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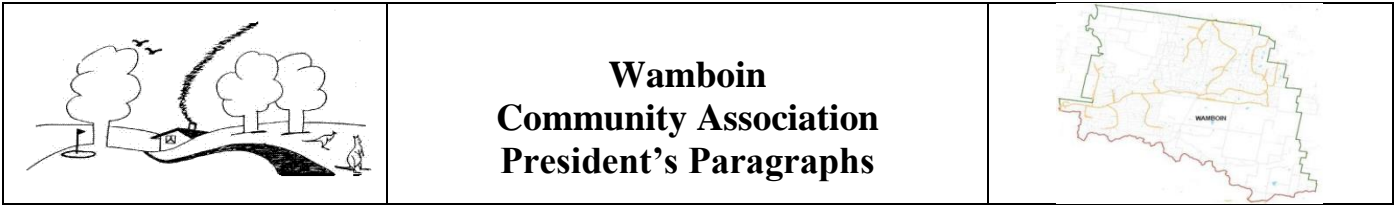
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Hello everyone and here it is May. The weather has turned colder and the fires are lit. Meanwhile we have had a busy past month.

Wamboin Community Association AGM– On the Tuesday 21st April we held our AGM. All positions on the Executive and Committee were open. The results were as follows:

President: Jenny Richards Vice President: Peter Evans Treasurer: Keith France
Secretary: John Van der Straaten Committee: Jenny Warren, Lance Shultz, David Macdonald.

So in effect no change from the previous year. Should you wish to contact any member of the Executive or Committee our emails can be found on the WCA's website.

Wheels of Wamboin – The 3rd Wheels of Wamboin were held on Saturday 18th April. Combining with the monthly Market Day it certainly provided for a successful Market Day and brought crowds to look at and admire the cars despite the rather overcast weather. A full report on the Wheels of Wamboin should be further on in this issue of the Whisper. Thanks go to the Wamboin Fire Brigade for providing the BBQ and of course to the organiser of this event, Pete Evans. Once again well done Pete.

Visit from RMS Representative – In addition to our AGM the last meeting saw us hosting a representative from RMS. Adam Berry is the Network and Safety Manager of the Southern Network/Journey Management area and came to Wamboin to discuss the changing of the line markings at the end of Mac's Reef Road where it joins the Federal Highway. There has been some discontent within the community with these changes since it was done and it was very good of Adam to come all this way to listen to residents' complaints. A full report of his visit is provided in this edition of the Whisper by Jenny Warren, but for myself, I simply thank Adam for his time and patience in coming down and his promise to look into the matter. That's all from me for this month. See you again next issue. -- Jenny Richards (President)

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Taking Care of Senior Horses in Winter **By Sasha Migus, Vet Student & Dr. Natasha Hovanessian**



Horses have an expected lifespan of over 30 years and are considered “senior” when they reach about 18 years of age. Senior horses have unique healthcare requirements, especially as the colder months approach. There are several ways we can help prepare them for winter including joint protection, appropriate nutrition, and good dental health. Other important considerations for care of senior horses in any season are deworming and vaccination, protection from the elements, and awareness of the increased risk of hormonal diseases with age.

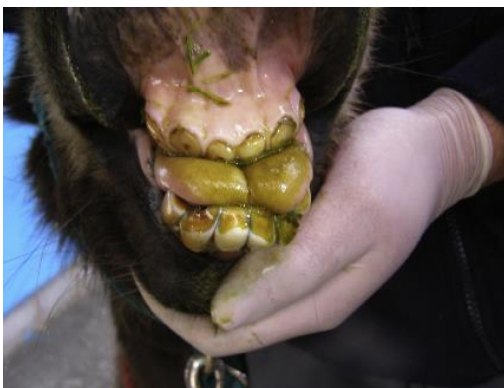
Many horses will develop arthritis due to natural wear and tear of joints over time. Arthritis is a common source of pain in senior horses but there are a range of products available that can modify the disease process and help protect the joints. It is best to start your horse on joint protectives BEFORE the cold weather sets in and signs of pain are seen as it can take several weeks for the medications to reach therapeutic levels in the body. Products such as Hyaluron, Pentosan, and 4CYTE are available in oral or injectable forms and your veterinarian can help tailor a plan specific to your horses needs.

As horses age, they have difficulty maintaining body condition. The most suitable senior diet is one high in protein and fat (as long as there are no underlying liver problems), with an excellent source of roughage. All feed given should be easy to chew and digest, and any diet changes should be made gradually over 2 to 3 weeks.

