

# The Whisper

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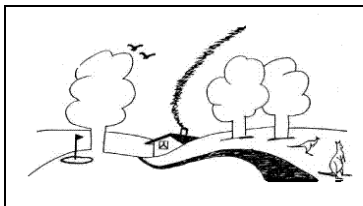
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## Wamboin Community Association President's Paragraphs



Well the year is quickly drawing to a close and there are quite a number of things to mention.

**Wamboin Community Carols** – Our annual Community Christmas Carols are fast approaching. On **Friday 20th December at 7:00 pm** these will be held at the Community Hall (see ad further in the Whisper). It's a great night of enthusiastic singing, contributions from the Playgroup children and the local children of Wamboin, great music, a sausage sizzle and of course Santa arriving on a fire truck. The cost is a donation of a gift to be placed under the Christmas tree for someone less fortunate. All monies raised by the sausage sizzle (gold coin donation) also go to others less fortunate at this time of year. Everybody is welcome to join us on the 20th December.

**Christmas Play** – Once again I'm organising the Christmas Play and I would love to hear from parents who would like their children to be part of this. There is no age limit; little ones are as welcome as older children. I'm particularly eager to have some boys participate but we welcome all children from Wamboin and surrounds. Please ring me on **6238 1329** if you have a child (or children) who want to join in so we can discuss what they would like to be and costume details etc. There will be a run through of the play on **Thursday 12th December at the Community Hall at 7:00 pm**. This is particularly important for those children with speaking parts to attend. On the actual night of the Carols it would be good for all children in the play to arrive at the Hall by **6:30 pm** please so we can get costumes right. Hope to hear from some of you very soon.

**WCA Meeting** – Our final WCA meeting for the year will be held at **7:30 pm on 17th December**. Xmas drinks will follow the meeting and all members of the Community are welcome to attend. After that the WCA will go into recess over January and meet back again on **February 18th 2014 at 7:30 pm** at the Community Hall in Bingley Way.

**Mail Box Competition** – The WwoW's are organising their decorated mailbox competition and details are available further in the Whisper and in the Mirror. Important thing to remember is that entries close 15th December and a photo of your mail box or gate or drive way must be sent to [sally.saunders1@bigpond.com](mailto:sally.saunders1@bigpond.com).

**Wamboin Community Association Constitution** – A number of people have been working to pull together a draft constitution to cover our Association. This is about to go on-line on our website for all members of the community to examine and make suggestions. Further information about this and whom to contact is available further in the Whisper. Please look at this and forward us any suggestions you may have.

**Community Noticeboards** – Now unfortunately a gripe. Our noticeboards that are located at various places around Wamboin are for **chalk only!** Printed notices are **not** to be stuck on the noticeboards as they are invariably left for long periods of time and the methods used to adhere them to the boards (sticky tape and other types of tape) destroy the surface of the boards. We have no objection to your message being displayed on the board in chalk but please no more printed notices.

That's it for awhile. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has given me their support this year. In particular I thank my family – my husband, Stephen, Anita, and my three youngest girls. Finally I want to wish everyone in Wamboin a happy, and safe Christmas and hope to see you in 2014.

- Jenny Richards ( President)



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## **Laminitis in Horses** By Dr. Natasha Hovanessian

Have you ever had a horse with laminitis, also known as founder? If so, you probably realise it's an extremely painful condition of the hooves that can be life-threatening. Laminitis occurs when there is inflammation of the laminae, the tissues in the hoof which attach the pedal bone, (the bone inside the hoof), to the hoof capsule. With inflammation and disruption to the blood supply to the laminae, these attachments break down and the pedal bone can rotate and drop through the sole of the hoof. Laminitis most commonly affects the front feet, however can also occur in the hind feet, and it may occur in one foot or all four feet. If recognised in its early stages, long term deleterious effects can be avoided. The exact nature of the laminitis trigger factors, apparently reaching the lamellar tissues via the circulation, has yet to be clarified

Although the exact cause(s) remain elusive, laminitis occurs with a number of conditions including sepsis, pneumonia, colic, diarrhoea, burns, retained placenta, foot trauma and corticosteroid administration. Additionally, laminitis can occur from carbohydrate/sugar overload with excessive grain or grass ingestion, which many ponies are susceptible to. Another common presentation of laminitis is in association with hormone or metabolic conditions including Cushing's Disease and Equine Metabolic Syndrome (insulin resistance).

Advice should be sought from a veterinarian as soon as possible, i.e. within hours, as early intervention can prevent life threatening deterioration of the condition. Management and treatment of laminitis by the veterinarian may include rest and strict confinement on deep, soft bedding, application of foot pads, direct cooling of the limbs (cryotherapy), dietary alteration, pain and inflammation management with medications and farriery techniques to correct forces placed on the coffin bone and hoof wall. Radiographs (x-rays) are often advised to monitor the condition and tailor the farriery recommendations.

Although some cases may respond relatively quickly to treatment, other cases may take weeks and possibly even months for a complete recovery. Depending on the severity of the laminitis, gradual corrective trimming/shoeing and anti-inflammatory therapy may return the hoof to normal. Working closely with your vet and farrier can ensure a more successful outcome.

Prevention is always than the cure, especially for laminitis. Unfortunately, once a horse has had laminitis it is prone to future episodes. Although it may seem unkind, some horses and ponies should not be allowed access to grass and not be given meals with much grain and concentrates. Maintaining a healthy body condition and avoiding obesity, with proper nutrition and exercise, as well as good general health including vaccinations, deworming and dentals to avoid illness are important. Regular farrier attention and prompt veterinary care for conditions such as grain overload, retained placenta post foaling and diarrhoea is also essential.

Laminitis is a complicated condition and if you would like further information, please contact Canberra Equine Hospital on (02) 6241 8888 or [equine@canberravet.com.au](mailto:equine@canberravet.com.au).



