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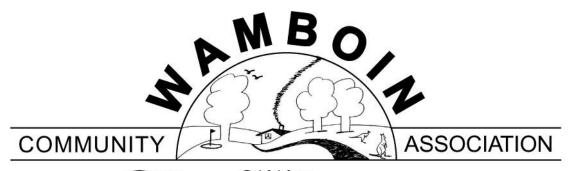




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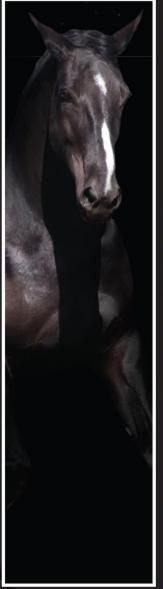
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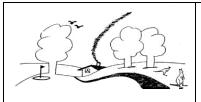






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#### Wamboin Community Association President's Paragraphs



Hi there. As often seems to happen March has been quite a busy month so lots to report.

Clean Up Wamboin— On the first Sunday of the month which coincidentally was the 1st of the month, we held the annual Clean-Up Day. A nice sunny day ensured a good turn-out of people willing to lend a hand and a little time to make our local area tidy. Approximately 30 people registered but actual numbers helping on the day may well have been more. The result was a good portion of Norton Road, all of Weeroona Drive, Bingley Way, Ryan's Road, Poppet Road, Canning Close and some of Fernloff Road were covered. Thanks to all who turned up on that Sunday morning to help keep our area clean

Meet The Candidates Night – The N.S.W. state election is now over but prior to this on Wednesday the 18th the Wamboin Community Association combined with the Bywong Community to host a Meet The Candidates Night here in Wamboin. A full report of the evening is further in this edition of the Whisper. My thanks go to Wamboin Committee members for organising the evening, Jean-Pierre Favre for time-keeping, the candidates themselves who all spoke well and of course to the local people who made the evening a success.

**Wheels Of Wamboin** – Don't forget that this month we host the popular Wheels of Wamboin on Saturday 18th April. Vehicles of all descriptions are promised along with stationary engines so come along and see what's on the oval on Saturday 18th.

AGM/GM Meeting – Lastly this month is our AGM. All positions will be thrown open and all financial members of the Wamboin Community Association have the right to vote. The meeting starts at 7:30 pm on Tuesday 21st April and will be held at the Community Hall. If you wish to download membership forms these are available on our website. A fee of \$2 to the Secretary makes you eligible to vote. At the same meeting representatives from Wollongong RMS will be giving a short talk on our local roads. Information about this is available further in this edition of the Whisper. So please come along to the meeting and see what we are about and listen to the delegates from RMS. That's all from me for this month. See you again next issue. -- Jenny Richards ( President)

#### RMS Discussion with Wamboin/Bywong Communities on Roads Issues

The Wamboin Community Association will hold its 2015/6 AGM and April General Meeting at 7.30pm on Tuesday 21 April at the Wamboin Community Hall. These meetings are expected to be brief.

Following these meetings, representatives from the RMS Office at Wollongong will discuss with members of our communities issues concerning our local, regional and state roads. Of particular interest will be the line markings at the intersections of Macs Reef Road and the Federal Highway and of Bungendore and Norton Roads.

In respect of the Macs Reef Road/Federal Highway intersection, the RMS has apologised for making the line marking change without any community consultation. However, it remains firm in its assessment that the change was made to improve the safety factor for merging traffic. It considered that the facility (line markings) for an acceleration or merging lane onto the Federal Highway gave a false sense of security which was complicated by the sub-standard facility for the exit lane from the Federal Highway to Sutton Road. Separating the decision points would make for a safer facility. The RMS appreciates that motorists will now have to wait for larger, more appropriate gaps in traffic, which may appear to be less efficient, but overall the RMS considers the changes to be an improvement.

Should you have any concerns about the roads in the Wamboin or Bywong area, this is your opportunity to discuss these issues directly with senior decision-makers in the RMS.

-- John van der Straaten, Secretary, WCA.

#### MEET ME IN YOUR AREA ON TUESDAY 28 APRIL

As the Federal Member for Hume I am keen to meet with and talk to as many people as I can across the electorate. I would like to hear what issues are important to you

and see if I can solve any problems of a Federal nature, such as telecommunications, trade and immigration.

