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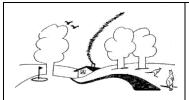
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Wamboin **Community Association** President's Paragraphs



Hi there. Into October already. The year is passing quickly and we have been somewhat busy with events recently.

Bonfire Night – On September 21st the WCA held its annual Bonfire Night on the oval beside the Community Hall. There is little doubt that the event was another success. With the great weather and the unstinting support of our local fire brigade, not to mention all the community involvement, the event was an unparalleled success. Our gate takings exceeded last year 's takings. Fireworks Australia supplied the awesome firework display which frankly just gets better and better. Eleven stall holders held stalls on the night from which all manner of food, cakes, lollies and beverages could be purchased which may also have been an increase. It certainly felt that way and many people commented on the sheer variety offered. A much more involved report is available further on in this edition of The Whisper but for now I would like to thank all the members of our local brigade for their help in collecting the gate takings, directing and parking traffic, and providing support should it be needed in regard to the bonfire. I would also like to thank Fireworks Australia for their display; all the stall holders; the cleanup crew who got the grounds and the hall back into order the following morning; Joan and Lofty Mason who organised and then pulled it together despite the slight handicap of it being held on a Market day; and finally everyone who came along with a great attitude to enjoy themselves and support our local event and our community groups. Thank you.

Monthly Markets – This month (September) saw the resuming of our monthly markets which are held on the third Saturday of every month. Despite it being the first Market after our winter recess, numbers appeared to be good on Saturday 21st September.

That's all for this month but as the year begins to draw to its close there will be a number of events that will be coming up as will be seen in next month's Whisper.

- Jenny Richards (President)

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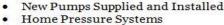
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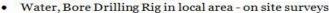
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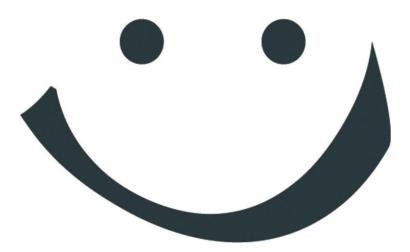
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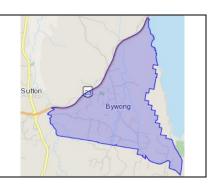


Bywong Community News

www.bywongcommunity.org.au

Darryl Rourko President

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



Donation to Scouts: At the Community's September meeting President Darryl Bourke presented Bungendore Scouts leader Bruce Fraser with a cheque for \$250, and thanked the Bungendore Scouts for their efforts at the 2013 Car Boot Sale. He invited the Scouts to participate again at the 2014 event, highlighting that community involvement was an important part of scouting. Bruce replied that the Scouts looked forward to participating again at the event.

Parcels and other litter: The Community has written to AusPost regarding local complaints about parcel delivery. Residents had complained about non-delivery of parcels – even small ones – and about requirements to pick up parcels in Queanbeyan. The meeting also discussed the practice of some Canberra businesses of charging unreasonable extra fees for deliveries to our area, and decided to take the question up with the Cross Border Commission.

Litter, particularly along Macs Reef Road, remains a problem, and the Community is already planning for its participation in next year's Clean Up Australia. Members felt it would improve our participation if we were able to simplify registration requirements, and decided to approach Clean Up Australia to enquire whether the Community can register as a body, rather than have individuals called upon to register individually. It was also suggested that the Community approach McDonalds for assistance, in the light of the type of rubbish often collected.

Big tick for roadworks: Locals, particularly those who travel every day, have been impressed with the professionalism and finish evident in the roadworks on Macs Reef Road, and decided to send a letter of appreciation to Council.

Next meeting: The next meeting of the Community will be held at 7.30 pm on Monday evening 14 October at the Community Hall, Birriwa Road.

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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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176: CO-ORDINATED	BY KATHY HANDEL: ph 6238 3596				
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Sue Ward	Norton Rd (Bingley to Weeroona)	32	Anne Gardner	Weeroona Dr (Norton to Majors)	31
Kathy Handel	Norton (Weerona to Hilltop+Wirndra)	22	Penny Evans	Norton Rd (Campbell to Bingley)	26
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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 Nwgtn& 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
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News from WWOW The Wonderful Women of Wamboin



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

At the biggest Wamboin Bonfire Night to date, WWOW's curry stand proved as popular as ever. Once again a wonderful group of women worked tirelessly to ensure our major fundraiser of the year succeeded in raising funds for our local community.

In keeping with previous years, we have set ourselves a creative challenge, this time to make a treasure bag no larger than the dimensions of an A4 page. We've had some months to prepare and by the time this newsletter goes to print, we will have revealed our handiwork at our birthday lunch. More next month.

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.

Oh! it's October

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Bungendore SES

by Jan Smith, Unit Controller

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The NSW SES advised that for your own safety you should never drive, ride or walk through floodwater During the last few days members of the Bungendore SES have been on standby following the receipt of severe weather warnings issued by the Bureau of Meteorology. The strong gusting winds have resulted in members responding to 4 requests for assistance, giving both new members and those with more experience, an opportunity to use the skills that they learned during training. With more strong winds forecasted the NSW SES urges property owners to prepare now to help reduce the impacts of storms on homes and families it may be timely to prepare your property;

- Secure outdoor items that can blow around in strong wind
- Clean your gutters, downpipes and drains regularly to prevent blockages
- Trim trees and branches that could potentially fall on your home or property
- Fix any damage to your roof including broken or missing tiles
- Make a plan for your family that outlines what you would do in an emergency
- Prepare an emergency kit with essential items in case you lose power or need to leave home in an emergency; and
- Where possible, park cars under cover and away from trees.

In general the Bungendore SES unit, members of which are all volunteers, provides assistance to the local community in the Bungendore, Wamboin and Bywong areas in the event of storms and flooding. Assistance includes help with temporary repairs to save lives, prevent injuries, preserve property and prevent further damage. Members can also assist by providing advice on prevention measures. The unit also assists other emergency services, such as the Rural Fire Service and the Police and also involved in community activities and render assistance to other community organisations.

Further information may be obtained from Jan Smith the Unit Controller on 0429310932 or the duty officer on 02 6238-0222.











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).

THE BUSH FIRE DANGER PERIOD HAS BEGUN

(1st October – 31st March)

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NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE MEDIA RELEASE (26 September 2013)

BUSH FIRE DANGER PERIOD COMMENCES

Lake George Zone (incorporating the Palerang and Queanbeyan City Local Government Areas): The Lake George Zone of the NSW Rural Fire Service advises that the Statutory Bush Fire Danger Period (BFDP) will commence with effect from midnight Monday 30 September 2013 and will remain in force until midnight Monday 31 March 2014. From 1 October 2013 any person wishing to light a fire in the open in the Lake George Zone will require a **Fire Permit** before lighting up. However during days of Total Fire Ban (TOBAN), permits are suspended and no fires can be lit for the duration of the TOBAN.

"Commencement of the BFDP does not prohibit landowners from burning. However it does mean that permits will be required before lighting of fires. In fact we encourage landowners to use fire, and prepare and manage hazard reductions responsibly", said Superintendent Doug Willcoxson, Operations Manager. "Fire permits are free and can be arranged by contacting your local Rural Fire Brigade Captain." The Captain of the Wamboin Brigade can be contacted on 0409 991 340 or email: captain@brigade.wamboincommunity.asn.au "As temperatures get warmer we also ask landowners to use care when lighting fires. The current conditions across the Lake George Zone mean that we can expect significant growth of vegetation in the next few months."