Maintaining dental health is important in the senior horse as their teeth can become worn out over time putting them at increased risk of problems such as choke and gut impactions. Senior horses may require more frequent dental exams to minimise discomfort in the mouth and preserve the ability to chew, and hence hold ideal body condition. In horses with very poor dentition, it can be helpful to moisten food to a thick soup consistency and ensure fibre length is kept short.

Senior horses are at increased risk of hormonal diseases such as Equine Cushing’s, which arises due to a non-invasive tumour of the pituitary gland, which is located below the brain. Signs may include a long and curly hair coat that fails to shed in spring, abnormal sweating, weight loss and lethargy. Your veterinarian can diagnose Cushing’s Disease from clinical signs and screening tests, but the good news is it can often be easily treated with medication.

Older horses tend to have reduced immune function and may be more susceptible to parasites and infectious disease so keeping up to date with deworming and vaccination is also important. Senior horses are also more sensitive to the cold as they are less efficient at regulating their body temperature. Consider the use of cosy rugs, shed or stable access, and plenty of comfortable bedding during winter.





Severely worn incisors in a senior horse



Long curly hair coat in a horse with Cushing’s disease

Keeping your horse in good health in their younger years will give them the greatest chance of a long, healthy life. When aged, horses will benefit from annual or twice yearly health checks to ensure the best quality of life. If you would like more information about caring for your senior horse through the colder months please call us on **02 6241 8888** or get in touch via email at equine@canberravet.com.au.

	<p align="center">Bywong Community News www.bywongcommunity.org.au</p> <p align="center">Darryl Bourke, <i>President</i> This News Put Together by the Bywong Committee</p>	
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July Trivia: This year's date is 18 July – but don't be complacent, because we already have half the hall booked. We are having to select from an array of talent for the musical items – any more volunteers for a (tasteful!) rendering of a trivia question? We are also promising one or two surprises in the programme – it would not be Bywong Trivia without them!

Are you secure? In the light of last year's home invasions in our area, we have scheduled an information session to help us be a little better prepared against such events. We shall be inviting participation from the local police, a security firm, and (for the sake of even-handedness!) a burglar. This event seems to have increased relevance in the light of recent events at rural locations in Murrumbateman. The session will be combined with the Community's AGM on Monday 10 August – promised to be a short segment.

Car Boot Sale Raffle: In spite of a lower profile at the actual event, the Car Boot Sale raffle produced a good result which will swell the overall takings from the day. The raffle earned us \$1500.00, which we shall distribute in two equal donations to the Scouts and the Fire Brigade. Our best thanks to those generous businesses which contributed the prizes, to Merle who collected them, and to the Scouts for their sterling work in selling tickets. We apologise to disappointed citizens who found they could not vote at the official-looking table from which the Scouts sold our tickets at the Bungendore polling station on election day – the day before the Boot Sale. Winners of the raffle prizes were Laura from Hogan Drive, Jesse from Sutton, Maceij from Denley Drive, David, and Bruce, who collected the bonus Land Care prize.

Next Meeting: The Community's next meeting will be at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 9 June (Note the day – the usual Monday is a holiday). Our last meeting decided to make a regular practice of scheduling meetings for the following Tuesday when the usual meeting date falls on a holiday Monday.


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The forest will be closed due to a high speed car rally.

Kowen forest will be closed for the running of the “National Capital Rally”. The Rally is the second round of the East Coast Bullbars Australian Rally Championship; the NSW Rally Championship and the Techworkz Automotive ACT Regional Rally Series.

The forest will be chained up on Thursday night 14th May in preparation for the event. We will be locking all gates; Styes and horse cavaleties. Notices will be put up before the event advising of the forest closure. “Forest Closed” signs will be put up when we chain up the forest.

There will be **NO PUBLIC ACCESS** via Seven Mile Road.

The Brindabella Motor Sport Club requests that residents do not enter the forest from the Wamboin side – as this will endanger you and the competitors.

The Forest will be re-opened after the event, and open to the public for Sunday morning. We will open the forest as early as possible to let the early risers in for their Sunday walk!

There will be a spectator point at the old Kowen Forestry Settlement – entry only via Kowen Road. Please join us, to see some of the best Australian and local rally talent.

We are always in need of volunteer officials to help us run the event over the weekend. If you are able to assist, please register your details at www.nationalcapitalrally.com.au

Competitors will be conducting reconnaissance on Wednesday 13th May between 12.00pm and 6.00pm and Thursday the 14th May between 7.30am and 6.00pm. The forest will be open to the public – however, Wamboin residents should be aware that there will be increased traffic.