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On Tuesday 28 April I would like to speak to members of both the Bywong and Wamboin communities at 7pm at the Bywong Community Hall, 67 Birriwa Road, Bywong.



This is an opportunity for me to meet you, listen to your concerns and hear what you think is important for the future of your community.

Alternatively, if you would like to contact me, you can always ring me on 1300 301 826, or email me at <a href="mailto:angus.taylor.mp@aph.gov.au">angus.taylor.mp@aph.gov.au</a> I look forward to meeting you. -- ANGUS TAYLOR

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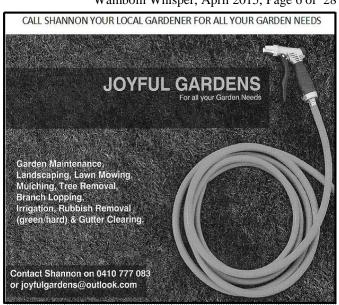
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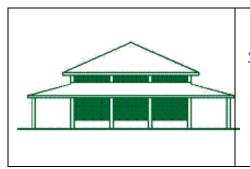
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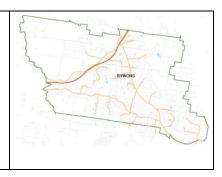


#### Bywong Community News

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Darryl Bourke, President

This News Put Together by the Bywong Committee



Car Boot Sale: Well! Mother Nature more than made up for last year's grumpy weather by providing the perfect day for this year's Car Boot Sale – still, sunny, and just enough cool in the air to make a pleasure of walking, shopping and meeting friends and neighbours. Although a re-design of the selling streets seemed to provide more space, attendance rivalled earlier years with more than 90 stalls. The Fire Brigade rendered its usual impeccable services, smoothly directing parking, stall allocation and lunch-providing, Pony Club served delicious scones, cakes and tea and Community volunteers ensured that the programme ran smoothly. Landcare as usual did a roaring trade in native plants, and Wildcare and Abbeyfield had active presences. Precision and musical riding from eleven Pony Club riders and some hugely enthusiastic racing by the flyball dogs entertained spectators. In the Boot Sale raffles we had five prize winners. Laura from Hogan Drive, Jesse from Sutton, Maceij (another Denley Drive resident), David (no further details) and Bruce who collected the bonus Land Care prize. BCA committee member Merle did a great job collecting prizes from some generous local suppliers and will arrange to deliver the prizes to each winner.

**Pony Club:** Geary's Gap Pony Club will be fielding 25 riders at the Zone Camp in Bungendore after Easter. **Lifters, not Leaners:** Patrons of Macs Reef Tip who were finding it difficult to tip large bins over the new rails can take heart – our benevolent Council has provided a large new bright red and seemingly powerful machine to do it for us. The bin, controlled by pressing buttons, lifts only the large 240 bin size and will be available for use as soon as the existing concrete stops are removed. If it proves popular, a similar bin may be provided for recycling.

**Trivia:** The night's not until 18 July, but don't leave it too late to book a table – we already have some advance bookings.

**Next Meeting:** The Community's next meeting is at 7.30 pm on Monday 13 April in the Bywong Hall on Birriwa Road.



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We will soon be farewelling Russ and Margaret Ferrett from the district, but fortunately not from the congregation. Russ and Margaret have been an integral part of St Peters and latterly St Andrews for many, many years. Apart from keeping the grounds in order, Russ crafted the attractive pews at St Peters, Margaret made the pew cushions, and her talented needle work is a stunning feature of the interior of the little church. We wish them happiness in their new and smaller home in town. We continue to provide non perishable food items for St Benedicts' pantry, in Queanbeyan, and several members of the congregation help there with the preparation of meals for those in need.

Kids Club will be in recess for the duration of the school holidays, but will begin again in term 2, at St Andrews, Poppet Road, on Friday evenings from 5.30-7pm. Young and older children are welcome to participate in games, stories and music followed by a light dinner at the conclusion. Parents are always welcome to stay and join in the fun.

