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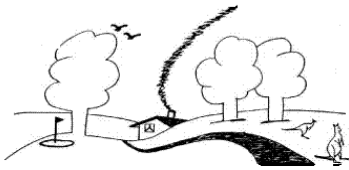


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Wamboin Community Association President's Paragraphs



Welcome back everyone and I hope everyone had an enjoyable Christmas period. This is our first edition of The Whisper for 2016 and I hope everyone is enjoying the rain as much as we are. The garden is thriving!

Wamboin Community Carols – Going back to December 18th 2015 the Community Association held its annual Christmas Carol Night. A bit of a change of format from other years but crowd attendance was large and I believe I can say that an excellent night was had by all who attended. My thanks go to everyone who helped to make this event a success for our community. Many people help to make the Carols Night the success that it has been but a couple of people deserve a special mention so thank you to Jenny Warren (who helped tirelessly), Anita Richards for a lot of behind the scenes support and a special thank you to our musician on the night Adam Conroy and his students who played up a storm. Thank you also to all the children involved in the Playgroup item and the play. The children were magnificent. Thank you.

Palerang Council Amalgamation – As most of you already know the N.S.W. State Government following an agenda only known to itself, is pressuring our local council – Palerang – to amalgamate. The question is of course with whom and how much of it? This is a very serious issue if we are to have any say in what happens in our local area. For those of you who are unaware of the two proposals offered I strongly urge you to go to the following website and read BOTH proposals.

www.councilboundaryreview.nsw.gov.au is the website if you haven't already seen the information in the local papers. As a resident of this council area you are entitled to submit a written opinion to **The Delegate** nominated in the website relating to Palerang Council and submissions will be accepted up to **5:00 pm 28th February 2016**. There will be two public inquiry meetings held (also outlined in the relevant website and in the local papers) where people may come but if you wish to speak at these meetings you must apply without delay. At the time of writing these Notes the WCA as an organisation, did not have a position on this however I expect that to change within the next day. What we really need to know is what the public out there in Wamboin feel about this? Please, please, come to our next general meeting (information below) and tell us what your opinions are so that we may proceed feeling that we are supporting the views of the majority of the community. If you can't make the meeting members of the Committee can be reached via the information on our own WCA website.

WCA Meeting – Our first WCA meeting for the year will be held at **7:30 pm on 16th February 2016** at the Community Hall in Bingley Way. Any interested person of the community is very welcome to attend. Our meetings are held on the third Tuesday evening of each month except for January so come along and see what's happening.

Clean Up Australia Day – Clean up Australia Day is fast approaching and its time to clean up Wamboin. **Sunday 5th March** is our nominated day so please come along to the Community Hall on that morning and sign up to tidy up an area or stretch of road in Wamboin and make it beautiful. Any questions can be forwarded to either myself or Lofty Mason our Clean-Up Co-ordinator.

That's it from me for this month. See you next month. -- Jenny Richards (President)

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Sunscreen, safety vests, gloves, collection bags, drinks and nibblies will be supplied. Safety signs will be positioned and crews will circulate handing out drinks, picking up filled bags etc. Ensure you wear stout footwear and a sun hat. Additional clothing is optional but recommended. We will wrap it up at 12 noon. - Lofty Mason.

Wamboin Pony Club

Welcome to 2016 and its February already....! Hopefully everyone had a good Christmas and some time to rest through January. February means its time to dust off the saddles and bridles ready for the Wamboin Pony Clubs first rally day. Its on Sunday 14th February at our club grounds in Canning Close. Wamboin Pony club is made up of a varied bunch of riders aged



from 4 to 25 years old all with different riding experience. This year we would love to build up our club numbers and are keen to sign up new members. You don't need to be experienced as the idea of Pony Club is to teach young people all aspects of riding skills and throughout the year Pony club runs competitions, camps and events all around the Zone and up to State and National level. With Wamboin being a rural area many families have horses and a great outlet to get more experience and practice in many aspects of riding in a very safe environment is to join your local Pony Club. Our club relies on parents and volunteers for support and our club grounds are always being improved. We have a large arena for flatwork, a dedicated jumping and a dressage arena. We also have a cross-country course so every rally day we are doing something different. Our first rally day will be a great time to come along and try out and see if Pony Club is for you. 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 try to meet twice a month on the second and fourth Sundays. As mentioned the first rally day of this year is on Sunday 14th February 9am gear check 930 start. If you would like some information about Wamboin Pony Club and our upcoming rally days contact our Club Captain Leanne on 62383435 or check out our website at www.wamboinponyclub.org.au or find us on Facebook - we hope we will see you soon. - Steve Quick

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COMPETITION

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Enter as an individual or as a group. One entry per entrant only please (although you may provide one as an individual and one as part of a group if you wish).

