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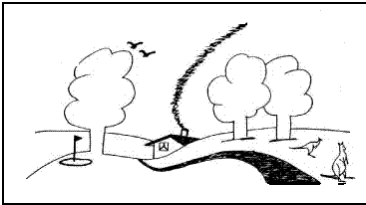


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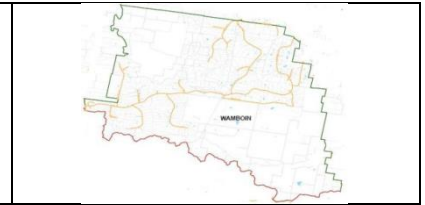
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Wamboin Community Association President's Paragraphs



Hello everyone. My apologies for these rather truncated notes but April was a busy time for my family. I hope that everyone had as an enjoyable Easter and school break that we all did.

Guest Speaker's Visit – Our MP Angus Taylor and Paul Fletcher, Parliamentary Secretary will be holding a meeting at the Community Hall this coming Tuesday 6th May to discuss telecommunications black spots. The time for the meeting is 3:00 – 4:30 pm. More information is supplied further on in this copy of The Whisper. I urge everyone to read it.

Wheels of Wamboin: The May Markets will also see the second Wheels of Wamboin event. This is promising to be an event of great interest. The criteria seems to be anything with wheels (an engine is not automatically essential but I know that some very old engines are turning out to add interest). This event will also be advertised further in this copy of The Whisper. Please check it out and consider coming to May Markets on Saturday 17th to view these interesting machines and vehicles and of course to enjoy the Markets themselves.

That's all I have for this month. My apologies once again, but as I have been away for a significant portion of April some events have slipped me by. There should be much to discuss next month. - Jenny Richards (President)

NOTICE



The Wamboin Rural Fire Brigade 2014 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

will be held on
Tuesday 10th June 2014
Wamboin Fire Station
112 Bingley Way Wamboin

The meeting will begin at 7.30pm.

All Brigade members are encouraged to attend.
Nominations for all Brigade positions are welcome.
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**Darryl Bourke, President
This News Put Together by
the Bywong Committee**



Fingers Crossed: We hope that by the time this Whisper hits the mailboxes we shall be celebrating another successful Car Boot Sale having taken place on May 4. Activity and enthusiasm have revived following the agonising decision to postpone our annual event due to soaked grounds. Then we had to work around Easter, school holidays, and the Anzac weekend to find an alternative date. We trust the weather holds this time and the next Whisper can report yet another successful event.

Hitting top notes on Trivia Night: Surely this is a world first – Trivia questions couched in live opera?? Polish Opera singer Therese Rayner will be singing some operatic selections to provide a framework for some of the questions at our next Trivia Night (but this doesn't mean you have to be an opera buff to answer them!). Therese is recently returned from New York, where she bought the outfit she will wear on the night – don't miss it! Our new programme will also include reference to local "brushes with fame" and perhaps some intriguing magic tricks. This year's Trivia is on 19 July and already looks likely to be our best and brightest. Some tables are already booked, so to ensure your table book now with Greg Gougeon 6236 9841.

Waste in Wonderland: Those of us who live close enough to the tip have received, through the quaint requirement for Council to seek development approval from itself, notification of further modification to the plans for the Macs Reef Waste Transfer Station. In addition to modifications obviously targeted at increasing the efficiency of the site, we note a reduction "in the visual impact of the completed works" by deletion of a prominent steel awning. Council's accompanying illustration of an idyllic grassy glade surrounded by leafy groves must do something to allay the fears which some of us held about how the finished work might look from the road.

Pony Club: Twenty riders were at camp, but there was no rally day during the month.

Next Meeting: The next meeting of the Community will take place at 7.30 pm on Monday 13th May in the Community Hall on Birriwa Road. Bywong is not just a dormitory – it is a community, but we need a sign from you that you belong to it. So please come!

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CANBERRA Equine HOSPITAL

Wet Weather Creates Issues for Horses' Hooves. Dr. Natasha Hovanessian, Canberra Equine Hospital.

Although our pastures and gardens love the recent rains, unfortunately our horses' hooves don't cope well with being wet for days on end and some typical problems can result.

Hoof Abscesses are common in wet weather conditions and will often make a horse very lame to the point they won't put the foot down on the ground. This is because there is not much room in the hoof and the extra fluid of the abscess creates pressure which is extremely painful. Hoof abscesses can come on quickly and usually be localised with hoof testers and then the site opened up and drained. To many



people's surprise, the pus that comes out of a hoof abscess is actually black, as seen in the image below. A poultice is usually applied for a few days to encourage further drainage and the foot can be soaked in warm Epsom salt water. Hoof abscesses can advance to involve the coronary band and become very serious with the risk of the hoof sloughing off, so should be addressed promptly. Pictured is black pus seen with a hoof abscess.

