

The Whisper

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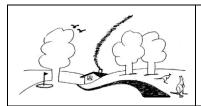
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Wamboin Community Association President's Paragraphs



Hello everyone and welcome to Spring. Like last month there are a number of important items to discuss.

Bonfire Night – The big event for September is of course Bonfire Night. The bonfire is building nicely on the oval but just a couple of reminders if you wish to deposit something on the bonfire.

PLEASE NO BUILDING WASTE! We only need cuttings and logs not exceeding 150 mm in diameter. No bricks, or pallets or other building waste please. The bonfire is an event which involves quite specific timing. It begins at **5:00pm** on **Saturday 20th September**. Food stalls won't open until about **5:30pm** so that people can get some food and drink before settling down to the main event of the evening – the lighting of the bonfire at **6:33 pm** and the fireworks (weather permitting) at **7:03pm**. To assist the fire brigade (who have agreed to help out with parking) we ask that people don't arrive prior to **4:45 pm**. Prices for the event are as follows: **Adults - \$5, Children - \$2 and a Family - \$10.** This gains entry to the ground and the bonfire and viewing of the fireworks. However this is an opportunity for all our local service groups around the area to raise some much needed funds by selling all sorts of good things to eat and drink. So please come along and join us on the 20th September at 5:00pm and support this great event.

Monthly Produce Markets – Another event (oddly enough on the same day as the bonfire) is the resumption of the monthly produce markets at the Community Hall. So come along on the morning of the 20th September and enjoy what the markets have to offer.

Neighbourhood Safer Place – The Community Hall has undergone a number of upgrades over the past months to reach the standard of Neighbourhood Safer Place. Tim Carroll, Superintendent of Queanbeyan Firecom, will be coming out to the Hall on the 13th September to hold a meeting for the residents of Wamboin to advise on these upgrades and exactly what this means in regard to some residents' fire plans. This is **not** a WCA organised event but I do urge residents to attend this meeting organised by the fire brigade and listen to what Tim Carroll has to say. It may prove vital to your fire plans. Further information about this event should appear further on in this edition of The Whisper.

Well as you can see a busy month ahead of us. See you all later. -- Jenny Richards (President)

WAMBOIN HOME PRODUCE MARKETS SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 20TH 9AM TO 12 NOON

New Contact: Lance and Meriel Schultz 6238-3309

After the winter break, the markets are on again. We look forward to working with you to make it a great morning. Come along and enjoy fresh produce, those excellent egg and bacon rolls and a chat with your friends. Combine your visit with the Fire Brigade bushfire information session at the Fire Shed and - for those of you with small children - join in the craft activities as the Wamboin Playgroup launches its new playground shade cover!





FIREWORKS WARNING



The Annual Bonfire and Fireworks Night coordinated by the Wamboin Community Association is planned for Saturday, the 20th of September. This night is the major, and sometimes the only, fund raising activity by our Community groups. There will be no commercial stalls. Last year the 33rd annual event raised a total of over \$4,500. The scheduled lighting of the Bonfire is 6.33pm and the

Fireworks display will begin at 7.03pm. Our Fire Brigade will control parking safety and fire safety.

This warning is given because some animals may be upset by the noise of the Fireworks. The company providing the display, **Fireworks Australia**, have been requested to feature show rather than noise however there will undoubtedly be some bangs and fizzes.

Fireworks may upset animals. Please ensure your animals are safe.

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Bywong Community News

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



Year's Harvest Destroyed by Rain: Our harvest in this case was the annual Car Boot Sale and its crop of cash and community goodwill – regrettably cancelled (twice) because of the wet weather. This sad occurrence and the consequent shortage of cash – not only for the Community but also for supporters like the Fire Brigade and Landcare - was suitably mourned by President Darryl in his report to the AGM on 18 August. In contrast, he was able to point to the ever-growing success of the Community's Trivia Night and the decision to hold a second such event on 28 November. He also reminded the meeting that this year's (free!) Christmas drinks, scheduled for after work on Friday 5 December, will celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Bywong Hall, built by our own community volunteers.

Darryl also made a spirited appeal for wider participation in Clean Up Australia next March. Many of us have noticed an apparent increase in roadside rubbish – particularly on Macs Reef and Bungendore Roads – in the past year. It appears to be mainly discarded takeaway containers and escaped tip refuse. Please join in if you can – whether for half and hour or only five minutes.

