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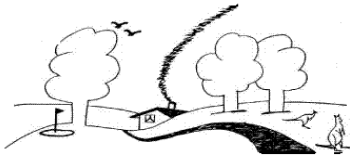


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## Wamboin Community Association President's Paragraphs



Well with Jenny and Steve on a well earned break it's my turn to do a quick WCA wrap up. With the Wamboin winter wonderland now in full swing isn't it great to wake up to a cold frosty morning and then see the clear blue winter sky. In the higher parts of Wamboin we have already seen a snow flurry and I'm sure we will see another this winter.

I love this time of year. It's great to have the wood fire burning again and a chance to wear those great winter coats. I already see some bonfires and rugby season is back. There is always a winter in July party and the odd cold rainy morning sleep in. The Joe Blakes have mostly bedded down (but not entirely I hear) and the water tank is full. Enough winter dreaming here's the WCA wrap up.

- The very successful Wamboin produce markets go into hibernation until the third Saturday in September. Well done Lance and Meriel and we look forward to spring resumption.
- A quick reminder that the annual Wamboin Curry Night will be on Saturday, August 15th. Entry is a gold coin donation and you bring your own curry. Bookings are essential. See the ad further along in this edition. I'm sure some of the curries on the night will make Johnny Cash proud.
- At the last WCA meeting a representative from the RMS attended to inform us that the Macs Reef Road/Federal Highway intersection line marking would be reinstated as per the original markings with a short taper. The give way sign would however be replaced with a new stop sign. Further information will be available in the next Whisper edition. This is a great result and due to intensive lobbying by Jenny Warren. Well Done.

-- Yours in our winter wonderland, Peter Evans ( WCA Vice President)

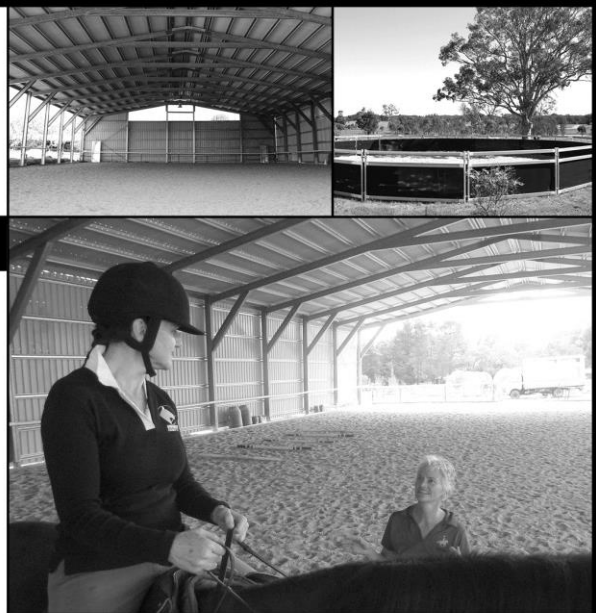
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*Darryl Bourke, President  
This News Put Together  
by the Bywong Committee*

**That  
Junc**

**tion again.** At its last meeting, Bywong Community voted to give strong support to Wamboin Community Association's lobbying against the new intersection arrangements where Macs Reef Road meets the Federal Highway. Members spoke of the increasing risk to locals turning onto the highway and the huge back-up of coastal traffic now evident at weekends. The Community decided to send a letter outlining these concerns to the relevant authorities.

**Website manager.** The Community is looking for a local who can act as manager of our website. We are looking for someone with more skills, more understanding, and perhaps more youth than is available from our present Committee. The website is a community facility but it needs updating and can be a powerful and fun method of keeping our community informed. We feel an active website could give better exposure to our valued events and new ideas – let's face it, some of us

are getting tired! But we all believe it is essential that the Community continue to exist, and to stage such time-honoured annual events as its Car Boot Sale and Trivia Night.

**10 August your big chance.** Our AGM on 10 August is the opportunity to become involved to the extent that suits you and your time schedule. Come along and be a part of where you live!

**Our local security.** The AGM is also the occasion of our local forum on local security, when we shall hear about measures we can take to minimise risks on our rural properties. Qualified speakers and the local police will be taking part.