"Landowners are reminded that it is an offence under the Rural Fires Act 1997 to allow a fire to escape from your property and it is your responsibility to ensure that fires are not left unattended. If a fire does escape, it is essential to call Triple Zero (000) immediately so emergency services can respond accordingly and minimise damage", said Superintendent Willcoxson.

"Burning is not the only option to reduce fire hazards, landowners should consider slashing, mowing, trittering, grazing and taking vegetation and waste to the tip," Superintendent Willcoxson said.

If you do have to burn -

- Ask the RFS for further advice, permits and approvals
- Notify the Lake George Fire Control Centre in Queanbeyan on 6297 1840 (during weekdays/business hours excl Public Holidays) at least 24 hrs before lighting the fire
- Notify adjoining neighbours at least 24 hrs prior to lighting the fire
- Check weather conditions
- Delay the burn if concerning winds are forecast
- Create proper fire breaks
- Have adequate water resources on hand
- Supervise the fire at all times
- Contact Triple Zero (000) immediately if fire escapes.

SUMMER BUSH FIRE OUTLOOK

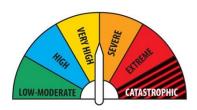
According to the Bushfire Cooperative Research Centre, large areas of southern Australia, especially along the east and west coasts extending inland, face above normal fire potential for the 2013-2014 fire season, despite the extensive fires in some parts of the country over the last 12 months. The above normal forecast is due to abundant grass growth across inland Australia, due to above average rainfall since May 2013. These conditions, coupled with above average temperatures across the country since January 2013, have resulted in a build-up of fuel in grasslands. Accordingly, we encourage you to be careful and prepared.

BUSH FIRE PREPARATIONS (NOW)

PREPARE. You must make important decisions before the fire season starts.	 Your <u>Bush Fire Survival Plan</u> is one of the best ways to help improve the safety of you and your family before the impact of, or during a bush fire. Preparation is not just about cleaning up around the house and having a plan. It is also about making sure you consider your physical, mental and emotional preparedness. <u>Prepare yourself and your family</u> for bush fires. Regardless of your decision to Leave Early or Stay and Defend, you still need to <u>prepare your property</u> against the threat of a bush fire.
ACT. The higher the fire danger rating, the more dangerous the conditions.	 Part of knowing what to do is knowing the <u>Bush Fire Danger Ratings</u>. The Fire Danger Ratings should be your first trigger for activating your <u>Bush Fire Survival Plan</u>. The safety of you, your family and your home may depend on it. During periods of increased fire danger and when there is a bush fire in your area, it's important that you <u>stay up to date</u>. Information can be found in a variety of places and formats. For more details on what information is available visit the RFS <u>information during bush fires page</u>.
SURVIVE. Fires may threaten without warning so you need to know what you will do to survive.	 During a bush fire, Alert Levels are used to give an indication of the level of threat from a fire. The levels are Advice, Watch and Act and Emergency Warning. These alert levels are used as a fire spreads. During a fire, you need to follow your Bush Fire Survival Plan. That means you should have already decided if you are going to Leave Early or Stay and Defend your home. The safest option for you and your family during a bush fire is to leave early. Sometimes, things don't go to plan. That's why you need a backup plan. Neighbourhood Safer Places have been introduced for this reason. You should check if there is a Neighbourhood Safer Place near you and note it in your Bush Fire Survival Plan. During a bush fire, it's important you have ready access to items which may save your life. Find out what you should put in your Emergency Survival Kit. The heat from a bush fire can kill you. That's why it's important to wear clothing that will not only protect you from the heat but also from smoke and embers. Know what to wear during a fire to give you the best chance of survival. During periods of increased fire danger and once a fire starts, you need to stay up to date. Know where you will get information during a fire.

You can view or download a NSW RFS Bush Fire Survival Plan booklet including template, and other information highlighted above from the RFS website at http://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/

FIRE DANGER RATING



The Fire Danger Rating (FDR) is an early indicator of potential danger. It is an assessment of the potential fire behavior, the difficulty of suppressing a fire, and the potential impact on the community should a bush fire occur on a given day. The FDR is determined by the Fire Danger Index (FDI). The FDI is a combination of air temperature, relative humidity, wind speed and drought. When a FDR is advised, you need to take it seriously and be prepared to act. It should be your first trigger for activating your Bush Fire Survival Plan.

The FDR 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 FDR for our area can also be viewed on the brigade's website at: http://brigade.wamboincommunity.asn.au

INFORMATION DURING BUSH FIRES

During periods of increased fire danger and when there is a bush fire in your area, it's important you stay up to date. You can stay up to date by:

- Knowing the Fire Danger Rating for your area, especially on hot, dry and windy days.
- Look and listen for information on TV, radio, the Internet, mobile phones and by speaking with neighbours, friends and family.
- If you receive a Bush Fire Alert, take it seriously and act promptly.
- Watch for signs of fire, especially smoke or the smell of smoke.
- Calling the Bushfire Information Line on 1800 NSW RFS (1800 679 737).
- Don't rely on a single source for emergency information.

We'll have more to say on a number of these initiatives e.g., mobile phone apps, in next month's newsletter but in the meantime you can obtain further information from the NSW RFS website at http://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/

YOUR CALENDAR - THIS MONTH

** YOUR INVITATION **



BUSH FIRE AWARENESS/ PREPARATION INFORMATION SESSION

Saturday 19th October 11:30am to 2pm

(Registration from 11.00am)

Wamboin Fire Station - 112 Bingley Way Wamboin

Brigade members will cover:

* where 'we' live * what it means * fire history * what <u>you</u> can expect * property preparedness * personal preparedness

* a short intro segment on horses and bushfire * staying informed



This 'must come to' session will be similar to those the brigade has run in prior seasons. Includes practical tips & tools and opportunity to operate a range of portable fire fighting pumps and nozzles. Refreshments available throughout the session. Lucky Door Prize.

BRIGADE ACTIVITY

Incidents since last month's newsletter: Brigade members conducted a hazard reduction burn at Old Bywong Town. This involved work over several days including the necessary preparations for the burn. The Brigade has also responded to 4 emergency incidents during the period:

Tues 3rd Sept @ 12.55pm – the pagers were activated and following a 45 minute travel time Wamboin crew in a heavy tanker assisted other brigades in tackling a grass fire on a property on the Goulburn Rd near Boro.

Fri 6th Sept @ 10.37am – the brigade's pagers were activated. Crew in one of the heavy tankers was despatched in response to a report of a grass fire on a property in Doust Rd, Bywong. Additional crew in a second heavy tanker was turned around on route and returned to the Station. The fire turned out to be an un-notified burn.

Mon 9th Sept @ 3.35pm – the brigade was called out in response to a reported smoke sighting near the intersection of Bungendore Rd and Norton Rd, Wamboin. Despite an extensive search smoke could not be located. Given it was a windy day, it is possible that the 'smoke' may, in fact, have been pollen dust blowing from pine trees in the general area. (This was treated as Good Intent call.)