Bring to the Community Hall for the **April Markets (Saturday 16 April)** for judging. Winning entries will be photographed and prepared as laminated signs for display on community noticeboards in the area and on A frames on Sutton Road and Macs Reef turn off from Federal Highway.

Size:

- For Notice Boards: 90cm wide x 50cms high
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- **Wamboin Home Produce Market**
- **Saturday 9-12**
- **Community Hall Bingley Way**

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On 20th January, St Andrews, Wamboin, celebrated 31 years as a registered church within the Canberra Goulburn Diocese. Initially as an offshoot of St Peters, Sutton, services were held for many years in the newly built Wamboin Community hall. The new church building was started in 1997 on land at the corner of Poppet and Norton Roads, donated by the Schultz family. Local tradesmen were used wherever possible, and on 8th March 1998, St Andrews, free of debt thanks to the vision and generosity of David and Robyn Robertson, was consecrated. Later, the Sutton Road Mission District (SRMD) was created with the union of St Peters and St Andrews... "one church, two campuses".

Easter is early this year. Lent begins shortly with an Ash Wednesday service at St Andrews, at 7.30pm on February 10th. Lenten studies, offered to all those interested, begin on Tuesday evening, 16th February, and continue each Tuesday night culminating in a Passover meal on March 22nd.

With the new school year, the very popular Kids' Club has started again, meeting at St Andrews each Friday night during NSW term time from 5.30 to 7pm. Children from preschool to High school age are welcome, and parents are invited to participate where possible. A light meal is served at the conclusion of activities.

Services are held on the first and third Sunday of each month at St Andrews, at 9am, and at the same time on the second and fourth Sunday at the charming little country church of St Peters. Come along, enjoy a thought provoking sermon and the fellowship offered afterwards with an excellent morning tea. For further information, please contact any of the people listed below.

Pastor Ven. Dr Royce Thompson 62303558, Dr David McCarthy 62555451,
Robyn Robertson 62383202, Bronwyn Elliott 62383359, Alan Rope 62383224

Wheels of Wamboin

Saturday 16th April 2016 - 9.00am to 1.00pm - Wamboin Hall - Bingley Way


With Christmas and the New Year festivities been and gone it is now time to turn our attention to the truly important events of the year, namely the Wheels of Wamboin. Over the Christmas break I was having a few orange whips with some friends on a warm Wamboin evening (ah the serenity) and the conversation turned to cars (as all good conversations eventually do).

Where have all the cars that we grew up with gone? When was the last time you saw a Camira or Gemini out in the wild, a Cortina or an Escort (or even a Laser) in the shopping centre carpark. What about a Leyland Marina or a Valiant Centura (or any Valiant for that matter)? What about a bright yellow Sunbird Torana (the Torana name comes from an Aboriginal word meaning to fly). When was the last time you saw a XB Falcon 500 parked in the street, there were 211,000 made over three years, you would think a couple would still be a common sight. Even the Japs get a mention with the Corona and the Datsun 120Y (or even the 200B). Remember the Mitsubishi Galant and the Sigma (the Sigmas were everywhere). What about the HQ and HJ series Kingswoods. In the three years the HQ Kingswood was produced, more than 485,000 were built (compare that to 27,000 Commodores in 2015).


The Wheels of Wamboin presents the perfect opportunity to bring that memory back and get that past beauty out of the shed for the next generation to see. See you at the Wheels of Wamboin to reminisce on when we made cars here in Australia. I will leave you with this quote from The Castle "Steve, could you move the Camira I need to get the Torana out so I can get to the Commodore. I'll have to get the keys to the Cortina if I'm gonna move that Camira. Yeah watch the boat mate".

- Peter Evans

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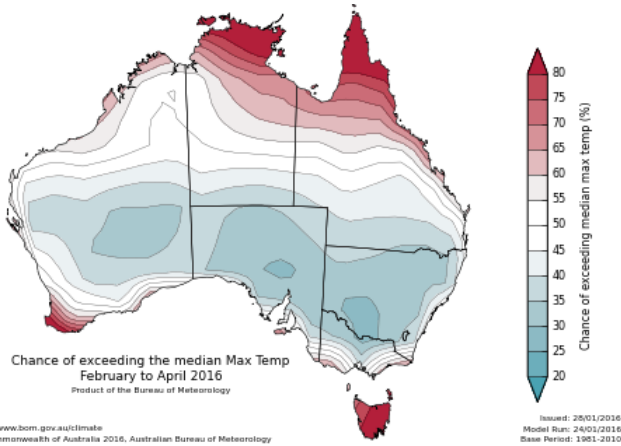
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Brigade Activity

December and January have been busy months for the brigade. Whilst there haven't been any major fires in the Wamboin and Bywong districts, motor vehicle accidents, a fire at Tarago and a couple of small fires in our neighbourhood have kept the brigade busy.