If you have any questions, please contact ACT Forests - 6207 2486 or Adrian Dudok – 0417 251 011 or via email: cofc@nationalcapitalrally.com.au

Hi Everyone

Wanted to share with the local area a more personal project I have been working on for several months now. I have decided to step outside of my comfort zone and write a blog named Melanie Greenhalgh. The blog is a series of stories and social commentary on the good, the bad and the ugly of life. The idea is to let people know about being 'Good Enough' and dispelling the myths surrounding perfectionism. I try to do this through humour and real life examples that people can relate to. A way of communicating that we are never alone in the roller coaster ride called life.

So whether it is for yourself, family and friends or someone your working with that needs a giggle, belly laugh or maybe even a bladder leakage moment direct them to <http://www.melaniegreenhalgh.com/>. You can sign up to receive new blog posts directly into your inbox as soon as they are released. I am also very interested in working with local businesses to advertise, review and promote the services they are offering to the community. If you have any ideas about working together I would love to hear from you. Have a great week and hope you take the time to check out the blog.

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Green Army Help At Greenways Will Be A Boon: Palerang Mayor

(Press release from the office of MP Angus Taylor)

Palerang Mayor Pete Harrison says the help of a Green Army team at the Greenways at Bywong and Wamboin will be a boon for local volunteers. Mayor Harrison recently joined Federal Member for Hume Angus Taylor and Palerang Council Environmental Services Coordinator Simon Holloway at areas at Bywong and Wamboin where a Green Army team will help rehabilitate erosion gullies and remove invasive weeds.

"Where local volunteers have been limited in terms of time and resources, the Green Army will engage up to nine young people to tackle the problems head on and for up to six months. There'll be a lot achieved," Mr Taylor said. Mayor Harrison said the network of local Greenways were an integral part of the recreational infrastructure of the



communities. "They are used by casual walkers, hiking enthusiasts and horse riders alike. One of the goals of the rural residential settlement of the Bywong and Wamboin areas was the rehabilitation of what have been described as 'clapped out sheep paddocks'. This has been achieved to remarkable effect in the past 40 years by individual land holders, but has been limited on the Greenways network to what can be achieved by just a small group of dedicated volunteers.

"Having the help of the Green Army is a tremendous boon to these local volunteers because it will deliver a sustained effort over several months," Mayor Harrison said. Mr Taylor said that Round 2 of the Green Army programme had allocated funds for a further five projects in Hume, including the Greenways project, bringing the number of projects in Hume to eight.

"This is all about giving young people the confidence and skills to take the next step toward ongoing employment," he said.

Anyone interested in joining the Green Army can apply through the appointed Service Providers, listed at

www.environment.gov.au/land/green-army/service-providers

Picture: Federal Member for Hume Angus Taylor with Palerang Mayor Pete Harrison and Palerang Council Environmental Services Coordinator Simon Holloway at the Greenways at Wamboin.

Wamboin Hall Toilet Upgrade

by Lofty Mason

We plan to have all ceiling sheets and lighting installed by the time you read this Whisper. Tradies Tim Barter and Don Evans assisted by Peter Greenwood and Larry King (I took a sickie) made a good start installing the majority of the ceiling sheets and lights last week. The sheets of mini corri are over 6 metres in length so take a bit of manoeuvring and fixing. Well done those guys! Still to do is to measure and fit all flashing and to paint the inside walls. We are getting there.

Lighting Operation. The toilet and passage lights (all LED) have only 2 controls. There is an obvious **key/switch** on the end of the facing wall. This switch can be used to turn the lights on for the total time required. All Hall keys will have an additional key to operate this switch. **For non-key operation** the lighting system also has a movement detection switch that will turn the lights on for a set time.

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Well Done Palerang On Black Spot Funding Of \$2.13 Million

Federal Member for Hume Angus Taylor has congratulated Palerang Council and the community on securing \$2.13 million in funding under the Federal Government’s *Black Spot Programme*. Mr Taylor said councils across the Hume electorate had secured funding for 20 new projects to a value of \$7.25 million - 13% of all Black Spot funding across NSW.

