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## The Whisper

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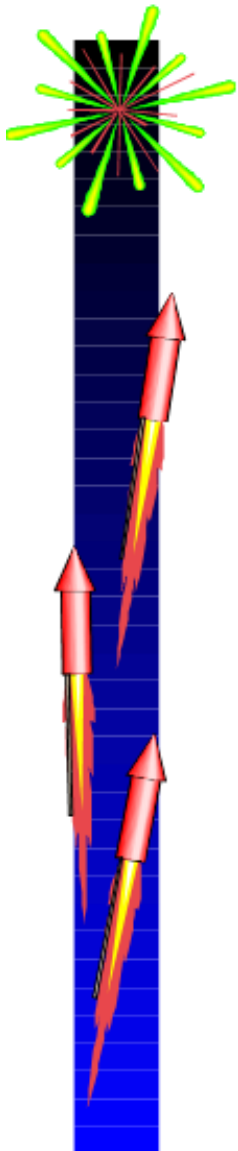


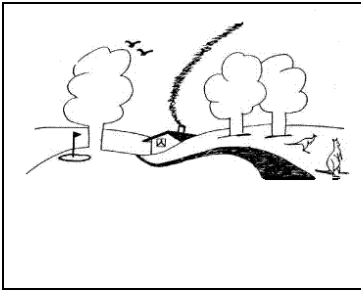
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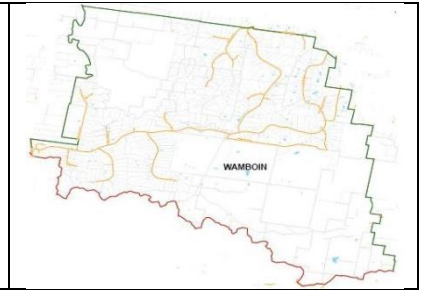
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## Wamboin Community Association President's Paragraphs



**Hello everyone.** August has been a busy month with two community events as well as our usual monthly meeting.

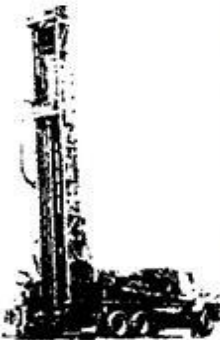
**Curry Night** – The annual Wamboin Curry Night was held on Saturday 17th August at the Community Hall and was, by all reports, an outstanding success. Despite a cold evening, approximately 80 people turned out to provide and sample a wide range of curries. Thanks go to Dave Hubbard for organising this event.

**Bonfire Night** – This month (September 21st) we will hold our annual Bonfire Night. We are calling for people to bring in their green waste to the site on the oval at the Community Hall to build the bonfire. Remember we need prunings, brush, logs and such off-cuts for the bonfire – not general rubbish. All preparations for the Bonfire Night are well in hand now and September 21st promises to be another great event including as it does, the bonfire, food stalls (selling a range of hot foods, desserts and drinks) and of course, the fireworks.

**Meet The Candidates** – As a joint Wamboin/Bywong Community Associations event, we hosted a very successful evening on Thursday 22nd August to enable local residents to meet the candidates for the Hume electorate who will be contesting the fast approaching federal election. With between 85-90 people attending and seven of the nine candidates, it could only be described as a very successful evening despite the very short notice we had to get organised. My thanks go to “the Bywong team” of Darryl Bourke (President Bywong Community Association) who did an outstanding job as chairperson and Jean-Pierre Savrae for his excellent time-keeping. I also wish to thank the seven candidates who accepted our invitations and attended, some driving long distances to be here. A more comprehensive report of the evening will appear further in The Whisper.

- Jenny Richards ( President)

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**Smoke and mirrors:** Bywong Community held its Annual General Meeting on 2 August. But not your normal dull gathering to tick off the rituals demanded by the NSW Registrar of Associations. This year the event came with illustrations. Thanks again to the adventurous talent of Jean-Pierre, reports were enlivened by projections of the year's events and personalities on the big screen (the screen and the projector were donated to the Hall by the Community). And spiced with a puzzle or two to keep minds active – never a dull moment!

In spite of a modest attendance, the meeting was marked by enthusiasm and the President was able to review a productive year with a number of successful functions. Again the Community relied heavily on its traditional annual events – the now famous Car Boot Sale and the Trivia night – and these occasions, thanks to the efforts of the usual small band of workers, again put the Community into a strong financial position. As a result the year saw the customary major contribution to the local Fire Brigade, and continued support to a number of other local organisations.

The meeting approved the Treasurer's report, and accepted detailed reports from Kerry Cox on behalf of the Pony Club and Nora Stewart on behalf of the Grow group which conducts Greenways activities and walks.

Darryl Bourke was elected President for another year, and Clive Boughton was re-elected Vice-President. The duties of Secretary, carried out with distinction by Anne Goonan for many years, will be shared by Pauline Chambers and Bernie Greethead, and Jean-Pierre Favre will again serve as Treasurer. Committee members for the new year are Mike Cramsie, Anne Goonan, Greg Gougeon, Kerry Cox and Nora Stewart. Guy Cotsell continues as Public Officer

Under the Community's recently simplified new Constitution, people were able to join the association for the year on the night at no cost. This arrangement will continue to be available to all Bywong residents at meetings throughout the year, or between meetings by contacting a committee member.

**Alive and well:** The "Meet the Candidates" evening sponsored by Wamboin and Bywong community associations demonstrated that democracy in our area is alive and well. The public meeting, in Wamboin Community Hall, was ably organised by the Wamboin committee and chaired by Bywong President Darryl Bourke, supported by joint Bywong/Wamboin timekeepers. An audience drawn from both localities comfortably filled the hall. Six of seven scheduled candidates addressed the gathering and answered questions in styles which ranged from the measured to the eccentric – but were notably free of personal abuse or political slogans. Questioning was lively and informed, and catering up to Wamboin's usual high standards. Altogether a reassuring reaffirmation of our democratic traditions. Those who missed the meeting were able to pick up a very fair and competent report on it by Chris Kimble on ABC Television's 7.30 report on Friday.

**Next Meeting:** The next meeting of the Community will take place at the Bywong Hall in Birriwa Road at 7.30 pm on Monday 9 September. All residents are welcome, and may join on the night at no cost. Warmth guaranteed!



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It is my intention to run the markets for the next ten months after the winter break, then retire from the organisation of the markets. I have been doing this, with Lofty's help, practically since the markets began in October, 2003, so my plan is to finish June 2014. Hopefully, some good person/s may put up their hand to continue the Wamboin Markets going from month to month. I am happy to help out and advise anyone interested, please contact me.

Joan Mason, 6238-3258

### How The Whisper Gets Delivered Each Month

Thanks to Kevin Beier of Hogan Drive who delivered Whispers to that area for the last year. Kevin is moving away. Thank you to Neville and Rhonda Parnell who have offered to take over those deliveries.

