

The Whisper

October 2014

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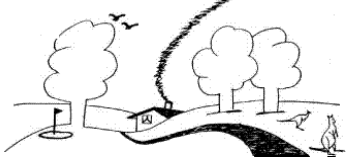

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Hi and here it is, October. The year is beginning to slip away. A reasonable amount to discuss this month.

Bonfire Night – On the 20th September the WCA hosted the annual bonfire and fireworks night.

The lovely day was followed up by a beautiful night which in turn brought out record-breaking crowds to our bonfire. Attendances were the largest in fifteen years. The bonfire went up well and the fireworks were absolutely spectacular. All of the food stalls which were run by our various community groups as their major fund-raiser for the year, reported excellent sales. In fact most if not all sold out. A couple of problems still remain such as parking and lighting in the playground area. We will be addressing these problems in the near future to see how they can be improved for next year. But for now I hope everyone had as great a time as my family did.

Bonfire Night Thank you – Now for some special thank you's for our Bonfire Night would not have been as successful without some groups and individuals. Firstly to **Fireworks Australia** for the absolutely mind-blowing pyrotechnic display. I doubt anyone would argue that the display was anything but outstanding and we thank them very much. Next to the **Wamboin fire brigade** who assisted with gate-takings, the very difficult job of parking, providing supervisory support at the actual bonfire once it was lit and of course providing one of the many food stalls; thank you. The night would not be the success it is without your help. To our various service groups around the community who all came together to run their various food stalls, another thank you. Our service groups include: **Sutton Primary School, Wamboin Pony Club, St Andrews Church, the Wonderful Women of Wamboin, the Wamboin Playgroup, the Wamboin Golf Club** and the **Sutton School Drill Dance** group. If I've forgotten any group I apologise in advance. Our raffle sponsors also deserve a big thank you. The meat trays were provided by **Bungendore Country Butchery**, wines by **Inland Trading and Keith France**, organic vegetables by **Geoff Foster**, roses by **Eureka Plants** and free-range eggs by **Pendon Produce**. Finally a couple of individuals; **Lofty Mason** who did the initial organising and **Keith France** who pulled it all together for the actual night. Thank you very much.

Neighbourhood Safer Place – As you may have read in last month's Whisper the Community Hall has undergone numerous upgrades to bring it up to the standard of a Neighbourhood Safer Place. These new changes were going to be demonstrated by Queanbeyan Firecom Superintendent Tim Carroll on the 13th September however due to unforeseen circumstances the date for this launching has been changed to the 25th October. All details of this event are available in this issue of the Whisper in the Wamboin Fire-fighter section.

That's it from me except for one final thank you to everyone who came to the bonfire and supported the event and had a great time. Thanks for coming. – Jenny Richards (President)

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Wamboin Neighbourhood Safer Place

OFFICIAL OPENING

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Dear resident,

In recent months works have been occurring on and around the Wamboin Community Hall to allow it to be used as a Neighbourhood Safer Place (NSP). These works have included ember proofing the building, installation of an 110,000litre water tank and installation of a sprinkler system. The NSP works have been funded by the NSW Rural Fire Service through an internal grant.

At 10:30am on Saturday 25 October the Rural Fire Service will be holding an official opening of the NSP. The opening will include a discussion of the season outlook and the use of the NSP.

Neighbourhood Safer Places are a place of last resort during a bush fire emergency. They are to be used when all other options in your Bush Fire Survival Plan can't be put into action safely.

Not all areas will have a Neighbourhood Safer Place. If there is no Neighbourhood Safer Place in your area, you should identify other safer locations you can go to as a last resort. This might include a nearby home, which is well prepared, a shopping centre or oval, which is well away from the bush.

A Neighbourhood Safer Place is designed as a Place of Last Resort in bush fire emergencies only. Please note that travelling to or sheltering at a Neighbourhood Safer Place does not guarantee your safety.

(A sausage sizzle and light refreshments will follow the official opening.)

-- Superintendent Tim Carroll, Zone Manager, NSW Rural Fire Service, Lake George Zone

(The space for this article has been paid for at advertising rates by Canberra Equine Hospital)

What are these Lumps on my Horse's Back

By Dr. Natasha Hovanessian, Canberra Equine Hospital



Recently we have been attending a number of horses with a skin condition called **Eosinophilic Granulomas**, also known as Nodular Collagen Necrosis or Eosinophilic Collagenolytic Granulomas.