The Palerang area will receive funding for the following Black Spots:

- **\$1.6 million – Federal Highway at Sutton from Sutton Road to Mckeahnie Lane**
- **\$330,000 – Bungendore Road from Lake Road to Forest Road**
- **\$200,000 – for the Federal Highway and Shingle Hill Way intersection at Bywong**

Mr Taylor said funding for the Federal Highway at Sutton – one of the largest amounts of funding allocated to a black spot project in this round - would involve the installation of wire rope safety barriers at selected sections of each carriageway. “With over 52,000 commuters travelling the Federal Highway between the ACT border and the intersection with the Hume Highway each day, this is a crucial black spot project to reduce the risk of run off road crashes for all road users.”

Mr Taylor said the black spot project on Bungendore Road will involve installation of high friction seals to bends,



linemarking and widening of shoulders on curves, while the project at the intersection of the Federal Highway and Shingle Way involves installing lighting and moving ‘Stop’ lines forward. “This year’s projects are part of a record commitment of \$500 million to the Black Spot Programme in the 2014 Budget, which included an additional \$200 million from the Infrastructure Growth Package. An extra 110 projects will now be funded in NSW during 2015-16.”

Mr Taylor said councils across Hume, including Palerang Shire, had jumped on board to take advantage of the broader eligibility criteria for this and next year’s funding rounds, which will improve dangerous stretches of road and hazardous intersections.

“With 20 new Black Spot projects approved across Hume, we are again doing very well to secure a larger than

average share of the funding pie. I am keen to continue working closely with local councils and provide support to get the best results from these major infrastructure programmes,” Mr Taylor said. - Press release from the office of MP Angus Taylor

Picture: Federal Member for Hume Angus Taylor on the Federal Highway at Sutton where \$1.6 million in Federal funding will be allocated under the Government’s Black Spot Programme.

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Lake George Day View Club

The first meeting of the year for members of the Lake George Day View Club was held at our "home" base, Bywong Community Hall on the third Tuesday of the month. The theme that month was Aussie Country Muster Bush Poets, hence some spirited renderings of 'Banjo' Paterson among other gems. It is the custom to make the lunch, provided by members, to fit the theme, so the result was good old Aussie tucker.

March was somewhat different as the guest speaker, being Tania McCartney, author of "Beijing Tai Tai", our meeting took place at the Mee Sing Chinese Restaurant, Lyneham, who very kindly opened specially at midday to provide the delicious meal. Her vivid recounting of life as an expat mother, knowing nothing of the language and the customs of Beijing, with two children under five and a maid determined to have her own way, held her audience spellbound. In Beijing, Tania also decided to return to her own career as a journalist and author. Writing articles for the local expat journals, Tania then went on to achieving a column of her own and writing the book, mentioned above for adults. From making up stories for her children, came the idea of making books for children. Finding an illustrator sympathetic to her stories, she then went on to publish them, with great success, her enthusiasm for helping children to become literate and knowledgeable is also the aim of View.

On the Saturday of the international Women's day, the two Lake George and Queabeyan Clubs jointly hosted, for the second year running, a lunch at Wamboin Community Hall with four invited Guests who each gave an account of why and how they came to have that particular career. The panel consisted of two White Ladies, a plumber and a magistrate/Df brigadier.

Our April guest speaker, Rosemary Blake, is a member of the Act Miniature Enthusiasts Society. One side of Bywong Hall had tables displaying 'a few' of her efforts! She admitted that her five bedrooms were overflowing with her recycling and upcycling of materials which had been made into scenes and buildings. Doll's of about 2 cm high and rooms in which they lived with wall paper, for example made from the inside of envelopes. The lunch had miniatures as well, of pies, quiches and a variety of puffs, though the appetite for such goodies was not so much on keeping, especially as the dessert was based around a Chocolate Fountain.

Anyone interested in our Day View Club contact Beth Tyerman: 62380399 or beth@iinet.net.au -- M. A. Boss

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The Wamboin Brigade members who received the National Award were Geoff Foster, Don Evans, Neville Schroder, Cliff Spong, Richard Hobbs and Peter Greenwood. The Long Service award was made to a number of Wamboin members who had served the brigade for ten, twenty and in one instance over thirty years.

Congratulations to all recipients you have all made an outstanding contribution to our community.

Wamboin Brigade Annual General Meeting

A reminder to all brigade members, the AGM will be held at the fire shed on 9 June at 7.30. An email prior to the meeting will be sent to all members and in the meantime please make a note on your diary.

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On Monday 27 April one of our large tankers was deployed with a crew of four to Wyong on the Central coast. They will be in Wyong until Friday.