Sat 28th Sept @ 12.42pm – just as members who had been toiling away at the Fire Station all morning during the Brigade's Maintenance Day were about to take a lunch break, the pagers lit up and the brigade was responded to a report of an escaped hazard reduction burn on a property in Harriott Rd, Bywong. By the time the two brigade tankers that were despatched arrived at the property the owner had largely quelled the (very fortunately) gently travelling fire. It is believed the fire was a reignition of a previous burn. Crews in the two tankers blacked the fire out.

Other activities: On Saturday 21st September the Brigade set up its Wamboin Mkt Day Info Shopfront and later in the day and evening assisted the Wamboin Community Association with its incredibly popular Annual Bonfire & Fireworks event.

Training: Training during September focused on technical aspects of how pumps work and the range of pumps used by the Brigade. It included a test of crews & machinery to achieve/maintain optimum pump pressures and water flow through each of the tankers and portable pumps over considerable distance from an open water source - a dam.

FURTHER INFORMATIONRecruitment. 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 comprises operational firefighters, support crew and those who help out with administration. The RFS provides you with all the necessary training. If you are interested in learning new skills or sharing your expertise, please call the Secretary, Jim Greethead, on 6230 3165 or email: secretary@brigade.wambommunity.asn.au for a chat and to seek 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/

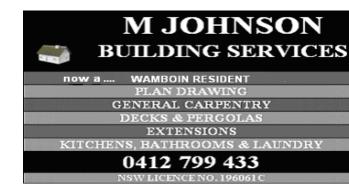
Wamboin Brigade Website: The site will help you monitor local conditions and Brigade announcements. The **Community Information** section has useful information plus links to other websites including the NSW Rural Fire Service that provide guidance regarding bush and grass fire preparations. You'll also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

And lastly... 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 or phone 0409 991 340. **FOR ALL EMERGENCY CALLS**

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Towards a comprehensive list of the birds of Wamboin and Bywong

The March 2004 edition of the *Whisper* had an article by David and Kathy Cook in which they provided a comprehensive list of the birds that they had observed at their Waroona Drive property. We (David McDonald, David Cook and Kathy Cook) believe that it is timely to update that list. We have collated information from the Canberra Ornithologists Group database, our own bird observations in Wamboin and Bywong, and information from neighbours. What follows is a list of the birds that have been reported in the area. If anybody has records of species not listed here, would you please advise David McDonald, email david [at] dnmcdonald.id.au, phone 6238 3706, and we will add them to the list.

Australian Brush-turkey Stubble Quail Indian Peafowl Black Swan Australian Shelduck Australian Wood Duck Northern Mallard Domestic Duck_Muscovy Pacific Black Duck Australasian Shoveler Grey Teal Chestnut Teal Pink-eared Duck Hardhead Australasian Grebe Hoary-headed Grebe Australasian Darter Little Pied Cormorant Pied Cormorant Little Black Cormorant **Great Cormorant** Australian Pelican White-faced Heron White-necked Heron Cattle Egret Nankeen Night-Heron Australian White Ibis Straw-necked Ibis Royal Spoonbill Black-shouldered Kite Whistling Kite White-bellied Sea-Eagle Brown Goshawk Collared Sparrowhawk Spotted Harrier Swamp Harrier Wedge-tailed Eagle Little Eagle Brown Falcon Australian Hobby Peregrine Falcon Nankeen Kestrel Purple Swamphen Dusky Moorhen **Eurasian Coot** Latham's Snipe Black-fronted Dotterel Red-kneed Dotterel Masked Lapwing Red-chested Button-quail Silver Gull Rock Dove Brown Cuckoo-Dove Common Bronzewing Crested Pigeon Yellow-tailed Black-Cockatoo Gang-gang Cockatoo Galah

Long-billed Corella

Little Corella

Sulphur-crested Cockatoo Rainbow Lorikeet Little Lorikeet Australian King-Parrot Superb Parrot Crimson Rosella Eastern Rosella Swift Parrot Red-rumped Parrot Pallid Cuckoo Brush Cuckoo Fan-tailed Cuckoo Horsfield's Bronze-Cuckoo Shining Bronze-Cuckoo Eastern Koel Channel-billed Cuckoo Powerful Owl Southern Boobook Eastern Barn Owl Tawny Frogmouth Australian Owlet-nightjar White-throated Needletail Fork-tailed Swift Laughing Kookaburra Sacred Kingfisher Rainbow Bee-eater Dollarbird Superb Lyrebird White-throated Treecreeper Brown Treecreeper Superb Fairy-wren Spotted Pardalote Striated Pardalote White-browed Scrubwren Chestnut-rumped Heathwren Speckled Warbler Weebill Brown Gerygone Western Gerygone White-throated Gerygone Brown Thornbill **Buff-rumped Thornbill** Yellow-rumped Thornbill Yellow Thornbill Striated Thornbill Southern Whiteface Red Wattlebird Black Honeyeater Scarlet Honeyeater Noisy Friarbird Noisy Miner Yellow-faced Honeyeater White-eared Honeyeater Yellow-tufted Honeyeater Fuscous Honeyeater White-plumed Honeyeater

Brown-headed Honeyeater

White-naped Honeyeater

Painted Honeyeater

Crescent Honeyeater

New Holland Honeyeater Eastern Spinebill White-fronted Chat Jacky Winter Scarlet Robin Flame Robin Rose Robin Hooded Robin Eastern Yellow Robin Spotted Quail-thrush Varied Sittella Golden Whistler Rufous Whistler Grey Shrike-thrush Black-faced Monarch Leaden Flycatcher Satin Flycatcher Restless Flycatcher Magpie-lark Rufous Fantail Grey Fantail Willie Wagtail Spangled Drongo Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike Cicadabird White-winged Triller Olive-backed Oriole Masked Woodswallow White-browed Woodswallow **Dusky Woodswallow** Grev Butcherbird Pied Butcherbird Australian Magpie Pied Currawong Grey Currawong Australian Raven Little Raven White-winged Chough Eurasian Skylark Golden-headed Cisticola Australasian Pipit House Sparrow Double-barred Finch Red-browed Finch Diamond Firetail Common Greenfinch European Goldfinch Mistletoebird Welcome Swallow Tree Martin Fairy Martin Bassian Thrush Australian Reed-Warbler Rufous Songlark Silvereye Common Blackbird Common Starling Common Myna

September 12

This was quite a day for me.

First off it was my Birthday.

Then at 5.30 my wife Joan was out the door on her way to Singapore. I would like to make it clear this was not her birthday present to me. Joan was heading off with Marita Corra for a wine-selling trip.

The next up September 12 mile-stone (or is that kilometre post) was that for breakfast I had the last of my previous season tomatoes from my glasshouse. Now I will have to wait a couple of months before the next, flavour packed, lot are ready.

Back to my Birthday which was my 78th. Despite the aches and pains I keep reminding myself that age is just a number. However, I must admit that I do find it crook getting old but then again, no one has come back and recommended the alternative! - Lofty Mason.