This condition occurs fairly commonly, is not seasonal, (so can occur at any time of year), and is of





unknown cause. Trauma, insect bites and hypersensitivity may play a role in this condition. Usually the lumps appear along the topline, (dorsum), where the saddle sits, around the withers and sometimes on the chest and sides of the horse. Numerous small, firm, raised, round, haired and sometimes painful lumps are present. Lumps may be a few millimetres or up to 10cm in diameter. They are not itchy or crusted, which can help differentiate eosinophilic granulomas from other similar skin conditions. Horses may have a few nodules or up to dozens of them. The photo shows the typical appearance of this condition near a horse's withers.

Some horses become resentful of having the lumps touched and the pressure of the saddle applied, which usually indicates they need to be treated. In others, they cause no concern at all and may disappear on their own.

Usually a biopsy, (tiny sample of skin), is taken and sent to the laboratory for histopathology to confirm a diagnosis before treatment is commenced. Treatment consists of corticosteroids, which can have side effects including laminitis, so your veterinarian can help develop a treatment plan that is tailored to your horse and the extent of their granulomas. Lumps that are mineralised may be removed surgically. If your horse has hypersensitivity to certain insects then allergy shots may be helpful. Also, limiting the horse's contact with biting insects by using fans, fly sheets and a good insect management system will be beneficial.

Any questions about lumps on your horse?

Please contact **Canberra Equine Hospital on (02) 6241 8888 or at equine@canberravet.com.au**.

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Memories at the Hall: Our end-of-year drinks in December will have a special significance this year. We are celebrating the twenty-fifth anniversary of our Bywong Hall in Birriwa Road. So come along and enjoy the double celebration. Relics of the building project, carried out by our Community Association, will be on show – both structural and human. We have chosen a Friday evening to make it easy to drop in after work, and hope to see old inhabitants of Bywong, new arrivals, and all those in between. No obligation, and we provide the drinks – just turn up. The date is Friday 5 December, and any time after 6 pm.

Spring Trivia: Our ever-changing, ever developing and always fun Trivia Night is so popular that we are running a second event this year. We know patrons expect innovation and fun, and they will not be disappointed. The date is 28 November, and it might be wise to book early. Book with Greg Gougeon on 6236 9841.

Crime in Bywong: We were all concerned to read the Canberra Times account of a violent home intrusion and attack in Bywong during the month. We all look out for one another as a matter of course, but if anyone wants to suggest a more formal initiative, please come to a meeting and tell us. This is certainly an issue on which we might expect some community interest.

Congratulations: The Community would like to congratulate Pete Harrison and Belinda Hogarth-Boyd on their re-election as Mayor and Deputy Mayor of Palerang Council. We wish them a fruitful and satisfying term at the helm of our own little local democracy.

Next Meeting: The next meeting of the Community will take place in the Community Hall in Birriwa Road at 7.30 pm on Monday 13 October. Membership is free, and the only qualification is residence in Bywong.

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WWOW Monthly Report

The first Monday in September saw the sewing group assemble their machines for an afternoon of completing as many drainage bags as possible in about two hours. Together with the support of cutters, pinner, ironers and tea makers, twenty three highly individual bags were made to pass on to the hospital. A kind person had donated some cheerful coloured, lighter material to decorate the bags. Our creative artists had skilfully arranged patterns on the heavier material, so important to those recovering from illness to have 'a happy bag'.

Three very diverse pieces were displayed amid much admiration, namely, a picture of a dressed teddy bear holding a basket of flowers in embroidery and framed, for a young relative. Another small child will be the happy recipient of a sun hat with giraffe print all over! Last, but not least, a blue and white travel bag lined in white. At first view, the bag seemed so simple and ordinary, but there are unexpected zippers with a variety of pocket sizes for different purposes e.g. Passport, keys, I-pod. Result-a clamour for a lesson and pattern of the 'simple travelling bag'.

For the annual Wamboin Bonfire and Fireworks, the WWOW again served up beef and chicken curries on rice. The strategy planned on Monday meant one group spent the ensuing Friday chopping meat and vegetables for the cooking, while on Saturday, a dedicated volunteer cooked twenty kilos of rice. A third team then came to serve the dishes on the Saturday.

The queue was long, even more customers than ever, resulting in over two hundred portions being served until the curries ran out. This year the WWOW were able to enjoy the fireworks, not having been their good fortune in previous years. The funds raised will be donated back to community causes. Meanwhile other WWOWs were active at other stalls e.g the mulled wine. - by Jane Nock and Maureen Boss.