Not only have they a four hour trip each way in the truck, which is never fun, they can also look forward to long days and lots of physically demanding work.

The Fire Season Ended 30 APRIL

The statutory Bushfire Danger Period ended on 30 April, or at the time of writing we were pretty sure it would end. This means you can now burn off and reduce the fuel levels on your property without a permit.

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BRIGADE ACTIVITY

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During April we had one callout. It was a motor vehicle accident late one Sunday afternoon. A collision with a kangaroo resulted in spilt transmission fluid which required a cleanup. The crew were back at the shed within the hour.

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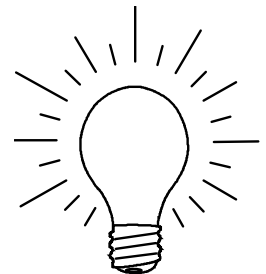
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3rd Annual Wheels of Wamboin

Cloudy skies and the threat of rain did not deter over eighty enthusiasts from showing their prides and joys at the Wheels of Wamboin. Despite heavy rain the day before and the forecast of showers the true faithful turned out for the display and also drew a large crowd of appreciative spectators.



There was vintage, classic and modern all on display in a diverse and high quality gathering (the Malvern Star Dragster even made another appearance). The much coveted People's Choice award was won this year by an immaculate green A9X Holden Torana, breaking the Doretti's two year winning streak. The runner up was the psychedelic muralled Volvo which was ready for the S**t Box Rally from Canberra to Townsville. The drivers also raised much needed funds for the rally from the generous crowd.



The Fords on the day ranged from the A-Model to a brand new XR8 showcasing Ford Australia's start and end. In a showcase of Ford history there was a broad range of classic Fords including a XW GT, XB GS, XC GXL, XR ute and wagon, a beaut GT350 mustang, a 67 GT390 mustang, a rare 6 cylinder mustang coupe, a beautiful Customline, a selection of BA to FP XR and GT Falcons, an Escort (you don't see them any more), a Prefect, a super rare Mercury Marauder and a superb 1940 Ford pickup. It was great to see this great selection of Fords reflecting on the sad end of Fords local manufacturing to go to a global product.



The FJ Humpy's were out in numbers and made an impressive display with immaculate sedans and utes and even a FJ convertible that really caused some discussions amongst the throng. Holden was also represented by a VP Senator, a VH commodore (on historic rego believe it or not) and the award winning A9X Torana.

The Armstrong Siddeley's had a strong showing and included a super rare ute alongside a great British line up with Jaguar's old and new, Triumph Stags and TR3's assembled and only partly, Mini's, Mokes, a Vauxhall Velox, a Riley, a stately Rolls



Royce Convertible, Humber's, some very immaculate Austin Healy's, a beautiful Aston Martin DB3 and Morris's of all shapes and sizes.



The Europeans made a showing with number of Mercedes, Alfa Romeo, a Doretti (yes the third in the family), a Fiat X-19, BMW's and a Volkswagen Beetle named Ringo (yes he was a Beatle).

Classic Chrysler's were there in numbers with Belverde's, a neat Valiant coupe and a very smart Royal with period Caravan. A good roll up of Clubman's and 7's kit cars were present, a very brave showing considering the unpredictable weather. Motorbikes were represented by BMW, Harley's, a 1960 Triumph Bonneville alongside a new model along with a Malvern Star Dragster bike, remember riding one of those.



It was once again another fantastic, high quality diverse display and in a casual country setting. It was great to see kids with their parents wandering past the metal from a bygone era and us older viewers thinking I wish I had of kept that one.



Donations on the day went to the Wamboin Rural Fire Service. Start polishing for next April. – Peter Evans

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This month the ‘ready to eat’ food accompanied by good coffee won the day with all scones, slices and egg and bacon rolls selling out and Sally was back, also selling out of her home made pies, sausage rolls and cake! I don’t know how many cups of coffee were made but our baristas looked a little weary at the end of the morning!



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WAMBOIN MINI MASTERS – APRIL 2015


Mahogany Ridge, Sunday 5 April 2015. This is being written while being bombarded by white, dimpled missiles as the “enemy” fire off salvo after salvo in the Novelty NTP Shootout which traditionally concludes the Wamboin Mini Masters. Incoming! Oh! The humanity! Two shots each from a box of soft sand, a T-Ball stand, standing on a tyre, and a short ramp. And all that after two rounds of play (admittedly each of only six holes). The first round is to determine who makes The Cut and is therefore eligible for the major prizes – kindly donated by the Wamboin Community Association who also fed us. We thank their hard-working committee, in particular Barb and Pete Harrison who rattled the pots and pans and officiated at the prize-giving ceremony. Thanks also to the radio-controlled Shootout Marshals, Don Evans and Paul Griffin.