**Children's Playground at the Hall?** The Community plans to approach the Hall Committee about the possibility of installing a childrens' playground at the Bywong Hall. A proposal is under preparation, and anyone interested in such a proposal should contact Merle on 62380417 or [blackbirdandthehun@gmail.com](mailto:blackbirdandthehun@gmail.com)

**Where are the dumpers?** Our new Waste Transfer Station (dare we call it the New Tip?) is looking good, although those passing by its pristine concrete might feel there is a lack of patronage. Certainly not due to the staff, who continue to give excellent and friendly service. Perhaps we are wasting less? We hope someone will be able to do in the dumper of a box of kittens.

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Afterwards, back at the Community Hall before a raging fire we celebrated a day in the field. The Googly Ball went to host Steve Lambert for a stylish birdie 2 at *Short and Sweet* after his drive was disturbed by one of those famous Wamboin rocks. He should also have got the Dummy Spit for the whingeing and moaning after his ball hit the rock. But instead it was awarded to Michael Fileman who resorted to vituperation after winning the Lambert Vineyards Perpetual NAGA. NTP and LD ball winners were Paul Griffin x 2, Glen Crafter, Debra Fileman, Jack Whitney X 3, Rob Gibson, Steve Lambert and Nev Schroder.

The winner of the 9 hole comp was Penny Gibson with 63 off the stick for a net score of 24; 2<sup>nd</sup> Joan Mason 38/27; 3<sup>rd</sup> Glen Crafter 42/29. The winner of the 18 hole comp was Jack Whitney 74/59 (he won't see that handicap again). 2<sup>nd</sup> Pete Harrison 101/67, 3<sup>rd</sup> Keith France 88/71.

Next month's competition will take place on Sunday 5 July and will, as usual, celebrate the new financial year and the anniversary of the Goods and Services Tax when 10% is added to everyone's handicap. We are hopeful that current and former Treasurers - Shrek, Smirk and Placido Domingo - will be able to attend – if we invite them. Join us at the Hall at 12.15pm for a 12.30pm kick off. - LarryKing

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## 5 COMMUNITY AFFILIATIONS

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Last Sunday there was a Service of Thanksgiving and Naming of a Child, at St Andrews, and the church was filled with the family and friends of little Jasmine. This service was a significant but less formal service than the traditional Baptism, and fitted well with those gathered for such an important occasion.

Perhaps you have noticed St Peters' new roof and guttering, and the steps and railing from the lych gate to the memorial wall at St Andrews. Interestingly, the volunteers who were seen painting the down pipes at St Peters were from Wamboin, and the improvements at St Andrews were carried out by willing workers from Sutton. We are "two campuses, but one congregation" when it comes to participation in church affairs and services.

Members of the congregation helped out with the scones, jam and cream stall at the last Wamboin market for the winter, and we continue to help St Benedicts', Queanbeyan, maintain a well stocked pantry so that they can provide food parcels for those in need.

This weekend St Peters celebrates its Patronal festival with a Sunday service followed by a brunch at a local restaurant. Please feel welcome to come along to services at St Andrews on the first and third Sunday of each month, and the second and fourth Sundays at St Peters. All services start at 9am. For further information the following people may be contacted.

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## Wildcare's Tawny Tale

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Wildcare received a call about Mr Stinky in the early hours of an April morning. Mr Stinky was found caught in barbwire on a property in Yass and was quickly rushed to the vets. He had a 3cm rip in his neck area, which had to be sewn up and then treated with antibiotics. Since then he has been in the care of Wildcare waiting the day he can be released back into the wild.

As soon as Mr Stinky's wound has healed completely, and there are no scabs, he will be released back into the wild, as close as possible to the property where he was found. As Mr Stinky's carer, Elso said, "Wildcare loves looking after native Australian birds and I myself would not do anything else. I am fortunate to get the opportunity to work with all sorts of amazing birds. And if you are interested in looking after birds yourself, or want to learn more about the birds surrounding you, get in touch with Wildcare's bird coordinator ([birds@wildcare.com.au](mailto:birds@wildcare.com.au)). Maryanne can tell you all about how you can get involved."

Wildcare's 24/7 helpline for any injured, sick or orphaned Australian wildlife is 6299 1966. And one way to help prevent barbwire injuries to wildlife, such as birds and flying foxes, is to take it down where it is no longer needed.

- Philip Machin & Elso Pieterse. For Wildcare

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## Reducing Fuel Around Your Property

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Through their efforts they had amassed four large windrows of garden waste.