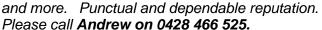
Church services are held on the first and third Sunday of each month, at St Andrews, and on the second and fourth Sunday at St Peters. All services start at 9am. If you would like to attend either church but have difficulty with transport, please contact any of the numbers listed below. A warm welcome, a thought provoking sermon and a time for quiet contemplation is assured. Contacts: Rev Dr Royce Thompson 0416265600, Alan Rope 62383224, Robyn Robertson 62383202, Bronwyn Elliott 62383359



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#### **Meet the Candidates**

On Wednesday 18th March at 7:00 pm Wamboin and Bywong Community Associations held a joint event hosting candidates for the N.S.W government election who would contest the then upcoming election on 28th March for the seat of Monaro. The evening was designed for local residents to listen to the what the candidates had to say on issues and policies and for residents to meet informally with the candidates afterward. The format followed that each candidate could speak for a maximum of ten minutes with a warning bell at nine minutes and after all candidates had spoken a question and answer session followed.

The Committee worked hard to pull the evening together and it resulted in four of the five candidates for the seat of Monaro coming to visit. The Candidates were:

Steve Whan – Country Labour Party

John Barilaro – National Party

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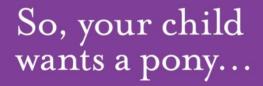
Peter Marshall – Greens Party Joy Horton – Christian Democrat Party.

I'm told this was the first time that all three candidates from the main parties were actually physically together in a forum.

An interesting and informative evening followed. Questions asked by the audience tended to focus very much on local issues rather than the broader State issues and the amalgamation of Palerang Council with Queanbeyan Council was quite a serious topic. Another was the possible high school at Bungendore. Health was also discussed at some length.

Jean-Pierre Favrae brought his technical know-how to the time-keeping so that the candidates could visually see how their time was progressing and all of them endeavoured to keep within the constraints. Afterwards the audience joined the candidates for informal discussion over refreshments. Ultimately an enjoyable and instructive evening for both local people and candidates.

My thanks go to all the candidates, to the Wamboin Committee and to our time-keeper Jean-Pierre Favre
-- Jenny Richards, President Wamboin Community Association



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Back in the dragon's den the Googly Ball was awarded to half Palerang's 2015 Citizen of the Year, Lofty Mason, for the remarkable feat of hitting his first and second (provisional) drives into the same spot at the edge of his own dam. Both balls were found together. The Dummy went to John Whitney for complaining that the newly-sanded greens slowed down the run of the ball. (Pur-lease!). NTP/LD ball winners were Ken Gordon X 2, Glen Crafter X 2, Alan Griffiths, Len Ivey (sniff), Rachel Schroder, Nev Schroder and Pete Harrison. The junior comp winner was Alex Gordon with 61 off the stick for a net 30 on the 9 hole course. The senior 9 hole comp was won by the other half of Palerang's 2015 Citizen of the Year, Joan Mason 42/29 from Debra Fileman 61/30 (she'll never see that handicap again) with third placegetter being Ken Gordon 36/31. The senior 18 hole comp winner was Glen Crafter 77/52, from Pete Harrison 97/58, and Charles Guscott third 81/61. The gay mood was disturbed by the Captain's announcement that Len and Linda Ivey were leaving this fiercely independent and self-sustaining LGA to go and live (and work) on the South Coast. Borrowing the words of that noble Roman, M Antony (as reported by Mr Shakespeare), he asked us 'if you have tears, prepare to shed them now'. And we did. Farewell, Len and Linda and best wishes for the new venture on Mimosa Hill.

Next month is March but you knew that already. Join us at the Hall on Bingley at 12.15pm on Sunday 1 March for more golf, this time sponsored by Ken and Deb Gordon, well-known Oz taggers. You'll receive the usual effusive, not to say gushing, welcome. – Larry King

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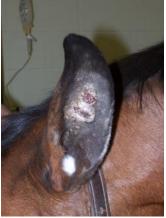
Sarcoids are the most common skin tumour found in horses with approximately 10% of horses having them and sarcoids constitute 20% of all tumours that occur in horses worldwide. Not only do sarcoids occur in horses, donkeys, mules and zebras, but are also reported in giraffes and antelopes.