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Thanks to each of you. - Ned Noel, volunteer editor

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Helen Montesin	Fernloff Rd	35	Stuart Whitten	Canning Cl	17
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Kathy Handel	Norton (Weeroona to Hilltop)	18	Penny Evans	Norton Rd (Campbell to Bingley)	26

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Colleen Foster	B'dore Rd to Nrtn Rd	22	Rob Gorham	South end Clare Valley	38
Cassie Fisher	Clare Ln	12	Lyle Montesin	The Forest Rd area incl Joe Rcks	60
Dominica Lorima	North end Clare Valley	42	Bungendore Foodworks	Bungendore	10

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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	28	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)	33	Joan Milnor	Birriwa Rd plus Macs Rf Rd to Harriott	30
Beth Hope	Gum Flat Ln	6	Tony Bond	Hogan Dr/Orana Dr/Yuranga Dr	35
Rhonda&Neville Parnell	DenleyDr (Kestral2 1/2 way 2SthEnd)	15			

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Robert&Marzena Luton	Sutton Park Estate	48	Penny & Russell Ball	Macs Reef (Denley Dr to Bungdre Rd)	18
Ian Coillet	Grove Road	7			

#### 203: CO-ORDINATED BY KEVIN ANDERSON ph 6236 9333

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Kevin Anderson	B'dore Rd (Macs Reef to Summerhill)	35	Attila & Cherry Hrgsi.	Snowgum Rd	26
Kerrie Gougeon	B'dore Rd (Fed Hwy to Summerhill)	25	Chris Fowler	Shinglehouse & Millyn Rds	20
Sue Aunella	Brooks Rd	21	Richard Holding	Wyoming & Doust Rds	25

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## Out-Foxing the Foxes?

by Simon Scott-Findlay

Yet another thing that I like about Wamboin is the space that we have for our chooks. We started by getting eight point-of-lay pullets, and housed them in a home-made chook pen. I used two cupboards with 4 shelves set on their sides to make nesting boxes, and lined them with straw. I buried the chicken wire mesh out from the sides for a foot or two, which prevents the fox from digging under, as they only try right at the base of the sides. In the initial construction I made a fatal error in using baling twine to secure the roof wire to a side wall, which allowed a fox to break in. The fox will kill the lot, then take one at a time to hiding places, as a larder for their cubs & partner. We only had 3 survivors, who in spite of a lot of TLC didn't lay again and died within months.

I have only had one fox problem since a wise old farmer told me about his chooks, which roosted in his open barn. In response to my question about foxes, he said "no worries, I just pee on the doorway walls each night, as the fox won't cross marked ground".

Ever since then my neighbours must be have been wondering about my walks, intermittently squirting the fence posts with an old drink bottle of fox deterrent through a small hole drilled into the plastic lid. My dog (Leroy) comes and can't help himself, contributing to this effective fox repellent also. I wonder if this isn't why we've also had a pair of hares, residing on our land for the last few years, and more recently rabbits too. Every now and then we find a dead rabbit so the calicivirus or myxomatosis must still be effective around here.

About 6 months ago we went for a 2 week holiday, then didn't do the piddle post rounds for the week afterwards during which time there were 2 periods of rain. At dawn (7am) the following Sunday we were woken by excited cackling from the chooks, and bolting out of bed I found a fox had got into the pen because I had left the gate open. After rounding up 8 of the 12 chooks and locking them safely away, I set off after the fox, which had paused on the top of a rise in the neighbouring paddock to watch me rounding up the cooks.

I tried to pick up his trail in that direction, but not finding any stray feathers, I went back to the fence line heading down to the creek and soon spotted feathers, while Leroy excitedly followed the scent.

Across the creek in my neighbour's place we found a pile of feathers where one of my girls had been consumed, but then Leroy started to find the fox's larder supplies, buried under bushes. Leroy was pulling out old kangaroo legs with plenty of meat on them, and finding interesting smelling resting hollows. I was careful not to let him consume any of the carrion, as the Hydatids are still a persistent (sometimes deadly) risk for humans in the Southern Highlands. We keep the dogs worming program up to date religiously and keep them away from carcasses to reduce our Hydatid risk.

We found the other missing chooks hiding in our yard, and one of them had a nasty gash in her back, just under the wing where the fox had gripped her. We separated her in the tractor pen as the other chooks will attack a weakened colleague to instinctively maintain the health of their flock. As her strength returned we let her mingle with the others but still separated at night for another week or so, and now she has returned to her place in the pecking order, fearlessly fending for herself again.

I returned to the creek with my trusty bottle of fox repellent and ensured that all his lairs and paths were well scented, so that they were well warned, and we haven't had a problem since. I'm just going to have to remember to shut the chook pen at night again incase the fox repellent gets too old. I find that once or twice a week marking out has been sufficient to stop them, but with rain I do it a bit more often, and occasionally I wander a bit further along the creek paths with Leroy, so that my chooks can continue to free range in our paddocks without fear of a fox attack.

I hope that this is not too long. I have been writing about my chooks, and have taken this part on foxes and expanded it into an article for you.

I plan to produce some more on different topics mainly about the chooks.

Good luck with everything, I hope that all continues to go well and that Will is going well with his Diabetes too.

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## St Andrews and St Peters -- SRMD Church Notices

About twelve people came to St Andrews at 10am on the fourth Tuesday of September for morning tea, music, singing and a chat for the second gathering of local seniors at the newly formed group. We still don't have a name, but we nevertheless had fun singing and catching up. Bill played the piano, Christine the violin and Dick is polishing his trumpet in readiness for next month. Thanks to Peter Shellard's skills, we now have an excellent sound system with discreet speakers attached to the electronic keyboard. At the press of a button there is an organ on Sundays and a piano at other times. Our numbers are growing, and you'd always be welcome to join this informal group and bring along your ideas and talents. The next session will be on 24th September.

We were all very sad to farewell our good friend and parishioner, Bruce Bray. Bruce, who was nearly 94, died last week. He attended services at St Peters for more than ten years after his retirement from farming and move to Sutton Village. We will miss his quiet humour and wise reflections, and will especially remember his efforts in helping to create the SRMD. It is nearly twelve months since the churches of St Peters and St Andrews become one with the formation of the SRMD. On Sunday, 29th September, at 9am, there will be a service of Morning Prayer at St Andrews to celebrate the first anniversary, with Bishop Stuart Robinson in attendance. This will be followed by a special lunch. Everyone is invited. Don't forget Kids Club at St Andrews each Friday night from 5.30-7pm during term time.

Services are held at St Andrews on the first and third Sunday of each month at 9am, and the second and fourth Sunday at the same time, at St Peters. The services offer an opportunity for quiet reflection, a chance to exercise those vocal cords and enjoy a sociable cup of tea or coffee afterwards.