Under pressure, Darryl agreed to serve for a further (final!) year as President. The meeting also elected Vice-President Clive Boughton, Secretary Bernie Greethead, Treasurer Jean-Pierre Favre, and Committee members Anne Goonan, Greg Gougeon, Kerry Cox (Pony Club), Nora Stewart (Greenways), Bob Angel, and Guy Cotsell.

Sun Shines at AGM: Although the Hall was full for the AGM, we are not kidding ourselves that the Community's yearly accounting was the drawcard. Our featured event for the evening was a wide-ranging discussion on installing your own solar panels – a topic of huge interest, if the attendance is a reliable indicator. The focus was very relevant to our own area. After our first speaker painted a wide-ranging picture of current industry trends, a panel of local installers was able to give onthe-ground information on costs and alternatives, and field a barrage of questions from a savvy audience. See our website for more detailed information.

Next Meeting: We urge Bywong residents to attend the next meeting of our Community at 7.30 pm on Monday 13 October at the Bywong Hall in Birriwa Road. All are welcome.





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Wamboin 15 years ago - from the Whisper, September 1999 - Circulation: 800 by Robyn Robertson

This edition of the Whisper concentrated on the forthcoming Local Government elections, (to be held on the 11th September), with all the candidates in Ward A, which included Wamboin, endeavouring to win support. More next month. The other issue which attracted correspondence was the proposal to remove pine trees from a section of the greenways. This too, was a continuing debate.

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Wonderful Women of Wamboin

by Maureen Boss

On the first Monday in August, Beth Tyerman who had worked with the AMSA (the Australian Maritime Safety Authority) over nineteen years, gave a talk on their work and what role they may have played in the search for the missing Malaysian Flight MH 370. A lively discussion ensued, with many theories put forward as to what had taken place on that night and how it has affected us all.

At the end of the monthly sewing session, nineteen individually decorated drainage bags were completed and handed over to Bosom Buddies for breast cancer patients post surgery. Someone who had undergone this type of surgery, on hearing about the decorated bags, said how in her post-operative group, the ones who had brightly coloured bags had recovered faster than those given dreary or neutral coloured ones.

Our Liz Hendrickson won two second prizes at the quilt and Craft Exhibition. Congratulations, Liz! Encouraged by the experiences of the first group, eight more braved the terrors of the Queanbeyan Mystery Tour and survived to express their enjoyment.

A talk was given on the work of women in England in WW 1. The scene was set by a short description of the Industrial Revolution at the beginning of the nineteenth century and the effect on women of all classes in society. Throughout the next hundred years, the position of women gradually changed from second class citizens who did not exist according to the law of the land to educated, recognised by law members of society. The Suffragettes, with their organisation were able to help the Government channel workers quickly into much needed careers once conscription began in 1916. Women Police Constables, with the right of arresting, came into being. Beside the well known work undertaken, women made the rubber bases for the gasmasks, the thick glass for the submarine portholes, the hard biscuit for the soldiers and cattle cake for the animals.

Factories formed football(soccer) teams and were organised into a league whose matches provided money for charities. Women continued to play in matches after the war until 1921 when they were banned by the FA until1971, not because the women wore shorts, but because their games were well attended! The climax came when on Christmas Day1921 a match was attended by 53,000 which was never the case at an FA game played by any male club.

Gundaroo Public School 150th Anniversary

Planning is well underway for Gundaroo Public School's 150th Anniversary celebrations, on Saturday 21 March 2015. A program of events for the day has been developed, which includes a luncheon, student musical performance, school building tours, old style games for the kids (get your egg and spoon ready) and will culminate in an old style dance and BBQ in the evening. We are hoping to bring the wider Gundaroo community, and staff and students past and present, along on our 150th Anniversary journey, involving them in planning, helping our school look great and in attendance 150th events.

The school has developed a Facebook page which will provide regular updates on activities, and showcase some of the school's history. You can follow us on Facebook at https://www.facebook.com/GundarooPublicSchool150th. "Using our Facebook page, we are planning *Flashback Friday*, where we post old photos of staff, students and events, and call on people to add information about the photo and their time at Gundaroo Public School," said Sue Kominek, Principal at Gundaroo Public School.