*X-ray (radiograph) of horse's foot showing rotation of pedal bone inside the hoof.*



*Typical saw-horse stance of a horse with laminitis. This indicates the horse is in severe pain. Horses may also be reluctant to move or pick up the feet.*

## Bywong Community News

[www.bywongcommunity.org.au](http://www.bywongcommunity.org.au)

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



### **CHRISTMAS DRINKS – DECEMBER 7TH FROM 6-9PM. JUST TURN UP TO THE COMMUNITY HALL BIRRIWA ROAD. ALL BYWONG RESIDENTS AND VISITORS WELCOME!**

**Macs Reef Road.** Whilst the Community has applauded Council's work on the hill on Macs Reef Road, the reopening of the direct route to the coast almost immediately produced a return of the garnish of rubbish remembered from former days. This time drink bottles and cartons seem particularly prevalent. The Community is now considering notices urging travellers to take their rubbish home. We are open to suggestions for the wording – perhaps we could rival the wit generated on the Canturf billboards at Bungendore?

We are still awaiting a response from Clean Up Australia to our request to be granted a group registration for our participation in the annual national Clean Up in March.

Our popular coast road also seems to be producing a higher than usual rate of road kill, including numbers of well-grown kangaroos, but also tortoises, shinglebacks other smaller locals. The November meeting of the Community discussed erection or promotion of signage alerting motorists to the problem. Jean-Pierre is to prepare a suggestion for signage. Our campaign will not extend to bush flies – has anyone noticed a recent upsurge?

Another reminder that the Community's chalkboards on Macs Reef Road are for community notices. They are not intended for the childish airing of intemperate slogans promoting personal prejudices or grouches.

**Dance across the highway.** Our Community is talking to the Sutton Community Association about the possibility of a joint bush dance to be held in March. These events ( a similar one takes place in Burra) are not fund raisers – they aim to break even and costs are low as food and drink are BYO. Watch for more details.

**First Aid kit.** The Bywong Hall Committee has agreed to a request from the Association to provide a first aid kit for the Hall. This will be installed shortly.

**Pony Club News.** Geary's Gap Pony Club members have been out and about competing at Zone show riding and State One Day Events, with some good results. The Club's Rally Day was held on 10 November. The Christmas Rally Day has been moved to 15 December to avoid a clash with State Show riding championships which are being held at Bungendore on 7 and 8 December. Preparations are under way for the Club's annual camp to be held at Bungendore from 2 to 6 January.

**Car Boot Sale and Trivia night.** Yes, we can confirm that both these popular events are on again next year. The day for the Sale is 30 March, and Trivia Night is 19 July – watch this column for details.

**Bywong in the world.** The Community will prepare a short entry for Bywong for Wikipedia with a link to the Community website. Clive Boughton will prepare the text.

**Next Meeting.** The first meeting of the Community in the New Year will be at the Bywong Hall in Birriwa Road on 10 February at 7.30 pm.

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**Wamboin Community Association (WCA) Constitution**

At the September General Meeting of the WCA it was agreed that a working group be set up to draft a new constitution for the WCA. The constitution would be based on the model constitution advocated by the NSW Department of Fair Trading. It would accord with the provisions of current NSW Government legislation and reflect the interests of the Wamboin community.

The initial draft of the constitution has been posted on the WCA website at <http://wamboincommunity.asn.au/constitution> and community members are invited to comment. The intention is to consider all comments received by Wednesday 15 January 2014, enabling the working group to present a second draft to the WCA February General Meeting on February 18 at the Wamboin Community Hall. A final draft will then be available for the WCA Annual General Meeting on March 18 for endorsement.

I invite all members of the Wamboin community to consider the main provisions of this constitution, eg. Membership. I look forward to receiving your comments on behalf of the working group by 15 January 2014 by one of the following methods: Email: [secretary@wamboincommunity.asn.au](mailto:secretary@wamboincommunity.asn.au), Phone: 6238 3590, John van der Straaten, WCA Secretary

<b>Rainfall and Temperatures in Wamboin – 38 year statistics from the Robertsons</b>	
November rainfall to 24/11 ... 81.5mm	(Nov 2012 ... 79.25mm)
2013 rainfall to 24/11 ... 530.25mm	(2012 to 30/11 ... 749.5mm)
Average December rainfall ... 63.4mm	(Dec 2012 ... 55.75mm)
Wettest Dec ... 177.55mm in 2010	Driest Dec ... 0mm in 1979
Hottest Dec day ... 37C on 21/12/99	Coldest Dec day ... 13C on 13/12/87
Coldest Dec night ... -3C on 9/12/99	Average Jan rainfall ... 60.9mm
(Jan 2013 ... 47mm)	Wettest Jan ... 197.5mm in 1995
Driest Jan ... 6mm in 1979	Hottest Jan day ... 39C on 19/1/98
Coldest Jan day .... 17C x 3 times	Coldest Jan night ... 7C x twice

**Wamboin 15 Years Ago Whisper of December 1998 / January 1999 Circulation 800**

by Robyn Robertson

This appeared in the “15 years ago column” 15 years ago. An extract from the Whisper, December 1983: Carols night 11 December. Despite a bleak night fifteen families turned out for a rousing Christmas Carols evening at Wamboin Park last Sunday week. A joyous and festive evening was had by all, and at the (damp/cold) conclusion a collection was taken for the Salvation Army Christmas Appeal.

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## Greenway Walk Sunday 26 January 1914

by David MacDonald

**Heart health: come for a morning Greenways stroll in Wamboin on Australia Day, 2014, Sunday 26 January 2014, 7.30 am to mid-morning**

**MEET** at 7.30 am on **Sunday 26 January** at the southern end of Clare Lane, Wamboin – enter from Bungendore Road.

**WALK:** Starting at 7.30 am before the day heats up, we will walk south along Clare Lane and Valley View Lane, thence Norton Road, Clare Valley Place and over the ridge on the Greenway to return to our starting place – an easy 3.5 km, one hour, stroll.