Thrush is a bacterial infection of the sole of the foot and easily detected by the characteristic foul-smelling black material that collects on and around the frog, as well as migrating out toward the hoof wall. It can spread to involve structures deeper within the foot, becoming a serious problem. Standing in wet, muddy ground or on soiled bedding, where the foot is constantly moist, is a typical cause for the infection. Affected animals should be moved into a clean, dry environment and the hooves picked out twice daily. Your veterinarian can advise on the best product to apply to the sole of the foot. Hoof trimming may be required to remove the affected tissues. The best treatment for thrush is prevention by providing the horse with a clean, dry environment.

Seedy Toe (also known as White Line Disease) is caused by separation of the hoof wall from its laminar attachment, and can be seen externally at the junction of the hoof wall and sole. Separation or openings along the white line allows bacteria and fungal organisms to invade the foot and produces cavities between the laminae and outer hoof wall. The white line may be filled with white crumbly material. Environmental conditions of continually wet, but also very dry pastures, predispose to development of cracks in the white line. Your veterinarian will be able to recommend a course of action if your horse has seedy toe. Horses with poor quality hoof wall or laminitis are prone to recurrence, but again, providing an area of dry footing in wet conditions is key to prevention.

Finally, **poor hoof wall quality and hoof wall cracks**, are other frustrating, common conditions that are exacerbated by wet weather. Excessive moisture weakens the hoof wall, causing it to flatten or collapse with normal weight bearing, particularly at the heel which causes corns and heel bruising. A weakened hoof wall may not hold nails and will separate in a manner comparable to wet plywood. Regular farrier attention, applying hoof oil and again, keeping the feet dry will help with these problems.

If we can assist with providing further information about managing your horse's feet this autumn, please contact Canberra Equine Hospital at equine@canberravet.com.au or 6241 8888.

MOBILE COVERAGE PROGRAMME COMES TO WAMBOIN

Federal Government and Department of Communications delegates will be in Wamboin next week to listen to residents' concerns about mobile phone blackspots.

Federal Member for Hume Angus Taylor will host Parliamentary Secretary Paul Fletcher on visits to Wamboin and Boorowa next Tuesday May 6.

"Paul Fletcher is responsible for rolling out the Government's \$100 million Mobile Coverage Programme and is keen to hear first hand about the impacts of poor mobile coverage on local businesses and households," Mr Taylor said.

"A call to Hume constituents to speak up on poor mobile reception has resulted in a list of problem areas to show the Parliamentary Secretary. Wamboin, although less than 30 minutes drive from Canberra, was included on the tour because it has virtually no mobile coverage. The hilly topography is the main problem, so we have to plan around this.

"Boorowa was chosen as a central location to a number of areas which are all struggling with poor coverage. We've had reports of small businesses losing customers, constituents concerned about being unable to call for help and issues for rural fire brigades and emergency services alerting residents."

Mr Taylor said the Department of Communications was still accepting nominations of locations to be included in a database of areas with poor or no mobile coverage. Locations can be emailed to mobilecoverage@communications.gov.au "The meeting in Wamboin will be invitation only to keep things to schedule – but I will be making the Parliamentary Secretary well aware of all locations in Hume that have reported issues," Mr Taylor said. "This is a strong opportunity for us to fix a major deterrent to business growth in Wamboin and I intend to secure the best possible outcomes."

Constituents seeking further information on the 6 May visit by Parliamentary Secretary Paul Fletcher are encouraged to call the Goulburn electorate office of Angus Taylor on 4822 2277.

For further comment please contact Sarah Bucknell at the Hume (Goulburn) Electorate Office on 4822 2277 / 0448 111 669.



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Wheels of Wamboin 17th May at Wamboin Hall - Bingley Way Wamboin

In the last article before the big Wheels of Wamboin day we explore the legendary Ford Mustang that celebrates its 50th anniversary since its launch in April 1964. Arguably the Mustang is the most famous of all the US muscle cars and has enjoyed continuous manufacture since 1964. More exciting for us, is the Mustangs relaunch into Australia in 2015 to be Ford's new local hero car.