The brigade's role was to manage the burn providing the opportunity for what the brigade does best.

It was an early morning start, finishing just after lunch. Two heavy tankers were deployed along with two Cat 7 trucks. Control lines were established covering the area of the four windrows using the full range of hoses available on the trucks.

A morning tea of scones, jam and cream and a barbeque lunch is always appreciated however the opportunity to roll out hoses, run pumps, position tankers and to plan and manage a burn like this is such a

valuable training exercise for all involved.

If you would like to discuss fuel reduction on your property or would like a visit by a member of the brigade please call the Captain, Geoff Foster on 0409 991 340.

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## Advising Fire Control of a Burn Off

Please call Fire Control Queanbeyan on 6128 0600 during business hours and before 2.00pm on Friday afternoon when planning your burn off .


The residents of Wamboin and Bywong have been very dilligent in advising Fire Control of their intentions to conduct fuel reduction burns and on some Friday afternoons this has meant a deluge of calls at the end of the day.

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## Wamboin Brigade Annual General Meeting

The Wamboin Rural Fire Brigade Annual General Meeting was held on 9 June and was well attended by members of the brigade. We also enjoyed the presence of the Mayor, Councillor Pete Harrison and Councillor Keith France who is also a brigade member. The Group Captains Mick Fitzgerald and David Doblinger and the Captain of the Sutton brigade, John Cooper also joined us on the night. The office bearers elected for 2015-16 are:

### Administrative Positions

President	Kevin Rowe
Vice President	Peter Greenwood
Secretary	Jane O'Brien
Treasurer	Neville Schroder
Support Crew Coordinator	Wendy Downs
Community Education	Richard Hobbs
Equipment Officer	Tim Barter
Training Officer	John Taubman
General Committee member	Michelle Michie
General Committee member	John Freeland

### Field Officers

Captain	Geoff Foster
Senior Deputy Captain	Matt O'Brien
Deputy Captain	Richard Hobbs
Deputy Captain	Neville Schroder
Deputy Captain	Cliff Spong
Deputy Captain	John Taubman
Deputy Captain	Jake Blight
Deputy Captain	Don Evans

The only changes from last year were Don Evans taking on the role of a Deputy Captain and John Freeland joining the Executive Committee as a general member. Don has been a member of the brigade for many years and has previously filled the role of a Deputy Captain and Senior Deputy Captain; we welcome him back to this important brigade position.

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## Brigade Activity

### Call Outs

*Sunday 21 June:* At 6.44 am on a brisk Sunday morning the pagers went off rousing many of us from a deep sleep and the thought of a sleep in. In short order a heavy tanker was despatched with a crew of five to a motor vehicle accident on Macs Reef Road. The driver of the vehicle had left the scene, obviously it was too cold to hang around and our crew was back in the shed by 8.25am.

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## Useful Links and Contact Information

Wamboin Rural Fire Brigade	<a href="http://brigade.wamboincommunity.asn.au">http://brigade.wamboincommunity.asn.au</a>
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## Wamboin 15 years ago. From the Whisper, July 2000 Circulation 800

by Robyn Robertson

The Whisper of July 2000 reported on the success of the Bonfire Night which was still held on the Queen's Birthday week-end in June. A new committee was elected at the AGM of the Community Association and most people got on with enjoying life in this beautiful place. Unfortunately a few youngsters riding unregistered motor bikes on the roads, and a break-in at the Fire Shed caused some concern. There was nothing else of note in this chilly time.



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(Editor's note: I phoned Anneke to better understand what she's telling us. She said it's just that they are happy with the way a passive heating system has made their winter warmer. If you look at the web version of the Whisper, you will see more clearly that the bright object in the center of the left half of the picture is a bird of paradise plant blooming inside the window, outside of which is snow or heavy frost.)

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## Mobile Phone Tower for Wamboin and Bywong Not Funded In 1<sup>st</sup> Round of Federal Government's Mobile Phone \$100M Blackspots Program

(From Press Release)

Federal Member for Hume Angus Taylor has announced 18 mobile phone towers for Hume.