ROAMING DOGS

by Sue Ward

Two German Shepherds? One black and gold, the other black - seen regularly chasing kangaroos on the hills between Merino Vale Dve, Denley Dve and Fernloff. The Ranger has been advised and at least one stockowner/resident has a rifle loaded. If you own them IN WORDS OF ONE SYLABLE- KEEP THEM IN!!!! IF you know who owns them please advise the Palerang Council Ranger.

CONTAINING "ESCAPE ARTISTS"

by Sue Ward

We have recently had experience with a (large) dog who" could jump tall buildings in a single bound" and "crawl through mouse holes" to get to the other side of the backyard fence. We tried "everything" made the fence higher and higher, closed every gap, laid mesh on the ground and in desperation chained her up Everything failed. IF the dog was on one side of the fence and we were not with her, she got out. Our last option A"RADIO COLLAR DOG FENCE" It works!!!!! Simple to install - just ran a wire around our boundary, plugged it in and put the collar on the dog. The fence works by giving the dog a series of warning beeps when they approach the fence. If the beeps are ignored the collar gives a "correction" (a mild zap) The intensity of the "correction" increases if the dog defies it. I spent one day training -10 minutes every hour walking the boundary and giving a firm "NO!" when the beeps were triggered and then left the collar on overnight. The suggested 2nd training day was not needed as my dog refused to go anywhere within the pre -set 2 metres of the boundary. We can now leave the gate open all day and she lies on the 2 metre mark and will not cross it. I found this product on the Internet and chose to purchase from an Australian supplier (who was very helpful with support when we had some technical questions)

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ANNUAL WAMBOIN BONFIRE NIGHT

After a week of pretty serious (if much needed) rainfall the day of the annual Wamboin Bonfire Night dawned bright, clear and sunny. The weather was perfect. The bonfire was quite possibly the biggest we have had thus far and it was quite awe-inspiring gazing at it on the morning of the 21st September never mind what it would look like once it was lit later that night. Our local community hall was already busy that morning with our monthly produce market and several stall holders at the market (perhaps sensing the vibe of anticipation) simply decided to stay after the markets had finished and come back to sell food and drink items that night at the bonfire.

By 4:30 pm the fire brigade were already assembled to provide (as they always do) assistance with gate takings, direction with parking, protection (if needed later in the night once the fire was lit) and the Support Crew had already begun cooking on the BBQ. At about the same time the various stall holders began arriving to set up. There were eleven stalls at the bonfire that night representing various community groups in and around Wamboin plus the WCA's raffle. The sheer volume and variety of food and drink on offer impressed many at the bonfire that night and people commented on how wonderful it was to see such variety. The stall holders were as follows:

- 1. Wamboin Golf Club potatoes in their jackets with appropriate toppings.
- 2. Wamboin Pony Club hot dogs, glo sticks, assorted lollies, chips and drinks.
- 3. Wamboin Play Group cakes and slices.
- 4. Sutton Public School meatballs and rice and assorted biscuits and drinks.
- 5. Wagonga Coffee coffee, tea and hot chocolate.
- 6. Scouts nachos, and drinks.
- 7. Sally's Kitchen hot sausage rolls, and slices
- 8. St Andrew's Church mulled wine.
- 9. WWoW's curry and rice.
- 10. Linda Ivy fresh juices.
- 11. Wamboin fire brigade BBQ, salad, drinks

The Bonfire Night is a major fund raiser for most of our community groups and all stalls were well patronised. Most stall holders reported that they were very pleased with their takings for the night. Attendance was gratifying. Approximately 1500 people turned out for the event and gate takings were up on the previous year. A very large proportion of those who attended were families with young and slightly older children all of whom seemed to enjoy the unique bush experience that Wamboin's Bonfire Night offers. The bonfire was lit at it's traditional time of the evening and was every bit as impressive as it's size foreshadowed. But of course one of the biggest draws of the evening were the fireworks provided by Fireworks Australia. The pyrotechnic display was completely awesome. This year Fireworks Australia provided us with fireworks that concentrated on the visual display and less upon the noise; responding to the WCA's request to reduce the level of noise down a bit so as not to unduly frighten our local animals (both domestic and wild). We are very lucky to have such an able and professional company providing us with such a display and it is somewhat disappointing that a very few individuals did not fully appreciate such professionalism and did not enter into the right spirit of the event.

To sum up I believe a most enjoyable night was had by most people.

- Jenny Richards, President Wamboin Community Association

Rainfall and Temperatures in Wamboin – 38 year statistics from the Robertsons

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August 2013		
August rainfall 29.75mm	Aug 2012 37mm	
2013 to 31/8 342.75mm	2012 to 31/8 587.5mm	
Sept average 63mm	Sept 2012 60mm	
Wettest Sept 146mm in '78	Wettest Sept day 48mm on 19/9/85	
Driest Sept 6mm in '94	Hottest Sept day 24C on 18/9/81	
Coldest Sept day 5C on 4/9/82 & 28/9/09	Coldest Sept night4C on 1/9/12	
Se	ptember 2013	
September rainfall to 29/9/13 88mm	Sept 2012 60mm	
2013 to 29/9/13 420.75mm	2012 to 30/9 647.5mm	
October average 61.8mm	Oct 2012 60.5mm	
Wettest October 198.5mm in '76	Wettest Oct day 59mm on 17/10/76	
Driest Oct 4.5mm in '06	Hottest Oct day 31C on 28/10/97	
Coldest Oct day 6c on 11/10/12	Coldest Oct night1C x 5 times (3 times in 2012)!	

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Lake George Day VIEW Club Report

by Lydia Teodorowych - Club PR
Lake George Day VIEW Club
celebrated its 9th Birthday in a blaze of style
and "Dressed To The Nines" at the Canberra
Hyatt with a sumptuous meal featuring fancy
fish fillets, savoury salads, marvelous meat
morsels and scrumptious sweets. We were
joined by ladies from VIEW Clubs in
Queanbeyan, Bungendore, Goulburn, Cooma
and Woden, what a wonderful group of
women and what wonderful support for our
ongoing fundraiser the Smith Family's
Learning for Life program that provides

continued sponsorship for under privileged Australian children throughout their primary, secondary and also tertiary education.

On a sad note LGDVC would like to farewell Fran who has been an active member with our club and committee member since the Government House open day in March 2011 and wish her all the very best as she returns to USA with her husband. Fran has left a space in our Club's heart that will be hard to fill. Thankyou for all the work and friendship.

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Wamboin 15 years ago – from the Whispers, Sept and Oct, 1998 Circulation: 600 by Robyn Robertson

from the September Whisper: Yarrowlumla Council News: "Sutton Road. Following a number of representations to me from local residents concerning the dangers of trees falling across Sutton Road in the ACT between Wamboin and Queanbeyan I was able to get Mayor Peter Webb to write to the ACT Chief Minister concerning these dangers. It was pleasing to see a very quick response from the ACT Government with many trees being lopped to improve the situation."

From the October Whisper: Yarrowlumla Council News: "Roadside Cleanup. Council staff have been busy over the past few weeks continuing, as funds permit, the clearing of roadside vegetation which is creating a nuisance to sight distance on our roads. This will be an ongoing process each year to clean up our road shoulders to make our roads safer. Other work undertaken by Council staff was a cleanup of the Cooper Road Reserve, which when completed will be an attractive Reserve with public foot access into the Kowen Pine Forest"

Both the above items were submitted by Peter Greenwood, our Local Councillor.