The Mustang created the "pony car" class of American cars which were sports car-like coupes with long bonnets and short rear decks and gave rise to a generation of competitor cars such as the Chevrolet Camaro, Pontiac Firebird, AMC Javelin, Plymouth Barracuda and the Dodge Challenger. The Mustang is also credited for inspiring the designs of generations of coupes such as the Toyota Celica, Datsun 260Z and Ford Capri. It also supplied many mechanics for our own GT Falcons (note the famous shaker hood and items such as the rim blow steering wheel already on Mustangs in the late sixties). From the outset the Mustang was a success. At launch, advertisements appeared in more than 2,600 newspapers and on major television networks. More than four million people visited showrooms, and more than 22,000 cars were ordered on the first day. First-year sales totalled more than 417,000, shattering previous sales records of any one model in the history of the automobile (Ford only planned for 100,000 in the first year). It would take a book to write the history of the Mustang so in this short space we will jump to the good stuff and Carroll Shelby.

Shelby was the pioneer of go fast production line cars (twenty years before Peter Brock). In 1965 he produced his first batch of GT 350 models. Beginning as a stock V8 Mustang with a 4-speed manual, the cars were shipped to Shelby American, where they received the high-rise manifolds, heavy-duty Ford Galaxie rear axles, larger, metallic-lined rear drum brakes and Kelsey-Hayes front disc brakes. In 1966 Shelby struck a deal with the Hertz Corporation to produce a special line of G.T. 350s for rent. The first 85 Hertz cars were available with four-speed manual transmissions and Hertz advertised them as "Rent-a-Racer" cars. Shelby went on to produce more go fast Mustangs including the 1967 GT500 equipped with the 428 (7.0litre) Police Interceptor V8 motor. Ford brought production back in house from 1968 and produced a number of hero cars including the 428 Cobra Jet, The 428 Super Cobra Jet, the 302 Boss and the 429 Boss. These cars are still revered by collectors the world over and remain amongst the world's greatest muscle cars. Sadly the Mustang got overweight and bloated over the next thirty years with some very uninspiring models. A new model launch in 2005 (the fifth generation) revived the retro style and brought the Mustang back to a sales success. The new sixth generation will be in showrooms in Australia in 2015. Ford has sold over 9.2 million Mustangs over the past fifty years of production. Is there a Mustang out there?



Wheels of Wamboin Mille Miglia Tour

To add to the Wheels of Wamboin event an invitation is extended to participants to join the Wheels of Wamboin Mille Miglia Tour. The tour will commence at the conclusion of the Wheels of Wamboin Show event and will tour to picturesque Gundaroo via Sutton Road for an afternoon tea at the local cafes. Then the tour will then head to Bungendore via Shingle Hill Road and Bungendore Road to finish up at the Royal Hotel in Bungendore. We hope to build this added feature the Wheels of Wamboin event to give owners a chance stretch their sleeping beauties legs and get out amongst some local great countryside. Each year will be a different tour. A handout will be given on the day with the afternoons instructions.

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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, Bywong and Sutton (south of the Federal Highway) and Bungendore (along and west of the Lake George escarpment).

FOR ALL EMERGENCY CALLS, ring triple zero (000)

BURNING OFF

At this time of the year, i.e. outside the declared Bushfire Danger Period, a **Fire Permit** is not required to burn off in the open. **But**, if you do plan to light a fire in the open (other than a cooking fire in a properly prepared and attended site), regardless of its size, you are still required by law to notify the local Fire Control Centre and your adjoining neighbours (including those separated by a road, lane or waterway) of your intention to burn at least 24 hours before lighting up. Your neighbours may be exposed to the smoke from your burn and may need to make preparations to avoid any negative impacts (medical conditions, impacts on sensitive crops, livestock and pets).

To notify our local Fire Control Centre (it's in Queanbeyan) call 6128 0600 (new phone number) weekday business hours only/ not open on Public Holidays.

Fire management, including containment of a fire originating on your property, is your responsibility. The area around the fire site has to be cleared of any flammable material, you need to wear suitable clothing, and you must be able to control the fire. There are significant penalties if an illegal fire is lit, or if the fire escapes and causes damage to property or the environment.

If you would like further guidance you can ask the Fire Control Centre (6128 0600) for additional advice, or contact the Brigade Captain (0409 991 340) for copies of the RFS pamphlets 'Lighting a Fire – Quick Facts', 'Before You Light That Fire' or 'Standards for Pile Burning', or view and download the same pamphlets from the RFS website at www.rfs.nsw.gov.au

If a fire that you have lit escalates to become more than you can handle, don't hesitate; immediately call the Emergency Triple Zero number (000)

Following on from last month's article, more tips and tools in relation to Fires in the Home.....

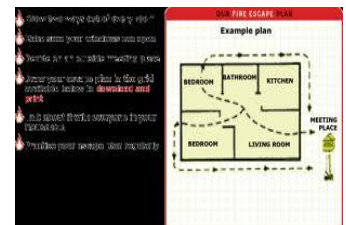
HOUSE FIRE PRECAUTIONS

Home Fire Escape Plan – Do You have One?