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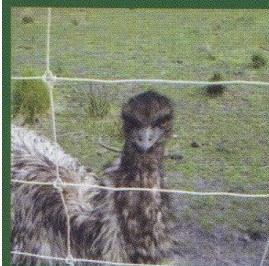
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**Tomatoes. Stop press!** I picked my first ripe 'Racing' tomato today, November 25 at 6.15pm. Yes, it was grown in my homemade glasshouse and is officially known as a 'Patio Prize'. Just had to let you know. Lofty Mason.



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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).

## **IT IS THE OFFICIAL BUSH FIRE DANGER PERIOD**

(1<sup>st</sup> October – 31<sup>st</sup> March)

### **THERE IS A REAL RISK OF UNCONTROLLED FIRES IN OUR AREA**

TO REPORT FIRES OR SMOKE SIGHTINGS  
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#### **FIRE PERMITS**

During the Bush Fire Danger Period a Fire Permit is required for any fire in the open (other than a cooking fire in a properly constructed fire place with a 2 metre cleared border around it). During days of Total Fire Ban (TOBAN), permits are suspended and no fires can be lit for the duration of the TOBAN. Permits are also automatically suspended on days of Very High fire danger or above. Permits may also be suspended on days of High fire danger after taking into account changed or deteriorating weather conditions. For further enquiries, phone the Brigade Captain 0409 991 340 or email: [captain@brigade.wamboincommunity.asn.au](mailto:captain@brigade.wamboincommunity.asn.au)

## **PREPARE. ACT. SURVIVE.**

### **UPDATE ON THE BUSHFIRE SEASON**

As you will be aware, it has been a difficult and extremely busy start to the bush fire danger season across New South Wales. There have been several large and devastating fires including some that have led to loss of human and animal life, and destruction of hundreds of buildings and thousands of hectares of land. At the time of preparing this article, while the cooler temperatures and recent rain have brought short term relief there is a need for us to remain vigilant and be prepared throughout the fire season. It is of great concern that there have been fires across NSW of such magnitude so early in the bush fire season. The recent Spring rain, while very welcome in the current situation, brings with it the prospect of further growth to an already heavy grass and leaf litter fuel load. With this comes an increasing chance of wild fire occurring as the grasses cure and bush dries out in the warmer months ahead. We can expect fire danger levels and the chances of fire occurring to increase between now and the end of March.

### **PREPARE FOR THE BUSH FIRE SEASON NOW!**

For those of you who have yet to finalise your Bush Fire Survival Plan, now is not too late, and hopefully the bush fire events of the past several weeks across New South Wales will have triggered you to do so. Research indicates that when threatened by bush fires, people will often leave it too late to make critical decisions and have few safe options left. Your Bush Fire Survival Plan is one of the best ways to improve the safety of you and your family before the impact of a bush fire.

#### **Thinking "I will leave early" is not enough.**

Your plan will help you take action and avoid making last minute decisions that could prove deadly during a bushfire.

#### **Reasons for having a Bushfire Survival Plan**

The majority of people who die during bushfires are caught fleeing their homes at the last minute. **Preparing your Plan allows you to identify the triggers to leave early or prepare to actively defend your property.**

Bushfires can be scary and overwhelming. It is not the time to be making major decisions. **Preparing your plan allows you to make major decisions in advance and will help keep you focused in the event of a bushfire threat.**

During a bushfire, you will most likely be worried about your loved ones. **A prepared and practised Bushfire Survival Plan will help family members know where others are and what they'll be doing.**

You might find at the last minute that you don't have the clothing, equipment or resources to enact your plan to leave early or stay and defend. **A prepared and practised Bushfire Survival Plan will help you to identify the resources you need.**

Bushfires can be unpredictable and the best-laid plans can go wrong. **We strongly recommend you prepare plans for 'Leave Early' and 'Stay & Defend' options. A well-prepared Plan will include contingencies and back-ups if your primary plan fails.**

**A written and practised Bushfire Survival Plan is the most important part of your preparation to survive a bushfire.**

To help you with this, the NSW Rural Fire Service offers a template for a Bush Fire Survival Plan. You can view, download and print a copy by visiting <http://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au> Alternatively, contact the Brigade's Community Safety Officer, Geoff Foster, on 0428 574 467 and ask for a hardcopy of the NSW RFS Bush Fire Survival Plan booklet.



Some of the things you should do now around your property include:

#### *Prepare your house*

- Embers flying through the air are a major threat on a bad bush fire day. In a bush fire many houses are destroyed through ember attack, when burning twigs and leaves carried by the wind land on or around the house. Even houses away from the direct path of the fire can be affected. Look for the places embers could start fires - on the roof, under the floor and around windows and doors - and take action to deal with them.
- Check the condition of your roof and replace any damaged or missing tiles or metal
- Clean leaves from the roof, gutters and downpipes and have downpipe plugs ready so you can fill the gutters with water
- Enclose exposed underfloor areas
- Store wood piles well away from the house
- Make sure the pressure relief valve on LPG cylinders face outwards (so leaking gas and possibly flame wouldn't be directed towards the house)
- Ensure you have hoses set up at key points around your house
- Consider and make ready alternative options if you are relying on electricity to power your water pump and the power goes off during a major fire (eg petrol pump, generator)
- Remove and store any flammable liquids or other items away from the house
- Check the condition of external walls, cladding and seal any gaps

#### *Prepare you garden*

- Keep garden mulch away from the house and keep grass short
- Cut back any overhanging trees or shrubs from the house and other buildings
- Thin plantings around buildings

#### *Prepare your property*

- If you intend using your driveway as an access or escape route and to help make it easy for a fire tanker and crew to attend in an emergency situation, ensure there is clear access/egress
- Clear vegetation from around sheds and other buildings
- Consider creating fire breaks on roadside strips and around fencelines aimed at calming or even stopping a fire spreading onto or escaping from your property
- Plan beforehand what you will do with livestock and pets in the event of fire or an increasing fire threat
- Machinery such as ride-on mowers, tractors and slashers can start grass fires. It is important they are:
  - Free from any faults and mechanical defects that could start a fire
  - Fitted with an approved spark arrestor
  - Carrying a working water fire extinguisher or knapsack (note: powder type extinguishers offer little help with a spreading grass fire)
  - Operated only when weather conditions are suitable. Generally, early morning when the temperature is cooler and there's more moisture in the air is the best time to mow.