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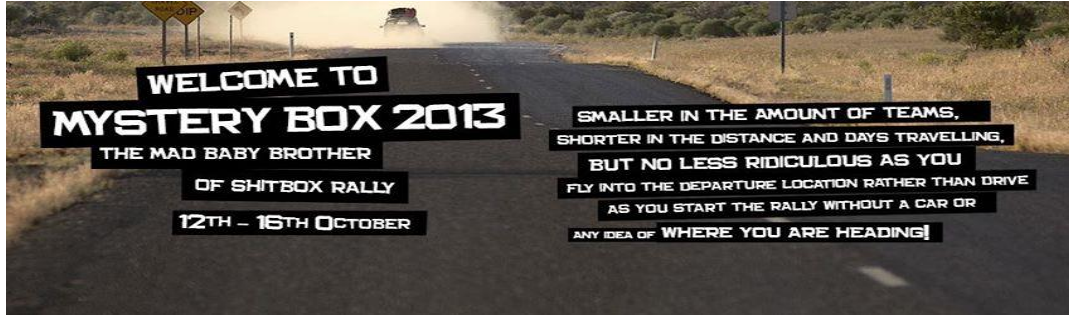


## Wamboin Local Lads Raising Money for a Good Cause

Call the local boys crazy.... But in the name of fundraising, two have decided to do it in the most out there way possible! On the 12th of October 2013, Tom Corra and Mitch Scicluna from Wamboin will be embarking on a 3000km mystery adventure to raise much-needed funds for the cancer council. All bar 2 weeks before Toms wedding! They are taking part in the cancer council's mystery box rally!

The idea behind it is they get into Melbourne on Friday the 11<sup>th</sup> of October. That night with the money they have fundraised, they go to an auction and have to bid on a car. The cars that come out, they will have never seen and had a chance to look over. To put it nicely, they will all old bombs worth no more than \$500! They won't know what's coming out next so bidding will be fierce. The more money they raise, the more they can bid. With all the money going to cancer council

From there they all arrive bright and early on the Saturday morning and 10 minutes before they leave, they are given the route for the day! And it stays that way for the next 5 days! So they not only have no idea what car they will be driving, but



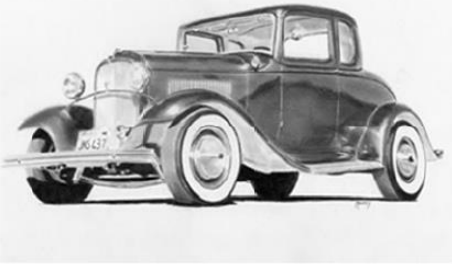
also where in the world they will be going! They have been told to expect to travel 3000km on rough dirt outback roads over a 5-day period

It's not a free ride for us. Tom states. We have to pay food, accommodation and fuel out of our own pocket!

But it is for a great cause!

50 teams from around Australia have been selected to take part. Tom and Mitch have named their team the WAMBOIN WARRIORS and hope the Wamboin locals will get behind them! So far the boys have raised \$3600 and have high hopes to raise a lot more. They hope to exceed their goal of \$5000. To get behind the boys and donate to such a good cause, follow them at: [http://www.everydayhero.com.au/wamboin\\_warriors](http://www.everydayhero.com.au/wamboin_warriors). And for more info on the rally: <http://www.mystery-box.com.au/>

## Wheels of Wamboin



### Claiming the Day

Saturday 19th April 2014  
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# The Wamboin Firefighter

The Wamboin Firefighter newsletter is produced by the Wamboin Rural Fire Brigade for the benefit of residents and property owners in the brigade's area i.e. the localities of Wamboin and Bywong, plus Sutton (south of the Federal Highway) and Bungendore (along and west of the Lake George escarpment).

## BURNING OFF

Outside the declared Bushfire Danger Period a **Fire Permit** is not required to burn off in the open. But, if you do plan to light a fire in the open, you must notify:

- **your neighbours and anyone else living within 200m; and**
- **the Queanbeyan Fire Control Centre on 6297 1840 (weekday business hrs)**

at least 24 hours before you light the fire.

Your thoughtfulness will help minimise neighbour anxiety and unnecessary brigade call-outs.

Fire management, including containment of a fire originating on your property, is your responsibility. **BUT**, if the fire escalates to become more than you can handle, don't hesitate; immediately ring the EMERGENCY number directly below.

TO REPORT FIRES OR SMOKE SIGHTINGS

RING TRIPLE ZERO



## PREPARE. ACT. SURVIVE.

### DECLARATION OF THE BUSH FIRE DANGER PERIOD IS LESS THAN ONE MONTH AWAY

The start of the 2013/14 Bush Fire Danger Period is set to begin throughout NSW on 1<sup>st</sup> October. Anyone who wishes to light a fire in the open on and from 1<sup>st</sup> October will require a Fire Permit. During the Bush Fire Danger Period you cannot light a fire in the open without a Fire Permit. The Bush Fire Danger Period normally runs till 31 March but can be varied if the prevailing conditions warrant it.

As the warmer weather approaches, new season grasses begin to grow, and we all start to enjoy the outdoors a little more, please be conscious of the potential for fire on your property:

- Don't use mowers or slashers on particularly hot days and never on Total Fire Ban days.
- Don't use mowers or slashers in the heat of the day, particularly afternoons after the grass off.
- Please be careful when using grinders or other equipment that can produce a spark.



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In recent seasons, our brigade and members of neighbouring brigades have been called to many fires begun in this way. Many emergency service callouts and potentially devastating incidents can be avoided with a little more planning and preparation.

In relation to motorized machinery, you might find the following extract from the NSW Fire Regulation useful.

#### NSW RURAL FIRES REGULATION – Motorized Machinery

(NSW Rural Fires Regulation 2008 No 348 Part 4, Division 1, Clause 22)

##### Other safety requirements:

- (1) A person must not, in connection with any agricultural, pastoral or other land use, drive or use in any grass, crop or stubble land any motorised machine unless:
  - (a) the machine is constructed so that any heated areas will not come into contact with combustible matter, and
  - (b) the machine is maintained in a good and serviceable condition so as to prevent the outbreak of fire.
- (2) A person must not, in connection with any agricultural, pastoral or other land use:

- (a) drive or use in any grass, crop or stubble land a motorised machine on which it is practicable to carry prescribed fire safety equipment, or
  - (b) carry out welding operations or use explosives or an angle grinder or any other implement that is likely to generate sparks, unless the person carries on the machine, or has in the vicinity, prescribed fire safety equipment that is maintained in a serviceable condition.
- (3) In this clause:
- “prescribed fire safety equipment” means:
- (a) a knapsack spray pump of 16 litre minimum capacity filled with water, or
  - (b) a fire extinguisher (liquid type) of 9 litre minimum capacity, or
  - (c) a dry powder type extinguisher of 0.9 kg minimum capacity.

Note: Underlining by the brigade has been added for emphasis.

Further details including penalties that apply can be found at:

[http://www.austlii.edu.au/au/legis/nsw/num\\_reg/rfr20082008348229.pdf](http://www.austlii.edu.au/au/legis/nsw/num_reg/rfr20082008348229.pdf)

### **BOM Seasonal Outlook**

The Bureau of Meteorology (BOM) Seasonal Outlook issued on 24<sup>th</sup> July for August to October indicated that the climate models forecast the following:

- The chance of exceeding the median rainfall for August to October is greater than 60% over mainland southeast Australia.
- The chance rises to more than 80% over southern NSW, most of Victoria, and southeast SA. Such odds mean that for every ten years with similar climate patterns to those currently observed, about six to eight August to October periods would be expected to be wetter than average over these areas, while about two to four would be drier.
- The chance of receiving a wetter or drier than normal August to October is roughly equal (i.e., close to 50%) across Tasmania.

