California by Gabrielle Burns

Congratulations to Pam Muston, a well-known local identity, who has just returned from the United States where she participated in and completed the Badwater Ultra Marathon in Death Valley, California.



and 1433m of cumulative descent.

It was a beautiful summer's day in Death Valley when Pam started her race. The thermometer showed 48 degrees in the shade, but Pam powered through the heat and sun, past the sand dunes and salt lakes and made good progress on the long straight roads through the desert. Through the night the temperature dipped slightly as Pam climbed the winding road over the bare desolate hills, the light from her head torch guiding her way through the darkness. At dawn the next day, the sun rose over the desert to reveal more sand dunes, more heat and many cars and trucks racing down the highway through the desert on their way to Los Angeles. As one local in Las Vegas said when we told him we were travelling to Death Valley, "Hell, nobody gets out of their car on that highway!"

Covering 217km non-stop through Death Valley to Mt. Whitney, California, the Badwater Ultramarathon is a most demanding and extreme running race. The start line is at Badwater, Death Valley, which marks the lowest elevation in the Western Hemisphere at 85m below sea level. The race passes through fascinating little outback desert towns such as Furnace Creek, Stovepipe Wells, (can you feel the heat?!) Panamint Springs, Lone Pine and the race finishes at the Mt. Whitney Portals at nearly 2530m. The Badwater course crosses three mountain ranges for a total of 3962m cumulative vertical ascent



Pam's Support Crew (consisting of Michael, Jack and Clare Muston, Gabrielle Burns and Peter Szydlik and our local Las Vegas contact, Tim Duffy), followed Pam (in a car) through Death Valley and kept her cool with iced water, wet head cloths and kind words of encouragement throughout the race. Pam's final climb up Mt Whitney and over the Finish Line was very exciting. In a field of 95 male and female contestants from all over the world, many of whom were competing for the second or third time, Pam finished 39th overall and the 10th female, in a time of 37 hours and 49 minutes.

Thankyou to the local people of Wamboin who supported Pam in her preparations for this amazing race (giving her encouragement and some even accompanying her in her pre race running in the forest in the dead of night) Thankyou also to our local business supporter, Inland Trading Company.

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WAMBOIN HOME PRODUCE MARKETS

(Joan Mason 62383258):

Our markets resume **SEPTEMBER 17**. The Winter break is over and we start again for the next ten months. Hoping for the regular stallholders to return and maybe some new ones, unknown at this stage. Probably very little produce as not much grows in the Winter months and it sure has been a cold one! Anyway, come along and see, just to get into the atmosphere once again, enjoy the coffee, scones and egg & bacon rolls and see for yourself what there is available to buy, and catch-up with friends and neighbours you haven't seen for ages.

The markets are held on the third Saturday of each month from 9 – 12noon at the Wamboin Community Hall, 112 Bingley Way.

NEXT MARKET IS - 17 SEPTEMBER, 2011. Interested in having a stall, please contact me.

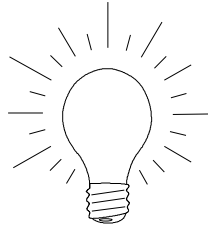
Rainfall and Temperatures in Wamboin - 36 year statistics from the Robertsons

by Robyn Robertson

Robyn went away before month end and could not provide the month figures, provided the averages. - Editor

Average September rainfall ... 63.78mm	Septemer 2010 ... 76.5mm
Wettest September ... 146mm in 1978	Driest Sept ... 6mm in 1994
Wettest Sept day ... 48mm on 19/9/85	Hottest Sept day ... 24C on 18/9/81
Coldest Sept Day ... 5C on 4/9/82 & 28/9/09	Coldest Sept night ... -2C on 4/9/00

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168: CO-ORDINATED HELEN MONTESIN: ph 6238 3208

Dene Evans	Norton Rd West Area from Cmpbl Pl	20
Helen Montesin	Fernloff Rd	33
Hank Berlee	Poppet Rd (for all on road)	32

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

Joan Mason	Bingley Way	48
Sue Ward	Norton Rd (Bingley to Weeroona)	32
Trish Rice	Majors Cl	18
Ned Noel	Pal Cncl (14), Advertisers/ Misc (45)	59
Kathy Handel	Yalana West	19

230: CO-ORDINATED BY KERRIE FISHER: ph 6238 3489

Lesley Page	Valley View Ln	4
Colleen Foster	B'dore Rd to Nrtn Rd	22
Cassie Fisher	Clare Ln	12
Dominica Lorima	North end Clare Valley	42