In addition, as we've focused on in the previous two newsletters, it is very important to keep yourself informed and stay up to date during periods of increased fire danger. You can do this by monitoring the Fire Danger Rating for the area, especially on hot, dry and windy days, understanding the Bush Fire Alerts and looking and listening for information available from a range of sources including radio eg local ABC AM 666, Wamboin Rural Fire Brigade website, NSW RFS website, mobile phone apps, talking with your neighbours. If you haven't kept your copies of earlier Wamboin Firefighter articles you can view, download or print past copies or extracts from The Whisper via the Wamboin Community Association website at <http://wamboincommunity.asn.au/thewhisper/>

#### **Total Fire Ban**

At this time of the year, come the warmer weather and people spending more time cooking and entertaining outdoors, a question more frequently asked concerns the rules applying on days where there is a Total Fire Ban. The NSW RFS

Commissioner declares Total Fire Bans based on the advice of the Bureau of Meteorology and other information. During the Bush Fire Danger period, the decision to issue a Total Fire Ban is usually made in the afternoon for the following day. A Total Fire Ban may be issued on the actual day if weather conditions get worse. A Total Fire Ban usually starts from midnight and lasts 24 hours BUT in continuing severe fire conditions it may be extended.



During a Total Fire Ban **No fire** may be lit in the open.

Fire Permits are immediately suspended.

No fires in the open includes incinerators and barbecues that burn solid fuel, e.g. wood, charcoal or heat beads.

You may use a gas or electric BBQ, but only if:

- It is on a residential property within 20metres of the house
- It is in a designated picnic area and the BBQ is approved by Council, National Parks or State Forests
- It is always attended by a responsible adult
- The ground within two metres of the BBQ is cleared of all materials that could burn
- You have an immediate and continuous supply of water available.

No general purpose welding, grinding, gas cutting and soldering can be done in the open.

Your Fire Permit resumes once the Total Fire Ban is lifted.

**How do you know if a Total Fire Ban is declared for your area?** Total Fire Bans are declared for NSW Fire Areas. NSW Fire Areas group together a number of Council areas with similar conditions and terrain. Total Fire Bans are indicated on the Fire Danger Rating (FDR) signs adjusted by members of our fire brigade. There are 5 FDR signs by the roadside at the key entry points to the brigade area for Wamboin, Bywong, Sutton Park and Bungendore. You can also view the FDR on the brigade's website at: <http://brigade.wamboincommunity.asn.au> as well as on the NSW RFS website at <http://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/> plus television and radio (news and weather reports).

Lighting a fire on a Total Fire Ban day is a serious offence and can result in fines of up to \$100,000 and/or 14 years imprisonment.

### Motorists and cigarette butts

We hope you are not a 'tossers'. A number of residents have raised their concern at the amount of cigarette butts along local roads and Norton Rd in particular. Throwing a cigarette butt from the window of a vehicle is

like throwing a lit match into the bush – it is a recipe for a fire disaster. Whether the culprits are local residents or people passing through – the butt and the consequences are left with us – the wider community.

To Whom It May Concern – don't be a 'tossers'. There are severe penalties for littering and up to gaol time for starting a fire.



### BRIGADE ACTIVITY

#### Incidents since last month's newsletter

Since the last newsletter our key operational focus has been to assist the Rural Fire Service and other resources from NSW and interstate support the National Parks and Wildlife Service in the battle to contain a large wildfire in the rugged Budawang National Park and Wirritin Ridge north-east of Braidwood. Our Brigade offered crews on rotation day and night as and when requested. Fortunately some decent rain in the first half of November helped the fire fighting cause but not before the fires that had been burning for many weeks

had worked their way through more than 9,000 hectares. Many thanks to our firefighters who participated or remained on standby and to the Brigade's incredible Support Crew who came to the Fire Station at all hours to refresh and replenish the fire tankers as our firefighters returned from the fireground.

In our own brigade area, there were three incidents (Sunday 10 Nov – Federal Hwy, Sutton Monday 11 Nov – Bungendore & Joe Rocks Rd, Bungendore and 21 Nov Sutton Rd Sutton). Fortunately all these required resourcing for only a short time.

#### Community Engagement

On Saturday 16 November the Brigade set up its Info Shopfront at the Wamboin market. Members of the Community Engagement Team fielded enquiries from several residents including newcomers to the area. Resident questions ranged from Bush Fire Survival Plans, to property preparations, how to start a pump and organising a property site visit.

During November several members of the Community Engagement Team continued the brigade practice of conducting property visits on request to help provide guidance to residents on their property preparations. The brigade has been providing



this free service for a number of years. If you'd like to arrange a visit, please contact the Community Safety Officer, Geoff Foster, by email [communitysafety@brigade.wamboincommunity.asn.au](mailto:communitysafety@brigade.wamboincommunity.asn.au) or ring 0428 574 467.

Brigade members are also assisting a growing number of Community FireWise Groups of neighbours or residents who live in a shared bushfire risk environment and who are forming together to share information within the group for mutual support.