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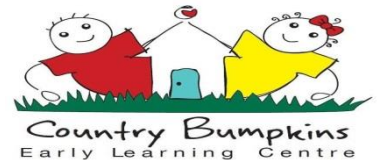
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This month we will start some recycling at the markets. Bring along your used egg cartons and clean jam jars on the day and leave them in the marked bins. Stall holders who bring eggs or make jams and preserves will be very welcome to take cartons or jars home to fill up for the next markets!

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BUSH FIRE DANGER PERIOD HAS STARTED !!

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1 October to 31 March

THERE IS A REAL RISK OF UNCONTROLLED FIRES IN OUR AREA

FIRE PERMITS NOW REQUIRED

If you are planning to light a fire in the open during the Bush Fire Danger Period, you will need a Fire Permit.
Penalties for a range of infringements have recently been doubled and are being enforced.

BURNING OFF – FIRE PERMITS REQUIRED



From 1st October anyone wishing to light a fire in the open (other than a cooking fire in a properly constructed fire place with a 2 metre cleared border around it) will require a Fire Permit before lighting up. Fire permits are free and for properties in the Wamboin Brigade area (see above) can be arranged by contacting the Brigade Captain on 0409 991 340 or email: captain@brigade.wamboincommunity.asn.au

Requests for permits should be made at least a week before the intended burn, because we must inspect the burn site before we can issue a permit, and thus may be unable to issue a permit at short notice.

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 when the Fire Danger Rating is Very High or above; they may also be suspended on days of High fire danger after taking into account changed or deteriorating weather conditions.

It is the landowner's responsibility to check the Fire Danger Rating before lighting a fire. The Fire Danger Rating is displayed on a daily basis on the roadside monitor signs in the brigade area, on the brigade, Wamboin Community Association and NSWRFSS websites, and it is broadcast in the media.

As temperatures get warmer we ask landowners to use care when lighting fires. It is an offence under the Rural Fires Act 1997 to allow a fire to escape from your property and it is your responsibility to ensure that fires are not left unattended. If a fire does escape, it is essential to call Triple Zero (000) immediately so emergency services can respond accordingly and minimise damage.

DRIER/WARMER PERIOD AHEAD

The late September El Nino Southern Oscillation (ENSO) Wrap-Up from the Bureau of Meteorology is that there is at least a 50% chance of El Nino developing over the coming months, which is double the long-term likelihood. El Nino is often associated with below-average rainfall over large parts of southern and eastern inland areas of Australia. A drier than normal October to December is more likely for large parts of eastern Australia. Warmer than normal days are expected.



The bush fire season is here – and now is a good time to Get Ready. Hot temperatures and a dry landscape could lead to another challenging bush fire season for NSW this year. The time to act is now. We're encouraging everyone to get outside and clean up their properties to get them fire-ready. It's a time to also work with your neighbours and talk about the fire risk in your area – and what you plan to do if there is a fire. There's plenty of useful information offered by the NSWRFSS through its website and your local fire brigade. In a heads up on an RFS initiative, you could also take advantage

of the coming themed 'Get Ready Weekend' on 18-19 October to get yourself, family and property prepared. Now is the time to get together, get prepared and get ready.



BRIGADE ACTIVITY

Callouts

Friday 12 September – 2.57pm: the brigade was responded to a motor vehicle accident involving 2 vehicles near the intersection of the Federal Highway and Macs Reef Rd.

Sunday 21 September – 2.50pm: the Brigade was called to a car fire on Bungendore Rd. It appeared the fire had been caused by an auxiliary battery in the cargo area of a 4WD that had caught fire and destroyed most of the camping gear inside.

Hazard Reductions

Sat 13 September – Hazard Reduction burn of two hectares on a steeply sloping section of a property on The Forest Rd Bywong. Three of the Brigade’s tankers and the Brigade’s Quickfill (trailer pump) were involved.

Training



Training during September focused on pumps and pumping. It involved a Tuesday evening theory session for members, reinforced the following Saturday during a hazard reduction burn on a steeply sloping property on the Lake George escarpment on The Forest Rd Bywong. It was a good workout for everyone and a particularly useful learning experience for two members who are pursuing their NSWRFES Advanced Firefighter qualifications.

Bonfire & Fireworks Night

On what can only be described as a beautiful evening, Saturday 20 September once again saw the local community and visitors out in force for the Annual WCA Bonfire & Fireworks night. The community’s fire brigade played a pivotal role in managing car parking and maintaining a careful eye on embers from the bonfire and fireworks. And, as you can see from the photo, the brigade’s Support Crew BBQ offerings again proved very popular.