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

Sheryl Barnes	Denley Dr (Kestral to sthn end)	20
Don Malcolmson	Macs Reef Rd (Denley to Gum Flat)	7
Connie & Hans Bachor	Dnly Dr to Macs Rf Rd incl Bchm Gr	26
Nora Stewart	Rovere Ln	7
Carol & Clive Boughton	Macs Reef Rd (Bankers to Fed Hwy)	30
Beth Hope	Gum Flat Ln	6

140: CO-ORDINATED BY IAN COILLET ph 6238 3425

Michael & Jose Deane	FdHwSvcRd/Bidges/Hickey/O'Gold	63
Robert&Marzena Luton	Sutton Park Estate	48

211: CO-ORDINATED BY KEVIN ANDERSON ph 6236 9333

Phil & Pam Dawes	Donnelly Rd & Donnelly Ln	25
Kevin Anderson	B'dore Rd (Macs Reef to Summerhill)	33
Kerrie Gougeon	B'dore Rd (Fed Hwy to Summerhill)	29
Sue Aunella	Brooks Rd	18

Bill Owen	Cooper Rd	26
Stuart Whitten	Canning Cl	17
Alan Rope	Sutton Rd	40

Margaret Heleimin	Merino Vale Dr	17
Anne Gardner	Weeroona Dr (Norton to Majors)	31
David Anderson	Weeroona Dr (Majors to Denley)	35
Penny Evans	Norton Rd (Campbell to Bingley)	24

Deb Gordon	Yalana East	42
Rob Gorham	South end Clare Valley	38
Lyle Montesin	The Forest Rd area incl Joe Rcks	60
Bungendore Foodworks	Bungendore	10

Brian Higginson	Denley Dr (Birchmans to Kestral inc)	12
Rhett Cox	Macs Reef Rd (Newington to Bankers)	7
Morag & Guy Cotsell	Macs Reef Rd b'n Nwgn& Harriott	30
Sandra Favre	Macs Reef Rd b'n Nwngn& Harriott	20
Joan Milnor	Birriwa Rd plus Macs Rf Rd to Harriott	30
Tony Bond	Hogan Dr	28

Jenny Bryce	Wattle Flat Rd	11
Penny & Russell Ball	Macs Reef (Denley Dr to Bungdre Rd)	18

David Featherston	Summerhill and Creekborough Rds	24
Diana & Keith Gascoine	Snowgum Rd	27
Chris Fowler	Shinglehouse & Millyn Rds	27
Richard Holding	Wyoming & Doust Rds	28

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The Wamboin Firefighter

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WE ARE NOW IN THE BUSHFIRE DANGER PERIOD

(1 September - 31 March)

THERE IS A REAL RISK OF UNCONTROLLED FIRES IN OUR AREA

A FIRE PERMIT IS REQUIRED FOR ANY FIRE IN THE OPEN. PLEASE PHONE THE BRIGADE CAPTAIN FOR ADVICE ON OBTAINING A PERMIT ON 0409 991 340 RING TRIPLE ZERO (000) TO REPORT FIRES OR SMOKE SIGHTINGS.

PREPARE. ACT. SURVIVE.

PREPARE

have a Bush Fire Survival Plan

ACT

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

SURVIVE

know the Alert Levels which are used during a fire

BUSH FIRE DANGER PERIOD BROUGHT FORWARD

The Wamboin Volunteer Rural Fire Brigade wishes to advise local residents that the 2011 / 2012 fire season for the Lake George Zone (LGZ) has been brought forward - to begin on the 1st of September 2011. The LGZ includes all localities in the brigade's area i.e. Bywong, Sutton (south of the Federal Highway) and Wamboin.

Unusually high fuel loads in the region, and the expected dry conditions over the coming months are the main factors for the decision to bring the start of the fire season forward one month.

One of the impacts of this decision is that from the 1st of September lighting of open fires or hazard reduction activities undertaken in the region without a permit is in violation of the law. 'Burning off' or any lighting of fires in the open will require a Fire Permit from the Brigade. Please phone the brigade Captain for advice on obtaining a Fire Permit on 0409 991 340.

Residents should be aware of the inherent risk this coming fire season poses, and we remind all to follow fire safe practices when working with equipment and machinery outside in the region.