### Training News

Training during November covered fire fighting strategies and tactics in the event of fast running grass fires. It also included a check of the equipment and supplies on each of the fire tankers following the ongoing rotation of crews and tankers during the month at the large bush fire in the Wirritin Ridge/ Budawang National Park north-east of Braidwood.

A number of our people have also been assisting others members including those in other brigades in the Zone to undertake formal training courses.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Sat 21 December 2013	Brigade Info Stall adjacent the Wamboin Markets – 112 Bingley Way Wamboin.
Sat 18 January 2014	Brigade Info Stall adjacent the Wamboin Markets – 112 Bingley Way Wamboin.

### FURTHER INFORMATION

#### Recruitment: About joining the Wamboin Rural Fire Brigade

Becoming a volunteer firefighter or member of the brigade's support group is rewarding. The brigade particularly needs younger members (18 years or older) to ensure its long-term continuity as a viable force. The NSW RFS provides all the necessary training. If you are interested in learning new skills, sharing your expertise, and committed to an active ongoing participation, please call the Secretary, Jim Greehead, on 6230 3165 or email: [secretary@brigade.wamboincommunity.asn.au](mailto:secretary@brigade.wamboincommunity.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. Our **Community Information** section has useful information including links to other websites such as 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 our website at <http://brigade.wamboincommunity.asn.au>

#### Further help from the Brigade

If you have a non-emergency enquiry, e.g. need guidance with your Bush Fire Survival Plan or would like a brigade member to visit you on your property to provide helpful advice on your property preparations, please send an email with your contact details to [captain@brigade.wamboincommunity.asn.au](mailto:captain@brigade.wamboincommunity.asn.au) or phone 0409 991 340.

And finally....

### SEASONS GREETINGS

 From all members of your community fire brigade, we would like to wish all Wamboin, Bungendore, Bywong and Sutton communities within the brigade's area a happy and safe holiday period. This is our last newsletter for the year. We hope you have found our monthly articles helpful and informative. Thank you all for your support during the year. We will return in February with another edition of the Wamboin Firefighter. Back copies of the Wamboin Firefighter can be viewed and downloaded from the Wamboin Community Association's website at <http://wamboincommunity.asn.au/> To the families of our firefighters and to the Support Crew as well as members of our immediate neighbouring rural fire brigades - Bungendore and Sutton, we also extend our thanks for your assistance during the year. To each and all of you we wish you the very best for the remainder of the year and for 2014.

**FOR ALL EMERGENCY CALLS**



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## Bungendore Riding Club

by Helen Locke

Next year will mark the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the forming of the Bungendore Riding Club. It is an adult riding club and has a large membership of local riders. If you missed out on Pony Club as a child this Club is for you! **It provides a friendly supportive atmosphere for riders of all levels.** Mostly the Club meets at the Bungendore Showgrounds on the last Sunday of the month.

In the latter part of this year, members have enjoyed a stress free “have a go” day of sporting and mounted games, a working equitation clinic and a combined dressage protocol, lunging and pre jump training day. In 2014 activities include a local trail ride and some beach riding at Narooma, dressage and eventing clinics as well as fun relaxed training days. There are 2 competitions run by the Club – the highly regarded Bungendore Classic **dressage competition** in February and the One Day Event in June. Club members enjoy reduced entry fees to these comps. There is also an annual combined adult riding club competition known as STARCC. Best of all, the Club is a great place to meet new friends. The cost to join the Club is presently \$60 and that provides membership until 30 September 2014. Please visit our website –

[www.bungendoreridingclub.org.au](http://www.bungendoreridingclub.org.au)



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## 28th Wamboin Golf Open - 2013

by John Whitney

On a warm and rather windy Sunday afternoon a field of about twenty golfers gathered to contest the 28th Wamboin Open sponsored by the Wamboin Country Golf Club and Queanbeyan City Travel & Cruise. The Open is always played as a stroke event with players choosing to take on our challenging 9 or 18 hole course. This year saw, we think the first time, a motorised device being ridden around the course by one of the competitors. Rumour has it that it didn't really help, but coming third in the nine hole comp probably raised concerns with the days match committee.

As is tradition Rob Gorham took out the "Spit the Dummy" award - apparently the wind affected his practise round earlier in the day and left him a little red faced. I'm not sure if a Googly Ball was awarded on the day but I know from first hand knowledge that Len Ivey's birdie putt on Lofty's "Saddle Up" was a putt to behold.

**Winners:** Long drive and nearest the pin winners were Keith France, Rob Gorham, John Whitney, Len Ivey x2, Tim Barter, Charles Guscott, Larry King x2 and Lofty Mason. 9 Hole Club Champions: 1st Ken Gordon 38/32, 2nd Rob Gorham 42/32, 3rd Peter Greenwood 44/32, all on count back. 18 Hole Club Champions: 1st Tim barter 72/62 ocb, 2nd Len Ivey 77/62, 3rd Charles Guscott 94/62. 2013 Eclectic 9 Hole winner was Ken Gordon while Tim Barter took out the 18 Hole event.

**Open Champions:** The 2013 Junior Champion with an excellent 67/27 is Alex Gordon with sister Madison taking second. The 2013 Ladies Open Champion is Joan Mason with 46/34. The 2013 Wamboin Men's Open Champion is Dan Monie with a 76 gross.

Don't forget next month's event is our Christmas Trophy. Come along to the Community Hall in Bingley Way on Sunday 1st December at 12:30, all welcome.



## Councillor's Corner

**You and Your Rates** — This subject comes up from times to time, in various forums. It can be a complex issue, and I can't possibly cover everything in just a few paragraphs.

While it's probably less of an issue for rural residential properties, a rates notice generally includes several line items: typically ordinary rates and a list of applicable charges. Under current legislation, councils may levy specific charges to cover all reasonable costs associated with the delivery of waste, water and sewerage services, but most other functions that council performs must be funded primarily through the levying of ordinary rates. While waste services charges apply to varying degrees in rural areas, water and sewer charges generally do not, and on this occasion I would like to focus only on so-called *ordinary rates*.