In the Spring... byJeremey Shearmur

One feature of the Spring is that birds need to build nests. And if you are a small honeyeater living out in Wamboin, it would be nice to have a nest lined with warm wool. Or, rather, as you were around before the sheep, and presumably developed your tastes before they arrived, with hair from an Eastern Grey. They, however, at this time of year also need the hair themselves. If it is not to be found discarded, an enterprising bird just has to go out and get it.

We have, this year, seen some persistent honeyeaters setting about this task on the roos who laze around near our place. They take quite large beak-fulls from the backs and the tails of roos — who, if our somewhat docile lot are anything to go by, don't seem too put out, as the attached photograph indicates.

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An occasional column

Short-lived? Time will confirm. But you sure can tell that Spring has sprung. The grass has riz, and verdant. It's getting warmer. Would-be parents (feathered variety and no doubt others) are singing and chortling with optimism as they assiduously set about building nests for their young. It's the time also when the creepy crawlies progressively surface from their Winter hibernation, stretching their legs and checking out surroundings. Twice this week, I've come beetling around a corner (mind, miles away) only to have my heart leap into my mouth having come upon this chappy, smack front and centre in my path. Shinglebacks (e.g. the guy below) are pretty commonplace in the area, but, as with all living, breathing creatures, they are fascinating to observe, in this case because of their remarkable suit of armour, presence and strong will. In fact, come to think of it, they have several aspects in common with the Under-Editors of this intergalactic 'occasional column' who are also somewhat partial to a little bit of Sun in Spring – in fact, whenever such opportunity presents itself.







watching, watching!



'yahoo - gotcha!'



'come out you persistent so & so!'



'Germaine' Greeb



'Coo' the Crested Pigeon



Max & Mabel – the Maned Wood Ducks

As usual, to see any photos in living colour, just pull up the on-line version of The Whisper; copies can be found via the WCA website at http://wamboincommunity.asn.au/thewhisper/



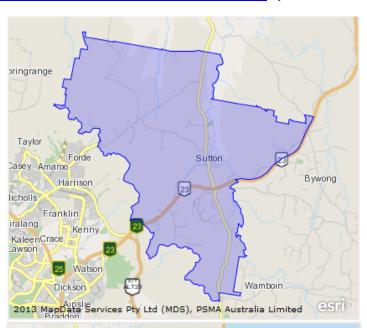


Meet Some of the Neighbours

as the Australian Bureau of Statistics Sees Them in the 2011 Census

Copied here from www.censusdata.abs.gov.au/census_services/getproduct/census/2011/quickstat/ by Ned Noel

2011 Census QuickStats All people - usual residents Australia | New South Wales | State Suburbs Sutton (NSW) Code SSC12185 (SSC) People 1.670 854 Male Female 816 Median age 38 416 Average children per family 2 All private dwellings 640 Average people per household 2.7 \$1,712 Median weekly household income \$2 275 Median monthly mortgage repayments Median weekly rent \$295 2.5 Average motor vehicles per dwelling 2011 Census QuickStats All people - usual residents stralla | New South Wales | State Suburbs





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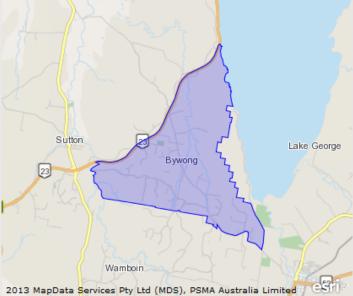


People	1,195
Male	592
Female	603
Median age	44
Families	369
Average children per family	1.8



All private dwellings	448
Average people per household	2.8
Median weekly household income	\$2,442
Median monthly mortgage repayments	\$2,250
Median weekly rent	\$150

2.6



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Average motor vehicles per dwelling

Wamboin

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People	1,672
Male	807
Female	865
Median age	44



Families	475
Average children per family	2



All private dwellings	589
Average people per household	3
Median weekly household income	\$2,701
Median monthly mortgage repayments	\$2,184
Median weekly rent	\$345
Average motor vehicles per dwelling	2.5



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Bungendore





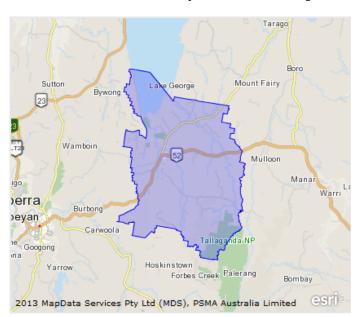
People	3,553
Male	1,769
Female	1,784
Median age	37



984
1.9



All private dwellings	1,308
Average people per household	2.8
Median weekly household income	\$2,109
Median monthly mortgage repayments	\$2,275
Median weekly rent	\$364
Average motor vehicles per dwelling	2.2



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Average children per family

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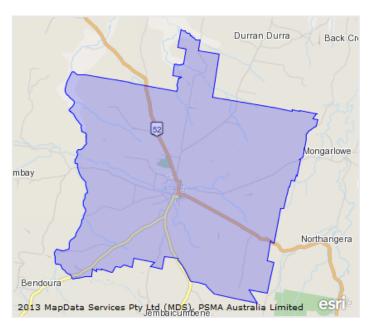


People	1,498
Male	708
Female	790
Median age	44
Families	386

1.9



All private dwellings	725
Average people per household	2.3
Median weekly household income	\$877
Median monthly mortgage repayments	\$1,517
Median weekly rent	\$233
Average motor vehicles per dwelling	1.8



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Carwoola

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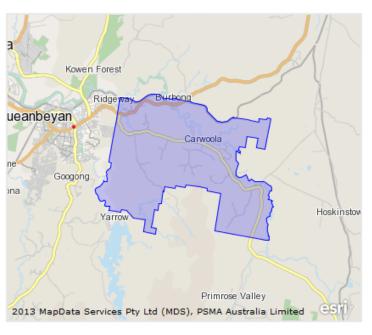
People	1,431
Male	751
Female	680
Median age	44



Families	383
Average children per family	1.9



All private dwellings	497
Average people per household	3
Median weekly household income	\$2,598
Median monthly mortgage repayments	\$2,167
Median weekly rent	\$270
Average motor vehicles per dwelling	2.6



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Googong

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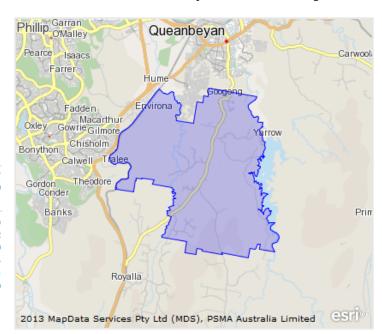
People	1,122
Male	563
Female	559
Median age	41



Median age	41
Families	327
Average children per family	1.9



All private dwellings	369
Average people per household	3.2
Median weekly household income	\$2,469
Median monthly mortgage repayments	\$2,184
Median weekly rent	\$450
Average motor vehicles per dwelling	2.9



2011 Census QuickStats

All people - usual residents



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Royalla

Code SSC12013 (SSC)



People	879
Male	439
Female	440
Median age	36
Families	230
Average children per family	2.2



All private dwellings	261
Average people per household	3.5
Median weekly household income	\$2,656
Median monthly mortgage repayments	\$2,817
Median weekly rent	\$300
Average motor vehicles per dwelling	2.7



2011 Census QuickStats

All people - usual residents

People



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Burra (Palerang - NSW)

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Male	344
Female	371
Median age	44
Families	201
Average children per family	2



All private dwellings	276
Average people per household	2.8
Median weekly household income	\$2,290
Median monthly mortgage repayments	\$2,550
Median weekly rent	\$166
Average motor vehicles per dwelling	2.4



Third Alternative Possible

by Deanne Mitchell, Bywong

At the Palerang Council meeting held in Braidwood on 5 September, a majority of Councillors voted to conduct a survey to determine the wishes of residents in Bywong, Wamboin and Sutton regarding the E4/R5 debate. The survey would have provided an opportunity for Council to inform itself of the real feeling in the community. Council would then have been in a position to make a rational decision based on community support.