The Brigade holds regular attendance on Wamboin market days for anyone wishing to enquire about fire safety. It will also be conducting a number of specialised and focused information sessions at various times during the fire season to keep local residents informed. These sessions will begin from mid September (see below).

All residents should have a fire survival plan to protect their family, friends, animals and property from bush and other fires. The Brigade provides targeted fire safety advice on its website at <http://brigade.wamboincommunity.asn.au> and links to relevant pages on the NSWRFs website. For more information, please contact the brigade Captain on 0409 991 340. To report fires or smoke sightings please ring Triple Zero (000).



BUSHFIRE PREPARATIONS

PREPARE. ACT. SURVIVE.

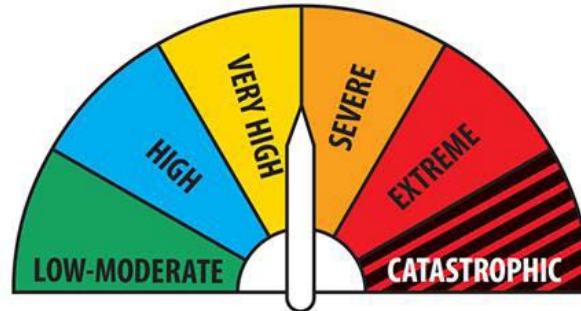
PREPARE. It is your responsibility to prepare yourself, your family and your home for the threat of bush fire. Every home must have a Bush Fire Survival Plan encompassing the decision to either "Leave Early" or to "Stay and Defend" to ensure you are prepared and know what to do in the event of a bush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

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

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

Regardless of your decision, you must prepare your property to give you, your family and your home the best chance of survival. The RFS has produced guidance on the preparations and actions that you need to take in order to survive a bush fire. This advice can be found at: http://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/file_system/attachments/Attachment_PrepareActSurvive.pdf

FIRE DANGER RATING



The Fire Danger Rating is an early indicator of potential danger. It is an assessment of the potential fire behaviour, the difficulty of suppressing a fire, and the potential impact on the community should a bush fire occur on a given day. The Fire Danger Rating is determined by the Fire Danger Index (FDI). The FDI is a combination of air temperature, relative humidity, wind speed and drought. When a Fire Danger Rating is advised, you need to take it seriously and be prepared to act. It should act as your first trigger for action. The Fire Danger Rating signs for our area are located near the intersections of:

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

The Fire Danger Rating for our area is on the brigade's website: <http://brigade.wamboincommunity.asn.au> (click on the Fire Danger Rating sign on the website for an explanation of the ratings)

COMMUNITY NOTICE

BUSH FIRE AWARENESS/ PREPARATION - INFORMATION SESSION

Saturday 17th September -- 11:30am to 1:00pm

(NOTE: registration from 11.00am)

At the Wamboin Fire Station - 112 Bingley Way Wamboin

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. The sessions will be similar to those the brigade ran last year.

In addition, the brigade will be offering both static and working displays of a range of portable pump, hose and nozzle setups from 9am - 10.30 am and these will resume following the community-wide bush fire information session at around 1pm.

If you haven't attended a previous session or think you would benefit from a refresher, you owe it to yourself, your family and other people in your community to come to this event.

BUSH FIRE ALERTS

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

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

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

Advice

Watch and Act

Emergency Warning

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

BRIGADE ACTIVITY LAST MONTH

CALL OUTS:

Your brigade responded to three Triple Zero (000) callouts during the month.

On Friday 8 August - circa 2.30pm the brigade responded to a report of a smoke sighting on the Federal Highway in the vicinity of Donnelly Road. After an extensive search, the smoke was found to be coming from a small controlled burn by a property owner not far from the intersection of the Federal Highway and Bungendore Road. After reviewing the situation and discussion with the owner the situation was considered to be safe allowing the brigade to return to the Fire Station.

On Monday 15 August – around 4.20pm there was a report of grass alight near Eaglehawk on the Federal Highway. The brigade located grass/reeds alight and assisted Rydges Eaglehawk Resort staff to quell the fire located between the resort and the service station.

On Thursday 25 August at approximately 3.15pm, the brigade was requested to respond to assist several other brigades in the Lake George Zone fight a large bush and running grass fire that started on land at Boro, south of Tarago. The brigade sent its two smaller fire fighter tankers and a heavy tanker. Ironically, the nature of the ground in this area combined with last week’s rain led to one of our smaller tankers and a number of other tankers from the other brigades getting bogged at various times during the quest to bring the fire under control. The photos below, taken just before 6pm, are of a small portion of the fire that had run or spotted into bushland.