"We would love to hear stories and experiences from past students and staff, or to hear what you are doing or where you are now. You can post this on our Facebook page or email the school. We are also very keen for past staff and students to provide old photos, school uniforms, and memorabilia to feature in classrooms as part of our celebrations," said Mrs Kominek. If you would like to get involved or can provide any memorabilia, please contact the school via email gundaroo-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au or telephone (02) 6236 8115. For further information about the 150th Anniversary contact Liza Davis on 0418 164 231 or Jo Scard on 0457 725 957.





Councillor's Corner

Building Certificates — I've received a couple of calls recently from residents who have discovered only when they came to sell their property, that all the relevant approvals were not in place.

There are several reasons why this may have happened. The most obvious, of course, is that the owners themselves had built a structure without the appropriate approval. The less obvious, perhaps, is that their conveyancing lawyer was not as thorough as they could have been at the time of purchase. A third possibility is that, unfortunately, some people are a little too casual about the need to ensure that structures on a property they purchase are covered by the required building approvals, only to discover when they come to sell that property that prospective buyers are not as relaxed about the situation.

In an earlier column (Building Approvals, Feb 2014) I went through the building approvals process. The upshot of this was that, on completion of a correctly approved and constructed structure, the Principal Certifying Authority, usually council, will issue an Occupation Certificate. If a structure has not been the subject of development approval, or it has not been subjected to the required inspection schedule, an Occupation Certificate cannot be issued—*ever*. Most people proposing to buy a property, however, will want to see the Occupation Certificates for significant structures on that property.

It is important to appreciate that it is impossible to get retrospective development approval, and hence an Occupation Certificate, for an existing, unapproved structure. Apart from the legal impediments, it will not be possible to verify the integrity of a structure without the relevant inspections (which must necessarily be carried out *during* construction).

What can be done in such cases, however, is that council can issue a Building Certificate under Section 149D of the Environmental Planning & Assessment Act. A Building Certificate does not operate to give consent to the structure or its use, either retrospectively or prospectively. However, pursuant to Section 149E, a Building Certificate does allow an unauthorised structure to continue to exist to the extent that the owner is protected against any action being taken by the Council, specifically any requirement to demolish, alter or rebuild the structure, for a period of seven (7) years from the date of the Certificate. To this extent, a Building Certificate may be considered to 'regularise' such a development.

Before council will issue a Building Certificate, however, it must be satisfied that the building is at least structurally sound. To this end, the building will need to be certified by a suitably qualified person, generally an engineer, prior to the issue of a Building Certificate. Note that a Building Certificate is only valid for seven (7) years, so for peace of mind it's a good plan to ensure that any Building Certificate and associated structural certification is current.

Typically, in the absence of development consent, or an Occupation Certificate, prospective buyers (and/or their financial institution) will require a Building Certificate so that they can be assured that the building they are buying will not be the subject of subsequent action (e.g. demolition order) by council.

Not every structure, however, requires planning approval. The Exempt & Complying Development Codes State Environmental Planning Policy (just Google it for details) lists developments that can be undertaken without formal approval, and thus do not require any level of certification. Nonetheless, note that for a proposed structure to be exempt development, *all* of the development standards specified in the Exempt & Complying Development Codes SEPP must be met.

In any case, it's a good idea to ensure that you have the required paperwork in hand well before placing your property on the market. Some buyers are more relaxed about this than others, but it's better to be safe than sorry.

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

Building Certificates (Aug 2014)

Building Approvals (Dec 2013)

Development Approvals (May 2013)

Council's General Meetings are held on the first Thursday of the month (excluding January), commencing at 5.00 pm. Members of the public are welcome. The meeting location varies—check Council's website (http://palerang.nsw.gov.au) for details. Meeting Business Papers are also available on Council's website on the Friday preceding the meeting. Cr Pete Harrison, Ph. 6238 3640, Mob. 0427 711 028,

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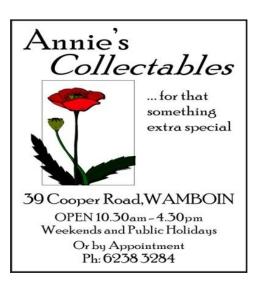
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The Wamboin Firefighter

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 <u>ALL</u> EMERGENCY CALLS, ring triple zero (000)

The Statutory Bush Fire Danger Period is fast approaching! (1st October)

Now is a good time to finalise and practise your Bush Fire Survival Plan. The NSW Rural Fire Service provides helpful information on its website at www.rfs.nsw.gov.au

HAVE YOU MADE YOUR BUSH FIRE SURVIVAL PLAN?

