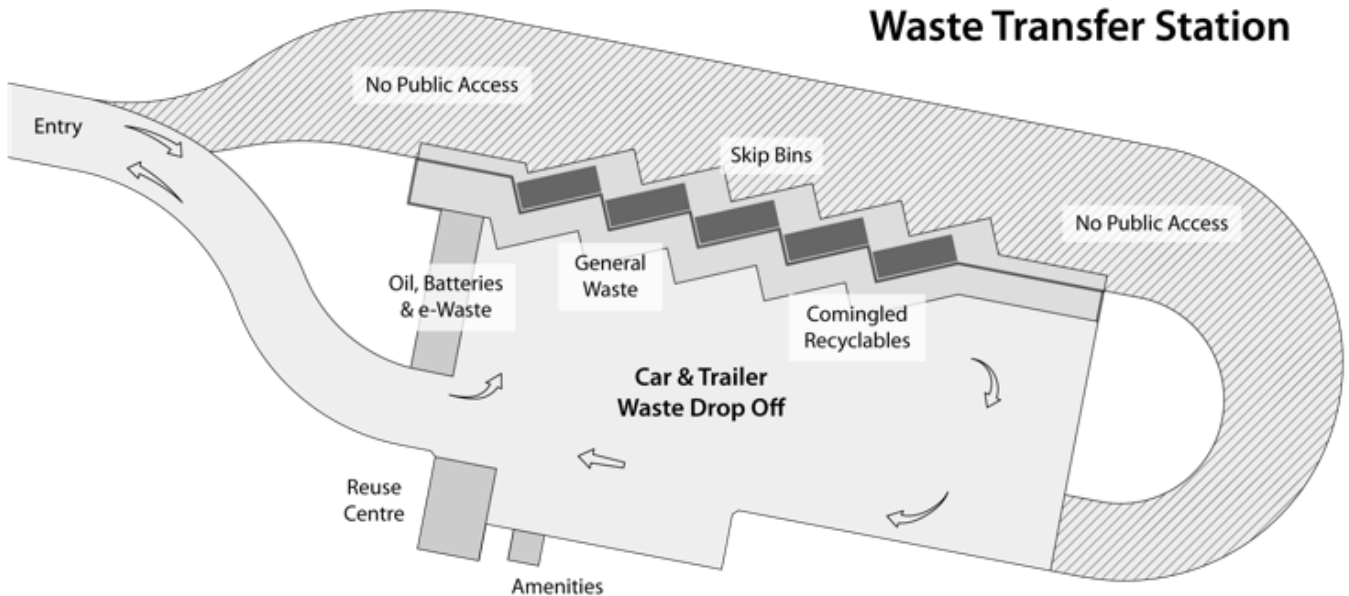




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The Whisper

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Bywong Community: www.bywongcommunity.org.au

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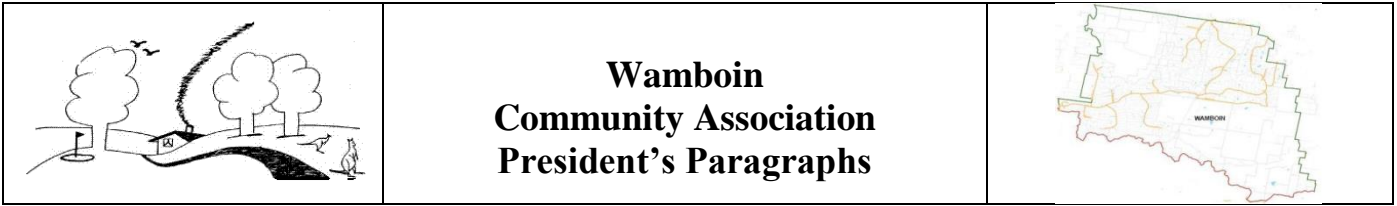
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Hello everyone and here it is, December and the last President's Notes for the year. There are a number of things under discussion – mostly capably handled by other people in this edition of The Whisper.

Community Carols Night – Its that time of year again. Christmas is almost upon us and so are the Wamboin Community Carols Night. As you will see from the advert in this issue of the Whisper, our carols evening will be held on the 19th December at 7:00 pm. Everyone is cordially invited to this event which has had some memorable moments in the past. The cost for this evening is the donation of a gift for someone (man, woman or child) less fortunate than ourselves to be placed under the Christmas tree and distributed to those in need by the Salvation Army. After the carols there is a sausage sizzle (gold coin donation) whose proceeds also go to the Salvation Army. Children can expect the arrival of Santa in the fire truck at the end of the carols with some goodies to distribute. Our carols are non-denominational and designed to celebrate our community spirit here in Wamboin so please everyone make a note of the date and come along.