Our welcome visitors were Brian Moore and the father and son team of Tony and Michael Dowdell. Michael enjoyed his first ever game of golf. Tony echoed his son’s complimentary remarks about the peerless Wamboin course. The Googly Ball and the Dummy Spit were awarded to the same person, Dave Hubbard, whose long, whining account of something-or-other induced a soporific effect on your correspondent. By the time he awoke events had moved on. Let us follow them. You all want to know who made The Cut. The answer is: Neville Schroder with 22 strokes; Brian Moore 25; Steve Lambert 28 (DNF); Larry King 29 (DNF); Paul Griffin 29 and Dave Hubbard 31. DNF means did not finish. There is an ongoing ASADA inquiry into this but the smart money is on the overuse of Fluid Loss Adjusters. Junior Master was Logan Beckett (in a small field). Following round 2 the handicap comp was taken out by Paul Griffin on 37 with Dave Hubbard runner up on 48. The 2015 Wamboin Masters was won by Nev Schroder, 50 strokes with Brian Moore hot on his heels on 51. Nev also won the Shootout. He was assisted into the erstwhile green jacket by WCA immediate Past President, Pete Harrison. It fitted like a proctologist’s glove.

Join us at the Hall on Sunday 3 May for the next exciting instalment of Wamboin golf when the sponsors will be those Navy Old Farts of whom my old chum, William Schwenck Gilbert, has much to say in his report entitled “HMS Pinafore”. – Larry King



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by Robyn Robertson

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Wamboin Pony Club — April 2015

April saw 5 of our Wamboin Pony Club rider's head to Zone camp at Bungendore. It was a hectic week of early starts and long days. Over 200 riders, horses and their families spent the chilly (at night) but mostly fine and warm days doing a vast array of different horse activities. Guest instructors taught everything from jumping, dressage and polo to cross country and mounted games. Although exhausting to horse and rider all would agree that both gain a great deal of value from a week of intensive riding. Congratulations to Claudia (pictured) for getting the troop person award for her troop and to Sammi and Rosemary who received jumping awards for improvement throughout the week. Thanks go to all the club parents, not only those who spent the week volunteering to be troop leaders or helpers throughout the camp but to all the club members who didn't have riders at camp who attended the day our club had kitchen duty and lent a hand. The camp would not have happened without all these volunteers – thanks. Post camp we had a rally day last weekend and some of the riders from camp were able to show off some of the skills they had acquired.



Winter is not far away but we still hope to continue our two rally days a month and are still pleased to welcome new members. So if you are aged 3 to 25 and own or have access to a horse come and see what Wamboin Pony Club is all about. 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. Wamboin Pony club usually meet's on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month at our grounds in Canning Close from 10am. Our next Rally day for 2015 will be on Sunday 10th May, our special mothers day rally. So if you are interested come along and see all that Pony Club can offer. If you would like some more information about Wamboin Pony Club and our upcoming rally days contact our club Captain Leanne on 62383435 or email

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Macs Reef Road/Federal Highway Line Marking Changes and Other Local Roads Issues Report on Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) Meeting

BACKGROUND: On 11 February 2015, line markings at the intersection of Macs Reef Road and the Federal Highway were changed by the RMS. Without community consultation or notification to Palerang Council, the so-called “merge lane” used by vehicles turning left from Macs Reef Road to the Highway was removed.

COMMUNITY RESPONSE: Many in our community share the view that the changes make the intersection more dangerous and inefficient, and increase the likelihood of a serious accident. The Wamboin Community Association (WCA) contacted The Hon. Duncan Gay, MLC, Minister for Roads and Freight - among others - requesting consultation on alternative solutions, with a view to making the section of Highway between Macs Reef and Sutton Roads safer for all road users.

RMS RESPONSE: The initial emailed response from RMS to Council on 12 February is available in full on the Bywong/Wamboin Facebook page. In summary, it advised that the previous arrangement had been reviewed after a suggestion from “...a motorist...” that “...there was unsafe merging taking place”. It concluded that the intersection was now safer and acknowledged that “...motorists will now have to wait for a larger, more appropriate gap in traffic before attempting to join the highway.”