More details can be found at <http://www.bom.gov.au/climate/ahead/rain.seaus.shtml>

Should the period covered in the BOM outlook be followed by warm/dry weather we can expect above average Spring growth with the consequence of higher fuel loads. Potentially, lots of grass and leaf litter build up heading into late Spring and Summer.

### **PREPARATIONS WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO UNDERTAKE NOW**

#### **Property**

Some of the things that you should consider include:

- Inspect your property and buildings identifying any defects or improvements that you need to make before the fire season. For example:
  - Check the condition of your roof and wall cladding and replace or seal any damaged sections that could allow embers to encroach into the roof cavity or inner walls.
  - Enclose open areas under your decks and floors.
  - Install fine steel wire mesh screens on all windows, doors, vents and weep holes.
- Create a safety zone around your house and other buildings so that embers will have less chance to start a fire when they hit the ground. For example:
  - Remove excess ground fuels and combustible material (long dry grass, dead leaves and branches) for a distance of at least 20 metres around all buildings.
  - Create and maintain a two-metre gap between your house and tree branches.
  - Clean leaves, twigs, bark and other debris from roof and gutters (and revisit on a regular e.g. monthly/ fortnightly/ possibly even weekly basis).
  - Trim low lying branches 2 metres from the ground.
  - If wood is piled against or near the house or other building, move it away.
- Check and service all fire-fighting equipment.

You may find it useful to make a detailed list of the tasks to be carried out and tick them off as they are completed. Items such as those mentioned above should form part of your Bush Fire Survival Plan.



**Horses and Bush Fire:** Horses and ponies have particular needs requiring advance consideration and planning. The Brigade's Community Engagement Team includes people qualified in horse management who are available to speak to equestrian clubs to discuss steps horse owners can take to prepare themselves in case of bush fire.

**Community FireWise Groups:** Community FireWise Groups involve neighbours who share a common bond and have come together to provide mutual support and encouragement to be prepared for a bush fire. A number of Community FireWise Groups are active in the Wamboin Fire Brigade area in parts of Bywong, Bungendore, Old Goldmines Rd, Sutton, and Wamboin. Other residents are encouraged to develop their own. If you would like to know more about the purpose of, role, and how to set up a FireWise Group with your neighbours, please contact the Captain, Richard Hobbs, on 0409 991 340 or email [captain@brigade.wamboincommunity.asn.au](mailto:captain@brigade.wamboincommunity.asn.au)

**UPCOMING EVENT – ADVANCE NOTICE**

**\*\* YOUR INVITATION \*\***



**BUSH FIRE AWARENESS/ PREPARATION INFORMATION SESSION**

**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October**

**11:30am to 2pm**

(Registration from 11.00am)

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

**AIM: To help you get prepared for a bushfire**

**Members of the Brigade will cover:**

- \* where 'we' live \* what it means \* fire history
- \* what you can expect
- \* property preparedness \* personal preparedness
- \* a short intro segment on horses and bushfire
- \* staying informed



The session will be similar to those the brigade has run in prior seasons. It will include practical tips and tools, plus an opportunity for you to view and operate a range of portable fire fighting pumps, hoses and nozzle setups. Refreshments available throughout the session and there will be a Lucky Door Prize.

**BRIGADE ACTIVITY**

**Incidents since last month's newsletter**

The brigade has been called out on 4 occasions since the last newsletter (3 MVA's and a property fire).

- *Saturday 3 August @ 8.40pm* – the brigade responded to a report of a fire on a property on Bungendore Rd, Bywong. Crew in one of the brigade's heavy tankers were underway ten minutes later. A second tanker and crew stood by at the Station. A senior member of the Queanbeyan Fire Control Centre was first on scene and after assessing the situation concluded that the brigade's resources were no longer needed. Tanker and crew returned to the Fire Station shortly after 9pm. We understand the fire was an unregistered pile burn and that this was addressed with the owner.
- *Monday 12 August @ circa 7.15pm* – the Brigade was responded to a motor vehicle accident near the intersection of Sutton Rd and Wattle Flat Rd. The first of two Wamboin brigade vehicles that responded attended the scene. Following an assessment of the incident it was determined the brigade's heavy tanker still en route was no longer needed and it and the crew returned to the Fire Station.
- *Wednesday 14 August @ 1.40pm* – the Brigade's pagers lit up requesting brigade attendance following a report of a single vehicle accident near the intersection of Norton Rd and Merino Vale Drive, Wamboin. In addition to the Wamboin tanker and crew, ACT RFS (who happened to be undertaking driver training in the area at the time), plus NSW Fire & Rescue, NSW Police, and ACT and NSW Ambulance Services attended. The three occupants of the vehicle involved in the accident were conveyed to hospital. Wamboin crew were last to leave and returned to the Station at 3.10pm.
- *Saturday 17 August @ 7.35pm* – Yep, right on cue!! Just as a table of members were licking their lips at the prospect of tucking into the lush curries atop the communal





table



at the Wamboin Curry Night, the brigade’s pagers went-off in response to a report of a motor vehicle accident on Bungendore Rd (between Snowgum Rd and Norton Rd). We understand the accident involved a motorcyclist and kangaroo. According to the policeman who welcomed our crew as they arrived on scene, the motorcyclist had already been conveyed to hospital and the bike taken away. Brigade members removed a small fuel spill from the road. There was no sign of the roo. The crew returned to the Fire Station at 8.10pm - and to the good news - there was still a good range of the great curries remaining for them to tuck into.

**Training:** Training during August focused on the more technical aspects of how branches (nozzles) work, pump pressures required to make them operate correctly and the effects of canvas hose friction.

**CALENDAR - UPCOMING EVENTS**

<p>Sat 21<sup>st</sup> Sept</p>	<p><b>Brigade Information ‘Shopfront’</b> (9am-12noon) adjacent the Wamboin Home Produce Market, 112 Bingley Way, Wamboin.</p>
	<p><b>WCA Bonfire &amp; Fireworks Night</b> @ Wamboin Community Complex, 112 Bingley Way Wamboin.</p>
<p>Sat 28<sup>th</sup> Sept</p>	<p><b>NSW RFS Brigade Open Day (10am – 3pm).</b>  <b>** YOUR INVITATION **</b></p> <p>The Brigade invites you to come for a look over the Fire Station and vehicles. Members will be only too happy to show you around and have a chat about anything you care to discuss, e.g., help with your bush fire survival plan, about joining the brigade or simply getting to know a few of the members. Refreshments available throughout the day, and there’s to be a BBQ lunch at around 12.30pm.</p> <p><u>Mini Garage Sale</u> – as part of a little Spring cleaning, we are also getting together a few bits and pieces surplus to brigade needs including a vehicle winch + controller + leading block, basic chairs, etc. We will have all items on show for best offers from the public.</p> 
<p>Sat 19<sup>th</sup> Oct</p>	<p><b>Bush Fire (Prepare. Act. Survive.) Information Session</b>  <b>** YOUR INVITATION **</b></p> <p>Community-wide info/ workshop event @ the Wamboin Fire Station. To include a short intro segment on horses and bush fire. Registration from 11am. Session time 11.30am – 2pm. Includes refreshments and practical demonstrations.</p> 

**FURTHER INFORMATION**



**Recruitment: About joining the Wamboin Rural Fire Brigade:** Becoming a volunteer firefighter in the brigade or member of the support group is rewarding. The fire brigade has a current active membership of over 70 members of the community made up of operational firefighters, support crew and those who help out with administration. We are particularly targeting the younger members of the community (preferably 18 years or older) including people who will be able to lead the Brigade in the future. The RFS will provide you with all the necessary training. If you are interested in learning new skills or sharing your expertise, please give the Secretary, Jim Greethead, a bell on 6230 3165 or email: [secretary@brigade.wamboincommunity.asn.au](mailto:secretary@brigade.wamboincommunity.asn.au) for a chat and to request a Membership Application Pack.