Christmas Play– One of the features of our carols night is the performing of the Christmas Play by the local children. They always do a fantastic job and there are lots of speaking parts for the children. I have been chosen to organise the play once again and I really need to hear from parents of children willing to be in the play. I can be contacted on **6238 1329** at any time. Please if your child would like to take part in the play contact me as soon as possible.

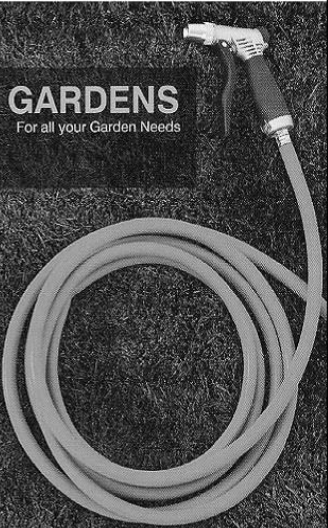
Tip Closing / Waste Transfer Station Opening– By the time you read this the old Mac Reef's Road tip will be closed and the new Waste Transfer Station will be open. The last day for rubbish to be taken to the tip was, I believe, the 1st December and according to sources it was a busy last day as people took their last opportunity to deliver and perhaps take back rubbish. The transfer station will be open on Friday 5th December but this will have been dealt with in an article further on in this addition of the Whisper. All the relevant details should be included in that article which I urge you to read.

Last WCA Meeting – The final Wamboin Community Association meeting for the year will be held on Tuesday 16th December at 7:30 pm. Following the meeting will be our Christmas Party with Christmas cake and port and perhaps some other nibbles. The WCA will then go into recess over the month of January and meet back again on the third Tuesday in February 2015.

That's it from me for the year of 2014. For me personally and as president it has been a busy, challenging year and as the year draws to its close I would like to thank the members of the Wamboin Community Association for the support they have given me. In addition, I must also thank my family for their understanding and support. To the wider community, I wish you all the very best of the Christmas season and hope the New Year sees you all healthy, happy and prosperous.

-- Jenny Richards (President)

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	<p align="center">Bywong Community News www.bywongcommunity.org.au</p> <p align="center"><i>Darryl Bourke, President</i></p> <p align="center">This News Put Together by the Bywong Committee</p>	
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Trivia: Would you like to know hidden dramas from the past of some local identities? Too late, if you missed the “brush with fame” segment of Bywong Community’s last Trivia night on November 28! Fears that the Community wouldn’t support two such events in one year didn’t eventuate, and Bywong Hall again filled with people and fun as we enjoyed Jean-Pierre’s imaginative and witty evening of stimulating entertainment. Popular operatic soprano Theresa Rayner again wowed the audience with renderings which were the basis of some questions. In a result closely contested by all teams, victory on the evening went to the local Babblers by a bare half mark over second placegetters XX from Bungendore. Proceeds from the night will go to local groups and activities.

Geary’s Gap Pony Club: There was good attendance at the November rally day, with riders braving the hot conditions to enjoy a variety of riding disciplines and activities. The Club is expecting a large attendance for the end of year rally day, awards presentations and AGM and is holding its annual camp in January, with 20 riders attending. Camp provides a great opportunity for riders to consolidate their riding skills over a few intensive days of quality instruction, and to make and bond many friendships.

Help! Although our activities continue to meet with success, we would greatly like to see some new members join us in running them. Old or young, anyone living locally is more than welcome to take part. The same applies to the small group on Council’s S355 Committee which runs our local Hall. Meetings are every two or three months and members do as much or as little as they want to. We can guarantee that anyone interested can be painlessly absorbed into the warmth of their local community group and asked to do only as much as they would like.

Next Meeting: The Community will next meet after the January holidays at 7.30pm on Monday 9 February at the Bywong Hall in Birriwa Road, off Macs Reef Road.

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WAMBOIN COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CAROLS

Friday, December 19, 2014 @ 7:00 pm

At Wamboin Community Hall, Bingley Way

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Join in the singing of Christmas Carols (both traditional and modern), ably led by our local musicians



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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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Lizards (Part 2)

By William Gregory (age 10)

After my last article, I have had lots of comments and questions from kids (and adults) so I thought I might clear up a few things.