CALENDAR - UPCOMING EVENTS FOR RESIDENTS

<p>Saturday 18th October</p>		<p><u>YOUR INVITATION</u> <u>'Get Ready' – Bush Fire Preparations – Tips & Tools</u> <u>Community-wide session</u> 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 and includes ‘where we live, what it means, fire history, what you can expect, personal preparedness, hands-on with pumps’. Very popular local brigade initiative for the benefit of <u>all</u> residents.</p>
<p>Saturday 25th October</p>		<p><u>YOUR INVITATION</u> <u>Official Opening:</u> <u>Wamboin NEIGHBOURHOOD SAFER PLACE</u> Wamboin Community Hall & Rural Fire Service Fire Station 112 Bingley Way, Wamboin. 10:30 am – 12 noon (Neighbourhood Safer Places are a place of last resort during a bush fire emergency.) The opening ceremony will be followed by a discussion of the season outlook and the use of the NSP, including a demonstration of the recently installed spray system. A BBQ and light refreshments will be provided. All Welcome.</p>

FURTHER INFORMATION

Wamboin Brigade Website

The Wamboin Fire Brigade website site at <http://brigade.wamboincommunity.asn.au> will help you monitor local conditions (including the current Fire Danger Rating) and Brigade announcements. The **Community Information** section has useful information 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.

NSW Rural Fire Service Website

You can access the NSW Rural Fire Service website directly at www.rfs.nsw.gov.au

And finally...

If 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.

FOR ALL EMERGENCY CALLS



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BUNGENDORE SHOW SOCIETY -- MYSTERY MOTOR TOUR

The Show Society is seeking community support through a fund raising event on Saturday 11 October at the Bungendore Show Ground. Breakfast is 8.30am with a curry lunch and entertainment afterwards. Teams 2 or more people. Cost per car: \$20 online entry or \$25 on day. Note: food not included in the registration. More information on www.bungendoreshow.com.au.



Unbridled Festival of Horses, Music & Food about to hit the Canberra scene!

Clear your calendars and round up the troops – the countdown is on for Canberra’s newest festival! *Unbridled Festival of Horses, Music and Food* will be galloping in to Thoroughbred Park on 15 November 2014.

Unbridled will celebrate the majestic glory of the horse and all it has to offer, with a multi faceted equine program including performances, demonstrations, workshops and classes run by industry professionals and clinicians. *Unbridled* celebrates the horse for its pure beauty and its place in our history. This isn’t just any old “horse fest”, though. With a focus on creating an impressive music and entertainment program, and a “Grand Bazaar” food and craft market, *Unbridled* will be a well-rounded event with broad appeal. Tickets are on sale online at Trybooking.com. Our main aim is to develop a concept which not only celebrates the equine industry and its influence on the region, but also celebrates Canberra’s tag as the ‘Bush Capital’. You can find out more at the festival website, www.unbridledfestival.com -- by Elizabeth Howe and Kate Bowman, 6241 3911.

How The Whisper Gets Delivered Each Month

The 50 or so people below each spend time every month to make sure that Wamboin and Bywong homes own and receive a free community newspaper written by residents. If your deliverer has been on the job for a long time and you have a bit of time you could spare, think about offering to take over the job or help out. If you already have too many tasks in your month, every now and then give your volunteer paperwoman/man/boy/girl a thank you. Thanks to each of you. - Ned Noel, volunteer editor.

170: CO-ORDINATED HELEN MONTESIN: ph 6238 3208					
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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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Sue Ward	Norton Rd (Bingley to Weeroona)	32	Anne Gardner	Weeroona Dr (Norton to Majors)	31
Kathy Handel	Norton (Weerona to Hilltop+Wirndra)	22	Penny Evans	Norton Rd (Campbell to Bingley)	26
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Colleen Foster	B’dore Rd to Nrtm 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
253: CO-ORDINATED BY JOHN VAN DER STRAATEN: ph 6238 3590					
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Don Malcolmson	Macs Reef Rd (Denley to Gum Flat)	7	Rhett Cox	Macs Reef Rd (Newington to Bankers)	7
Connie & Hans Bachor	Dnly Dr to Macs Rf Rd incl Bchm Gr	28	Morag & Guy Cotsell	Macs Reef Rd b’n Nwngtn& Harriott	30
Nora Stewart	Rovere Ln	7	Sandra Favre	Macs Reef Rd b’n Nwngtn& Harriott	20
Carol & Clive Boughton	Macs Reef Rd (Bankers to Fed Hwy)	33	Joan Milnor	Birriwa Rd plus Macs Rf Rd to Harriott	30
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TOTAL 1,287					