Mr Taylor said the towers would be located at:

Binalong	Buxton	Dalton	Darbys Falls	Golspie	Mayfield
Mount Hunter	Murringo	Nattai	Tarlo	Windellama	Billimari
Cultowa	Gooloogong	Koorawatha	Noonbinna	Werombi	Woodstock

This is a great result, amongst the highest number of any electorate in Australia. We have lobbied long and hard for this – and the Government has listened. Towers will be located for maximum signal spread and the benefit will be shared by many of us because coverage will extend along a number of roads and highway sections, including:

- Burley Griffin Way – between Harden and Bowning
- Crookwell Road – between Goulburn and Crookwell
- George Russell Drive – between Woodstock and Canowindra
- Goulburn Oberon Road – between Goulburn, Taralga and Oberon
- Goulburn Road – between Binda and Trunkey Creek
- Grenfell-Orange Road – between Grenfell and Gooloogong
- Lachlan Valley Way – between Cowra and Boorowa
- Merriganowry Road – between Lachlan Valley Way and Canowindra Rd
- Mid Western Highway – between Lyndhurst and Woodstock
- Murringo Road – between Boorowa and Young
- Oallen Ford Road – between Nerriga and Tarago
- Olympic Highway – between Wattamondara and Koorawatha
- Picton Road – between Picton and Fire Road intersection
- Range Road – between Bannister and Mummel
- Sandy Point Road – intersection of Sandy Point Rd and Oallen Ford Rd

In total, 74 of the 139 mobile black spots nominated in Hume will receive coverage via handheld phones or via an external antenna on the roof or car (or both). The total funding package to Hume is \$10.41 million, including \$2.76 million from the Federal Government under the *Mobile Black Spot Programme*.

Mr Taylor said the 18 base station locations would mean coverage to all or part of the following locations which had been nominated as black spots: *Bannister, Belimbla Park, Bendick Murrell, Big Hill, Bigga, Billimari, Binalong, Blue Mountains National Park South, Boro Creek Valley, Breadalbane, Bumbaldry, Bungonia, Bungonia National Park, Buxton, Canyonleigh, Caragabal, Cultowa, Dalton, Darbys Falls, Fullerton, Godfreys Creek, Golspie, Goulburn, Grabine, Greenwich Park, High Range, Laggan, Lakesland, Limerick, Lost River, Lower Boro, Mayfield, Middle Arm, Morongla Creek, Mount Hunter, Mummel, Murringo, Nattai, Noonbinna East Road, Oallen, Peelwood, Pheasants Nest, Picton, Razorback, Roslyn, Taralga, Tarlo, The Oaks, Theresa Park, Thirlmere, Towrang, Wheeo, Wilton, Windellama and Wyangala.*

“We will be dramatically improving mobile phone coverage across a vast area of the electorate and I am delighted to be able to share such good news,” Mr Taylor said.

He said in addition to the \$100 million in Commonwealth funding for Round 1 of the national programme, a further \$60 million had today been announced for Round 2. Round 2 of the *Mobile Black Spot Programme*, and Telstra's commitment to build 200 new 4G mini base stations, will offer further opportunities to meet unmet demand and provide coverage to more locations around regional and remote Australia. “For those areas which missed out, I will be making a strong case that they are funded in Round 2.” Mr Taylor said the first base stations would be built in late 2015 and the full programme rolled out over three years

**Editor's Note:** In a response to a query from me for any comment on why Wamboin missed out, Sara Bucknell, Media and Communications Officer for Angus Taylor's office, emailed the following:

“There is good news for Hume but Wamboin will have to wait for Round 2. Virtually the first response from Angus was: *what about Wamboin?* I will send through a statement tomorrow from Angus because we know the community will be upset there isn't good news just yet. Unfortunately we were never going to get all projects up in Round 1. I am attaching to this email a statement (*just below*) from the Prime Minister about the next round.

“*Those black spot locations which have not received coverage under Round 1 will continue to form part of the database, and this database will again be used in the process of determining locations to receive funding under Round 2 of the Mobile Black Spot Programme.*”

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## Food for Thought

Many will have read the May 19 (2015) Canberra Times article, "Queanbeyan and Canberra most dangerous spots for animal road crashes".

Insurer AAMI claimed that their 2014 crash data showed that the Queanbeyan postcode of 2620 "...was the most dangerous spot in Australia for animal crashes".