NEW LAWS – to help you prepare your home for bush fires

10/50 Vegetation Clearing

From 1st August there are new laws in place to help people prepare their homes for bush fires in NSW. The new laws streamline the processes for people to remove trees and vegetation and provide greater flexibility to improve the safety of their homes.

The new laws allow people in a designated 10/50 Vegetation Clearing Entitlement Area to:

- o clear trees on their property within 10 metres of a home, without seeking approval; and
- o clear underlying vegetation such as shrubs (but not trees) on their property within 50 metres of a home, without seeking approval,

provided they comply with the NSW RFS 10/50 Vegetation Clearing Code of Practice for New South Wales.

You can find out if your property is in a 10/50 Vegetation Clearing Entitlement Area using the NSW Rural Fire Service Online tool on the NSW RFS website by inserting http://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/news-and-media/general-news/1050-vegetation-clearing tool clearing into your online browser or by clicking on the following link 1050-vegetation-clearing/tool

The 10/50 Vegetation Clearing Code of Practice for New South Wales outlines a number of restrictions that may be relevant; it can be viewed and downloaded from the NSWRFS website, as can a series of Frequently Asked Questions that provide additional information. Questions answered include: what kind of buildings does the 10/50 rule cover; what if the vegetation is on a neighbouring block; where do I measure the 10 or 50 metres from; what is considered a tree; what if my property is on a slope?

If you need further information, please contact staff at the local Fire Control Centre (weekdays office hours) on 6128 0600, or the Brigade Captain on 0409 991 340.



BRIGADE ACTIVITY

Callouts

On <u>Saturday 9th August</u> about 1:30 pm the brigade sent a heavy tanker to extinguish a grass fire on Macs Reef Rd Bywong that had escaped from an agricultural burn.

Sunday 10th August just after 9 am the brigade was called to a single vehicle accident on the Gundaroo Rd just north of Sutton Village. Crew in one of heavy tankers attended. Later in the day at 3:55 pm the brigade responded to a motor vehicle accident on the Federal Highway near a rest area about 10 minutes south of Collector. Traffic on both sides of the Federal Highway was seriously delayed. Police, Ambulance, Snowy Hydro Southcare Rescue Helicopter, and NSW Fire & Rescue as well as the NSW Rural Fire Service attended.

On <u>Thursday 21st August</u> at 1:50 pm the brigade was responded to a report of a grass fire on a property in Donnelly Rd Bywong. On arrival, the five firefighters



in one of the brigade's heavy tankers found several small areas of grass alight along a property boundary in what was an unnotified burn by the owner. Had the owner done the right thing and notified the local Fire Control Centre and his neighbours of his intention to burn before lighting up, as is required by legislation, the volunteer crew members are unlikely to have been needlessly dragged away from work or home to attend the fire.

On <u>Saturday 30th August</u> at 7:30 am the brigade responded to a single vehicle accident on the Federal Highway. The vehicle involved in the accident was declared safe by the Captain and the brigade's heavy fire tanker was turned back en route.

Hazard Reductions

On Saturday 9th August the brigade assisted with 3 strategically useful hazard reduction burns on properties in the Wamboin and Bungendore ends of the brigade area. And on the following Saturday 16th August, crews in tankers from Wamboin and our neighbouring Bungendore and Sutton Rural Fire Brigades worked collectively at a larger agricultural burn of approximately 3-4 hectares involving three properties at the western end of Macs Reef Rd Bywong.

Training

With the fire danger period approaching, training during August has focused on working with live-fire. In addition, several members have been involved in zone training and/or assessment events.



Bungendore Scouts Visit

On Wednesday 27th August, twenty-five Scouts and three Leaders from the Bungendore Scouts Troop, plus several parents visited the Wamboin Fire Station to see and hear about fire brigade operations. Among other things, the visitors explored the fire tankers, tried out various fire-fighting tools including rakehoes and knapsacks, and spent time developing a fire survival plan for their homes. The event formed part of a scout award scheme requiring a visit to an organisation that serves the local community. It also enabled the scouts attending to qualify for a Scouts Fire Awareness award. Many thanks to the five fire brigade members involved in running the event and/or helping out during what was a very productive evening.