COMMUNITY MEETING: As a result of the WCA’s representation and ongoing community disquiet, Adam Berry, Network & Safety Manager Southern, RMS, kindly offered to attend a community meeting at Wamboin on 21 April to discuss these specific intersection changes as well as hear from residents on any other local roads issues.

Adam acknowledged that the change had been made without community consultation. He advised that it was prompted by enquiries from “a couple” of members of the public concerned that vehicles were joining the Highway without regard for oncoming traffic, presenting an unsafe situation especially for vehicles wanting to exit at Sutton Road.

Meeting attendees described the lengthy delays they were now experiencing when exiting Macs Reef Road. This is especially problematic during morning peak and at the ends of weekends when the “appropriate” gaps in southbound Highway traffic, as suggested by the RMS, are simply not available. Newly observed unsafe and illegal behaviours were described, including impatient drivers passing on the left of stationary vehicles waiting at the new Give Way sign. Concern was also expressed about stationary starts at this T-intersection in winter when thick fog regularly reduces visibility to less than 250 metres.

Adam initially stood behind the RMS’s assessment that the change improved the safety of the intersection. However, after hearing from the meeting attendees for more than an hour, he said that while the RMS anticipated some level of dissatisfaction, he didn’t expect it to be this high. He concluded that the RMS were “not wedded” to the new arrangements and he would ask his team to conduct a further review and report back to the WCA in the next couple of months.

OTHER ROADS DISCUSSED: A number of other locations were discussed, including the Bungendore Road & Federal Highway intersection. Adam advised that, subject to funding in the next financial year, there is a current proposal to implement a range of improvements there including improved sign posting, rumble bars and possible separations between the various approaches.

-- Jenny Warren, Committee Member, WCA



St Andrews, Wamboin, and St Peters, Sutton

Church Notices

By the time this goes to press, the ANZAC Centenary service will have been held at St Andrews on 3 May, with Dr. David McCarthy officiating.

Looking back, however, we are happy to report that the St Andrews/St Peters stall at the Sutton School Fair, in late March, run by the Schultz family, was again successful and the proceeds, \$250, were gratefully accepted by Sutton School. On Sunday, 10 May, there will be a special Mothers Day service at St Peters. If you are a mother or have a mother, please join us. A Busy Bee is planned after the service at St Andrews on Sunday, 17 May. There is a lot to do in the autumn garden and we will reward all workers with a hearty morning tea! Please roll up your sleeves and come along with rakes, hedge clippers, secateurs and wheel barrows. Our next big event is the Bonfire in the church grounds of St Peters on Saturday, 30 May. This is a Community event, and is always a great night for families. It is a wonderful opportunity to enjoy a winter night with a spectacular bonfire.

Sadly, we announce the death, in Sydney, of a former Wamboin resident. Tony Power was a farsighted and involved member of the Wamboin community, and was a pioneer of both the Wamboin Markets and the Community Christmas Carols. Tony was a quiet achiever, contributing in many ways to the work and welfare of both churches. Our sympathies are with his wife Moira, and family.

Don't forget that Kids Club is back in full swing, after the holidays, meeting each Friday at St Andrews, between 5 and 7pm for games, songs and activities followed by a light meal. Parents are always welcome to join in the fun with their children. Services are held at St Andrews on the first and third Sunday of each month, and at St Peters on the second and fourth Sundays. All services start at 9am. For any assistance or further information please contact any of the people listed below.

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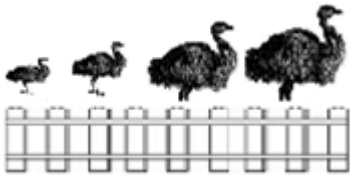
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Councillor's Corner

Exempt and Complying Development — The issue of exempt or complying developments has come up a couple of times recently, so I thought it might be worth providing a brief overview of where these fit in the planning process.

As I have mentioned on previous occasions (see below), planning in NSW is generally governed by a hierarchy of legislation, starting with the Environmental Planning and Assessment (EP&A) Act and Regulation, supported by State Environmental Planning Policies (SEPPs), and locally through Local Environmental Plans (LEPs) and Development Control Plans (DCPs).

One particular SEPP, the Exempt and Complying Development SEPP, is designed to streamline assessment processes for development that complies with specified development standards.

Many types of home renovations and minor building projects don't need approval from council or an accredited certifier. These are referred to as exempt development. As long as the building project meets specific standards and land requirements (as identified in the SEPP) no planning or building approval is needed. Awnings and blinds, balconies and decks, minor building alterations, outdoor cooking structures, retaining walls and other landscaping structures, rainwater tanks and shade structures are all developments that may be exempt from development consent if they meet the required standards.