There are many factors linked to the occurrence of sarcoids including the bovine papillomavirus, (wart virus of cows), and a genetic predisposition with some breeds. The tumour is sometimes spread by flies landing on sarcoids and then onto an open wound on the same or another nearby horse. Sarcoids can remain consistent, not changing size for many years, or be locally very aggressive and become large quite suddenly. They do not tend to spread around the body.

Sarcoids can occur in a variety of forms, as single or multiple lesions. Currently, there are 6 recognised types:

- 1. Occult: flat, grey, hairless, often circular and persistent.
- 2. <u>Verrucose</u>: grey, scabby, or wart-like appearance that contains small lumps, possible surface ulceration and covering an irregular area.
- 3. <u>Nodular</u>: multiple, discrete, solid lumps of variable sizes.
- 4. Fibroblastic: fleshy mass with a thin stalk or wide, flat base. Bleed easily.
- 5. <u>Mixed:</u> mixture of two or more types.
- 6. <u>Malevolent</u>: rare, aggressive tumour, spreads extensively through the skin.

Sarcoids tend to develop at sites of previous injury and scarring, but can occur anywhere on the body- most commonly on the head, sheath, chest and abdomen.





Fibroblastic sarcoid on ear.

Occult sarcoid on lower belly near flank.

Diagnosis is usually made based on the clinical appearance of the sarcoid. A definitive diagnosis can be made by biopsy, that is, taking a sample. Sometimes this aggravates the sarcoids and triggers excessive growth.

It is vital to consult your veterinarian before trying to treat a sarcoid, otherwise is can be aggravated. Currently, there is no single effective treatment for all types of sarcoids. Ideally all tumours should be treated early on when they are small. Therapeutic options include surgical removal, cryotherapy (freezing with liquid nitrogen), chemotherapy drugs injected into the tumour and many topical treatments. We often joke that when there are many options for treating something, many of them don't work, so it's important to come up with a therapeutic plan with your veterinarian.

If you think your horse has a sarcoid and would like to discuss potential treatment options with one of our veterinarians please call us on **02 6241 8888** or get in touch via email at **equine@canberravet.com.au**.

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#### Fire Permits Are Still Required

#### The Fire Season has been Extended to 30 APRIL



The NSW Rural Fire Service has extended the statutory bushfire danger period in a number of areas including Palerang due to continuing dry conditions and increased fuel loads after a mild summer. So permits are reqired for burning off in April and watch for next month's edition of the Whisper for news on the ending of the fire season.

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#### BRIGADE ACTIVITY - CALL OUTS

It's been a very quiet season and apart from our regular training sessions the trucks have been hardly deployed in anger: <u>Saturday 7 March.</u> At 7.45 pm a tanker with a crew of five left the shed to attend a sighting of smoke along Sutton Road. It turned out the ACT was conducting a fuel reduction burn in the Brindabellas and it was smoke from that fire that was the cause of the callout. The crew was back in the shed by 8.30 pm. All good practice for when it's the real thing.

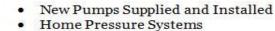
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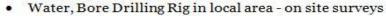
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#### **Snakebite Follow-Up**

I live in Murrumbateman and I am the Snake Co-ordinator for Wildcare, which covers the area that includes Wamboin. I would like to follow up on Greg Corra's "Snakebite" article in the March Wamboin Whisper.

- Staying perfectly still is equally as important as a compression bandage. Venom is transferred via the lymph system, which is pumped by muscle movement. Don't move, and the venom won't get transferred to your venous system anywhere near as fast. Using a compression bandage *with* immobilisation will give you several hours before experiencing ill effects.
- Paramedics and hospitals have test kits that use the actual venom around the bite or from the bandage over the bite area to identify the venom type, meaning there is no need to catch, kill or even identify the snake. Additionally, trying to kill the snake can lead to another snake bite for the victim or a snake bite for the rescuer, greatly inceasing the danger of death.
- Do not clean the bite area or disturb or move or wipe away any venom at the bite site. The paramedics will cut a small circle out of the bandage to take a swab of the skin area to determine the venom family brown, black, tiger or taipan (not relevant around here though!)
- Wrap the compression bandage directly over the site, to the end of the limb, and back up to the groin/armpit. Immobilise the limb and the patient. Bring the ambulance to the patient. Some suggestions to minimise these kinds of incidents:
- awareness Wamboin is Tiger snake heaven, be aware that they may be there, and dress appropriately when going around undergrowth jeans and heavy boots, or even gumboots, provide some protection their fangs are quite short (2-5mm)
- clear the lower branches of bushes to minimise the hiding spots
- reduce the debris in your yard, and the food sources attracting them loose grain brings mice, water features bring frogs which bring snakes
- unless you have a real problem with birds walking in under the net, raise bird netting OFF the ground to minimise the chance of a snake becoming trapped, which means it has to be dealt with