When fire takes hold every second counts. A small flame can get completely out of control and turn into a major fire very quickly. It can take as little as 30 seconds.

Do you know what to do if fire breaks out in your home?

Every home should have a fire escape plan. As Fire & Rescue NSW points out, accidental fires by their very nature can catch people unawares. Without an escape plan peoples' lives within a home are in jeopardy. Actions need to be planned before fire happens. Families who are well-prepared are more likely to escape their homes safely. With the onset of cooler weather, many of us are firing up heaters, cooking hot food, resorting to electric blankets on the bed, drying clothes by heaters or clothes tumbler, and so on. Fire & Rescue NSW has created a page that you can print, draw your escape plan on and, when complete, place it somewhere prominent in the home. Useful escape plan tips include: know two ways out of every room; determine how you will exit from upstairs if your home has a second storey; make sure your windows can open; decide on an outside meeting place; draw your escape plan, talk about it and practise it. You'll find the template and further helpful information at www.fire.nsw.gov.au under Home Fire Safety.



Fire Extinguisher & Fire Blanket

A dry chemical powder fire extinguisher and a fire blanket are like a first aid kit for small fires in and around your house or shed. A small fire in the home can happen quickly and unexpectedly. The kitchen is a well-documented place where a fire can start. Food e.g. chips in oil on a hot stove, momentarily left unattended, can be a lethal mix. Operating a small dry chemical powder extinguisher is very simple; you pull the lock pin, aim the nozzle or outlet at the base of the fire, squeeze the trigger, and direct the stream at the base of a fire. The operation of a fire blanket is equally simple. Pull the blanket from its cover, hold it by the handles and wrap it back to protect yourself, then lay it gently over the top of the item e.g. vessel, containing the fire. Turn off the source of the heat. Leave the blanket in place until cool.



If you are in doubt, warn everyone, get out of the house, call Triple Zero (000) – ask for the Fire Brigade – and make sure everyone stays safe. A small dry chemical extinguisher and fire blanket located in or near the kitchen should be feature in a home fire safety plan. Both items are widely available; most hardware/rural services stores have them.

You can also find more Home Fire Safety information including publications to view or download on the NSW RFS website at www.rfs.nsw.gov.au

BRIGADE ACTIVITY

Callouts

The fire brigade responded to four incidents during April. The first was on Sat 5 April involving a single vehicle accident near the corner of Sutton and Norton Roads. There were callouts on Sun 20 and Tues 22 April each involving a report of grass alight and, later on Tues 22 April, the brigade was called to a report of a structure fire in Wamboin.

Brigade Info Shopfront

The Brigade's Info stall set up beside the busy Wamboin Market on Easter Saturday to help people with their fire plan enquiries.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sun 4 May	Bywong Community Car Boot Sale: We'll be there to help with parking; offer sustenance, and answer your queries regarding preparations against bush fire.
Tues 10 June	WRFB ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Fire Station, 112 Bingley Way Wamboin @ 7.30pm. Members and Visitors welcome.

FURTHER INFORMATION

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 find the brigade's history and other material including photos on the website at <http://brigade.wamboincommunity.asn.au>
And finally...

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

FOR ALL EMERGENCY CALLS



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Wildlife Moves

by Philip Machin

Sometimes wildlife gets into the wrong place. We all know about possums in the roof and the difficulty in removing them. Over the last few months, *Wildcare* has been called out to capture and relocate a number of wombats that had moved into the Queanbeyan suburbs. Left alone, and after some time, they would normally move on, but *Wildcare* gave them a helping hand and returned them to a nearby wombat habitat. It is thought that development at Googong and elsewhere may have been the trigger for some wombats to wander off into places they would not normally be seen. The flooding of creeks and rivers in 2009/10 also caused wombats to disperse to unlikely places, often many kilometres away. A wombat being moved is pictured.



Another example of the movement of wildlife can be seen in Canberra. Large areas, of traditional wildlife habitat, have been developed for new housing and roads. This has caused animals to hop and wander off to places nearby – including other built-up areas. Whether it is in Canberra or elsewhere, it often seems where culling has taken place, other animals can migrate into the vacuum created.