**NSW Rural Fire Service Website:** The NSW Rural Fire Service website is an important information point to assist you prepare against the threat of bush fire. The NSW RFS web address is <http://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/>

**Wamboin Brigade Website:** The site will help you monitor local conditions and Brigade announcements. The **Community Information** section has useful information plus links to other websites including the NSW Rural Fire Service that provide guidance regarding bush and grass fire preparations. You’ll also find the brigade’s history and other interesting material including photos on the website at <http://brigade.wamboincommunity.asn.au>

**And finally...** Should you have any non-emergency enquiry, e.g. if you are seeking guidance with your Bush Fire Survival Plan, you can contact the Brigade directly by email [captain@brigade.wamboincommunity.asn.au](mailto:captain@brigade.wamboincommunity.asn.au) or phone 0409 991 340.

**FOR ALL EMERGENCY CALLS**



**PREPARE. ACT. SURVIVE.**

## WAMBOIN PONY CLUB August - 2013

**Due to a mistakes by both Steve Quick and myself this article wasn't printed last month, but it's here now. – Ned Noel**

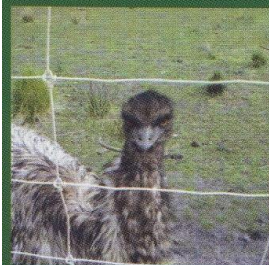
*Mid winter at the Wamboin Pony club has still seen our dedicated riders at our rally days on our grounds in Canning close. Some of you in Wamboin might wonder what Pony Club actually does for young people in the area and this article below from one of our older club riders Katie Slater outlining how her years in Pony Club have lead to some fascinating adventures in Western Australia:*

I woke up to the sound of my alarm beeping. For a moment I was disoriented, I could not remember where I was, then the sound of a train going past jogged my memory. I was in Western Australia and had travelled thousands of kilometres the day before to reach my destination, Hamersley Station. Hamersley station, located north-west of W.A about three hours from Port Headland was where I would be working for the next four months. The station was one of 6 owned by RioTinto and ran approximately 6000 head of cattle and was also utilized for iron ore mining.

However, to succeed in this job there were several things I can thank pony club for, specifically the NSW mounted games squad. As a junior, I was a member of the junior squad from 2006-2008 and then a member of the senior squad in 2009-2010. These five years in the squad helped me in so many ways. We were always swapping horses to prepare ourselves for the national competitions so that we would get used to a wide variety of horses. Riding a number of different horses every squad helped me develop into a confident rider, and meant that when I went to the station I did not feel daunted at the prospect of riding a variety of horses. With the coaching of Mr Bennett and Mr Harris I began to thrive as a games rider in a safe environment that promoted safety, horse welfare, sportsmanship and friendship. These weekends of training were always something to look forward to and I am forever in debt to Mr B, Mr Harris and the pony club association for running such a successful squad. Without squad I believe that I would not be half the rider I am today, and would therefore never have had the opportunity to work at the station, where riding skills are paramount.

I was 19 and had taken a year off from my studies. I applied for the job at Hamersly at the beginning of the year based on a recommendation from a friend and had gone through a rigorous employment process. I was hired as a station hand and was there for the mustering season. The mustering season involves all of the cattle on the 860,000 acre property to be brought into yards scattered throughout the property. Once contained in the yards, the cattle are then marked, weaned or sold. This meant a lot of hard work; 12 hour days were the norm, starting at 4:30am, and on occasion over 15 hours. All the workers were allocated horses that we would alternate riding when we went mustering. Being able to ride a variety of horses was one of the requirements when hired for the job. Although hard work, I loved it: working with the cattle and horses, outside and getting paid for it was a dream come true. When my four months were up I returned home, to Wamboin, New South Wales. The following year in my winter break from Uni I returned to Hamersley again to work for a couple of months mustering the cattle once again. This year, I plan to do the same. I have learnt so much from my time over there and the experience has been invaluable. While many people think that pony club is just a bit of fun, it has the potential to provide all riders with so much more. For me, the NSW Mounted Games squad has ensured my employment by one of the biggest companies in Australia - RioTinto. Friends have been made for life, my riding has improved enormously, my confidence has grown and life long skills have been learnt - **Katie Slater**

*This really does show that Pony Club can lead to some great life experiences so if you have access to your own horse and are aged from 5-25 come along and join in the company of other riders and see what Wamboin Pony Club has to offer. Our club has dedicated volunteer instructors who will not only help your riding improve but make the day enjoyable. Wamboin Pony club usually meet's twice a month on Sunday's on our grounds at the end of Canning Close. For information about Wamboin Pony Club and our upcoming rally days go to our website: [www.wamboin.pcansw.org.au](http://www.wamboin.pcansw.org.au) for information, we hope we will see you soon. - Steve Quick*



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## **Another Page in the Story of Solar Power in Wamboin and Bywong**

**by Melinda Hillery, Palerang Local Action Network for Sustainability (PLANS)**

**Editor's Note: Melinda wrote the material below to Naomi Robertson in a letter in a follow up on her Naomi Robertson's and Sam Riesendfeldt's article in the July 2013 Whisper. It has been slightly edited here to make it less a letter to one person and more a presentation of the issues for all Whisper readers. – Ned Noel**

I just finally caught up on some overdue reading having heard from several people about Naomi Robertson's and Sam Reisenfeldt's great article in the Wamboin Whisper re Pv. I wondered if residents are aware that futureThe Palerang Local Action Network for Sustainability (PLANS) has a community owned renewable energy project (CORE) for which we are currently funded. As as part of that we have been investigating many different forms of promoting pv in our community from simply being an advocacy body, to sponsoring bulk buy, arranging finance, leasing systems to go onto rooves and maybe in our wildest dreams actually raising the money for a community owned solar farm.

As part of this project we have done a lot of research into the whole electricity market and I'd be really happy to provide the draft reports to anyone interested. We are also in the process of setting up a new local website aimed at providing information to people who 'have been meaning to put some solar panels on my roof but don't know where to start.' We hope to launch the website and final report on Renewable Energy Day November 8<sup>th</sup> most probably in Bungendore. You can follow the project or get in touch via our current website <http://www.sustainingourtowns.org.au/local-projects/palerang/>.

I was really pleased that Naomi and Sam ended their article with a discussion about the conflict of interest of governments in all of this...because in fact there is one particular future scenario which is even bleaker than what they described which can only be overcome by major regulatory reform which is not likely whilst the government owns the poles and wires, and as Naomi and Sam point out, shares in some of the retailers also.