In our last article we mentioned that the brigade was called to a report of a car on fire on Sutton Rd late on a Sunday night and that the vehicle, believed to be a Range Rover, was burnt out. Below are two photos taken of the vehicle the following day. Two things to observe are that the fire was extremely intense and that the vehicle was totally destroyed with much of the soft metal of the vehicle’s panels and engine having disintegrated under the intensity of fire. It’s also really

important to be aware that some very nasty toxic fumes are given off when vehicle componentry including plastics etc burns or is exposed to intense heat.



Feeling the heat

Brigade members have attended a number of pile burns during the cooler months as people prepare their properties ahead of the bush fire danger period. The photo below is not out of focus nor is the camera faulty. What you see here is intense flame and an incredible amount of heat generated from a relatively modest pile burn last month. And all this in benign conditions!



BRIGADE TRAINING

The set brigade training sessions are:

- 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

All training begins at the Fire Station.

BECOMING A BRIGADE MEMBER

If you are thinking about becoming a fire fighter or assist in the brigade's support group, or you would just like to see the brigade in action during a training session, don't hold back; come along to any of the set training sessions. You'll be made welcome and we're happy to just have a chat. Alternatively, feel free to give our Secretary a call on 6238 3153.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sat Sept 17	COMUNITY BUSH FIRE INFORMATION SESSION at the Wamboin Fire Station. All residents in the brigade's area are encouraged to attend	11am rego for 11.30am start
Sat Sept 24	Annual Wamboin Community Bonfire & Fireworks display adjacent to the WCA hall in Bingley Way	6pm

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: As the next market day, Saturday September 17, coincides with the brigade-led community-wide Bush Fire Information session at the Fire Station (see above for details) there will be no separate information stall at the Market on this day. Instead, all enquiries will be accommodated within the larger bush fire information session planned for the day. At any other times, if you have any queries on a fire-related issue including preparing yourself, your family and your property for a bush or grass or winter house fire, please contact the Brigade on 0409 991 340.

Birthday Celebrations for Lake George Day VIEW Club

by June Blades

Much fun was had by all as Lake George Day VIEW Club celebrated its 7th Birthday in August with this year's theme

being all things French. Held at The Heritage on the Square in Bungendore we were provided with delicious French style dishes and a welcoming venue. Lerida Estate generously donated wines for the day and Libby Doyle, popular local singer, was kind enough to donate her time and talent to sing for us. Her repertoire included songs from the Dixie Chicks.

A trivia quiz which included questions about famous French woman was very topical. Bon bon boxes made in America by Fran Gore's sister, Beatrice arrived just in time to be filled the day before the luncheon at a working bee which also creatively crafted themed place cards and table decorations. The LGDVC President Lydia Teodorowych welcomed guests and VIEW officials: National Councillor Jean Pennell, Zone Councillors Margaret Gooch, Gwen Whitehouse and Pat Scheele, past National Vice



President Rhonda Spottiswood as well as Presidents from a number of local clubs. Photo to left above shows Fran Gore, Pauline Segeri and Fiona Spottiswood.

Zone Councillor Margaret Gooch acknowledged two members who each received a 'Decade Pin' for ten years active service in VIEW: past President Pauline Segeri and National Vice-President Fiona Spottiswood. Pauline Segeri recently commented that she has gained a lot from being a member of VIEW. "There is a sense of belonging and a satisfaction by doing something good for the less privileged. I have made a lot of new friendships through VIEW and have met some amazing people. It is a learning process and therefore I feel VIEW has educated me."

VIEW Clubs support the Smith Family in fundraising for the Learning for Life Program for disadvantaged children as well as promoting the education and interests of women. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 20th September, with guest speaker Cathy Preston from the Wellbeing Centre at Bungendore. Our theme will be Spring. We are always happy to receive guests. Do join us. We meet for lunch at the Bywong Community Hall, Birriwa Road, Bywong. RSVP 6230 3165. Photo above shows President Lydia Teodorowych and Zone Councillor Margaret Gooch.