In our own backyards we occasionally see a snake in the ‘wrong place’. This can be worrying for people who don’t know their behaviour – we often think snakes will turn and attack us, but nothing could be further from the truth. Snakes are shy, and defensive. They don’t want to be near either our companion animals or us. Left alone snakes will move on and you won’t see them again. Dogs, cats and stock animals, that are free to roam over large areas, are inquisitive and come across snakes, thereby being at much greater risk. At home, dogs are safer if they are contained in a fenced run. The risk of cats being bitten can be much reduced by keeping them inside the house (particularly at night when they can cause a lot of damage to other wildlife too). Fortunately the chances of encountering a venomous snake are small, however *Wildcare* is on hand to give advise and help if needed.

The bottom line is that wildlife can be seen in the ‘wrong place’, but more often than not, left alone it will move on. We just need to be tolerant and patient. But if you need help, contact *Wildcare* on 6299 1966 – put this number in your Mobile phone. As we come to the end of the financial year, think about donating to *Wildcare* and get a tax-deductible receipt – visit www.Wildcare.com.au to see how this can be done. *Wildcare* has no paid staff – the service is entirely manned by volunteers. Donations directly pay for veterinary bills, medications, equipment and specially formulated milk – all needed to fix up injured and orphaned wildlife.

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- You were too old to maintain your property?

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A Concert at Bywong: 'Dowland and the English Tradition'

by Richard Milner



“Flow my tears, fall from your springs, exile'd for ever let me mourn;” These poignant words open John Dowland's most famous song published in 1600 and said to be performed with lute and 'the Violl do Gamba'. Over the weekend of May 24 and 25, Bush Baroque with soprano Jo Johnstone, lutenist Nick Pollock and a consort of viols will perform a selection of these songs and instrumental dances, thus recreating the sounds of the Elizabethan era. Dowland's songs were revered in his lifetime and still resonate in the modern world having been recorded by pop singers such as Elvis Costello and Sting. Dowland influenced later music by composers such as Corbett and Purcell whose “Two on one upon a ground” will be played on two recorders with theorbo or bass lute. (See photo of Nick Pollock playing his lute with theorbo at his side.)

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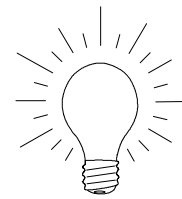
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Mac's Reef Waste Transfer Station

by John van der Straaten

Those residents who use Mac's Reef Road and the landfill in recent times will have seen the extensive earthworks being undertaken by Palerang Council to construct the waste transfer station (WTS). The level of activity and size of the machinery involved is impressive. The good news is that the work is ahead of schedule and is planned to open in early December; the same day as the opening of the Bungendore WTS.



All Palerang ratepayers will continue to receive passes with their rate notices but non-residents will pay a higher tier of fees. A supervisor will be on site during the following opening hours: Fridays – 2 to 5pm; Saturdays & Sundays- 8am to 4pm; Mondays-7 to 11am, ie 23 hours a week. Access to the facility will be limited to vehicles of 2 tonnes or less carrying capacity. The 2014/15 charges are yet to be determined by Council but are likely to parallel those for the Captains Flat and Bungendore WTSs.

As it is a small WTS on limited space, the only waste items which will be accepted will include household domestic waste, recyclables, batteries, oil, E-waste, small cut up metal pieces, and small swappable/buy back items. Materials that will not be accepted include: greenwaste, commercial & industrial waste, construction & demolition waste, clean fill or excavated rock or earth, tyres, mattresses, white goods & large scrap metal, large items including furniture, asbestos and dead animals. All these items will need to be taken to the Bungendore WTS. It is estimated that usage at the Mac's Reef WTS will be 18,000 visits per annum bringing about 1000 tonnes of household waste, 150 tonnes of recyclables and 100 tonnes of other waste types

The construction of the facility is expected to cost \$1.8 million and the closure and the restoration of the landfill site a further \$500,000. The WTS is expected to cost around \$525,000 pa to operate including staffing, plant, provision and transport of skip bins, waste gate fees paid at Woodlawn, gate fees paid at the Hume MRF for recyclables, periodic maintenance, loan repayments and depreciation expenses. Gate fees are expected to total about \$135,000 annually to offset part of the costs. The shortfall in funds will be met by the General Waste Charge, now known as the Waste Programs Charge.

The facility is designed to cater for expected residential growth in the area for at least the next 20 years. There will be extensive landscaping around the perimeter of the WTS facility and closed landfill involving the planting of hundreds of native plant stock and mulching of bare areas. The landfill will need to be capped with impervious clay which in turn will be covered with topsoil and planted with a durable grass cover.