What has happened is that the industry and government has massively underestimated the uptake of rooftop photovoltaics energy production (PV), and rooftop pv has gone from being a bit of a nuisance to them, to seriously starting to undermine their business models. The number of rooftop pv installations recently passed 1 million in Australia, and for about 5 years energy consumption in Australia has been going down! Yes that's right we are seriously starting to have an impact on this sort of pollution! Future projections of consumption are suggesting that any future growth in consumption will simply be absorbed in the increasing number of rooftop pv installations which are projected to tailor off for a few years (due to uncertainty in fed govt policy, fewer decreases in panel prices and some international factors) but then take off again as strongly as before. The drop in consumption is only partly due to rooftop PV (there are other things like price and big improvements in energy efficiency of appliances that are really important too)...but it is significant.

The bad future scenario that I am referring to is all out war on roof-top PV from energy companies and their friends in some parts of government. A very plausible future scenario which is already being floated is some kind of flat grid-access fee for anyone connected to the grid. This is to some extent justified, as what is happening is that as more people go to roof-top solar it becomes more expensive for everyone else as the poles and wires cost (which is a very big chunk of your bill) gets shared among fewer people. Some companies even argue that those of us exporting power to the grid should be paying even more as we are using the grid in two directions (for which there is some evidence that this can cause more of a headache in voltage fluctuation for the power companies than a benefit – it seems to depend on where you are, but of course it's hard to judge how much this is being used as an excuse to block more solar rooftop pv).

As you can imagine, this sort of flat access fee is very likely to send more people like Naomi and Sam and me to the battery options which are evolving very fast and are likely to come down in price in the near future. But this won't necessarily mean the end of the war...oooh no. At that point government have a problem with what is called the death spiral of the electricity grid .....more and more of us going off line, more and more expensive for those left in the system...which very problematically is likely to be those who can least afford it. Hence my interest in community solutions....I think it is absolutely critical we make sure pv is a winner for everyone or we won't have the political will to get government out of its conflict of interest trap, and possibly a big backlash against sustainability measures.

The final possibility is that government will introduce a flat grid availability tax to all of us whether we are connected to it or not!

The good news is the Australian PV Association has done a lot of thinking about regulatory reform that would help address all these problems...now we have to help get it onto the political agenda...I can give you more info on all this too but unfortunately as with so many regulatory things it really is as dull as dishwater!

- Melinda Hillery, FuturePLANS, Palerang Local Action Network for Sustainability

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## News from WWOW The Wonderful Women of Wamboin

The Wonderful Women of Wamboin continue to meet every Monday sharing stories, news and skills.

Early in the month our mayor Pete Harrison visited us to explain how the new LEP works. He also gave us an update on the resealing of Macs Reef Road and the Norton Road stretch up the hill from Sutton Road. We then had some discussion on the current situation regarding the two Malbon St, Bungendore houses at the centre of development controversy. It was a great opportunity to chat with Pete in a relaxed and casual atmosphere.



A dedicated group of us continue to sew drainage bags for breast cancer post-surgery patients and also trauma teddy bears for the Queanbeyan Ambulance Service. In fact some of us are unable to attend every Monday and so continue to make the bags or teddy bears at home.

Our numbers rise and fall in tune with our busy calendars. Some have been away visiting distant relatives both interstate and overseas while others have taken on the loving care of grandchildren from time to time. Then there are some of us who've embarked on the painful experience of arthritic reconstruction. Perhaps we are of a certain age. But regardless of what we've done or where we've been, it's always good to come back and catch up with our friends in the bush. WWOW is a wonderful phenomenon. (Picture: Sylvia Beddows, Alice Scott and Jayne Davies in deep discussion.)

All women are welcome at WWOW — Mondays, 10 AM to 12 NOON at St Andrew's Anglican Church on the corner of Poppet Road and Norton Road in Wamboin. For more information contact Gail Ritchie Knight 0416 097 500 [whirlwind@argonite.com.au](mailto:whirlwind@argonite.com.au).

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## MEET THE CANDIDATES

On Thursday 22nd August at 7:00 pm Wamboin and Bywong Community Associations held a joint event hosting candidates for the seat of Hume who will contest the upcoming federal election on 7th September. The evening was designed for local residents to listen to the what the candidates had to say on issues and policies and for residents to meet informally with the candidates afterward. The format followed that each candidate could speak for a maximum of ten minutes with a warning bell at nine minutes and after all candidates had spoken a question and answer session followed.

Despite very short notice (we were unable to get the message out via The Whisper) and some pretty horrible weather that night, we recorded an excellent turnout. Approximately eighty-five to ninety people attended, some coming from as far away as Murrumbateman, to hear what the candidates had to say. We had an excellent response from the candidates themselves; seven of the nine candidates accepted our invitations to attend. They were (in no particular order);

Bruce Nicholson – Katter Party	James Robert Harker-Mortlock – Independent
Michael Pilbrow – Country Labour	Angus Taylor – Liberal Party
Adrian Van der Byl – Christian Democrats	Zaza Chevalier – Greens Party
Lynette Styles – One Nation Party	

It made for an interesting and informative evening and questions from the audience ranged across a broad spectrum; some more generally federal, some more specific to the issues that confront us here in Wamboin and Bywong. The event was well covered by the media. Both our local newspapers were represented as was the ABC's "Regional 7:30 Report" with reporter Chris Kimball and his cameraman Ian. The segment which they shot, aired the following night.

Darryl Bourke (Bywong Community Association President) was wonderful as the chairperson, making sure that the evening flowed smoothly, particularly the question time segment. Jean-Pierre Savrae brought his technical know-how to the time-keeping so that both of the time-keepers (himself and John Van der Straaten) and also the candidates themselves, could visually see how their time was progressing. Afterwards the audience joined the candidates for informal discussion over refreshments. Ultimately an enjoyable and instructive evening for both local people and candidates. It was a pleasure to co-host the event with Bywong. -- Jenny Richards, President Wamboin Community Association



**Picture by Conor Byrne, Hogan Drive, age 5. This a picture of the fox that took our goose with Conor hitting it with his sword.**

## WONDERFUL MUSIC IN BYWONG

By Bill Owen

On Sunday 28th July I was one of an audience of close on 50 people who enjoyed a fascinating charity concert, given by the "Bush Baroque" players and their guest soprano Emma Griffiths, in Richard and Joan Milner's family home just off the Mac's Reef Road. After the concert, the excellent wines kindly donated by Lamberts Vineyards were enjoyed on the deck overlooking the dam and bushland.

Richard and Joan gave us advance information about this concert on page 21 of the July edition of the "Whisper". This included details of the of the seven pieces of 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> century music by composers of those days (including Johann Sebastian Bach, William Byrd and Georg Telemann) which they would play – on instruments of those days, like viols and recorders.

I must mention that the viol is an instrument, which many of us in the audience knew little or nothing about! We now know that viols are a family of six-stringed instruments with gut strings, which are played seated, like cellos. They are not in the public eye these days, as they were almost completely superseded, during the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> centuries, by the new family of four-stringed violins, violas and cellos.