Ordinary rates are a tax that must be based on a property owner's *ability to pay* and/or the relative *derived benefit* associated with the functions of council. Most councils, including Palerang Council, rely solely on the first principle, a property owner's *ability to pay*, in the levying of ordinary rates. Moreover, this ability to pay is measured, for better or worse, by the unimproved land value of a ratepayer's property, as determined by the NSW Valuer General.

As a result, ordinary rates can change (usually increase) via several mechanisms:

1. Annual CPI Increase -- Determined using the Local Government Cost Index calculated by the Independent Pricing & Regulatory Tribunal (IPART). This is typically 2.5-3.5% p.a.
2. Special Rate Variation -- Under the rate pegging regime that exists within NSW, any rate increase greater than the Annual CPI Increase must be approved by IPART. Any application for such a rate increase must be supported by, amongst other things, a demonstrated need and community support.
3. Change in *relative* property value -- The Valuer General values properties periodically and issues that information to councils, who then use this to update their rating policy. It is important to note that, largely due to the rate pegging policy that exists in NSW, an increase in land valuation does not necessarily lead to a rate increase. If all property values change by the same percentage, there will be no resulting change in individual rates. Only when the value of one property changes relative to another will there be a resulting change, and this may be an increase or a decrease.
4. Change in council rating policy -- Due to the large range of property values within Palerang, council currently levies the ordinary rate based on a combination of unimproved land value and a fixed amount per property, within four rating categories: residential, business, farmland and mining. This basic policy has remained essentially unchanged since 2006. Note that rating categories, and thus rates, are entirely independent of LEP land use zones. Properties are included in specific rating categories—residential, business, farmland or mining—based on the actual primary land use practiced on an individual property, not on the prevailing land use zone.

**LEP Update**— The revised draft of the Palerang Local Environmental Plan will be on exhibition from Wednesday 27 November to Friday 10 January. Check council's website for details.

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

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## Mystery Bird



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We found these birds feasting on gumnuts near our Wamboin house this week. I have not seen these before and was wondering whether any of the local bird watchers might be able to tell me what they are? We get lots of rosellas, cockatoos (white and black) and various others including the occasional galah but I don't recall these birds being around before. If someone can share their knowledge it would be appreciated. Cheers, Deborah Gifford, [deborah@cabenet.com.au](mailto:deborah@cabenet.com.au)

## Nature Notes November 2013

Jo Walker

Summer seemed to be well on the way at the beginning of the month, with temperatures above thirty degrees for a couple of days and dry weather. This was followed by a few really wintry days and some welcome rain. After more than 70mm this month so far the countryside is still pleasantly green.

One of the later flowering wattles – *Acacia mearnsii* (Black Wattle) - is adorning Sutton Road with clouds of scented cream flowers. In damp areas locally the Billy Buttons (*Craspedia variabilis*) have passed their peak flowering period and are now shedding fluffy grey seeds. Their bright yellow flowers are being replaced by the golden flat-topped flowerheads of the little Scaly Buttons (*Leptorhynchos squamatus*). It wasn't the best year for orchids here, but I did find a few stands of yellow, brown-blotched Tiger Orchids (*Diuris sulphurea*) here.

Fringe-lilies (*Thysanotus tuberosus*) made an appearance in the third week of the month. One morning, as I was walking down to get my newspaper, I saw eleven of these plants displaying their large mauve fringed flowers. Some plants in the lily families flower at specific times of the day. *Tricoryne elatior*, the Yellow Rush Lily, seems to open its flowers about midday onwards. Once, when walking on a reserve near Gundaroo, we saw no sign of Rush Lily flowers in the morning, only to find the area dotted with tiny yellow flowers on the return trip. The Fringe-lily doesn't seem to be as predictable, as it seems to flower at different times of the day from one day to the next. This may be due to the amount or strength of the daylight it experiences.

The Wedge-peas (*Gompholobium huegelii*) are still producing their large yellow flowers. A plant at my place has grown up through a shrub and is almost a metre tall with about forty flowers adorning it at the moment.

Fan-tailed Cuckoos are still calling, their rapid downward trill audible at some distance, and Brush Cuckoos have just started to make themselves heard (their call is a series of sharp notes on a downwards scale). At the moment, there are some fledgling Red Wattle-birds trying out their wings, helped along by an aggressive pair of Noisy Friar-birds.

Late in September, I saw a pair of Spotted Pardalotes examining a hole in a rocky slope. Because these birds seem to prefer to nest in a tunnel in a vertical bank I thought they would eventually find a site elsewhere. But, early in November, I was inspecting a plant close to where I'd previously seen them. Suddenly, there was a flutter of wings close by and a Spotted Pardalote landed on a wattle branch about two metres from me. It was quickly followed by its mate. They both had their beaks full of small insects, and, while I watched, first one little bird and then the other entered the hole I'd seen them examining two months ago. There was a lot of cheeping from the tunnel as their nestlings enjoyed their meal. A week later the hole in the bank had fallen silent, so, hopefully, a new generation of Spotted Pardalotes is investigating the shrubs for insects.



## St Andrews, Wamboin and St Peters, Sutton

### SRMD Church Notices

November was a busy month for our two churches, and with Christmas fast approaching, there are even more dates to mark in your diary. You are invited to come along and join the group for Advent studies meeting in St Andrews on Tuesday, 3rd, 10th and 17th December at 7pm. In a relaxed setting you will have the chance to gain a deeper understanding of the Christmas message and its relevance in today's world.

Sutton Primary school students will attend their Christmas service at St Peters on 11th December. As the church is tiny and the number of students is now large, there will be three services to accommodate everyone.