Putting aside our initial frustration at the article's designation of 2620 as Queanbeyan's postcode (the postcode area starts before the north end of Lake George, covers Gundaroo, Sutton, Wamboin, Queanbeyan, Royalla, Burra, Williamsdale and all surrounding areas, finishing between Michelago and Bredbo, and encompasses some of the ACT), our immediate response was one of disbelief, that a major newspaper would resort to sensational and selective reporting by (*with respect to Benjamin Disraeli*) resorting to "lies, damned lies, and statistics."

Surely the vast majority of road crashes don't involve animals? So why would these statistics be reported in this manner? Aren't most motor vehicle insurance claims – for which we all pay via seemingly exponential increases in our insurance premiums, the result of crashes with other vehicles and stationary objects? Well guess what? They are!

Contacting AAMI for clarification, their spokesperson, Rueben Aitchison, advised, "Animal collisions typically make up around 4% of all our motor accident claims across the country, but in non-urban areas with high concentrations of wildlife, such as the 2620 postcode, we will see a significant jump in numbers as a proportion of all claims. Most fender benders etc. happen in the cities and burbs, (sic.) but there are comparatively few in more rural areas."

This additional detail helps to make some sense of the statistics. Those of us who live in the Whisper distribution area know that there is a higher risk of encountering an animal on our local roads than in urban areas [interestingly though, only about 2% of reported accidents in the ACT involve animals].

The AAMI news article did remind us of the extra care needed when driving in our rural and rural-residential areas. While attention and vigilance as a driver is always necessary, it's especially important to remain alert for hazards, including wildlife and other animals such as straying dogs, at dawn and dusk and through the night.

AAMI's media release pointed out the need to slow down in areas where animals are often seen. These locations are well signposted and well known to local residents.

But, as a driver, did you ever wonder why an animal suddenly appears in your field of view? The Monash Injury Research Institute (Tandy Pok Arundell) wrote this thought-provoking comment: "If occurring at night time, the issue is that people are outrunning their headlights. Firstly, when country driving you should be on high beams whenever possible. Otherwise, say your headlights illuminate 50m ahead, at 100km/h you're travelling at 28m/s. That gives you 1.8s to recognise that the end of your light has illuminated say, a kangaroo's foot and for you to make a decision and act accordingly.



Even if you've perceived and reacted in 1.5s and planted your foot firmly on the brakes, in the 0.3s you've only slowed to 92km/h."

And in terms of mitigating the causes of 96 percent of road crashes, such as reducing the risk of running into the vehicle ahead, the Australian Road Users' Handbook says we need to leave a three second gap - four seconds at night. Tips from another major insurer, Allianz, suggest there are many factors affecting pulling up time and

distance, including speed, road surface, weather, vehicle type and driver reaction time. At 60km/h, stopping distance is 56 metres; at 80km/h it's 88 metres and at 100km/h it's a whopping 127 metres.

So, what's the bottom line when it comes to avoiding collisions involving animals?

Well, the chance of encountering an animal on the road in rural areas is higher than urban areas. But slowing down - particularly in poor visibility and bad weather; keeping good braking distance from the vehicle in front; taking notice of warning signs; reducing in-car distractions; and actively looking out ahead and to the side will markedly reduce the likelihood of being caught out.

Safe driving! And keep the Wildcare telephone number – 6299 1966, in your mobile, so you can get help when the unexpected happens. -- Philip Machin & Jenny Warren

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### Wamboin Hall Toilet Final Notes

Thanks to Leslie and Farmer Bob (staff of Bunnings, Fyshwick) I was guided to 50 litres of paint, which Bunnings Warehouse had as a clearing special. The price was right and should give us sufficient paint for two coats on the inside walls of the toilet block. All we have to do is wait for warm enough days to finish the upgrade.

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## Wonderful Women of Wamboin

Over the last few weeks it has been 'hail and farewell' time . Barbara returned on the 22nd ,though still in a wheelchair, still recovering from a badly broken ankle. Many other members have been wished 'Bon voyage ' as they departed either for a tour of Australia by caravan or further afield to Europe, Asia, Africa and the U.S. A. We look forward to an account of their adventures and photos!

Those who went to the Sydney Craft Exhibition reported back on their enjoyment of an admirable show, larger than former years. Diane brought a dozen knitted Trauma teddies in assorted colours for delivery to the Ambulance Service. Diane's prolific teddy production is much to be admired and we do.