Since then and just 21 days later, six of the eight Councillors present voted to rescind the motion to hold the survey. They are now talking about a very dubious random and non-binding telephone poll which is of an unknown sample size, and which is open to manipulation and uncertainty depending on how the questions are framed and by whom the poll is conducted.

With specific reference to the E4/R5 issue, advice has been received from the NSW Department of Planning that they will accept a PLEP which could also include a third option, i.e., <u>Deferment</u> (temporary retention of the current Rural Residential 1(d)) which will leave all land currently slated for environmental living (E4) zoning to be retained as Rural Residential 1(d).

In other words, the status quo would be retained pending a genuine, structured, and independent study which has never been undertaken.

Councillors constantly tell us that they consult with the community, that they are inclusive, and that they represent the community's wishes. They also claim to have a communications strategy, and condescendingly, the Mayor has stated that Council needs to educate the community.

However, consultation by decree is not genuine consultation, rather it is the standard tool of the dictator.

This issue continues to split our community, and not nearly enough serious debate has occurred. The atmosphere is toxic; the waters have been poisoned.

Five local real estate companies have already advised that land values will be downwardly affected by a fall in the vicinity of 15% under E4.

The community was unaware of the radical and adverse changes to the proposed rezoning and conditions of land use until we received a letter from Palerang Council dated 21 January this year, which advised residents of the proposed rezoning to category E4, Environmental Living.

This is code for, and sits under the banner of, Environmental Protection in the NSW Planning Note PN 09-002 Environment Protection Zones.

PN 09-002 specifically states that "..environment protection zones E2 through to E4 are applied where the protection of the environmental significance of the land is the primary consideration." It goes on to state that "Prior to applying the relevant zone, the environmental values of the land should be established, preferably on the basis of a strategy or from an environmental study developed from robust data sources and analysis." What is the strategy; when was the environmental study undertaken?

After vigorous lobbying by residents, Councillor Harrison finally admitted to an "oversight" and Council agreed to include Extensive Agriculture as an activity permitted without consent in the E4 zone. However this is purely a sop aimed at pacifying protesting residents and intended to keep us quiet.

It should not be lost on the reader that if E4 is accepted, this is merely the bones of the framework. The real danger lies within the Development Control Plan (DCP), which will spell out land use restrictions, and which we have yet to see. The devil will be in the detail.

This may include forcing us to fence off natural waterways or remnant vegetation and impose distances prohibiting activities from waterways. While this is conjecture at this stage, given the murky history and muddled thinking surrounding the PLEP, the intransigence of half the current Councillors, and hinted warnings by the Co-ordinator of the PLEP, anything is possible and is more than likely.

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NEXT MARKET – 19 OCTOBER, 2013

The market for September, our first since our break went off very well, good attendance and interesting stalls. Nice to see everyone enjoying themselves. Regular Stalls are –

Val – special jewellery including sapphires, gold/silver chains, rings etc

Sally – lovely cakes, slices, hot/cold sausage rolls, pies, quiches, plus

Rusty - chilli paste, ceramics, also homemade soaps

Leonie & Margaret- Craft goods, special sewing items, some cakes/biscuits

Helen – homemade cards, craft items, some jewellery, plus

Shirley- variety of lovely cards, etc

Lina- specializes in her homemade jewellery, vast variety

Pauline - lots of produce (when in season) plus preserves, eggs, etc

Linda – our latest new stall. Delicious freshly made juices, smoothies, variety of healthy foods, fruit etc. Also, hand creams, body lotions.

Sancia – very talented knitter, has many items to choose like baby, kids jumpers etc.

Jo- native tube plants which Jo propergates.

Lee – lots of variety on Lee's stall, you need time to browse.

Alan & Eleanor – everyone knows this stall, especially the kids! Lots of lollies, nuts, dried fruit, raspberry products, jam etc.

Lofty – plants from local nursery including roses and cottage plants

Coffee- a must at any market, thanks to Tony. Also coffee beans available

Scones – fresh homemade scones with jam and cream, thanks to Annie and Jenny

BBQ- another must for the markets, Charlie makes a mean egg and bacon roll.

Me – if time allows, I try to make Blackberry and Raspberry jam. Also the odd doz egg or two. Produce when available.

I'm sure to have missed what some stalls have, this is just an outline, come and see for yourself. Lots more items will be available in the next month or two leading up to Christmas

Stalls vary from month to month; soon the produce will start coming as the gardens are now developing! If you would like a stall, please contact me - Joan Mason, 6238 3258

St Andrews and St Peters (SRMD) Church Notices

The sun shone, the wind stayed away and about sixty people enjoyed a barbecue brunch and drinks after the service at St Andrews on 29th September, to celebrate the 1st Anniversary of the formation of the SRMD. Bishop Stuart's humour and his good wishes for the future of the SRMD were warmly received. During the service he presented David McCarthy and Peter Cartwright with their Lay Preacher's certificates. Our singing was led by the organ, enriched by the string accompaniment of some of our young people. In the twelve months since St Andrews and St Peters separated from St John's, Reid, and became one church, our congregations have grown and many new initiatives have been put in place.

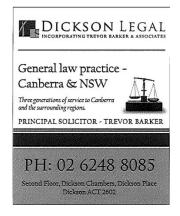
The Warblers, the official name for the new informal "seniors" group, has met three times, and the next occasion will be at St Andrews on Tuesday, 22nd October at 10am. Come along, meet new people, enjoy morning tea and a chat, and a chance to sing if you'd like. If you need transport, please contact Robyn (62383202) or Gai (62383899).

Another date to remember is the Baptism Renewal service at St Andrews on 20th October.

Kids Club will resume after the school holidays at St Andrews, corner Poppet Rd and Norton Rd, each Friday night during term time from 5.30-7pm. Parents are encouraged to come, and join in the activities and a shared dinner.

Services are held on the first and third Sunday of each month at St Andrews, and the second and fourth Sunday at St Peters. All services start at 9am. During October, Pastor Peter will be away on a well earned holiday, but in his absence services will be conducted by our lay preachers and Canon Geoff Sibley.