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Macs Reef Road

by Jennifer Saunders

It is time for some creative thinking (or copying of those who already have) about doing something about the wildlife carnage on local roads, particularly those with heavy traffic. I live on Macs Reef Road and it chills my blood to see reckless overtaking and speeding at times when locals know kangaroos are active and hard to see, particularly at dawn and dusk and that awful feeling one gets to see a shingleback skink crossing the road when there are lunatics coming the other way. On a trip to Tasmania a few years ago we saw huge signs on rural roads advising that the speed limit was reduced to 60 from 80 (or even 100) km per hour at dusk, with large kangaroo silhouettes. I read recently of some other local area which has signs on rural roads warning drivers not to speed or tailgate because of the frequent risk of braking for wildlife. The best we can do on Macs Reef Road, a very busy road, is the occasional kangaroo sign and a warning of concealed driveways. I fantasise, as I drive home at dusk in winter, that I could turn on a big red sign in my rear window which says "Look, I live on this road and I will go as slowly as I think necessary for the conditions, so BACK OFF! Imagine the rude fingers and mimed swearing I'd cop for that.



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That has the potential to contribute \$4650 to the Brigade, of which I am sure they can make good use.

Unfortunately, these quality high lace up boots are limited in sizes from 4's to 8's but there are four pairs of size 13. (Ladies please note: the size 4 is equivalent to a ladies size 6, and so on up the sizing range.)

Grab these while you can because this deal will never ever be available again once they are sold out. Sorry, we cannot order other sizes in because **Taipan has ceased all production** until further notice.

In addition, there are several other styles of Taipan Fireboots in stock and I will donate \$25.00 to the Brigade from sales of these additional 10 pairs. Sizes are a mixed bag with these but there are 8.5's to 13.5's.

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ANNUAL BONFIRE AND FIREWORKS NIGHT -- BONFIRE FUEL WANTED

The 2011 Wamboin Bonfire and Fireworks Night is planned for Saturday the 24th of September. Now is a great time to kill two birds with the one stone. You can start to fireproof your property by clearing unwanted stumps, logs, prunings and brush. At the same time you can help make the Bonfire night a memorable occasion by delivering the suitable fuel to the bonfire site at the Bingley Way Community Centre. This night is a major, and sometimes the only, fund raising activity by our community groups. Your load of fuel is required now. -- Lofty Mason.

News from WWOW -- The Wonderful Women of Wamboin

by Sally Saunders

Community Activities: In addition to knitting trauma teddies for Queanbeyan Ambulance, some of the WWOWs have been participating in Monday afternoon sewing bees to make shoulder bags to hold post-surgery drains. The fabrics and designs include a wide variety, for both men and women. Three bags have gone to personal friends; twenty bags went off to Calvary Hospital at the end of August. There will be more to come.

Wanderings: Members are off travelling again in Europe and Australia, while some came back with tales of New York City, Malaysia, Europe and a circuit of Australia.

Fifth Anniversary: The WWOWs have been gathering, sharing and doing things for the community for five years. While some members have sadly moved away, new members have joined. We all benefit from making friends in the community.

During these five years, the WWOWs have given funds to many community groups, as well as to a women's hospital in Africa. They have donated handmade items, cooked lots of curry for bonfire nights, and hosted a luncheon three times for International Women's Day.

On Monday, 5 September the WWOWs will celebrate their anniversary and say farewell to their founder, Claire Ayling who is moving on Goulburn with her husband Steve to run the heritage B&B, Mandelson's of Goulburn.

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 Contact person is Gail Ritchie Knight, 0416 097 500, and members come from Bungendore, Bywong, Gundaroo, Sutton, and Wamboin, with a few from ACT and Queanbeyan.



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Mini Fair Saturday October 22 at the Preschool. Spring has sprung! Come and view our preschool in action with kids arts show, a showcase of the community families in business, face painting, enjoy a story, buy a raffle ticket, play some games, eat some cake and support your local Preschool!! For details contact Louise Griffiths at froglou@oziris.com.au at 0418 261 133.