I love everything about lizards – their amazing skin, the way they move and their fierce and fiery “attitude.” I rescue lizards on the road with my dad (especially the shinglebacks as they move so slowly) and make sure our dogs don’t hurt them when they are strutting across our garden paths.

I should clear up a really important fact. Unless you have purchased a lizard that has been bred in captivity (and you may need a licence to do this), you shouldn’t be keeping wild lizards. **THEY BELONG IN THE WILD** and this is the law. Even more importantly, some types of lizards mate for life so removing them from their habitat might be splitting up a breeding pair.

In The Garden with Will: Ever since I was a little boy, my mum and I have gardened together. We live on a property where the people before us built the garden **FIRST**, and the house **SECOND**. The house was built to match the garden!

We have started re-vamping our veggie patch. We have planted Lebanese eggplant, basil, cucumber, capsicum, beetroot, corn and rocket seeds. I have been growing lots of cuttings such as rosemary, turkey thyme, geraniums and different types of succulents. They have grown very well and have now been planted in the garden.

The other day my dad and I were out in the garden while my mum and my sister were out dress shopping (errrrrr). We hoed the whole garden so it would be ready for us to plant our vegetable seedlings.

A few days later, I was out in the garden and I could hear something in the bushes. I thought it was a snake so I went inside and asked dad to have a look he went to the bush and guess what it was. It was a big fat shingleback coming to eat my strawberries.

All up it is a great time of the year to get your plants and vegetables growing because it is sunny and warm. But the bad thing is rabbits are out and around a lot more now. The End.

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2014 rainfall to 31/10 ... 501.9mm (2013 to 31/10 ... 448.75mm)	2014 rainfall to 30/11 ... 536.15mm (2013 to 30/11 ... 536.75)
Average December rainfall ... 62.4mm (Dec 2013 ... 25.25mm)	Average January rainfall ... 59mm (Jan 2014 ... 13mm)
Wettest Dec ... 177.55mm in 2010	Wettest January ... 197.5mm in 1995
Driest Dec ... 0mm in 1979	Driest January ... 6mm in 1979
Hottest Dec day ... 37C on 21/12/99	Hottest January day ... 39C on 19/1/98
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The November market had a record number of stalls and lots of lovely local garden produce now that the growing season is upon us. Should be even better next month now we've had some rain.

We have had a number of enquiries from people wanting stalls at the markets. As a result we have drawn up a set of guidelines based on current practice (and supported by the WCA). These are listed below. Any comments or questions- please come and talk to us at the Christmas markets.

Wamboin Home Produce Markets - Guidelines

- Aim to preserve the integrity of the market as a **Wamboin Home Produce Market**.
- Encourage the **presence of local producers on the day** so that they can share their experiences as producers with other members of the community.
- Maintain a **variety and balance in type of stalls**.
- Actively **promote the café** at the market, **as a monthly neighbourhood meeting place**. Include this opportunity to 'meet your neighbours' in the WCA introductory pack sent to new residents in the area.
- Seek out additional **opportunities for advertising the markets** – eg facebook, local free to air radio, community noticeboards etc.
- **Avoid** the markets becoming a **commercial enterprise** where goods produced outside the region are sold on a commercial or franchise basis.
- Allocate one or two stalls each month for **guest stall holders** from the wider region, eg Bungendore, Queanbeyan, Braidwood, providing variety in the goods that are being offered.
- Support **joint ventures** eg scheduling the annual Wheels of Wamboin event for a market day.
- **Level of fees** for stallholders to be decided by the Wamboin Community Association at their annual general meeting each February.

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News from the Wonderful Women of Wamboin

By Gail Ritchie Knight


The Wonderful Women of Wamboin (WWOW) had a great year this year and once again without even trying we managed to garner enough funds to make donations to our local Wamboin and Sutton fire brigades as well as to St Benedict's in Queanbeyan to help fund their charity Christmas lunch. We also made a donation to Kay Mercieca, a Canberran who is instrumental in developing a school and vocational skills centre in a Cambodian village. Her aim is to help the villagers become self-sufficient.

As mentioned in last month's *Whisper* we are again running the Xmas decorating competition. We are having a lot of fun filling the baskets. There will be prizes for first and second plus a special commendation to the best entry by a child under 13 years of age. Remember to submit photos of your creations to sally.saunders1@bigpond.com by Sunday 14 December. The WWOW elves will deliver prizes on 19 December. See the ad elsewhere in this newsletter for further details.