BURNING OFF - reminder for notification

If you are going to light a fire outside the bush fire danger period - it is a legislative requirement that you notify your neighbours <u>and</u> the local Fire Control Centre well in advance of your intention to burn, i.e. <u>at least</u> 24 hours before lighting up. It is also essential that you attend and control the fire at all times. To notify the local Fire Control Centre (it's in Queanbeyan), call 6128 0600 (weekday business hours only – no later than mid-Friday for the weekend/ closed on Public Holidays). The details required are your name, address of the fire, phone number and the dates when the fire will be lit. Penalties have recently been increased for non-compliance and are being enforced.

CALENDAR - UPCOMING EVENTS FOR RESIDENTS

Saturday 20 th September	Brigade Information 'Shopfront' (9am-12noon) adjacent to the Wamboin Home Produce Market, Wamboin Community Complex, 112 Bingley Way, Wamboin.		
	Wamboin Community Association Family Bonfire & Fireworks Night @ Wamboin Community Complex, 112 Bingley Way, Wamboin.		
Saturday 18 th October	Wamboin Community Complex, 112 Bingley Way, Wamboin. Registration from 11 am. Session time 11:30 am – 1 pm Prepared and presented by the members of your fire brigade. For the benefit of <u>all</u> residents in the brigade's area.		
Saturday 25 th October	Grand Opening: Wamboin NEIGHBOURHOOD SAFER PLACE at Wamboin Community Hall & Rural Fire Service Fire Station 112 Bingley Way, Wamboin. 10:30 am – 12 noon		

FURTHER INFORMATION

Wamboin Brigade Website

The Wamboin Fire Brigade website site at http://brigade.wamboincommunity.asn.au will help you monitor local conditions and Brigade announcements. The **Community Information** section has useful information relating to burning-off, and links to other websites including the NSW Rural Fire Service that provides guidance for preparation against bush and grass fires and a template for a Bush Fire Survival Plan.

And finally...

Should you have any non-emergency enquiry, e.g. need guidance with your Bush Fire Survival Plan or you would like a brigade member to visit you to provide helpful comment on your property preparations, please contact the Brigade directly by email captain@brigade.wamboincommunity.asn.au or phone 0409 991 340.

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170: CO-ORDINATED	HELEN MONTESIN: ph 6238 3208				
Fay Kelly	Norton Rd West Area from Cmpbl Pl	20	Bill Owen	Cooper Rd	26
Helen Montesin	Fernloff Rd	35	Stuart Whitten	Canning Cl	17
Julie Veal	Poppet Rd (for all on road)	32	Alan Rope	Sutton Rd	40
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Joan Mason	Bingley Way	48	Margaret Heleimin	Merino Vale Dr	17
Sue Ward	Norton Rd (Bingley to Weeroona)	32	Anne Gardner	Weeroona Dr (Norton to Majors)	31
Kathy Handel	Norton (Weerona to Hilltop+Wirndra)	22	Penny Evans	Norton Rd (Campbell to Bingley)	26
238: CO-ORDINATED	BY KERRIE FISHER: ph 6238 3489				
Lesley Page	Valley View Ln	4	Deb Gordon	Yalana East	44
Colleen Foster	B'dore Rd to Nrtn Rd	23	Rob Gorham	South end Clare Valley	38
Cassie Fisher	Clare Ln	12	Lyle Montesin	The Forest Rd area incl Joe Rcks	65
Dominica Lorima	North end Clare Valley	42	Bungendore Foodworks	Bungendore	10
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Don Malcolmson	Macs Reef Rd (Denley to Gum Flat)	7	Rhett Cox	Macs Reef Rd (Newington to Bankers)	7
Connie & Hans Bachor	Dnly Dr to Macs Rf Rd incl Bchm Gr	28	Morag & Guy Cotsell	Macs Reef Rd b'n Nwgtn& Harriott	30
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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
Beth Hope	Gum Flat Ln	6	Tony Bond	Hogan Dr/Orana Dr/Yuranga Dr	42
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Rainfall and Temperatures in Wamboin – 39 Year Statistics from the Robertsons