WAMBOIN GOLF SPRING TROPHY

Sunday, 7 September. Woke up singing "Oh What a Beautiful Morning". Another superb first-Sunday-of-the-month. Another invigorating afternoon on the intergalactically famous Wamboin golf course. September is Spring Trophy month sponsored by J + L Mason. It is also three club day: you may use only three clubs (choosing is an agony). As ever, our grateful thanks to Joan and Lofty who provided the prizes and eats – particularly to Joan for her traditional and renowned spring rolls, worthy of three hats. Once again the fine weather encouraged the shire's finely-tuned athletes to flex their muscles in pursuit of the little white (or in Len Ivey's case, pink) ball. Back at the Bat Cave, Capt. Greenwood welcomed visitor, Glen Crafter in the usual way and announced the competition winners, place getters and other awards.

The dummy spit was unfairly awarded to Keith France for treading on Tim Barter's ball. It turns out he was merely applying rule 1 of the Rules of Sly Golf, i.e., viz and to whit: "Find it and Grind it". The award should have gone to the person who drew this unsavoury episode to the attention of the committee. The googly ball went to the helpful suggestions that (a) the nine hole course be covered with shade cloth (like the playgroup has) to save the sun-raddled skin of senior players and (b) a funicular railway should be erected from Bingley Way to the top of Mason's hill for the benefit of the aforementioned group. (It could connect with the Gungahlin to Civic tram.) Ball winners were Glen Crafter, Larry King, Len Ivey, John Whitney, Joan Mason, Neville Schroder X 3, Rob Gorham and Paul Griffin.

The junior comp was won by Alex Gordon from Logan Beckett and Madison Gordon. The 9 hole comp winner was Michael Fileman with 49 off the stick for a net 21 (handicapper will note), 2nd was Deb Gordon 52/32, 3rd Ken Gordon 42/35. The winner of the 18 hole comp – and the proud holder of the Spring Trophy – was Nev Schroder 73/61. Nev's round included seven birdies despite putting with his driver (not to be confused with his chauffer). Runner-up was Len Ivey 75/62, 3rd Paul Griffin 90/64.

The photo shows the Spring Trophy on Mr Schroder's gate post next to the Ned Kelly Trophy, which he also holds.

There is a certain irony about the Kelly trophy. It is usually awarded for a get-out-of-gaol-free performance of a questionable nature, whereas poor old Ned never left Pentridge alive.

Our next golf day will be on 5 October when you can warm up for the



tightly-contested Wamboin Open in November. See you at the Hall on the 5th at 12.15pm. If you need and excuse say you're visiting a hospital. I've heard it works a treat.

-- Larry King, golfer (maybe).

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by Robyn Robertson

From: The Wamboin Golf Story 2 by Lofly Mason. “The Golf Course Idea. A Fire Brigade initiative designed to build team work, was to have a brigade golf day in town in late ‘85. This was never carried through because of several problems.....however the solution was nigh. In Feb ‘86, Lynn Brogan and Joan were driving home and my wife was talking about how disappointed I was that I couldn’t get a golf day going. With great foresight Lynn, a non-golfer, pointed out that she could see lots of potential fairways along Norton Road and Bingley Way. “Why don’t they build their own bloody golf course?” was her actual question. The idea took hold. After gaining approval from the Brigade and Community Association the following was printed in the April ‘86 Whisper:

GOLF – WAMBOIN STYLE: *I believe if enough people were prepared to set up a couple of fairways on their own property, and enough people were prepared to “have a go” we could have a fun gold day right here in Wamboin. The start would be at the Hall with maps and briefing. Play the holes and travel by car as required. The 18th being a ‘nearest the pin’ back at the hall Thence the 19th and perhaps a barbeque. Entry fees would pay for trophies, etc. and all profits will go to our Sports Area Fund.....Might not suit the pro golfer, but could be lots of fun.....*

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This was the first stir of Golf in Wamboin and it continues today.”

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HALL TOILET ROOF UPGRADE

Anyone who has seen the toilet area at the Hall during heavy rain would agree that the roof needs replacing. The new roof will be a slab design, with a fall to the west at the same angle as the Fire-shed roof. Hank Berlee (who designed the original Fire-shed) drew up the plans. The Hall Management group has ordered the steel beams and purlins plus the Crestlock roofing material.

Due to past problems with switches, lighting will be by movement-activated switches on a timed cut off. Plumber Don has assured us that the new roof will not interfere with the fire sprinkler system. How will it affect you? Before fitting the new roof structure we will need to remove most of the old roof and also to fill and reinforce key anchor points in the original hollow block walls. While we plan to do the work when the Hall is free there will be a period of time (depending on the amount of labour we can recruit) when the toilets will be open to the sky. We are not sure when the project will start (probably November) and we thank the Fire Brigade for allowing the storage of the material under the stairs of the Fire-shed.