In short, if there is nothing to keep the snake there (either food/shelter or entrapment), you are less likely to encounter them. I am glad that Greg and his rescuers followed the protocols as closelyas he and they could, given the situation, and that he is alive to tell the tale. I would be happy to hold an awareness session during the cooler months, and invite interested people to participate in the next season of the snake handling course – we currently have 12 active and recently trained/refreshed rescuers just in the Bywong/Wamboin area. If you come across a snake that can't go about it's business by itself, call Wildcare on 6299 1966 and one of the locals will come and remove it for you. Of course, if it is just wandering through, give it some room and it will almost certainly move on. If it doesn't, please call us to remove it.

http://www.bungendorepodiatry.com.au/images/3 outdoor recreation/outdoor recreation/snake bite first aid.pdf

For more detail and for colour photos showing how to apply a compression bandage and how to immobilize an arm or a leg please check the above link supplied by Alan Donnelley, a First Aid trainer and Snake Handling Instructor from Bungendore. -- Wayne Alford, snakes@wildcare.com.au, 0417 671 715

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#### WAMBOIN GOLF - MARCH 2015

I said to my old friend, Johnny Mercer, the other day: Johnny, I said, those falling leaves drift by my window, those falling leaves of red and gold. And Johnny said: it's Autumn, you dill! And by Jove, he was correct. Just. Because Wamboin's March golf day happened to coincide with the first day of the month – the first official day of Autumn. And what a glorious day it was. Golfers from all over this proudly independent LGA, free from the influence, guidance or control of another which we shall not name, gathered at the homestead overnight, for we bushies love hard golfing as A B Paterson so accurately put it. The day was sponsored by Ken and Deb Gordon who donated the prizes and fed us beyond the demands of gluttony. Your correspondent was unable to play but did make it down to the Hall for the 19<sup>th</sup>. Accordingly the rest of this report comes to you vicariously from Mahogany Ridge (as, indeed, does most of what passes for journalism – except, of



course, in the Whisper – in these days of the 24 hour news cycle).

Sadly, history will not record who our guests were for the very good reason that there weren't any. Laziness is the only excuse for the omission of the encouragement awards and the NTP/LG ball winners. It is sufficient that they know who they are. In the 9 hole comp there was not much to separate the place getters who stuck to each other like a poultice to a gangrenous leg (I hope you are not reading this over breakfast). In third place was Michael Fileman with 19 Stableford points. Second was Rob Gibson with 21 points. The winner was Joan Mason on 22 points. As this result was judged by the Captain to amount to highway robbery Joan was presented with the coveted Ned Kelly trophy (genuine solid concrete) which is now sitting haughtily on her gate post. In the hard fought 18 hole comp

Tim Barter came in third on 34, Rob Gorham was a worthy runner-up on 37, but the clear winner was Charles Guscott with a creditable 41 points.

Join us at the Community Hall on Sunday 5 April when we next take up the clubs for the famous Wamboin Mini Masters (green jacket and all). It's a real hoot but will have the late, great Robert Trent Jones spinning in his grave.