August rainfall ... 44.75mm 2014 to 31/8 ... 419.15mm Average September rainfall ... 63.7mm Wettest Sept.... 146mm in 1978 Driest Sept.... 6mm in 1994 Coldest Sept day ... 5C on 4/9/82 & 28/9/09 (Aug 2013 ... 29.75mm) (2013 to 31/8 .. 342.75mm) (Sept 2013 ... 88.0mm) Wettest Sept day .. 48mm on 19/9/85 Hottest Sept day ... 24C on 18/9/81 Coldest Sept night ... -4C on 1/9/12

St Andrews and St Peters (SRMD) Church Notices

Winter is officially over and we look forward to warmer spring weather as we meet for our 9am services on the first and third Sunday of each month, at St Andrews, Wamboin, and the second and fourth Sunday at St Peters, Sutton. This month we had an evening service on the fifth Sunday at St Andrews. We enjoyed this additional service as the day was closing in, made even better by sharing a pot of soup with crusty bread washed down by a glass of wine. Those less fortunate were not forgotten. We filled the basket for St Benedicts, Queanbeyan, with non perishable food items to help replenish their pantry. St Benedicts provides meals and support for those in the community who need a helping hand, and several members of the congregation volunteer in their kitchen.

Our "baby Jesus" from the Nativity pageant, last Christmas Eve, has grown into a bonny little boy and was Baptised during the month. It was a very happy occasion for family and friends, and there was a very proud great grandmother in the congregation. Once again we will be there with the Gluhwein stall, along with other community organisations offering food and drink at the Community Fireworks Extravaganza on 20th September. At a date yet to be decided, there will be Busy Bees at both churches, to prepare the grounds and gardens for spring.

With the new roof and guttering at historic St Peters, a new and larger tank will be installed. Unlike the old tank, it will be sited away from the building to avoid any damage to the foundations if, in the unlikely event, there is ever any overflow. With plenty of water and a big paddock, St Peters will be the perfect place for a Blessing of the Animals service in early November. Keep this in mind, and tell your four legged friends!

Kids Club is still going strong on Friday nights at St Andrews, Poppet Road, from 5.30 to 7pm, during NSW school terms. Come along with your little ones. Dinner is provided.

Contacts: Robyn Robertson, 62383202...Bronwyn Elliott, 62383359...Alan Rope, 62383224

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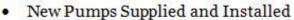
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Wamboin Playgroup Playground Shade

by Fiona Laverty

Members of the Wamboin community are warmly invited to attend the Wamboin Community Hall playground shade cover opening by Palerang Council Mayor Pete Harrison and Bendigo Bank team members at 10am on Saturday 20 September. The opening, to be conducted by the Wamboin Playgroup, will be held during the regular Wamboin Markets. Face painting, balloons, and cakes will be provided by Wamboin Playgroup for children and grownups alike. For more information, contact Emma Auzins on 6238 3974.

Wamboin Pony Club – August

Hopefully the cold Winter weather will soon be gone now Spring is upon us. The past month has been cool but the small band of the riders at Wamboin Pony Club still managed to make it to our August Rally day. This month was also the time for some of our members to compete in the Zone Mounted Games – our teams the "Wamboin Wildcats" and "Zone 16 Masters" competed with others around our area for a fast and furious day of Mounted Games at Bungendore Showground. Unfortunately the weather meant only one day of competition was held rather than the normal two but both teams managed to perform well.

Now the weather is improving if you're interested in coming to join your small local pony club we'd love to have some more members. This month our club will also have a stall at the Wamboin fireworks on Saturday 21st September so come and



grab a glow stick and a hotdog and have a chat to us about what our club has to offer. You can come and try out at our rally days and see if you like it. So if you have access to your own horse and are aged from 4-25 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 club Rally day will be on Sunday 14th September. So if you are interested come along and see all that Pony Club can offer. 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. - Steve Quick



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TRADIES'GOLF DAY AT WAMBOIN

Wasn't Sunday (6 August) an absolutely stunning day?! And what better way to spend it than on the quaint, bucolic Wamboin golf course where it was Tradies' Day, sponsored by those plumbing, electrical and mechanical technicians, Don, Trent and Henk. The photo shows players in front of a typical Wamboin golf cart; also indicative of strict dress code. The superb weather guaranteed a sizeable crowd, later swollen by family, friends and neighbours who attended the 19th. Stroke was the order of the day. (Steady, Trigger. That's stroke *play* as opposed to golf 's other variants). We thank the tradies for



the food - including Henk's traditional pea and ham soup - and the prizes. The prize giving ceremony provided moments of low comedy as the wrong prizes were awarded and had to be reclaimed. There was reference to a Mongolian Cluster Fudge, whatever that is.