Bungendore and District Concert Band is putting on a Spring Fling Hat Party Trivia Night

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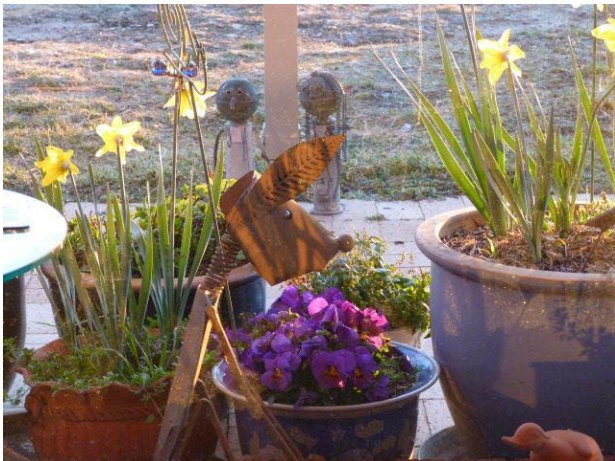
by Ian Coillet

An Occasional Piece

For several years now Jill Gregory has been signing off her 'Wamboin Muse' articles with her well-known 'I wouldn't live anywhere else' tag line. Readers may recall that in the May edition of the Whisper, The Stable Door featured my photo of a glorious South African sunset – here it is again immediately below.



Well, okay, South Africans might fluke a sunset but my view east, overlooking the Clare Valley in Wamboin with Lake George escarpment and Lark Hill Winery in the distance, means Wamboin has got to be right up there at least with its sunrises. And if anyone needed convincing, here 'tis...taken on 13th August at 6.15am...



See what Jill means –Why would you want to live anywhere else?!

As we shift seasons in Wamboin to Spring, seems everyone is smiling and pricking up their ears – even the dog and Gonzo and Whoopie, as you can see in the photo on the left.

Finally, a little squaring up on what again proved to be the community's greatest annual gastronomic event, 'The Great

Wamboin Curry Night' on Sat 20th August. Fantastic night. Good, food, company and great local band (Polk). It's clear though that the so-called 'secret (no bribes) judge', the no doubt honourable Keith France JP, was cheaply seduced by Dave Hubbard's titled 'It'll be burning tomorrow' curry (not the curry but the name). I mean really, you wonder about some judges! Surely the prize (a bottle of Lamberts' fine wine) should have gone to the most artistic signage on the night, for example...

All of 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 September 2011 edition.



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The Whisper is a community newspaper for Wamboin and Bywong. If you live in the area and have something to say about living here that is informative, thoughtful or entertaining, think about writing it up for the next issue. For more information contact the editor on 6238-3484 or email nednoel@optusnet.com.au

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Land for Wildlife Takes Off

by Philip Machin

It was great to see so many people at the Bowing Community Hall on Friday 26th to hear John Asquith, from the Community Environment Network, talk about the Land for Wildlife program that is gathering momentum in NSW – and in Wamboin & Bywong. As mentioned in previous issues, LFW is a voluntary property registration scheme for landowners who wish to manage part or all of their property in an environmentally friendly way and for the benefit of biodiversity and wildlife habitat. It is a low-level entry scheme; free to join; and not legally binding. Qualifying landowners are presented with a sign in recognition of their commitment.



A pilot scheme is underway in Wamboin and Bywong - albeit anyone can express an interest by completing the form found on the LFW website, and several landowners have had their properties assessed. At the presentation, John was able to present the first batch of LFW signs to qualifying residents (see photo). There are many more property assessments in the pipeline and it is great to see the LFW program get a foothold in Palerang. There is still much work to be done to bed the scheme down in our region and there is a need to find a regional provider who will administer the program locally, but we are hopeful one will be found soon.

The photo shows Wamboin & Bywong residents presented with their LFW signs (left to right Liam, David, Noela, Bill, Maria, Lesley, Brae, Anne)

At the meeting it was a good opportunity to thank Phil Machin, Mel Hillery, Jo Walker and Kris Nash for their work in helping to get LFW off the ground. Jo and Kris have been busy carrying out the property assessments and landowners have found this interaction really useful. An on-the-ground assessment is quite valuable. It will list the plants, grasses, shrubs and trees on the property, discuss how to improve habitat and give advice to overcome problem areas, such as erosion. Maya Beretta (NSW Conservation Partnership Officer at the Queanbeyan Office of Environment & Heritage) has also carried out several property assessments in the area.

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From the Wamboin Community Association President's Report: (This is a response to the item in the August Whisper about a possible development at the end of Ryan's Road.) "At the time of last month's Whisper the Committee was not aware of renewed interest in development in the area. The WCA held an unscheduled meeting on the 20th August to discuss the presentation made to Yarrawlumla Council on 6th August to rezone part of Wamboin South....."