The annual Christmas party and carols will be held at St Peters on Sunday, 22nd December, starting at 6pm. It is a great community event, so come along with the family, listen to the Christmas story and sing those much loved carols with gusto! A service of Holy Communion will be held at St Peters on Christmas morning at 9am.

There will be Community Carols at the Wamboin hall in Bingley Way, on Friday 20th at 7pm, and at St Andrews on Christmas Eve there will be the Nativity pageant complete with local livestock! We always need hosts of angels and vigilant shepherds to keep a watchful eye on the flock whether at the Community hall or the Church, so come along all those who are young or simply "young at heart" with your halos, wings and crooks and take part in the carols and the play. The curtain goes up for the pageant at 6pm in the St Andrews garden. A service of Holy Communion follows the pageant at 7pm.

And finally, the Warblers, the community seniors' group, may have to meet on the third rather than the fourth Tuesday for morning tea, a song and a chat to avoid a clash with Christmas Eve.....be prepared for Tuesday, 17th at 10am, at St Andrews. Happy Christmas! Contacts: The Rev Dr Peter Grundy 6248 7913 Robyn Robertson. 6238 3202 Peter Cartwright 62303202 Bronwyn Elliott 6238 3359 Alan Rope 6238 3224


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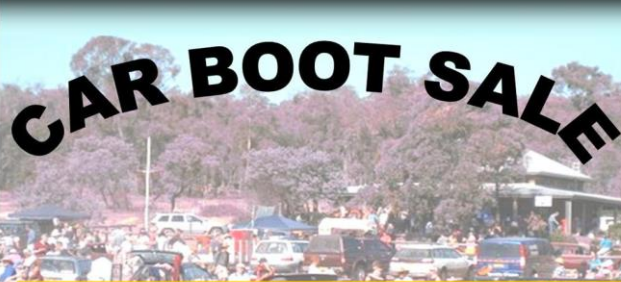
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## News from WWOW The Wonderful Women of Wamboin

By Gail Ritchie Knight

A couple of Mondays ago we achieved the near impossible — a morning when nary a word was spoken. Reason: we had to concentrate because one of our very talented members, Wamboin resident Jacki Nagle taught us the art of kusadama, a Japanese paper-folding method of creating stunning flowers. It was a great experience where even a ham-fisted clunky person like myself managed to create beautiful decorations that could be used for any occasion, be it Xmas, birthdays or parties in general.



By the time you read this we would have made more drainage bags for post-surgery breast cancer sufferers. On 11 December we will hold our end-of-year Xmas party at Bywong Community Hall and once again we will run the Xmas mailbox or gate decorating competition. Note that we've brought the gate back into the competition. You will find details elsewhere in this newsletter. But remember, this year we are asking entrants to submit photos of their creations to [sally.saunders1@bigpond.com](mailto:sally.saunders1@bigpond.com) by Sunday 15 December. The WWOW elves will deliver prizes on 20 December. (Picture: Sally showing her Kusadama flowers.)

Next year we hope to continue inviting speakers to our morning sessions. If you or someone you know has something to share, be it an account of an experience, teaching a craft or other skill or even reminiscing over times past, let me know. We'd love to hear from you.

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).



## “Finally Married” Tom and Kiri

by Lance Schultz

On the 9 November, two long-standing Wamboin residents, Tom Corra and Kiri Schultz, from 637 and 258 Norton Road respectively, finally got married after more than 11 years of friendship and romance. They were married in a civil wedding at Merribee, near Nowra on the South Coast on a glorious sunny day. Over 120 guests attended the wedding, many of whom were Wamboin residents who had known Tom and Kiri since they were small children. On the following Sunday, The Rev. Peter Grundy blessed their marriage in a special church service held at St Andrew's Church, Wamboin.

Tom and Kiri will be going to Thailand and Malaysia in the New Year for their honeymoon. They are now living in Watson ACT. Kiri works as a teacher's assistant at Sutton Primary School and Tom is now an experienced horticulturalist.

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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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## Owlet-Nightjar in Bywong

by Jean-Pierre Favre

Around our house we have built and installed many boxes for sugar gliders and all the various types of birds that live in this area. Any material that looks remotely like usable sheeting ends up as a nesting box somewhere on a tree. Our most successful boxes are located high up in the carport where Grey Shrike-thrush nest every year. You will know if you have such birds nesting around your house when you find the mirrors on your car covered with bird droppings. We have also built some 5 star accommodation for the Cunningham skinks which abound around our house (and unfortunately inside our ceiling space where in hot weather, we can hear them crawling along under the insulation) There could be some truth in the theory that they will chase snakes away as we have never seen any snake near the house despite the fact that the creek 30m below us is teeming with frogs.

Recently we have noticed that one of the boxes attached to the wall of the house could be inhabited by the common but rarely seen Nightjar-owlet. Scratching the box would immediately provoke a quick escape by some bird flying so fast that I couldn't identify it.

A few weeks ago, I scratched the box where I suspected that a Nightjar-owlet was nesting and got ready with my camera to capture whatever was in the box before it flew out at great speed. The result is shown here as photo 2.



1.- Some Kookaburras eyeing the lamb chops. 2.- The original picture of the Nightjar-owlet which caused some confusion. 3.- One of the many nesting boxes placed on tree trunks. 4.- The hole under the fountain through which there's a cosy accommodation for the Cunningham skinks. 5.- The Owlet-nightjar identification confirming photo 6.- A Grey-shrike thrush feeding its young in the box high in the carport

I sent the photo to a few people in the area and some replied that they doubted that the creature shown was a nightjar owlet and could be a possum or sugar glider. I was prepared to doubt that the original photo I took of the animal was indeed a nightjar until Sunday November 17 when I noticed a familiar head poking out of a large possum box located some 40m from where I spotted the bird originally. It disappeared quickly when it saw me, but this time I came back prepared and pointed my camera at the opening before someone scratched the box and out came the bird to see what was going on. The 'confirming' shot is shown as photo 5.