-- Larry King (golfer, it is said)



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#### Two Reports from Residents Working on Clean Up Australia Day

On the first Sunday in March (indeed March the 1st) the Wamboin Community Association held the annual Clean-Up Day organised as always by Lofty Mason. A nice sunny day – not too hot for the time of year, insured a good turn-out of people willing to lend a hand and clean up as much of the roads in Wamboin as possible. Approximately 30 people registered at the Community Hall but numbers may well have been higher. All this resulted in a good portion of Norton Road being cleaned; all of Weeroona Drive, Bingley Way, Ryan's Road, Poppet Road, Canning Close and some of Fernloff Road. The usual items were recovered; broken bottles, cigarette butts, disposable drink cups and take-away wrappers, the back of an office chair and so many rubber bands you'd think Wamboin was a breeding ground for them. Action has since been taken to see if Australia Post can perhaps do something to reduce their numbers along our roads – like re-using them. Still a good morning's work to keep our area tidy and neat. -- Jenny Richards

Pleased to report that 32 volunteers registered for Clean Up Australia Day. Previous to the day, volunteers cleaned up all of Poppet Road and a man was also noticed picking up rubbish on Norton Road while walking his dog. Our thanks to these Community minded people. The main focus on the Sunday was on Norton Road and Weeroona Drive, both of which are through roads carrying the major amount of traffic. Due to the number of volunteers we were able to clean up both sides of 27k of roadway with 3 one-tonner loads of rubbish collected and brought to the Hall. Palerang Council loaned 10 Hi Viz jackets and 4 warning signs. The Council also donated \$70, which was used to supply drinks, nibblies and sunscreen to the workers. Our thanks to the Council for removing the total amount of rubbish that was collected on the day. After all this effort I was disgusted to note that just 2 days later at least 5 new pieces of rubbish were thrown out in Norton Road between Bingley Way and Sutton Road. These all seemed to be items from takeaways. What to do? Perhaps we ask people to report the number plate of any vehicle seen throwing out litter. The Council are interested in any reports of illegal dumping. — Lofty Mason

### Wamboin 15 years ago – from the Whisper, April 2000 Circulation: 800 by Robyn Robertson

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#### **News from the Wonderful Women of Wamboin**

By Gail Ritchie Knight



Most Mondays, the Wonderful Women of Wamboin (WWOW) have the pleasure of participating in or, like some of the all-thumbs variety, simply watch as others create utilitarian but nevertheless beautiful objects, be they knitted garments, quilts or the more decorative wall hangings. Some of us have had the unique pleasure of watching a champion in action.

One such person is Trish Mavity of Wamboin who was awarded Overall Champion at the recent Royal Canberra Show. Her piece *Lest We Forget* is made up of thousands of beads and depicts Kemal Ataturk's speech

embracing the fallen soldiers from both sides of the Gallipoli campaign. Trish was very moved by his words and felt compelled to create something from his speech. And for her efforts, not only



did Trish gain First Prize and Champion in Beading, she was also awarded Overall Champion at the Show. It has been a delight watching Trish develop her piece and we shall all bask in her reflected glory.

All women are welcome at WWOW. 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.



#### **Rubbish Dumped at the Wamboin Hall**

The items in the photograph were dumped on the verandah of The Community Hall. Dumping is illegal and is subject to fines up to \$750. Anyone with information on dumping please contact Palerang Council. - Editor





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#### Nature Notes March 2015

#### Jo Walker

Although it's officially autumn, we had several days with 30 degree temperatures and only in the last week of the month have we experienced low night temperatures – but no frosts so far. And very little rain has fallen, just 15mm here.

Cassinia quinquefaria bushes are still bearing their clusters of straw-coloured flowers, but little else is flowering. It's the time of year to appreciate the subtler colours in the local countryside – there are so many different shades of green in the eucalypts and wattles and other trees and shrubs.

Usually at this time of the year the Little Dumpy Orchids (*Diplodium truncatum*) are flowering. I did find one tiny patch of eleven flowers, but the large populations elsewhere on my place, several of them a metre or more across, are showing no signs of flowering. This seems to be another indication that all plants have a range of conditions (temperature range, rainfall and hours of sunshine to name a few) that determine whether or not they flower.

A few raptors have been spotted here this month. A solitary Wedge-tailed Eagle flew over, and a Nankeen Kestrel appeared to be hunting something above the hill. There was also a larger, brown hawk being chased by the Magpies one evening, but it was too far away to identify. Another bird of prey, the Grey Butcher-bird has been flying around and calling nearby. They have a loud but very musical song and feed on insects – but also take mice and similar creatures and sometimes the nestlings of other birds.