Rainfall and Temperatures in Wamboin – 39 Year Statistics from the Robertsons

April rainfall to 27/4 ... 76.5mm
 2014 rainfall to 27/4 ... 233.5mm
 Average May rainfall .. 47.6mm
 Driest May ... 1mm in 1985
 Coldest May day ... 3C on 25/5/00

(2013 April rainfall ... 12mm)
 (2013 to 30/4 .. 150.75mm)
 Wettest May ... 171mm in 1995
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Wamboin Golf

This month's report is based on the well known fact that there are some things are better than 1000 words. At right, Madison Gordon skillfully works her way through the Wamboin Golf Course. – Editor



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by Peta Finglas-Watson

This May 5th to 9th, I will join thousands of Australians in the Oaktree Foundation's biggest campaign, Live Below the Line. The Oaktree Foundation is Australia's largest fully youth run organization who are a group of young people in the movement to end poverty. Live Below the Line raises a large portion of the Oaktree funds to provide secondary, tertiary and vocational education in some of our closest neighbouring countries, Timor Leste, Papua New Guinea and Cambodia. During this campaign, participants are challenged to survive off \$2 worth of food a day for 5 days. This gives a small insight of what it is like to live below the poverty line which is unfortunately how 1.2 billion have to live their lives each day. I am taking this challenge as I think it is so unfair that there is people living without the things that us in the developed world take for granted every day such as education, clean water, shelter and easy access to food. This is my third year of taking on the challenge and I am aiming to raise \$2000. You can help out by taking on the challenge yourself at www.livebelowtheline.com.au or donating through Peta at www.livebelowtheline.com.au/me/petafinglaswatson




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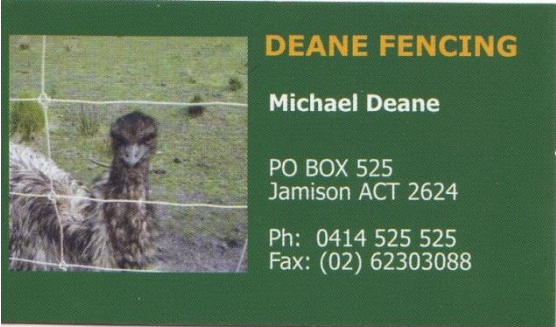
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News from WWOW – The Wonderful Women of Wamboin

By Gail Ritchie Knight

This year, St Patrick’s Day fell on a Monday, and one of our stalwarts, Maureen Boss embraced the occasion with aplomb, as pictured. You had to be there. She looked great and has definitely set a precedent.



A group of us have begun making crocheted poppies for the 5000 Poppies project. As part of the 2015 Anzac Commemoration, 5000 poppies will be “planted” at Federation Square, Melbourne. They can also be knitted, felted or sewn. You don’t have to be nimble with the thimble, or handy with the needle. Just use your imagination; there’s scope for anyone to have a go

Some weeks ago one of our own, Sally Saunders guided us through the recent ‘Gold and the Incas’ exhibition at the National Gallery of Australia. Even some BOWWOW, the Boyfriends of the Wonderful Women of Wamboin, went along as well. We all thoroughly enjoyed our tour.

A week later, Victoria Jones gave a talk with slide show on the history of the Old Parliament House rose gardens. Victoria works there as a volunteer guide and horticulturist and going by the lengthy Q&A that followed, she generated quite a degree of interest.

We are so lucky to have two highly knowledgeable guides amongst us. We are indeed a talented group.

All women are welcome at WWOW to share stories, news and skills. We meet on 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.

A Message to Whisper Advertisers

Without you the Whisper probably would not exist, or at least would have to be a web only publication. For three decades scores of advertisers, some of you for all those years, have paid the Whisper’s costs by running ads. Costs are now running at around \$1 per issue to print just under 1300 copies of 28 pages, a little less for 24 pages. Instant Colour Press does the printing and, in my opinion, has always charged a low price relative to other printers and done a wonderful job. The present rate does reflect a higher price when they had to raise their price after a decade at pretty much the same level. This has meant our advertising rates, the same since May 2010, don’t fully cover costs at present.

The Wamboin Community Association, which owns the Whisper, has resisted raising prices for the last six months or so because it has always seen the Whisper as meant to provide a service rather than as a way to raise money for the Community Association. However, this has meant printing costs are slightly exceeding advertising revenue over the last six months or so rather than the opposite. The goal has been to charge a little more for ads than is paid for printing and to use any surplus for community projects voted on by the Community Association.