Googly balls went to Mads Gordon, Keith France, Len Ivey who was man enough to play with a pink ball which nicely matched his shirt, and the two crocks who drove the entire 9 hole course in a 4WD. Rob Gorham left early so the dummy spit award went to Keith France. Ball winners were Len Ivey X 3 (yes, that's what we thought), Philip

Moran (visitor) X 2, Rob Gibson, Ken Gordon, Lofty Mason, Keith France and Paul Griffin. The juniors comp over 9 holes was won by Rachel Schroder with 51 off the stick for a net 22. The senior 9 hole competition was won by Rob Gibson 40/29 (handicapper to note!), 2nd John Whitney 38/32, 3rd Ken Gordon 40/33. The 18 hole comp went to Keith France 82/65 on a count-back from Tim Barter 78/65 with Len Ivey taking third place on 79/66.

Next month (7 September) will be the Wamboin Spring Trophy sponsored by J & L Mason. And you know what that means: Joan's spring rolls! See you at the Hall at 12.15pm. -- Larry King, golfer *quod est demonstrandum*





Wamboin Muse

Jill Gregory

What a month! On the first day of August we sat beside a roaring fire and looked out on snow falling softly on a rambling rose covered in pale pink blooms; a pair of king parrots arrived to share the spectacle. Wattles, refugees from Cootamundra that had sought asylum along our driveway glowed golden in their adopted land. We awoke to frozen pipes. A dripping tap grew an icy tendril overnight and there was a blanket of crystal white. But the lengthening days began to embrace the sun, and little wrens appeared in their blue caps and mufflers twittering as they hopped about, the ground too cold for them to dally. I heard a far off koel. The bees moved from the mass of sweet scented winter honeysuckle to the frothy pink japonicas and then on to the viburnums, dusted with white powder, and now humming. From a bare garden, save for those bewildered roses, I started to smell violets, found peeping hellebores and winter irises, and then bands of daffodils lifted their yellow trumpets, and, joined by a chorus of frogs, heralded the final act of winter.

The end of winter, however, spells the beginning of activity above ground, not just for the plants and birds, but for me, too. My garden has been quietly growing old and lazy, it was overweight and flabby and I couldn't ignore the signs of decline any longer. So, it was out with the secateurs and clippers, on with the gloves and I started weeding and snipping and pulling out dead plants and unwelcome weeds. As I snipped, I could hear the accompanying snarl of a chainsaw tackling the heavier stuff further off. And the more I weeded, the more weeds I seemed to find, and the more I snipped and pruned, the more dead and straggly bits were revealed. I also uncovered, to my chagrin, the secret life of rabbits! The pile of weeds and clippings grew and grew, and as if the scales had fallen from my eyes I suddenly saw last year's pile and the pile left behind from the previous year, not just garden waste but long dead wattles and branches and lumps of timber dragged into a heap, discarded and forgotten; they had become part of the landscape.

But, there is a fairy godmother! Cleverly camouflaged, she appeared in the guise of two strong men, a truck, a community bonfire and a small boy to oversee the entire operation. Truck load after truck load was taken to fuel the bonfire, and our "like Topsy" garden started to take on the appearance of a neat, suburban backyard....well almost!!! The only problem is that now the superficial stuff has gone, and I've looked beyond the garden, I am beginning to see a whole lot more that needs to go, and the next lot might require more than a fairy godmother.

Wonderful Wamboin......a haven for squirrels, collectors, recyclers, hoarders and lax gardeners......where there are always bits and pieces too good to pull out or throw out, "just yet"!

It would be impossible to live anywhere else......but what a pity the new season stirred the spring cleaner in me and my eyes were opened. If only I hadn't started!

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