-- Lofty Mason.

RAINFALL AND TEMPERATURES IN WAMBOIN – 39 year statistics from the Robertsons

September rainfall to 28/9 ... 41.75mm (2013 to 30/9 .. 430.75mm)	(Sept 2013 ... 88.0mm) Average October rainfall .. 60.6mm	2014 rainfall to 28/9 ... 460.90mm (Oct 2013 . 18.00mm)
Wettest October ... 198mm in 1976	Wettest Oct. day ... 59mm On 17/10/76	Driest October ... 4.5mm in 2006
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Wanted House to sit. Hi we are a family of five l visiting the area from 15 to 27th December. We are looking for accommodation during that time in the Wamboin Bywong Bungendore area. We are currently living in Europe but have a property in Bywong so can look after yours and any pets or livestock you have. Experience with sheep horses and donkeys chickens dogs and cats. Contact at kimnik39@gmail.com

Wanted: Help help with outside work on Norton Road.. Teenagers with a work ethic are most welcome. Call Sally 6238 3131.

Clearing Sale Saturday 11 and Sunday 12 October, 1538 Sutton Road, Sutton, gate unlocked 10 – 5 pm. Property sold, everything must go including horse and riding gear, gardening and irrigation equipment, sleepers, lawnmower, household, hardware, white melamine offcuts, exercise bike. Many free items including trampoline frame (needs new mattress) and beer fridge. Enquiries 0439-383-428.

Quiet, friendly well-loved future family cows for sale. We have 5 heifers that are surplus to our needs: 2 x unbred yearlings (one Jersey, one ¾ Jersey) one full Jersey to calve around Christmas, one Jersey/Illawarr Shorthorn to calve next April, and one Jersey/Illawarra/Hereford cross to calve any day now. All were born here at Millpost, were raised on their mothers's milk and are grass fed. There's nothing like fresh milk! Phone Trina on 6238-0759 or email catriaturley@bigpond.com

Come along to the "Art for Wildlife Gala Auction" at Café Woodworks, Bungendore November 1 and mix it with the generous Artists who are donating original pieces of art for the auction. Meet Belinda Green, former Miss World and Wildlife carer, campaigner. Buy a ticket for a great night out, bid at the auction, run by the irrepressible Ellie Merriman. Make a kind donation to a worthy cause if you cannot come on the night. \$10 dollars will help to buy bandages and medicine. Every little helps. See us on Facebook. Contact Cindi or Heather wallarochase@gmail.com 0419164283 f you still need convincing, watch the Youtube clip Thirsty Koala-A fire fighter gives Koala a drink (2009 Australian Bushfires)

Ever been frustrated by the clothes pegs the supermarkets seem to be selling because they don't seem able to cope with Wamboin Winds? I don't want to promote products in the Whisper, but did find some inexpensive and so far robust ones you can buy in Fyshwick. If you want more info email nednoel@optusnet.com.au

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Trestles and chairs are available for hire by local residents. Hire rates are: Trestle \$10ea and chairs \$1.50 ea. Price does not include delivery or pick-up charges. Available from the Wamboin Community Hall, 112 Bingley Way. Must be returned in clean servicable condition. All damages are responsibility of the hirer. Equipment must be tied securely on trailer etc. whentaken (otherwise they don't go.) Time of pick-up and returned MUST be adhered to (I don't live at the Hall!) - Joan Mason, 62383258.

FOR HIRE: WAMBOIN COMMUNITY HALL. Bookings arranged by Joan Mason 6238 3258. Local Residents \$100, Bond \$250. Non-Resident \$150, Bond \$300. The Hall is not available for teenage, 18 or 21st. functions.

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A ZEN MOMENT

By L. A. King

I don't know about you but when I get the Whisper I go straight to the back page to read *Wamboin Muse*. I do so for two reasons: it gives me new ammunition to bait "townies" who don't know what they're missing; and it confirms that fate has dumped me in the right place. Indeed, I wouldn't want to live anywhere else (if the author will forgive me for putting it like that).

In August, Ms Gregory wrote of an aerial battle between a "squadron" of sulphur-crested cockatoos and the bigger (but slower) black and yellow cockies which, in the last few years, have been coming in from the South each day to feed on pine nuts and anything else they can crack open – including our hakeas.