Contacts: Rev Dr Peter Grundy...6248-7913, Robyn Robertson.......6238-3202, Bronwyn Elliott........6238-3359, Peter Cartwright.........6230-3202, Alan Rope..................6238-3224





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Nature Notes - September 2013

Jo Walker

With nearly 100 mm of rain falling here in September, as well as many warm days, the place is already green and all the vegetation putting on new growth.

At the beginning of the month the local wattles, mostly Silver Wattles (*Acacia dealbata*) were covered in golden so densely that the leaves were hardly visible. I think this is the best flowering I've seen since coming to Wamboin 25 years ago. It was really magnificent, just clouds of gold.

Early Nancy (*Wurmbea dioica*) had a slow start, but their white flowers with a central maroon circle are now sprinkled all over the hillsides. And, because of all the rain, lots of Sundews are decorating the moister ground with bright green rosettes of leaves and slender stems carrying small white flowers. Sundews are local carnivorous plants. Long hairs extend from the edges of their spoon-shaped leaves, and, at the end of each hair, there is a drop of sticky liquid. Small insects are attracted to the drops where they become trapped and are absorbed by the leaves.

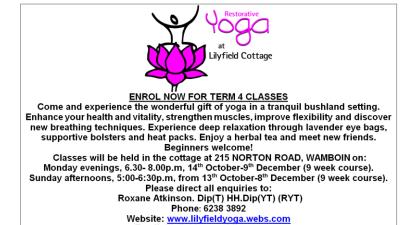
Some orchids are already in flower – on a property in Cooper Road I was shown a population of *Glossodia major*, the Waxlip Orchid. These beautiful dark blue orchids were growing in leaf litter under Red Stringybarks (*Eucalyptus macrorhyncha*). And Violets (*Viola betonicifolia*), Buttercups (*Ranunculus lappaceus*) and Billy Buttons (*Craspedia variabilis*) are all just beginning to add a bit of colour amongst the grasses.

The birds are busy protecting territories and building nests. I saw a pair of Spotted Pardalotes recently near a hole in a grassy slope. One disappeared into the cavity and hadn't emerged again after several minutes. I assumed they were nesting there, but haven't seen them there since, so they were probably just looking for a suitable piece of real estate. The Spotted Pardalotes nesting here in the past have always built burrows in the vertical banks of the creek. Gang-gangs and Yellow-tailed Cockatoos are still spending some time here, and several Black-faced Cuckoo-shrikes have returned after their winter absence.

There were some very warm days during the month, enough for the lizards to come out to bask in the sunshine – sometimes in unsafe places. I've moved a Bearded Dragon and two Shingleback Lizards off our road so far. Two large Cunningham's Skinks have found a better home under two large rocks below our letterboxes.

The dam is reverberating with frog calls at present, although I haven't seen any frog spawn yet. One large Eastern Pobblebonk Frog (*Limnodynastes dumerilii*) hadn't yet moved down to the creek or the dam, and had a lucky escape recently when I narrowly missed it with the spade while taking some sand out of the sand-heap. They have a habit of spending the colder months buried in piles of earth or compost heaps, not the safest of homes.

The Easter Grey joeys are just emerging from their mothers' pouches, learning to hop unsteadily for a few days before starting to hoon around in increasingly wide circles before returning to mum. It's something I never tire of watching.



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WAMBOIN GOLF



by John Whitney

The first game of spring is traditionally the Mason Spring Trophy, and for that very reason we all gathered on a beautiful sunny afternoon to take part in Lofty's three stick event over either 9 or 18 holes on Wamboin's wonderful course. No Spring Trophy event would be complete without those mouth watering Spring Rolls, along with other wonderful kitchen treats prepared by our very own Joan Mason.

Spring Trophy Winners: The days Googly Ball went to Larry King while Lisa Whitney, although not a player this day, took out the Dummy Spit award. Ball winners were Pete Harrison x2, Ken Gordon x2, Len Ivey x2, Larry King, Tim Barter and Paul Griffin. Our Junior awards went to Rachel Schroder with Madison and Alex Gordon equal in 2nd place. The 9 hole winners were Ken Gordon 39/33, Larry King 47/34 and Rob Gorham 45/35.

The 18 hole event and the new holder of the Mason Spring Trophy was Tim Barter with a wonderful 78/64. The handicapper has noted this big win and probably should have taken a swab as Tim struggled through the day with a bad case of flu. Second was Len Ivey with a 82/68, and third Charles Guscott with 94/72.

Next months event is sponsored by Lamberts Vineyard so come and join us from the Community Hall, Bingley Way, Wamboin. All welcome. Picture: Spring Trophy golfers Paul and Pete on the Par 3 9th.

Councillor's Corner

Without any major issue coming to the fore of late, I have a bit of a grab bag of items this month.

LEP Update—The staff report on submissions made during the exhibition phase of the draft PLEP earlier this year will be presented to Council at an Extraordinary Meeting, which will be called in October to deal specifically with this matter. Given the extent of the amendments likely to be recommended, the updated draft will be placed on a second period of public exhibition towards the end of October or early November. It is expected that this exhibition period will only run for the minimum 28 day period, after which a final draft will be prepared for submission to the Department of Planning & Infrastructure for gazettal.

The development of the new Palerang Local Environmental Plan serves two purposes. First, the single new plan will replace the six LEPs that were inherited when the Palerang LGA was formed in 2004, providing a consistent planning framework across the shire. The new PLEP is also based on the NSW Department of Planning & Infrastructure 'Standard Instrument', which provides a consistent framework for all LEPs in NSW. The Department's goal is to have all 152 NSW councils operating on Standard Instrument LEPs prior to introducing its proposed planning reforms in February-March 2014.

Palerang Council Newsletter—Council staff prepare a weekly email newsletter that contains information about news and events of interest within our shire, council policies and other documents that are under review and open for public comment, and notices of Council meetings. To subscribe, go to the Palrang Council website (http://palerang.nse.gov.au) and enter your details in the "Subscribe to News and Events" panel in the bottom right hand section of the page.

Regional Wellbeing Survey—The University of Canberra is inviting Palerang residents to participate in a survey of people in rural and regional communities. The survey is seeking information from people who live on farms, in rural towns or regional cities about their wellbeing and their local community. Results will be compiled for areas from which a minimum of 100 survey responses are received, and made freely avainable. Participation is voluntary, confidential and anonymous.

The survey (http://www.canberra.edu.au/murray-darling-crn/regional-wellbeing) is open until 18 October 2013 and can be completed online or in hard copy. It should take about 30 minutes to complete. If you would like to participate but want more information or need assistance, please call 1800 981 499.

The Palerang Blog—Related entries in my councillor website Blog (http://peteharrison.id.au/blog) include: Planning Reform Planning Instruments

Council's General Meetings are held on the first Thursday of the month, commencing at 5.00 pm (although the October GM has been rescheduled to Thursday 10 October). Members of the public are welcome. The meeting location varies—check Council's website (http://palerang.nsw.gov.au) for details. Meeting Business Papers are also available on Council's website on the Friday preceding the meeting.