Because of this situation I’m hoping advertisers can see your way to manage a price rise. Most of the ads are 1/8 of an A4 page and, as of the July 2014 issue, will be raised from \$20 per issue to \$22 per issue – a 10% price hike. All the other sizes of ads will be raised similarly – 1/6 page from \$25 to \$27, ¼ page from \$30 to \$33, 1/3 page from \$40 to \$44, ½ page from \$60 to \$66 and a full A4 page from \$120 to \$130. If business conditions are such that you can’t handle a price hike right now, maybe you could consider running your ad a little less often or, if it is 1/6 page or larger, running a smaller ad. Regardless of what you decide, thank you for advertising as much as you have. If further discussion would be helpful please phone me anytime on 6238 3484 or email me at either of whisper@wamboincommunity.asn.au or nednoel@optusnet.com.au.
– Ned Noel, editor

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Wamboin Pony Club – April

by Steve Quick

Last month saw 180 riders and horses from around the Canberra area descend on Bungendore Showground for the annual Zone 16 Pony Club Camp. This year 9 Wamboin Pony Club Riders attended with parents and helpers. The week was hectic but rewarding with the time spent participating in lessons covering all aspects of horsemanship. The days begin around 6am for the trip to the feed shed then preparing horses for the days riding. A hearty breakfast from the kitchen follows



and it's into the first lessons of the day which range from flatwork to jumping, cross country, polocross and much more. Riders gain more experience at a week of camp than months of normal riding. Professional instructors from various riding areas are on hand to pass on their skills. The week saw some tumbles and a few battered souls but considering 180 horses and riders were involved mostly it all went well. Our Wamboin troop had a great time.

Congratulations to everyone. So if you have access to your own horse and are aged from 5-25 come along to enjoy the company of other riders and see what Wamboin Pony Club has to offer. Rally days are a great social day out. Not only do you have fun riding, there is always lunch for you and the family too. 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 once or twice a month on Sunday's at our grounds near the end of Canning Close from 10am - 3pm. The next Rally day is Sunday 11th May, a special Mothers Day Rally which will include a special lunch. So if you are interested come along and see all that Pony Club can offer. We would love to have some more riders' join us. If you would like some information about Wamboin Pony Club and our upcoming rally days contact our club secretary Jenni on 62383313 or go to our website: www.wamboin.pcansw.org.au , we hope we will see you soon.

Do You Live on Weeroona Drive between Majors and Denley?

David Anderson has been delivering 36 Whispers month after month to your stretch of Weeroona for a couple decades. I thank him for being the area's steadfast local newspaperman for all those years. He asked me to ask if someone else could take on the job. You don't have to sign up for two decades, but maybe for a year. If you could drop the Whisper in those northernmost 36 Weeroona maiboxes, please phone me on 6238 3484 or email me at nednoel@optusnet.com.au or whisper@wamboincommunity.asn.au. Thanks, - Ned Noel

Wamboin 15 years ago: from the Whisper May 1999 Circulation 800

From the Yarrowlumla Council News by Councillor Peter Greenwood: "Shire provides substantial help for Sydney storm victims. Yarrowlumla Shire volunteers from our Rural Fire Brigades, including Queanbeyan, plus our SES units spent six days assisting with temporary roof coverings for the victims of the severe hail storm which ravaged parts of Sydney on 14th April. 72 people from our Fire Brigades (including quite a number from Wamboin), with 11 vehicles and 32 people from our SES units were involved. Picture this:

- street after street in suburb after suburb with blue, green, yellow and silver tarpaulins covering smashed roofs on every house in every street,
- collapsed ceilings, broken tiles and smashed glass throughout houses,
- broken window glass on the lawns, on the footpaths, in the gardens, everywhere,
- guys in yellow and orange overalls on rooftops hanging on for life,
- an old lady living on a soaked mattress covered with tattered sheets of plastic in the remains of her shattered home,
- a 69 year-old with a bad limp and an x-ray photo of his leg with 3 screws and a large bolt through it, apologising for not being able to help out on his roof,
- people offering food and drinks and the use of their toilet,
- wrecked cars in the street,
- streets littered with broken everything, heaps of rubbish, sodden carpets, stacks of new roof tiles and roof tilers working every daylight hour,
- about 1000 people queuing for an hour and a half for a feed – but the food was good.

This was the scene in parts of Sydney over the Anzac week-end. The logistics of food and accommodation were immense but extremely well handled. On any day there were at least 1000 bush fire fighters, and up to 1300. Over all the volunteers completed 6,500 tasks, used 140,000 tarpaulins tied down with 4,200 kilometres of rope!

On behalf of the Council I wish to thank sincerely all those who gave their time to assist in this vital exercise."

St Andrew's, Wamboin; and St Peter's, Sutton - Church Notices

by Bronwyn Elliott

Services in May: 4 May -St Andrew's 9.00am Morning Prayer;11 May - St Peter's Sutton Morning Prayer
18 May - St Andrews 9.00 Communion (followed by a meeting of the congregation.); 25 May - St Peter's Sutton Communion
Please know that everyone is welcome at all services.