David McDonald, our respected local ornithologist, points out that the Owlet-nightjar that we have in this area is classified in a family of its own (Aegothelidae). Apparently there are no local records of true nightjars. Note that boxes can house different species of animals at different times. When I built the boxes, I followed recommendations about the hole and box sizes which suggested that different birds would lodge in the box depending on the diameter of the opening. That theory worked until we saw some galahs enlarging the opening of a box by chewing away the plywood edges of the hole, despite the fact that very close-by was a box designed specifically for Galahs (see picture 3 which shows the chewed section of the opening). The kookaburras shown here used to be fed by us and came to the windows waiting for food, a practice which we don't recommend. The photo was taken some years ago. Soon after we stopped feeding them to our great pleasure they happily returned to their old way of life. We also have a nesting box for them somewhere high up a gum tree which they use all the time as proved by the amount of 'guano' found on the ground below the box.

As Louis Armstrong used to sing... 'What a wonderful world!'

Jean-Pierre Favre



## Re-exhibition of Draft Palerang Local Environmental Plan

Palerang Council has prepared a revised *draft* Palerang Local Environmental Plan (PLEP) for public comment. With significant changes being made in response to submissions received during the first exhibition period, the revised *draft* PLEP 2013 will be placed on public exhibition for the period beginning **Wednesday 27 November until close of business Friday 10 of January 2014.**

Once gazetted the revised *draft* PLEP 2013 will replace the six existing Local Environmental Plans that currently apply to the Palerang Local Government Area. The new Plan is based on the Standard Instrument, as required by the NSW



*Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*, and will be available for viewing during the exhibition period at council's administrative offices at Braidwood and Bungendore between the normal business hours of 8:30 am to 5.00 pm.

The *draft* PLEP 2013 is also available for download from council's website at [www.palerang.nsw.gov.au](http://www.palerang.nsw.gov.au), under *Featured programs*, or on a USB stick or CD if requested from Council. Written submissions relating to the *draft* PLEP 2013 should be made to council before the close of business on **Friday 10 January 2014.**

Submissions should be posted to: The General Manager, Palerang Council, PO Box 348, Bungendore NSW 2621 or alternatively emailed to: [records@palerang.nsw.gov.au](mailto:records@palerang.nsw.gov.au)

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## WAMBOIN PONY CLUB November - 2013

It's the end of the year and Christmas is almost here again and it's been another successful year for the riders at Wamboin Pony Club. There were two Sunday rally days in November. Our first was a little damp however riders spent some of the day hearing an important talk from a couple of members of the Wamboin Rural Fire Service about fire safety and what to do with your horses during a fire emergency.



Rosemary, Claudia and Morgan - hopefully we can continue to build our club with some more new riders next year. If you are thinking of joining Pony Club now is the time to get some information, our club has very low fees and offers a great horse riding experience for young people.

So if you have access to your own horse and are aged from 5-25 come along and enjoy 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, Merry Christmas – **Steve Quick**

Very important for those of us who live in this rural area and we thank the Sue and Geoff from the fire brigade for taking the time to speak to us. Our second rally day was under clear sky and our riders spent the day jumping and getting a bit of experience playing Polo Cross. Our final Rally Day of the year will be on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December and is a bit of a fun day for riders p

lus we will hold our AGM. Thanks go to all the parents who make it possible to keep our small but enthusiastic local Pony Club going. This year we have been able to continue to improve our grounds in Canning Close helped by our fundraising efforts like our recent Bunning BBQ. We also welcomed a number of new riders this year – Ben, Matthew, Kayla, Abbey,



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## Wamboin Muse

Jill Gregory

It's coming around to that time of the year, again....the festive season, the season to be jolly, the silly season...but however you view it, it is a happy time of the year with the weather warming and the year wrapping up even if it does become a little frantic as momentum builds. And you know it is upon us when the bottlebrushes turn crimson and the crickets start to sing, and your head swims with an ever growing "to do" list. Each year I seem to leave my run a little later and I wonder what is the solution..

I haven't yet made the cake or the pudding or ordered the hams, but I have been eyeing off a small out of place pine tree across the creek, and our youngest family member has retrieved all the Santa Claus which I'd had tucked away in a cupboard for the last 11 months. Given free rein he will probably find the rest of the assorted kitsch, and maybe a few unopened and overlooked Christmas gifts from last year, as well!

Although I still think of Christmas as red and green with plastic sprays of decorative holly and ivy etched into my childhood memory, reinforced now by red bottle brushes and brilliant scarlet and green king parrots, from my window I am seeing more yellow and green. The bush has lots of yellow flowers, and the recent rain has revived the grasses, but some of the yellow is definitely not native. St John's Wort, following the kangaroo trails, is on the march, and causing a problem.

But pleasures can be simple. I spent a contented hour in the very early morning, wandering across the trickling creek, getting wet feet from the heavy dew and pulling out a pile of that noxious weed. Most of the delight came, I hasten to add, from the ease at which its long network of roots separated from the soft ground. Only a week or so ago I had started filling empty gardens spaces with pig face, of all things, convinced it would never rain again and that the ground would remain hard and dry, but then it did. The rain helped solve my problem.

Maybe I should curb my cynicism when the next big truck flashes past me emblazoned with its company name incorporating "Something Solutions". Everything seems to be so easily fixed, if you believe the name, be it "IT" or "Transport" or "Cleaning Solutions". Maybe there really are simple solutions. I'm waiting to spot the first truck that comes along advertising "Christmas Solutions". But perhaps I should be looking out for a sleigh, not a truck!

I wouldn't live anywhere else.... Happy Christmas .....and a happy, relaxing and well earned holiday..... and may you find lots of solutions gift wrapped under the tree.

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