On Tuesday 9 December we will partake in all things gastronomique as we enjoy our end of year party. WWOW and their BOWWOW (Boyfriends of the Wonderful Women of Wamboin) will meet at St Andrew's in Wamboin from 6.30pm. It will be BYO everything – drinks and finger food to share.

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

All women are welcome at WWOW to share stories, news and skills over a cuppa. We meet on Mondays, 10am 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.



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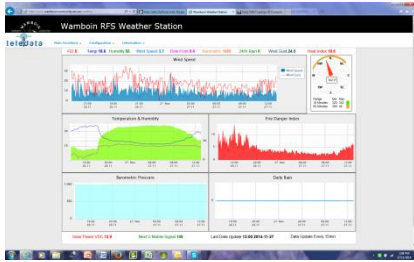
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Most of our community is some 200 metres higher than Canberra which means on extreme fire days the weather information from the BOM weather station, based at the Canberra airport, may not reflect our local conditions.

This new facility will allow our community to be aware of local weather conditions and the risk of bushfire. To access this information log on to the **Wamboin RFS** or **Wamboin Community** websites and click on the **Weather Station** tab. The website has been designed to operate in Google Chrome and will also operate in Internet Explorer.

FIRE DANGER INDEX (FDI) AND YOUR BUSHFIRE SURVIVAL PLAN

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BRIGADE ACTIVITY

Callouts

Callout activity this month has been quiet which is appreciated by all.

Saturday 22 November – At about 4.00pm on a Saturday afternoon a heavy tanker was dispatched to an MVA on Macs Reef Road. Our crew provided fire protection for about an hour while the NSW Fire Rescue team extracted a person trapped inside the crashed vehicle.

Community Engagement

Tuesday 4 November

A workshop Q&A session was conducted for brigade members and local firewise group convenors on the operation of the NSP.

CALENDAR - UPCOMING EVENTS

Apart from Santa's annual arrival at the beginning of December all is quiet. Quiet of course only refers to planned events, brigade members with their pagers close at hand will be ready for any callouts over the summer holiday period.

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MACS REEF WASTE TRANSFER STATION (MRWTS)

At long last the Waste Transfer Station on Macs Reef Road, Bywong, will open on Friday 5 December 2014, as will the Bungendore Waste Transfer Station and Resource Recovery Centre on Tarago Road. The respective landfills (tips) will close on 2 December. It is the culmination of a lot of work over many years by members of the Wamboin and Bywong communities with Palerang Council.

A Waste Transfer Station operates in a different way to a landfill/tip that we are used to so it pays to familiarise oneself with the mode of operation in this facility, particularly in regard to what will be accepted and what will not, the new hours of operation and the new charges.

The Macs Reef site currently limits the material that can be handled at the WTS but has been configured to accept household waste, recyclable material, oil (engine up to 40 litres), batteries and electronic waste (TVs, computers & mobile 'phones). Eventually provision might be made for green waste and a small buy-back facility for re-usable items.

Details of the new opening hours and waste charges are listed elsewhere in this attachment to the Whisper. Payment of the gate charges can be made either in cash or by credit card on entry. Evidence of local residence is required either with the current Palerang tip pass or your drivers licence (local address).

It should be noted that the gate fee is in addition to Council's Waste Programs Charge in your rates. This Charge will partially cover the transport of waste by Council from the WTSs to the Woodlawn Bioreactor and to the Hume Materials Recycling Facility and the rehabilitation of the landfills. It also goes to Council's general rubbish and clean-up responsibilities, specifically emptying bins in parks and ovals, shopping areas, public toilets, annual household chemical clean-outs, and cleaning up illegal dumping. In accordance with Council's 20 year waste strategy, the Waste Services Charge is mooted to cease in 2018/19 when the Council closes its remaining landfill sites in Palerang.

For a more comprehensive account on the Macs Reef and Bungendore Waste Transfer Stations, you might refer to the Palerang Council's web site - particularly the Frequently Asked Questions. The Wamboin Community Association web site provides a history of the process that led to the establishment of the new facilities.

Please note that O'Sullivan's Rural Waste will continue to operate their collection service to Wamboin/Bywong/Sutton Park. – John van der Straaten

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2015 marks a number of marque anniversaries including 30 years of the potent Peugeot 208, the legendary robust Toyota Land Cruiser 70 series (nearly all probably still going) and the nippy Toyota MR2 (thinking about that I haven't seen a MR2 for a long time). It also marks 25 years of the popular MX5, Japans response to the British MGB in modern clothing, speaking of which it is 60 years of the MGA (I loved the pure lines of the twin cam coupe). What about 40 years of the ground breaking Honda Goldwing . It also sees the return of the legendary Ford Mustang to Australia.