Some of the birds that spend the summer in the local area are migrating to warmer places for winter. A flock of about fifty Rainbow Bee-eaters passed over here recently and, a few days later, another flock of about thirty was resting on the electricity wires nearby.

There were quite a few of the little black and white day-flying moths (*Nyctemera amica*) fluttering around this month. They feed on several species of *Senecio*, a daisy group common here. A lot of them constructed their cocoons and pupated on the more sheltered walls of my house this year. Most of them stayed outside but one or two caterpillars found their way in and pupated in well-hidden places. I think I put five or six moths outside after they emerged – we have some very friendly wildlife here!

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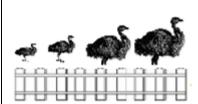
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#### Wamboin Pony Club - March

April is here and the cool autumn has well and truly set in. The riders at the local Wamboin Pony club were lucky and spent the last warm days of March riding on our club rally days. It is good to see horse riders from 4 to 25 getting together in the safe riding environment Pony Club provides. Our Wamboin club grounds off Canning Close have a number of fenced sand arenas to work horses in. One area our riders have spent working on during recent rally days is jumping. For new younger riders just getting your horse to trot over some poles is a satisfying achievement. Our older and more experienced riders take great pleasure in getting their horses to jump higher and better. A number of our riders will go to the annual Pony Club camp at Bungendore this month and receive some intensive instruction over a week from a number of experienced riding experts in many different riding areas. More than 200 riders attend this camp each year and it is a week of not only valuable horse



experiences it is great fun too. So if you have access to your own horse and are aged from 5-25 come along to enjoy the company of other riders and see what Wamboin Pony Club has to offer. Rally days are a great social day out. Not only do you have fun riding, there is always a BBQ 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 twice a month on Sunday's at our grounds near the end of Canning Close from 10am - 3pm. Due to camp our next club rally will be in May on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April - a special Mothers Day Rally which will include a special lunch. So if you are interested come along and see all that Pony Club can offer. We would love to have some more riders' join us. If you would like some information about Wamboin Pony Club and our upcoming rally days contact our club Captain Leanne on 62383435 or email club secretary Stacey at wamboinpcsecretary@gmail.com we hope we will see you soon. - Steve Quick



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#### **Councillor's Corner**

**Change of Use** — I recently visited a friend in northern NSW. As is often the case these days, discussion pretty quickly turned to the subject of local government, and the 'useless local council'.

My friend was most aggrieved that he had bought a property that was 'fully approved', but when he wanted to open a bed and breakfast business, he was required to make extensive changes to things that he had been advised previously conformed to all relevant regulations.

There are several factors that come into play in situations like this.

First, there was the obvious matter of a change of use, from a *Dwelling house* to *Bed and breakfast accommodation*. The fact that a building might satisfy the regulatory requirements for, and be 'fully approved' as a private dwelling does not necessarily mean that it would also satisfy the regulations that apply to, or even be fit for purpose with regard to a commercial enterprise, even one such as that being proposed.

In the present case, one significant issue was a requirement to improve access and clear adjacent vegetation to comply with RFS conditions for tourist accommodation. From a safety point of view, there is generally considered to be a significant difference between the local knowledge of a property owner, and that of a visitor, in the present case potentially entirely unfamiliar with local weather and fire conditions.

The second issue in the present case was the proximity of the absorption trench for the septic system and a bore that was being used to supply potable water to the site. The problem here was that conditions relating to the required separation of these two items had changed since they were originally approved. While this was not a problem for the continued use of the dwelling for its original purpose, the new development was required to satisfy the currently applicable conditions. In the present case, this effectively meant the installation of a new septic system, in a location that satisfied the current separation requirements.

In general, new planning regulations don't render existing lawful developments illegal and don't require further development consent to be obtained. When regulations change, existing developments are generally covered by what are called 'existing use rights', which simply means that if a development was legitimate at the time it was commenced, it remains legitimate, as it is, even though new regulations may prohibit or impose new conditions on such developments. Of course, if the development was not undertaken legally in the first place, with appropriate approvals and permits (if required), it will not have any existing use rights.

In seeking development approval to change the use of a building, however, the owner will generally need to satisfy the conditions that apply to that new use at the time their development application is lodged, regardless of whether or not these conditions were applicable when the building was first constructed.