Complying development is more significant but nonetheless straightforward residential, commercial or industrial development that can be undertaken via a fast track approval process. Once again, providing the application meets specific criteria (identified in the SEPP), it can be determined by council or an accredited certifier without the need for a full development application. Examples of complying development include more substantial home renovations, or the construction of a 'granny flat', garage, carport or swimming pool,

If a particular development is either not identified in the SEPP, or does not meet the conditions defined therein, it is assessed under the conditions specified in the PLEP.

Note that exempt and complying development is still subject to any approvals or other requirements under other legislation such as the Local Government Act 1993, Roads Act 1993 and Water Management Act 2000.

The Department of Planning is in the process of developing a range of on-line tools to assist property owners in identifying applicable development requirements. The Planning Map Portal at <http://maps.planningportal.nsw.gov.au> provides land zoning information and ready access to PLEP map overlays for individual properties.

The Electronic Housing Code (EHC), at <http://www.onegov.nsw.gov.au/new/agencies/ehc>, allows users to determine whether proposed works are classed as exempt or complying development. (Palerang is not yet included in the EHC, but should be in the next month or so.)

Before you plan any renovations or building work, it is nonetheless a good idea to check with council to verify which planning controls apply to your property.

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

- Planning Instruments (Nov 2011)
- Building Approvals (Dec 2013)
- Exempt and Complying Development (Apr 2015)

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

We've all been "remembering", especially in recent weeks. It would be hard not to, given the media saturation associated with the 100th anniversary of the ill fated ANZAC landing at Gallipoli. I went to the simple, but touchingly pertinent Dawn Service in Queanbeyan, rugged up against a cold that was not especially biting, smelling rosemary crushed between my fingers, hearing only the mournful drone of a lone piper in the blackness and looking up at a fading Southern Cross sinking slowly behind the trees. At the close of the service, a magpie carolled, and I dabbed a misty eye and remembered "them", as well as my four great uncles. No doubt, like thousands of others, they had set off, ".....young, straight of eye, true of limb, steady and aglow...." Three of them came home. Perhaps they whistled the jolly song, popular at the time, which told them to "pack up your troubles in your old kit bag and smile, smile, smile"; fine sentiments, but they didn't always work for those who returned, maimed, disfigured and permanently stained by their experiences, or for those, bereft and uncomprehending, waiting at home. I only ever knew one of those young men, but by then he was just a quiet, grey haired old man who reminded me of my father. He had a lovely smile, but he didn't say much.

The sounding of the dawn Reveille brings you back to the presence. After the recent life giving rain we had our first toe numbing morning chill, today. Autumn mist filled the damp gully then drifted upwards, blurring the outline of trees and bush before it dissipated in the clear blue sky. I suspect I have picked the last tomatoes that will ripen on the kitchen window sill, and my next job will be green tomato chutney. I've already made basil pesto. Huge white clumped fungi appeared in the chook yard and golden mushrooms have pushed their way through the damp leaf litter under the eucalypts. The Chinese pistachio clings to its scarlet leaves, and the garden hasn't lost its colour; red and white salvias and geraniums, purple daisies, lavender, rosemary and the first winter irises have appeared beside splashes of golden dionsmas. Short spikes of green have spread a carpet over what were bare patches of earth. The garden is alive with little nectar feeding spinebills, and I'm alerted to their presence by the tell tale snap of their wings. Anzac Day is behind us and the melancholy bagpipes have been silenced by the whine and snarl of a chainsaw preparing the wood pile for winter. The first frost is lurking close at hand.

There has been unimaginable change in our wonderful country and in our circumstances since that first ANZAC Day. Throughout the intervening years military and civilian scholars have engaged in serious discourse and research, and there has been much political and popular delving and dissertation as well. We have learned a great deal, in hindsight, about human strength, human frailty, fallibility, mateship, and sadly human stupidity, but I wonder if our enlightened words, out-pouring of emotion and "paying our respects" will really make a difference in the long term in our dealings with each other. I hope that in the fog of national fervour and media hype, especially about mateship, we have not forgotten the meaning of true international friendship.

The fog has lifted, and the unfolding day is warm and peaceful. Bees are buzzing, small birds are twittering and even the rabbit nibbling in my garden seems untroubled.....Wamboin is at peace, smiling broadly.....I wouldn't live anywhere else.

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