Many years ago we planted a row of hakeas against our Northern boundary fence. We planted ten, digging the holes by hand in Wamboin's wonderful deep brown alluvial loam (so you can guess how long it took). Miraculously, they have all survived and prospered. Until the black and yellow cockies discovered them. And started to attack them with the efficiency of mechanical grape pickers. They'd snap off the seeds and high branches, scoring the lower branches looking for grubs. Under their onslaught the trees never amounted to much, remaining at under three metres with an unsatisfactory, subversive, rounded shape. Whenever I'd hear a squadron of the little bar stewards approach I'd rush to the veranda shouting words of a colourful nature. My irritation did not abate with the passage of time - until my epiphany in 2013.

One morning several flights of *Calyptorhynchus funereus* (that's the yellow-tailed black cockatoo to you and me), flew in for breakfast. I was about to mumble a few phrases I picked up from Tarantino movies when, in a Zen moment, I perceived a new reality: the much-despised birds were not attacking the valuable trees; the trees were attracting for my appreciation the beautiful birds. It all became clear. I had been assigning the wrong value to each entity. Now I look forward to their coming in the morning and I watch, fascinated, as they return South in the evening. I now find the size and shape of the hakeas aesthetically pleasing and I thank the birds for pruning the trees, thereby protecting our view to the North.

Now, if only I could get the crimson rosellas out of the bleedin' wisteria.



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What Kind of Train is That, Mum?

By Jane Baker & Philip Machin

During July some of you may have seen an unlikely train crossing the landscape - a train of echidnas decreasing in size from the front largest to the rearmost smallest and youngest. What you saw was the courtship of a desirable female echidna by all her hopeful suitors.

Right now in September she has a tiny pink puggle (infant echidna) safely stowed in a nursery chamber at the end of a tunnel under leaf litter while her mate is long gone. The other males may or may not have been fortunate enough to find another female to woo. She will wean her infant in late January and after giving it a last feed will simply leave it in the burrow to emerge into independence. Then she will eat as much as she can until the temperature drops and food becomes scarce. At this wintry point she will go into a state of torpor, under tussock, in a hollow log or hollow tree base, among rocks or among thick low vegetation. Her heart rate will slow and her body temperature drop as low as 9 degrees Celsius until late July when



she will emerge, eat voraciously to restore her fat levels and temperature then begin the whole reproductive cycle again.

The Australian short-beaked echidna is the oldest living mammal in existence, being around since before dinosaurs disappeared. Their vision still retains some reptilian features, so far back in time do they reach. They are small furred animals with spines on their backs and weigh between 2 and five kilos on average. They are found all over Australia and each covers a home range of about 50 hectares.

Echidna hind feet face backwards to allow them to shift away the soil their front feet have dug. Consequently, echidnas have a distinctive drunken sailor roll to their walk. The hollow spur above the ankle is not poisonous like that of the platypus, his cousin the only other monotreme (egg-laying) mammal. Most remarkable of all is his incredibly sensitive rigid beak with which he locates and captures food. His mouth is on the underside of the beak tip, his nares (nostrils) on the topside and little sensors surround the whole tip. These sensors can detect movement inside mounds and logs beneath leaf litter. An echidna's hearing is so

acute it can hear moth and beetle larvae, spiders on a tree trunk, beetles among rocks.

If you should see an echidna crossing the road, let him do so if it is safe. If he is at risk, pick him up in a jacket or jumper and carry him in the direction he was going to the far side of the verge and preferably under the roadside fence. If he is in your garden and not at risk from dogs or cats leave him alone. He knows where he is and he will move on at dusk. Do not allow your dog to 'play' with an echidna. Damage to echidna beaks can be fatal.

A female, on the other hand, may appear in your garden every now and then between October and January. She will have a puggle buried in a nursery burrow somewhere nearby. She cannot be relocated without condemning that puggle to death. Ring Wildcare's 24/7/365 helpline, 66299 1966, if you find an injured echidna or for any queries about echidnas.

Photo caption: Rescued puggle washed out of its burrow

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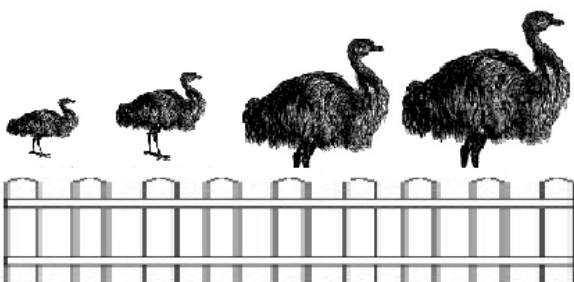
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Councillor's Corner

Bridge Infrastructure — Following on from my recent article on road infrastructure, even though it's not a big issue in our part of the shire this month I thought I'd try to provide a little insight into the challenges associated with bridge maintenance. Palerang is by no means the only shire impacted by the need to replace aging bridge infrastructure. It is a common problem in rural areas, where bridges may have been built to fill a need at a particular time in history, but with heavier vehicles and increased usage are no longer up to the task.