But viols are now having a world-wide revival – and so is the charming tradition of making music for groups of listeners in private homes.

This is just what happened in July in Bywong! "Bush Baroque" played beautifully - ably led by our host, Richard, playing viols and recorders, with his wife Joan playing viols, a harpsichord and a "petite" pipe-organ. Sylvia Shanahan, Rachel Walker and Owen Bingham were playing viols and recorders - and the fair soprano, Emma Griffiths, delighted us with her singing.

All in all, it was a wonderful concert.

Editor's Note: Dr. Natasha Hovanaessian of Canberra Equine Hospital agreed to pay for this page as advertising, to use their own logo and to provide their contact information, but, under their own editorial control, to use the page to provide veterinary information they judge will be helpful to residents.

### **The Newborn Foal**

**By Dr. Natasha Hovanaessian, Canberra Equine Hospital**



For those of you with foals about to arrive, until you have happy foals on the ground, spring can be a bit stressful. So I thought it may be helpful to run through what to look for to ensure your newly arrived foal is healthy.

Immediately after birth, a foal should be bright and lively. It should make attempts to stand by 30 minutes and be standing without assistance within 1-2 hours. A normal foal will locate the mare's udder and be suckling by 1-3 hours of age. You should ensure the foal is firmly latched onto the teat (not just sucking the side of the udder or stifle) and its tongue should protrude around the teat during suckling. Normal foals will stand to suckle every 1-2 hours and spend much of the time between feeding lying down and sleeping for the first few days.

Once leaving the support of the mare's uterus, there is a transition period for the foal to begin breathing air. This means it will likely be gasping the first few minutes of life and then have an elevated respiratory rate of 40-60 breaths per minute over the first hour before settling to 30-35 breaths per minute after a few hours. The heart rate will be between 80-100 beats per minute by 24 hours of age and a normal body temperature is between 37.5°C to 38.5°C.

Foals are born without any immunity and it is vital they receive adequate colostrum from the mare. Therefore it is suggested to have your veterinarian test every foal's Immunoglobulin G (IgG is the main antibody they need for immune support) level by 12 hours of age to know whether further colostrum must be obtained from another source. After approximately 8-12 hours the gut cannot absorb colostrum antibodies and foals require an alternative source of antibodies in the form of plasma. This must be given by a veterinarian intravenously. Unprotected foals are susceptible to infections and becoming septic.

Proper, safe restraint and handling of a foal is important. It is particularly essential that one never holds a foal underneath the belly, as this will rupture the bladder, which is life threatening and requires surgical repair. Also, excessive pressure on the chest will crush their compliant ribs and lungs, reducing their ability to breath. Gentle pressure around the front of the chest beneath their neck and behind the back legs at the rump is often adequate to restrain a foal.

If a newborn foal has not stood within 2 hours, nursed within 3 hours and is not bright and alert, a veterinarian should be called immediately. Foals can develop dehydration and infection rapidly and every caution needs to be taken to keep your new foal healthy. If you have any concerns with your newborn foal, need IgG testing performed, or require advice on foaling, please contact us at Canberra Equine Hospital on (02) 6241 8888 or [equine@canberravet.com.au](mailto:equine@canberravet.com.au).

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# 'SHUT THE .. STABLE DOOR!'

by Ian Coillet

An occasional column

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Adieu, adieu!



Residents of Clare Valley downunder - shrouded in fog.



And, lastly on the Sutton Rd – these roolly cute little guys - snug without bugs in their rugs.

For a more 'colourful' viewing, go to The Whisper online at <http://wamboincommunity.asn.au/thewhisper/>



**Wamboin Golf  
by John Whitney**

The August "Tradies Day" competition was played using the stroke scoring system with all competitors rugging up due to the cool and windy conditions. Our sponsors were those regular "Tradies" Don, Hank and Trent - who put on a warm and hearty spread for all and sundry.

A relatively small field of intrepid golfers set out at 12:30 with CR Pete Harrison playing yet another game of golf on our challenging 18 hole course. The Googly ball award went to Larry King while the dump spit trophy was taken out by Tim Barter. (Picture: Rob Gorham on the 17th tee.)



**Winners:** The 18 hole event was won by our youngest player on the day Jack Whitney with a excellent 85/66. Word has travelled fast that the handicapper will look at this win with interest. Second was Tim Barter on 80/67 with Paul Hogarty on 82/68.

The 9 hole event saw Lofty Mason take out the prize with his good wife Joan second. An out of form Larry King apparently submitted his card at the end of the day, then disappeared, before returning to the evenings presentation event - some say he was off practising.

Nearest the pin and long drive winners were Joan Mason x2, Paul Hogarth x2, Jack Whitney x2, Lofty Mason and John Whitney .

Next months event is the Mason Spring Trophy ... Yes folks, it's that time again. Come and join us for this traditional

event - 12:30 from the Community Hall in Bingley Way, Wamboin. All Welcome.

**If You Hear Anything That Could Help ...**

This Thursday evening on 22 August, someone broke into the Turner Primary School rooster run and stole five much loved specialty breed bantam roosters (see Canberra Times article <http://www.canberratimes.com.au/act-news/thieves-resist-chicken-salt-20130823-2sgd8.html>)

These roosters have been a major part of all of the children's daily tasks at school, including feeding and watering them, cuddling and hand feeding them, and even washing and preparing them for the Canberra Chicken of the Century celebrations held earlier this year. They are incredibly tame and much loved by all of the children and staff.

The roosters are quite unique looking with feathered feet, colourful plumage and unusual combs and – for roosters – very quiet to handle. Turner School is a mainstream/special education school and pride themselves on their kitchen garden and hen/rooster pens – a country school in the city.

This hits home particularly hard for me as my daughter attends Turner. She has a diagnosis of Autism Disorder and these roosters have helped her to settle into school. I have wonderful photos of her with the roosters on her lap in the playground, feeding them silverbeet, with a big smile on her face.

If you become aware of anyone 'selling' bantam roosters who have never done in the past, or have suddenly obtained new roosters without being able to say where they have come from or any other suspicions, please contact ACT Police.

-- Jodi Wood, 42 Clare Lane, 02 6238 0704

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## ***Councillor's Corner***

**Heritage Matters**— With the interest in ‘heritage’ buildings in Bungendore at the moment, I thought it might be of interest to provide a brief overview of some of the whys and wherefores of heritage listing.

From the outset, it is worth noting that there are several levels of heritage listing, with assets being listed as national heritage assets, for example, being considered of greater significance and being more tightly managed than those that might be either State or simply locally listed.

Although parts of Braidwood are covered by State heritage listing, most of the 400-odd heritage assets in Palerang are being formally listed for the first time under the new Palerang LEP, and simply as assets of local significance. Sixty three of these are assets in or around Bungendore that are currently identified in the local Development Control Plan (DCP) simply as “buildings that add to the historic and rural character of Bungendore”. The rest of the new listings have been identified in various studies that have been undertaken over the last 20 years or so, and the extent of their assessment varies accordingly.