The current iteration of the Nissan GT-R has been melting our hearts since 2007, but the GT-R's story doesn't just begin with the modern versions of the 4WD Godzilla's that the boy racers drive on a Saturday night and think they are Mark Skaife and Jim Richards (remember the "pack of B.....ds" finish at Bathurst in 1992). Over in Japan, the GT-R's got a history that dates back to 1969, the year when the GT-R first entered the market, eventually becoming the forefather of the modern Skyline range. Forty-five years later, as of 2014, the GT-R has taken different forms, including 4WD and twin turbo. It was a game changer in Australian motor racing becoming nearly unbeatable in the early ninety's to the point they changed the rules to beat it.

Picture: The original GTR - Peter Evans



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A Note on the \$5 Charge 240 Liter Bins at the Waste Transfer Stations

A resident emailed me to say that it might be problematic to charge \$5 for landfill material coming to the Waste Transfer Stations in 140 L bins but more for 240 L bins, as most bins are now 240 L. After a brief conversation with staff, it has been agreed to accept 240L bins without any additional charge (i.e. \$5 for a 240L bin). The issue was an historical one. When we (the community—I wasn't on Council back then) first did all the survey work and the like, the proposal was to use 140L bins for a collection service, as per the towns. But in the intervening period, as we have introduced rural collection services, they have all used 240L bins, so that's the way we'll go now. There were always bound to be some teething problems with the new system, so please let me know if you encounter anything else that needs attention. – Pete Harrison

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On Christmas Eve there is the Nativity Pageant with carols, at St Andrews, starting around 6pm. We welcome all small shepherds and young angels with their crooks and harps who would like to take part. There are also roles for sheep and goats, so nobody needs to feel left out! Following the Nativity there will be a service of Communion in the church. The service on Christmas morning will be at St Peters, at 9am.

Services are held each Sunday at 9am on the first and third Sunday of each month at St Andrews, Wamboin, and on the second and third Sunday at St Peters, Sutton. Please join us to sing if you so desire, listen to a thought provoking sermon and savour an opportunity for real peace in a busy world. Afterwards there is a great morning tea and good conversation. We wish you all a joyful Christmas and all good things in the New Year!

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Reflux & Stomach Ulcers- Horses Get It Too!

By Dr. Natasha Hovanessian

Have you ever experienced the awful discomfort of reflux and stomach ulcers? Unfortunately horses of all breeds, equestrian disciplines and ages are also prone to this condition called Equine Gastric Ulcer Syndrome, (EGUS), and it can affect their performance ability, bodyweight and comfort.

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Causes of stomach ulcers include feeding high grain diets, stress, (e.g. illness, transport, new environments), intermittent feeding, intensive training and treatment with nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs, such as bute. Signs of ulcers in horses include picky eaters who may prefer hay and grass to their hard feed, mild colic, discomfort when doing up the girth and riding, diarrhoea, weight loss, attitude change, poor hair coat and poor performance.



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Lizards – Part II

I enjoyed reading Will Gregory’s story in last month’s *Whisper* about catching and keeping lizards – his enthusiasm was captivating. Having friends, parents and grandparents joining in his hobby made the story even more compelling. Regrettably there is a problem – but one that can be easily readily overcome.

Not everyone knows that all wildlife, including lizards, is protected under the National Parks & Wildlife Act 1974 and it is simply against the law to take animals from the wild. There is good reason for this. Will mentioned Dad catching a shingleback and Grandma/pa picking up another for his collection. What may not be realised is that shinglebacks mate for life, so by taking one from the wild means that a close lizard relationship, which could go on for 20 years, has been broken. I’m not sure what type of skink Will’s friend gave him, but many live in family groups - not just on their own.

It is not for me to say, but if Will wants to keep reptiles permanently, then I reckon Dad needs to get a Reptile Keeper’s Licence (you need to be over 16 years) and buy lizards from a licenced breeder. Many pet shops sell reptiles (and other species), which are bred specifically for private collectors.



The Office of Environment & Heritage (OEH) also publishes a Code of Practice for the Private Keeping of Reptiles and this covers all you need to know about looking after a permanent care reptile privately. The Code might indicate the need for a bigger tank and advise feeding the skink a wider variety of food – not just carrot. OEH also recommends you join a reptile keeper organization, such as a herpetological society.