Jayne Davies recently visited the drought ridden area around Walgeth, N.S.W. and returned to a Monday morning meeting of WWOW with a few words on how depressed the women she spoke to were and their concerns about the future of their area. It was agreed that we should show our sympathy for their predicament in a practical way. The result was a return visit by Jane to Wageth with a carload of goodies consisting of morale boosting cosmetics, edible dry goods such as oats and household materials including cleaning products. A few days ago, Jayne received several cards from the ladies of Walgeth expressing their grateful thanks, not only for the goodies but also the sign of solidarity with their community. Recently their area has had the much needed rain. -- Maureen Boss.

## Wamboin Pony Club – June

Wamboin Riders turned out in force this past Sunday Rally and gained some valuable tips from our guest jumping instructor. Sunny blue skies meant riders got full value and were able to put our sand jumping arena to good use. All age groups had a good run through various show jumping exercises. While the jumpers were busy the rest of the groups practiced hard for our upcoming club Mounted Games competition to be held in Bungendore on the first Sunday in July. About the time



you pull this Whisper from the letterbox the riders from Wamboin and other pony clubs in the area will be at Bungendore Showground competing in teams for a friendly mounted games competition. Teams of 4 riders compete against each other and the clock in different events, which involve riders and horses being put through various challenging tasks. It can be fast and furious. Riders are on and off their mounts, horse and rider are set some tasks that mean both have to work together to succeed.

Many younger riders will also get to experience a fun mounted games day. Successful teams can then progress to the Zone and State events later in the year. So if you have access to your own horse and are aged from 4-25 come along to enjoy the company of other riders and see what Wamboin Pony Club has to offer. Rally days are a great social day out. Not only do you have fun riding, there is always lunch for you and the family too. Our club has dedicated volunteer instructors who will not only help your riding improve but make the day enjoyable. Wamboin Pony club usually meet's once or twice a month on Sunday's at our

grounds at the end of Canning Close from 10am. So if you are interested come along and see all that Pony Club can offer, you can come and try.

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 find us on Facebook - we hope we will see you soon.

- Steve Quick

## Wamboin Muse

Jill Gregory

After the soft, soaking recent rain I awoke to a brilliant blue sky and a world that was quenched and washed clean. The creek was gurgling and beside the road there were little streams of dripping water sounding like the hollow wooden notes of a distant anklung as they fell. From the tall pines a breeze, playing through their needles, produced a long sigh of satisfaction, and frog, clearing its throat, called for a mate. Kangaroos, absent for days, emerged sodden and dark amongst the scrub and weathered tree stumps, and birds appeared from hiding. It took a day of sunshine before my sharp eyed magpies and butcher birds were back, tapping at the kitchen door demanding breakfast. And most exciting of all, I found worms in the garden soil! I think, however, I was not the first to discover them!

Things are happening above ground in the garden. Spear tips of daffodils are poking up, and a few jonquils are out. The angular sticks of the ornamental quinces outside my window have produced their first pink blooms, and although flowers are scarce, there is still colour around. Sacred bamboos are crowned with brilliant red berries and there are brush strokes of red and yellow from the scattered dwarf nandinas and golden diosmas.

While snug in my winter nest, it is tempting to forget about the disasters and human tragedies occurring in the outside world. I was driving along an empty Sutton Road the other morning, isolated from the winter cold, in my "armchair", listening to beautiful music and looking out at a benign and greening landscape. I thought how undeservedly fortunate I am, and how amazed my forebears, emigrants from a very different world, would have viewed my comfort and prosperity. I was listening to music, but had I been tuned to the radio I may have felt overwhelmed by the news; one item would have referred to the millions of people displaced in our world, fleeing poverty, poor economic prospects, political and social upheaval, and seeking a better life elsewhere. My forebears, in desperation, but perhaps tinged with a spirit of adventure, left their homeland for some of those reasons. And the very first Australians surely drifted here for similar reasons. Throughout history, people and populations have been mobile, but there have never been so many people on this planet, and we have never had instant global communication, before. Mass migration and social chaos seem so remote from the patterns of nature that I see repeated each season in my garden. I can remain snug, but hopefully not smug about what's going on in the world!

The calm, sunny winter days are glorious, but I hope we haven't seen the last of the rain for winter. I wouldn't live anywhere else.....but I must confess that I can never feel completely smug about rainfall in Wamboin!

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