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LOCATION							
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FIRST PREFERENCES							
Candidate	Party				Votes	%	Swing (%)
COSGROVE, Lindsay D	Citizens Electoral	Citizens Electoral Council				0.70	+0.70
NICHOLSON, Bruce	Katter's Australia	Katter's Australian Party				1.12	+1.12
HARKER-MORTLOCK, James Robert	Independent	Independent			28	3.91	+3.91
PILBROW, Michael	Country Labor	Country Labor			223	31.15	-3.73
TAYLOR, Angus ELECTED	Liberal	Liberal			317	44.27	+0.99
CORNELIUS, Jason Peter	Palmer United Pa	Palmer United Party			13	1.82	+1.80
VAN DER BYL, Adrian	Christian Democr	Christian Democratic Party (Fred Nile Group)			4	0.56	-0.86
CHEVALIER, Zaza	The Greens	The Greens			110	15.36	+0.11
STYLES, Lynette	One Nation				8	1.12	+1.13
	Family First Party				0	0.00	-2.20
	Australian Democ	rats			0	0.00	-2.20
	Liberal Democrat	Liberal Democratic Party			0	0.00	-0.78
FORMAL					716	95.21	+0.12
INFORMAL					36	4.79	-0.12
TOTAL					752	0.74	-0.09
WO CANDIDATE PREFERRED							
Candidate	Party	Votes	Margin	Percentage (%)		Swing (%)	
PILBROW, Michael	Country Labor	360	4	50.28			-0.88

Figures Copied 30-Sep-2013 from the AEC Virtual Tally Room Website at http://vtr.aec.gov.au/ by Ned Noel



StateAl Divisior PollingPla			CandidateDetails	PartyNm	OrdinaryVote	
NSW	Hume	Wamboin	Y Ticket Votes	Liberal & Nationals	252	
NSW	Hume	Wamboin	M Ticket Votes	Labor	179	
NSW	Hume	Wamboin	R Ticket Votes	The Greens	111	
NSW	Hume	Wamboin	A Ticket Votes	Liberal Democrats	43	
NSW	Hume	Wamboin	FAEHRMANN, Cate	The Greens	19	
NSW	Hume	Wamboin	CARR, Bob	Labor	14	
NSW	Hume	Wamboin	P Ticket Votes	Sex Party	12	
NSW	Hume	Wamboin	AJ Ticket Votes	Shooters and Fishers	12	
NSW	Hume	Wamboin	INFORMAL		12	
NSW	Hume	Wamboin	S Ticket Votes	Palmer United Party	9	
NSW	Hume	Wamboin	AA Ticket Votes	Animal Justice Party	9	
NSW	Hume	Wamboin	X Ticket Votes	Bullet Train For Australia	8	
NSW	Hume	Wamboin	C Ticket Votes	Democratic Labour Party (DLP)	7	
NSW	Hume	Wamboin	DUNNE, Graeme	Sex Party	6	
NSW	Hume	Wamboin	E Ticket Votes	Voluntary Euthanasia Party	5	
NSW	Hume	Wamboin	PAYNE, Marise	Liberal	5	
NSW	Hume	Wamboin	AQ Ticket Votes	Australian Motoring Enthusiast Party	5	
NSW	Hume	Wamboin	AR Ticket Votes	One Nation	5	
NSW	Hume	Wamboin	AC Ticket Votes	Australian Independents	4	
NSW	Hume	Wamboin	L Ticket Votes	Christian Democratic Party (Fred Nile Gr	3	
NSW	Hume	Wamboin	V Ticket Votes	Stop The Greens	3	
NSW	Hume	Wamboin	N Ticket Votes	Katter's Australian Party	2	
NSW	Hume	Wamboin	Q Ticket Votes	Australian Fishing and Lifestyle Party	2	
NSW	Hume	Wamboin	CAMERON, Angus	Liberal	2	
NSW	Hume	Wamboin	AP Ticket Votes	Secular Party of Australia	2	
NSW	Hume	Wamboin	HANSON, Pauline	One Nation	2	
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NSW	Hume	Wamboin	I Ticket Votes	The Wikileaks Party	1	
NSW	Hume	Wamboin	TRANTER, Kellie	The Wikileaks Party	1	
NSW	Hume	Wamboin	J Ticket Votes	Rise Up Australia Party	1	
NSW	Hume	Wamboin	JANSSON, James	Future Party	1	
NSW	Hume		CAMERON, Doug	Labor	1	
NSW	Hume		STEPHENS, Ursula	Labor	1	
NSW	Hume		RYAN, James	The Greens	1	
NSW	Hume		BLATCHFORD, Penny	The Greens	1	
NSW	Hume		SPIES-BUTCHER, Ben	The Greens	1	
NSW	Hume		BEIGER, Nicole	Smokers Rights	1	
NSW	Hume		AB Ticket Votes	Australia First Party	1	
NSW	Hume	Wamboin	AH Ticket Votes	Family First Party	1	
NSW	Hume	Wamboin	Al Ticket Votes	Stable Population Party	1	
NSW	Hume		BOURKE, William	Stable Population Party	1	
NSW	Hume		MUIRHEAD, Jim	Shooters and Fishers	1	
NSW	Hume	Wamboin	AM Ticket Votes	Socialist Alliance	1	
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Wamboin Muse

Jill Gregory

".....Show me your garden and I will tell you what you are."

The wind has been so vile of late that I have been cocooned inside enjoying all that is wondrous in a spring garden through firmly shut windows. Flicking through my gardening books, however, I came across a little book filled with some very pretty as well as some very down to earth quotes about gardens and gardeners. I liked the one suggesting that "a really long day of weeding is a restful experience and quite changes the current of thought". My fingers twitch when I see a weed boldly defying order in someone else's garden or in a public place, and I can quite lose myself pulling weeds in my own garden. With a mixed pile of weeds growing beside me I often pause and wonder how I came to be scrabbling around on my hands and knees in the first place!

"The glory of gardening: hands in the dirt, head in the sun, heart with nature." That is to me the essence of gardening, but "show me your garden and I will tell you what you are", that is a little confronting!

With my head buried in the crab apple blossoms, eyes closed, breathing sweet perfume and hearing only the hum of bees I must be a dreamer. The scent of wall flowers and freesias and I'm a child again in my grandmother's country garden. Aphids on fresh rose shoots and I become a ruthless killer, and the practical me snips sprigs of rosemary for the roast lamb, and lets the rosemary just get on with looking after itself. I wonder what caging plants in wire netting reveals. Am I an incurable optimist, believing that one can actually triumph over nature!

I thought my spring garden was looking spectacular, and was glad that the birds seemed to think so, too, until I visited someone else's garden. With its massed tulips and avenues of blossoms it really was spectacular; a garden that speaks volumes. I was in awe of the individuals who had the vision and determination to create such beauty from a scrap of dirt in a little valley beside the self absorbed highway. It brought to mind another quote.

"I never see a garden.... but think of the calamities that have visited it, unsuspected by the delighted visitor who supposes it must be nice to garden here...Gardeners are the ones who, ruin after ruin, get on with the high defiance of nature itself, creating in the very face of her chaos and tornado, the bower of roses and the pride of irises.......Defiance.... is what makes gardeners."

I don't expect a bower of roses, but there are promising buds, and I picked a vase of irises the other day. My garden in spring seems to forgive me for all my omissions and caprice, and I hope it can keep a few secrets. The wind may blow a gale, but on days when it is still I wouldn't live anywhere else..... especially in spring.....

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