It is a common misconception that any ‘heritage listed’ asset is protected to the extent that any modification to the asset is tightly controlled by council. However, as an example, items currently listed under the Village Zone DCP are only controlled to the extent that “Applications for development in the vicinity of the listed buildings must demonstrate that any adverse impacts on the buildings or the streetscape of the area are minimised”. Furthermore, a recent ministerial directive has sought to clarify the role of DCPs in assessing DAs, emphasising that DCP controls cannot be used to prohibit development that is otherwise permissible under an LEP—any negative impact of the development must simply be minimised.

The new PLEP, through Clause 5.10 of that document, will provide a greater degree of certainty over the process that must be followed to assess the importance of any particular asset, but it will still not prohibit significant modification, or even the demolition of an asset provided the appropriate process—the preparation of a formal DA, with the necessary supporting documentation—has been followed.

Part of the logic here is that few of the items in draft PLEP Heritage Schedule have been subject to rigorous heritage assessment. The requirement for development consent is a means by which individual items can be more completely assessed prior to alteration or removal. The alternative would be to only list assets that have been fully assessed, an approach that would be both costly and time consuming, with the risk that an asset could be lost before being fully assessed. By listing assets that have not been fully assessed, the need for more thorough assessment is flagged, should it be required, and the associated cost and effort would only be required if there was intent to significantly alter or remove the asset.

**The Palerang Blog**—New or related entries in my councillor website Blog (<http://peteharrison.id.au/blog>) include:

- Heritage Matters
- Development Approvals
- Palerang Development Control Plan
- Heritage Listing
- Planning Instruments

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## **In Lead Up to 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations, Queanbeyan Legacy Call sfor all Wards, Junior Legatees “Please Contact Us”**

Queanbeyan Legacy Club has issued a plea for all who have had help from the club to make contact in the lead up to the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations to be held in the city later this year.

“We’re planning a major event in Queanbeyan to mark the anniversary,” said the President of Queanbeyan-Eden-Monaro Legacy, Legatee Richard Gregory, “and we’re keen to make sure that as many as possible of the thousands who have received help from Legacy, especially from the Queanbeyan club, receive invitations to join us in the celebrations.”

Legatee Gregory said the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Queanbeyan Club, in early November coincides with the 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of Legacy in Australia.

Legacy grew out of the resolve by returned servicemen, after World War I, to care for the many thousands of widows and children of Australian servicemen who either fell in battle or died as a result of injuries they received.

The movement was given additional impetus by the losses of World War II and succeeding conflicts including the Korean War, Vietnam War and other active service up to and including the current commitment in Afghanistan.

Today, more than 5900 volunteers around Australia care for more than 100,000 widows and 1,900 children and dependants with a disability.

Queanbeyan Legacy Club members care for about 170 widows in Queanbeyan and surrounding areas including Jerrabomberra and Bungendore. The club operates Legacy Village low-dependence accommodation for wards of Legacy and helps fund higher-dependence facilities such as George Forbes House nursing home in Queanbeyan.

“We’re actually planning the major 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration in Queanbeyan in mid-October,” Legatee Gregory said.

“Naturally we’ll be speaking to all of our current Wards in the Queanbeyan-Bungendore-Jerrabomberra areas but I have no doubt that there are many others – perhaps men and women who have grown up and been educated with Legacy’s help, wherever they may have come from - who would like to join us for the celebration.

“Some may be in the local area and some could be across the border in Canberra.

“Whatever the case, we’re anxious to hear from you, so give us a call.”

***Points of contact are Suzanne McInnes on 62971876 or Peter Kalkman on 62998057.***

## **Morning Tea and Music ...a monthly community event in our region...**

We are yet to get a name, although several have been proposed, but we do have a formula for the new Tuesday morning group at St Andrews, Wamboin.

Whether it’s called the Wamboin Wombats or the Vocal Yokels it doesn’t really matter. What matters is that a group has been formed and meets at 10 am on the fourth Tuesday of each month for tea, coffee, cakes, chatter and song in a congenial environment. It is a small group, but an enthusiastic one that looks forward to having more fun.

All members of the community, especially older ones, who would like some company, a chance to chat over morning tea, perhaps join in some singing or simply listen to others are invited to come along. We welcome anyone with something to share; ideas, music, a cake or a good story. If it’s not for you, maybe you know someone else who might like to join. We have a few good cooks in our midst, a couple of excellent musicians and some people with cars willing to assist with transport, and we can always do with more, but most of all we need more participants, young and old. If you can help, or if you’d like to come to this community event and perhaps bring a friend you would be assured of a warm and happy morning. The next time we meet will be 24th September.

Mark your calendar 4th Tuesday of the month, 10am to noon, St Andrews, corner Norton and Poppet Rds  
Contacts: Robyn 6238 3202, Gai 6238 3899

## Wamboin Muse

Jill Gregory

Some women shop, some change their hair colour and some work up a good sweat at the gym, but when I need a lift I put on my big floppy hat and old boots, grab my secateurs and disappear into the garden. With the sun shining and the day warm away from the wind that's just what I did today. It was pure bliss! I pulled weeds, hacked off dead bits, unhooked myself from under thorny shrubs and clipped back whatever wasn't about to flower and seemed in need of a haircut. Finally, when I put my secateurs down and went inside with a bunch of daffodils and sprigs of flowering quince, I happened to glance out of the window. The afternoon light had set the wattles aglow transforming the grey bush into gold. Spring, with its mixed blessings of wind and warmth, seems to be here.

The end of winter witnessed another end in our household. For seventeen years we have lived with a succession of feathered friends and they have proved to be a fascinating cross referenced study of human nature. We started with four chicks but only three grew into hens and in no time at all we had to extend the chook yard. The coop record was twelve very handsome but somewhat decorative cockerels! Once, a bewildered duck hatched a scrawny "ugly duckling" that we were forced to adopt. He became a much loved pet but a somewhat confused rooster. Then there was the geese phase followed by more ducks, new pullets mixed with new hope, and a series of cast off chooks. The feathered population waxed and waned. We had a glut of eggs, we had a famine. Then the other day I decided that enough was enough; the chooks and ducks had to go. The time was right...the ground was soft enough to dig a hole, a big hole. Our original idea of eating our own poultry evaporated.

As the very big hole was being dug across the creek to provide the final resting place for our erstwhile friends, I thought of the little boys in green and yellow whom I often pass at the bus stop, crouched, stick in hand, wordlessly digging in the time honoured fashion of little boys. Each morning their hole grows a little deeper and a little wider, and then the bus arrives.

I've been watching some much bigger boys of late, from the Council, with much bigger sticks digging and slashing beside the road. I was not exactly sure of their aim, or even if they had an aim, but they slaughtered the roadside trees and scrub and left behind a tangled mess of bush and deep ruts. Perhaps it was misguided "fire mitigation" or perhaps it was to provide more interesting cover for roadside kangaroos. Whatever their aim, however, they won some friends! One little boy, whom I know especially well, announced excitedly that there was now an even bigger hole at the bus stop. In a matter of minutes the Council boys had created a hole that would have taken a team of boys their entire primary school years to dig!

With soft soil and soft sunshine it's the season for all of us to start digging. Where did I leave my garden fork?..... I wouldn't live anywhere else.

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