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

Existing Use Rights (Feb 2013)

Building Approvals (Dec 2013)

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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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#### Wamboin Muse Jill Gregory

I heard a couple of gang gangs, the other day, unscrewing a cork from a bottle as they flew down the gully obviously in search of a spot to spread their picnic rug. It's that sublimely beautiful time of the year when you just have to be outside, preferably in dappled shade, glass in hand, savouring a few idle moments and soaking up the passing parade. I saw six joyful little wrens in a sheltered birdbath, dipping and fluffing and spraying each other in a perfectly choreographed display, heard the mournful cry of a currawong, and the call of an invisible koel, home after a long absence. Yellow leaves are appearing and there are a few touches of red. Walking through the bush, the forest floor crackles and crunches under foot, and I tread carefully, trying not to confuse weathered "snake skin" sticks with the real thing. Sometimes a morning mist hides the promise of a surprisingly warm afternoon.

And it was on one of these rather warm autumn days that members of the community rallied for the annual "Clean up Australia" day. It always seems a shame that we have to have such a day. I remember sending a poster to our daughter when she went off to boarding school. It said, "Your mother doesn't live here. Clean up after yourself!" I thought it was both apt, and amusing. But my sense of humour escapes me when I am confronted by the modern day middens alongside our local roads; empty bottles, not one but six and with the cardboard packaging, McDonalds' wrappers and plastic plates, paper bags, cups with plastic lids, cigarette packets, plastic bottles and cans. It is easy to overlook any rubbish beside the road as you flash by, cocooned in your motor vehicle, but it is there. As a society we seem to believe that a problem will go away if we make it unlawful, but no law will prevent littering because the likelihood of being caught, especially in our rural environment, is remote. We have to foster individual responsibility. "Mum" and "the Government" are not there just to clean up your mess! Glorious autumn, the perfect time for picnics, walks, rides and drives through the countryside.....and I can guarantee that the cork screwing gang gangs, while also enjoying the change in the season, will not leave a trail of empty bottles behind them.... and I hope we don't either. I wouldn't live anywhere else.......

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There is wonderful old huts, shelters, shedding and mines scattered throughout the property. You can wander through the various old buildings, many of which still have the editorial written up for the once busy schedule of visitors that came to look through the relics of the town. This property had been open to the public for many years as an educational facility with tourist buses of visitors to the area or School Children enjoying the many relics and history of the town. The town has also been hired out by movie companies to utilize in their films, by various car clubs for meetings and photos, by artists to paint or sculpt, and groups for wedding photos etc. etc. And, Yes......you can build your dream home in a bush setting & enjoy what really is an incredible step back in time at your back door. There is endless opportunity to do something with this property.

#### Features of this Property –

- Historic Town with many old buildings and shelters plus 2 dams
- 60 acres of gorgeous Native Bushland
- You can build a new home with lovely views
- Income from a rentable cottage with direct access to Donnelly Lane
- Opportunity to derive Income from utilizing the township for educational tours, film makers, car enthusiasts, artists etc.
- Various Sheds for storage, interesting Old mines and an old Historic Well
- Access to the Federal Highway via Donnelly Lane
- Quick Commute to Canberra about 15 mins or Bungendore about 10 mins

Agents Comments – I was amazed to have the opportunity to step back in time and really appreciate such a wonderful & interesting piece of history that is in such authentic and original condition. Whoever buys this property will have years of enjoyment soaking up the history and also have the chance to share it with others. Investment wise, then there is the prospect of re-opening the facility for functions like weddings for photos, film making crews, car club meetings & photos, educational tours etc. If you have an interest in the relics of former years or would like the opportunity to re-open the facility then please do not hesitate to come and look. I cannot recommended high enough to view this property for a rare chance to purchase.

If you would like to arrange an inspection of this incredible property then please do not hesitate to contact: Jan Ladmore on 0407 890 527 or email: jan.ladmore@bigpond.com

Access - The property fronts Bywong Town Road while at the rear of the property there is direct access onto Donnelly Lane and then the Federal Highway so this is an alternative route to Canberra that may suit some purchasers.

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