Special Notices: *27 May - St Andrew's 10.00am - A happy group of locals meet to share morning tea and two hours of fun and conversation. Kids Club Resumes on Friday 2 May from 5.30 – 7.00. At kids club, the children enjoy games, craft activities, singing a short bible story and a light meal. This is an opportunity for younger children and accompanying adults to meet others in our area.

Norton Road

by Lofty Mason

We have 2 stories to explain the name of Norton Road. Your choice:

1. According to Larry King: In 1820 the noted explorer, Lord George Braidwood set out from Queanbeyan to search for an inland sea, which was reported about 30 miles to the north east. Lead by his faithful aboriginal guide, Weeroona, they headed north for about 8 miles then Weeroona lead the expedition east along a native track that went up a steep slope. He said this track would then allow them to travel across a level plain to the fresh water sea. After reaching the top of the hill, sure enough the track went down to cross a small river. Arriving at the river, Weeroona was quite excited to see a young lubra bathing. "Hey Boss" he said "That girl has no clothes at all". "By Gad Weeroona" said Lord Braidwood adjusting his monocle, "You are right. She has **nought on**".

Or.

2. The road was named after the NORTON TOWERS group. This was the company who developed the 'Canberra Country Estate'. 'Canberra Country Estate' was the original marketing name of the area that is now Wamboin.S

Norton Road

by Dave Hubbard

A reader of the Whisper, David MacDonald, asked where the name Norton Road came from. Well, here goes: back in the days when rural subdivisions were becoming popular a development company from Sydney opened up Canberra Country Estates. The name of this company was Norton Towers Estate Pty Ltd. When we bought our property in 1977 Norton Road stopped at Fernloff Road. From there all was just a wide open sheep paddock with survey pegs showing what was to come and very few trees to block the view. How things have changed.

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Nature Notes for March and April 2014

Jo Walker

With some decent falls of saturating rain in March and April (about 130mm at my place) and continuing warm weather, the grassy areas resemble garden lawns and lots of plants are still putting out new growth.

Acacia implexa (Hickory Wattle) has just about finished flowering but was covered in masses of cream, scented flowers for a while. At the other end of the size scale, little Golden Stars (*Hypoxis hygrometrica*) have been flowering in damp areas. It wasn't a good season for the autumn-flowering orchids – though I did find one Parson's Bands Orchid (*Eriochilus cucullata*) and a few Little Dumpies (*Diplodium truncatum*).

On the other hand, conditions seem to have been perfect for the germination of *Convolvulus erubescens* (Australian Bindweed). There have always been one or two of these little plants on a north-facing rocky hillside here, but, this year, dozens of them have made an appearance.

On the bird front, Gang-gangs have been heard here most days over the past few weeks. One morning, there were eight of them in a large Yellow Box (*Eucalyptus melliodora*) along the creek and a couple more in a sapling near the house. There have always been a few Ravens around here, but for the first time this year a pair with a young one have spent some time close to the house. A large family of White-winged Choughs has also been here recently, and a pair of Magpie Larks and two offspring spent a few days here recently. It's a while since I've seen them here, and they seem to have decamped again.

A few weeks ago, a small flock of Silver-eyes spent some time in the *Kunzea ericoides* (Burgan) along the creek. Looking back at some records I've kept, it seems these little birds have turned up in noticeable numbers during the same week in three years out of the past four.

In mid-March, five Rainbow Bee-eaters spent a day here before continuing on their northern migration. They have a distinctive darting and gliding flight that shows off the beautiful copper-bronze underside of their wings. At the beginning of April, I was admiring an abundance of cream, honey-scented flowers on a planted *Eucalyptus stellulata* (Black Sallee) when I saw a little brownish bird feeding on the nectar. It turned out to be a Brown-headed Honeyeater, a bird I hadn't seen here before. It is recorded as a bird usually seen in small groups, but this one appeared to be a solitary bird.

A few days ago, while walking down to the letterbox, I stopped to watch two male Swamp Wallabies fighting on a grassy area above the dam. They were very agile fighters, several times leaping into the air, grabbing each other, then falling to the ground and rolling over and over. Eventually, I lost sight of them as they crashed through the bushes above the dam. And then there was a loud splash. One of the wallabies quickly hopped out of the shallow end, but the other one evidently decided to put a bit of distance between himself and his opponent. He swam strongly the length of the dam through quite deep water, rested for a while at the other end, then hopped up the dam wall and took off.

The wombat is still visiting, evidenced by fresh dropping every now and then, and has dug a large burrow in the one area of suitably deep soil on my place. So far, I haven't actually seen it, although it did leave a large pile of droppings on the garden near my front door recently.

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