I mentioned in the June issue of *The Whsiper* that we still had 22 timber bridges nearing the end of their useful life (I've since been corrected, the number is actually 25). In each case, we ultimately have two options—simply declare the bridge unserviceable, or replace it with a more durable structure. The former is rarely an acceptable option from a social perspective. The latter is invariably a serious strain on council's budget.

There are generally two replacement options: a box culvert or a full bridge structure. The recent replacement of St Omers bridge on the Nerriga Road is a good example of the former option. As is typical of timber structures, the deck and main bearers (all timber) were deteriorating badly under heavy traffic loads (in the photo, those are temporary steel props holding up the middle of the old bridge).

The replacement concrete box culvert structure cost a little over \$500,000, but can now handle the increasing traffic loads on the road.



The Molonglo River bridge at Captains Flat is a more challenging proposition. Being so high above the river, there is no alternative to a replacement bridge structure. With the quality of the concrete in the existing piers unknown, the entire structure will need to be replaced. While it's a little difficult to see in the photograph, the piers are currently strapped with additional bracing, and massive steel girders had to be fixed to the deck of the right hand span to compensate for the failure of the timber beams below the deck. This structure has seen better days.



The replacement of the Molonglo Bridge is due for completion towards the end of October, and the progress photo shows the new piers and headstocks already in place. The new deck will be laid in the coming weeks. In this case, the replacement project is likely to run to around \$1.2m. This is well beyond the capacity of Palerang's annual infrastructure budget and we, like many other rural councils are dependent on special grants from the State and Federal governments for projects such as these. In this case, the NSW government will contribute half the cost of the replacement, but council must borrow the remaining \$600,000 and make the repayments from its own reserves (i.e. rates revenue).

Now, that leaves just 24 more timber bridges to deal with...

The Palerang Blog—New or related entries in my councillor website Blog (<http://peteharrison.id.au/blog>) include: Bridge Infrastructure (Apr, 2014) Road Infrastructure (Mar, 2014)

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.

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Nature Notes September 2014

by Jo Walker

With the temperature edging up above 20 degrees a few times this month and enough rain falling to keep the soil moist, Spring has been ushered in by a rather lush green landscape.

It has been an excellent flowering season for *Wurmbea dioica* (Early Nancy). They have appeared literally in their thousands, their white flowers with a central maroon ring adorning grassy areas. On the other hand, Silver Wattles (*Acacia dealbata*) have flowered very sparsely this year. Last year, they were covered in yellow flowers in Spring followed by the heaviest load of seed capsules I've seen for many years. This year, some of them produced no flowers at all. The processes that cause heavy flowering are probably very complex – including temperature extremes and rainfall, the length of time over which these events occur, the time of year they are experienced, and many other variables.

A few other flowers are just beginning to show some colour. Billy Buttons (*Craspedia variabilis*) are standing tall in the damper areas and the little purple pea flowers of *Hovea linearis* are making an appearance. *Hardenbergia violacea* (False Sarsaparilla) is festooning bushes and fences with its purple flowers, and another local climber, *Clematis microphylla*, is forming clouds of cream flowers. Violets (*Viola betonicifolia*) are displaying flowers ranging in colour from dark purple to pink. And Sundews (*Drosera peltata*), although not yet flowering, are evident in extensive patches of bright green rosettes due to the heavy rainfall last month that kept their habitat very wet for some time.

A few orchids are already flowering. I found two little *Petalochilus* (previously *Caladenia*) *fuscatus* on a stony area here. They have pale pink single flowers on a short (5-10 cm) stem. The larger blue Waxlip Orchids (*Glossodia major*) are also flowering in this area.

Lizards are beginning to get out and about again. The big Cunningham's Skinks are lazing in the sunshine on their home logs and I've already moved a couple of Shingleback Lizards off the road.

The local birds are busy nesting and, sometimes aggressively, defending their territory. Last year, during a few days of high winds, one of the Red Stringybark trees (*Eucalyptus macrorhyncha*) along the creek lost a sizeable branch tearing a hole in the tree but leaving a remnant of the branch below the hole. Recently, a Sulphur-crested Cockatoo has been perching on this foothold while its mate is involved in what sounds like extensive renovations inside. Another high-rise home for somebody.

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