Happily the application did not appear to be well received by Council. However, it was agreed at the WCA meeting to send a letter to the Council supporting their resolution of 22 February 1995 not to include Wamboin South in the YLEP Amendment No 8 for rezoning to Rural 1D." -- Libby King, President

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WAMBOIN GOLF

by John Whitney

The August "Tradies Day" event proceeded under blue skies, after some welcome rain, on Sunday 7th August. A large field of 24 golfers turned out with this months competition being a stroke event. Many thanks to Don, Hank and Trent, not only for the tasty spread, but for utilising a little electrical wizardry to keep the food flowing due to the absence of a functioning kitchen.

Grinners: Beside a warm welcoming fire the "Lounge" was alive with Ladies of all ages enjoying the sparkling company, flowers and complementary ground cocoa seeds pressed into delicious blocks. It's no wonder that with all this gait and frivolity in the air, our MC (of some age now) failed to present the traditional Dummy Spit and Googly Ball awards. The club also welcomed Mr Geoff Barter as visitor to all these proceedings.



The Ladies Lounge in full swing after the August golf event.



Playing partners Jack Whitney & Paul Griffin on the 3rd tee.

Winners: This months encouragement award went to Linda Ivey, which all agree, rates far more highly than her husband's standing in the 18 hole event. The Junior event winner this month is Taylor Miners - well done Taylor. Nearest the pin and longest drive ball winners: Joan Mason, Jack Whitney (2), Paul Griffin, Ken Gordon (2), Tim Barter, Nev Schroder and Keith France.

The 9 hole event was won by Deb Gordon with a net score of 28 from Larry Trim King and Ron Shepherd on 29. The 18 hole event was won by Matt O'Brien with a 96/59, second was Jack Whitney with 84/63 then Len Ivey with a 82/65. Next months event will be the Mason Spring Trophy - yes, it's that time again!

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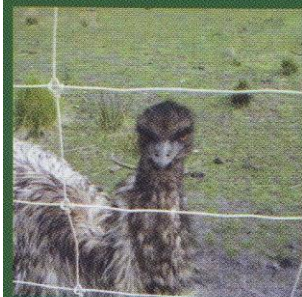
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Wamboin Muse

Jill Gregory

I should have been at my desk hours ago, but the unblemished blue sky and golden sunshine just begged me to be outdoors. The recent mild days have zapped through the garden like an electric current, jolting it out of its winter torpor. Now there are daffodils and jonquils, ikebana- like flowering quinces, fragile blue irises, forgotten polyanthus and the first timid hellebores. The sweet scent of violets and winter honeysuckle in the warm air take me by surprise.

Beyond the garden the bush is glowing with wattles. Some are pendulous, dripping with frothy yellow, some are perky sprigs of gold and green, and others are just biding their time, waiting to explode with brilliance. The birds are back, an impromptu massed choir, hungry and busy. But not all have received a rapturous welcome. I wasn't too thrilled to see that an ibis had taken up watch on the pole above the fish pond. The ibis has now disappeared and the pond seems strangely empty of life. Our chook yard has grown. We now have five hens to amuse the decorative rooster, the new arrivals a gift from friends moving on. Our coop is a fine example of a blended family at work, with a couple of entrenched geriatrics sharing house with adopted adolescents in comparative harmony. I rather wish that the hens were a little more discreet about broadcasting their cleverness, however, as I have to be quick to beat the beady eyed choughs and ravens (not crows!) to the eggs that they lay. I tolerate the battalion of choughs that plough through my garden, but I draw the line at daylight robbery, especially when they dine well on the titbits I throw to their productive feathered friends.

With the onset of spring the garden summons. It's then that you discover that while little has been happening above ground over winter, plenty has been happening below, and not all of it desirable. I get caught out every year! I thought the severe frosts might have killed off some of the undesirables, but they are the hardiest. I've lost several correas and other native plants, but the list of "Plants that become Weeds" in my gardening bible are alive and well in my plot; peruvian lily, wandering jew, periwinkle, honeysuckle and blackberry. Beware of that cunning, vicious blackberry! It stealthily wove its way through the summer shrubs and is suddenly visible amongst the leafless branches. I attacked it, but I think I came off second best judging by the lacerations to my hands and arms. Next spring I know that I will face the same battle all over again. Those dear little birds that I welcome into my garden will make sure of that!

Although I haven't been able to spend much time at home, lately, let alone potter in the garden or walk through the bush, I look forward to staying put for a while and enjoying a Wamboin spring, full of life, beauty.... and challenges.....I wouldn't live anywhere else!



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