This might all sound a bit heavy, but it is the right thing to do. Here is the OEH website address with all the info:

<http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/wildlifelicences/ReptileKeepersLicence.htm>

It is important to get the lizards that have been caught from the wild assessed by say Wildcare or the National Parks and Wildlife Service rangers to see if they can be put back where they were found. Wildcare has found this to be quite successful depending on an animal’s condition and how long it has been in care. If an animal cannot be returned to the wild, then NPWS staff can see if it can be classified as a permanent care animal. But in future there is only one way to go and that is get a licence and buy lizards from a licenced breeder.

Lastly, perhaps it would be good for a story to be written in the school newsletter, so that all of Will’s friends know why they shouldn’t take animals from the wild and how keeping lizards can be done legally. -- Philip Machin 6238 3717

Message for Denley Drive Residents

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Bywong & Wamboin Greenways: A Successful Public Asset

by Nora Stewart

I love walking and I love the bush. To me, being able to get out, to roam and to enjoy is obvious. And my dogs love it, too. So, I was pretty happy when I moved to Bywong in 2006 & discovered we have a small network of public access trails in the area, that was initiated as part of a 1988 Bi-Centennial project, that eventuated as a pilot network in 1994. This is a unique project to a rural residential area of NSW and I am unaware of any other area that has this designated facility*.

I always wished there were more of them, and so I called a public meeting in April 2010 and we started the Greenways Renewal Working (GRoW) group. In those 5 years, I have learned an enormous amount about how it all works, and I have also had the great pleasure of leading public walks in the area.

Why public walks? 1. Exploring, social, community & health – people enjoy getting out, being introduced to new walking new areas and meeting others. 300+ people have participated over the 4 - 5 years we have been running walks. 2. Establishing a pattern of use–this is a form of protection for the future. Nothing prevents any of these public access ways being re-zoned or sold off into private ownership. We have been advised that an established pattern of public use would be the best way to protect these public access ways. NEXT WALK Australia Day 2015 Monday 26 January 8 am



Success: there were doubts in the early days from property owners about the wisdom and cost of such a network, and these doubts occasionally re-surface from local residents and from the Council. However to date, none of the concerns have actually materialised and, in fact, there is a quiet but palpable current of local support.

Green Army 2015: In addition, Angus Taylor, Member for Hume, has advanced the Bywong & Wamboin Greenways network for a 6 month program of rehabilitation works & assistance, with input from Palerang Council, from a paid “Green Army” and we are hopeful this will commence in 2015.

MORE INFORMATION: Most information sources are available online (keeps the cost down) --- maps, suggested walks, photos, FaceBook page for community all at: www.BywongCommunity.org.au/About/BywongGreenways NoraStewart: Coordinator:6230 3305 or 0431 862 853.

*Greenways have a mixture of different legal status--some are Crownroads, NSW Govt, and some owned by Palerang Council, specifically as greenways for non--motorised use & to help provide wildlife corridors. They are all in public ownership. All Crown roads – paved or unpaved – were created to facilitate access & this legality remains so, even if a crown road runs across or adjacent to a private property.

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by Robyn Robertson

From the Wamboin Community Association’s President, Libby King: “Council Amalgamation:Following the Bywong Community’s lead, perhaps it is time for the Wamboin Community to voice its opinion (assuming we have one?) on the amalgamation and make that known to our representatives. The WCA would like to present its view in the new year, so if you have an opinion, let’s hear from you.”

This item appeared again in the December/January Whisper, in both the WCA and Yarrowlumla Council columns. It is once more in the news – what will be the outcome this time around?

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Councillor's Corner

Local Government Reform (yet again...) — There have been further developments on this front since my last piece back in April, so here's a further update.

The NSW government has now responded to the Independent Local Government Review Panel (ILGRP) recommendations by releasing its Fit for the Future (FFTF) blueprint for reform of the NSW local government sector. This program requires each council to effectively prepare a business plan for its future, based on the recommendations of the ILGRP. The ultimate goal is to give communities confidence that their council is financially sound, operating efficiently and in a strong position to guide community growth and deliver quality services.

For Palerang and Queanbeyan councils, the Panel recommended that either a merger between the two councils, or participation in one of the new Joint Organisations of councils, would provide the best opportunity to achieve the scale and strategic capacity required to satisfy the needs of their respective communities into the future.

While the merger option is the one that is receiving most media attention, it is not the only option available to the two councils. As the preferred recommendation of the ILGRP, however, the merger option is a reference point that needs to be considered in justifying any alternative. As such, both councils have agreed to explore the feasibility of the merger option while also developing alternatives, including that of remaining as stand-alone entities and engaging closely with other neighbouring councils in one of the new cooperative Joint Organisations of councils.

The Joint Organisation (JO) structure, not unlike that of the current Southeast Regional Organisation of Councils (SERO) of which Palerang and Queanbeyan are both members, provides a framework for regional strategic planning and cooperative resource sharing arrangements between member councils. This model is seen as all the more significant in SE NSW because, unlike any of the other recommended structural reform proposals, it offers the capacity to recognise the influence that Canberra and the ACT have on the economies of neighbouring councils and the SE NSW region in general.

Public commentary on the options that are developed by the two councils is also a mandatory component in the preparation of a FFTF response. The State government has made it clear that it will be the community that decides on the future of their council. To this end, council will circulate information brochures and canvass formal feedback from the community in the coming months. Please take the time to read this material when it is circulated, and help your council to make a recommendation that is in the best interest of your community.

Many aspects of the Fit for the Future reform package involve new models, and some even depend on changes in legislation that are yet to be drafted. As such, there are still many unknowns, even though councils have been given a June 2015 deadline to have their reform proposals submitted for review. While the coming months will be challenging, Council will make every effort to keep you informed throughout the process.

Copies of all of the relevant documentation are available from the Fit for the Future website at <http://www.fitforthefuture.nsw.gov.au>.

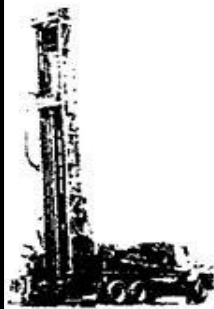
The Palerang Blog—New or related entries in my councillor website Blog (<http://peteharrison.id.au/blog>) include:
Local Government Reform (Update 11/14) (Nov 2014)
Local Government Reform (Update 03/14) (Mar 2014)
Local Government Reform (Apr 2013)

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.

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Wamboin Muse

Jill Gregory

Sitting around a table, with music in the background, enjoying good food and good company in a beautiful setting is something I treasure whatever the season. And for me, this is what Christmas in Wamboin is all about. But I am one of the lucky ones. Not everyone looks forward to Christmas, and some, sadly, for very good reasons. It's supposed to be a happy, jolly time when we stop for a well earned break at the end of the year. It is that precious time to be together as a family, laughing, catching up, exchanging gifts and recalling that special childhood moment of awe and wonder reflected in the eyes and antics of children, but it is easy to forget that for some Christmas is something to be avoided; an empty time of the year that only reinforces feelings of isolation and loss.

We've spent Christmas in all sorts of places. As I was unpacking the Christmas tree from a large cardboard box stamped, "Made in China", with the warning, "not suitable for children under the age of three", I thought of the year when we were surrounded by suitcases and faced with a Christmas without a tree. Being resourceful, I grabbed something sharp, cut a branch from a straggly and very prickly grevillea and made it as upright as possible in a battered black plastic pot. Then, with some pre loved tinsel, several expired Christmas beetles tied up with thread and some slightly sour smelling, silver milk bottle lids fashioned into bells, we had our Christmas tree. I don't remember, but I presume there were presents under the tree, and Father Christmas arrived and filled the stockings as none of our children grew up with too many scars associated with Christmas!

Gift wrapping was never my father's forte. He would disappear into his shed and stay well into the wee small hours on Christmas Eve, finishing off hand crafted gifts on his lathe. With saw dust still in his grey curls, he would hand out his gifts on Christmas morning, each one wrapped in yesterday's news, tied with string, and given with love.

Lately, I've been making the pudding and cakes and trying to coordinate a hot stove and kitchen with forecast spells of cooler weather. In past years this has often resulted in bowls of dried fruit, draped with a tea towel, sitting for a week or more on the kitchen bench needing to be topped up each day with two slugs from the brandy bottle, one for the pudding and one for the cook as I've waited for a cool change. One year the ants got to the fruit ahead of the change! And there was the year when the thermometer beat us. We cancelled "Christmas" after breakfast as the mercury soared. We celebrated the next day when the weather was kinder and allowed us to enjoy roast chook and plum pudding.

It's beginning to look and sound a lot like Christmas. The grass is yellowing and the crickets are chirping. Soon the fledgling galahs will start bleating their tuneless carols, but wherever you are this Christmas, and however you mark the occasion, I hope your Christmas is a happy one.... one to remember for all the good reasons. As another year draws to a close in Wamboin, I know I wouldn't live anywhere else. Seasons Greetings!

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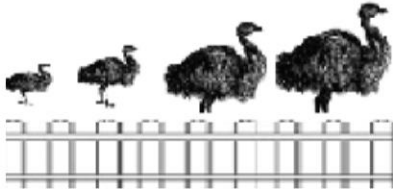

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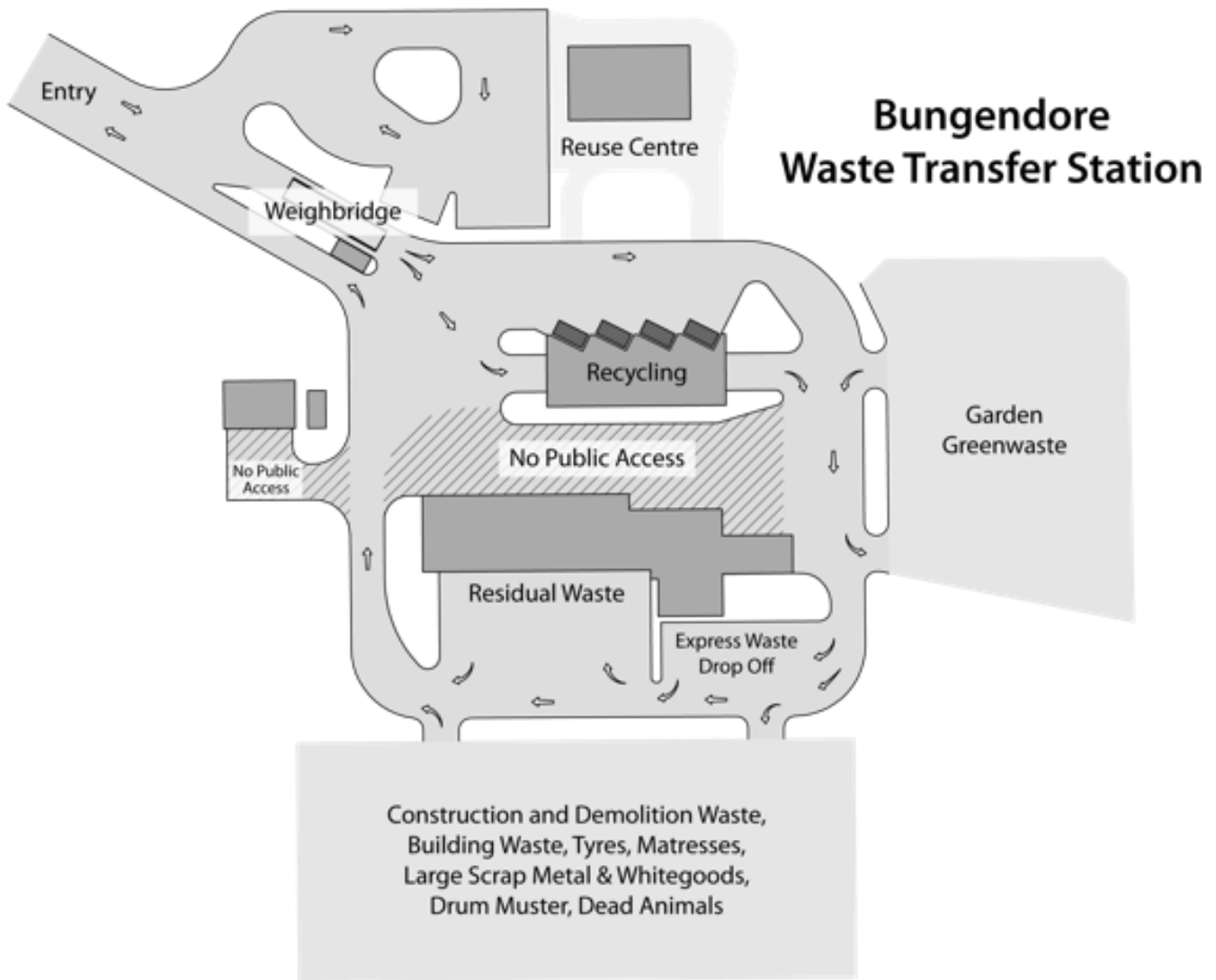
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