Call Outs

Tuesday 1 December: It was the brigade Christmas party and a Total Fire Ban day when a fire was reported. A tanker with a crew of five was despatched along with the brigade captain in the PC. The fire which was contained in a 44 gallon drum was extinguished without incident and the crew was back to the shed by 8.00pm. The Queanbeyan police also joined us for this fire.

Thursday 3 December: Two tankers and the PC were despatched to a small grass fire at the end of Norton Road. The genesis of this fire was grass mowing and some well intentioned fuel reduction. Fortunately the winds were down compared to previous days and the fire was quickly extinguished. Bungendore also attended and helped us with the mopping up.

Sunday 13 December: Two tankers and one of the light vehicles with a total crew of 11 left about 2.30pm for a fire that emanated from composting horse manure. The fire was extinguished and all were back at the shed by 3.30pm. A timely example of just how easy fires can start.

Sunday 13 December: On the way back from the compost fire one of the tankers attended an unreported motor vehicle accident (MVA) on Norton Road. There were no injuries.

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Saturday 2 January: A crew of six was despatched at 8.00pm to an MVA at the intersection of Macs Reef Road and the Federal; Highway.

Monday 4 January: A crew of 4 left the shed at 2.00pm to attend an MVA at the intersection of Bungendore Road and the Federal Highway.

Wednesday 6 January: The call was for an MVA at Smiths Gap. A heavy tanker with a crew of five was ready to go at about 8.40am but we never left the shed. Police were on the scene and there was no fire danger.

Friday 9 January: A crew of five attended an MVA on Sutton Road. They were out of the shed at 7.00am and were back in time for breakfast at 8.00am.

Thursday 11 January: A major scrub and grass fire broke out in the Tarago area. We despatched a crew to support the local Tarago brigade. Our truck left the shed at 2.50pm and returned at 9.00pm after quelling the fire. A good day's work for all concerned.

Thursday 21 January: At 5.40pm we despatched a crew of 4 to a serious MVA on Bungendore Road. Eight people were injured and required hospitalisation. Two travelled by helicopter and the rest via road transport. We assisted the Bungendore brigade and returned to the shed at 8.00pm.

Friday 22 January: The fire control tower in Kowen Forest reported smoke at the intersection of Fernloff and Norton Road. A tanker was despatched however it seems Norton Road was being resurfaced at the same time and in the same location. The reported smoke turned out to be steam from the bitumen laying equipment. Better safe than sorry.

Friday 26 January: A motorist travelling south on the Federal Highway reported a fire in the vicinity of Donnelly Road. A crew of five departed the shed at about 9.00pm and were back at just before 10.00pm. No fire was located after a thorough search of the area.

Community Engagement

Watch out for our community education team at the Wamboin Community hall on market days.

Maybe you would like to invite a member of the brigade's Community Education Team to visit your property to discuss your preparations and any improvements they might suggest to protect you and your family and your property against the threat of bush fire.

The Fire Season is In Force - Fire Permits Are Required



Fire permits are free and can be arranged by contacting the Wamboin Brigade Captain on 0409 991 340 or email: captain@brigade.wamboincommunity.asn.au

We have to inspect any burn site before we can issue a permit, which means we may be unable to issue a permit at short notice. So please make your request for a permit at least a week before the intended burn.

Cooking fires are OK as long as they are in a properly constructed fire place with a 2 metre cleared border around it, and a continuous supply of water (e.g. garden tap & hose) is readily available.

Useful Links and Contact Information

Wamboin Rural Fire Brigade <http://brigade.wamboincommunity.asn.au>

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Voluntary-Simple Lifestyle @ Wamboin

We get bombarded daily about all the electrical gadgets and pre-prepared food that we ‘need’, but we have proved living a simple, fairly frugal and environmentally-friendly lifestyle is possible. Born in Canberra in 1949, I grew up in an era with only a radio and record player—no television. When not at school we roamed the countryside, free as birds. We lived a simple, frugal and idyllic lifestyle. I’ve always had a hankering to return to that era; of course that’s not possible, but my Minnesota farm raised husband Charles and I have chosen to live as simple as we can in the 21st Century.

After my elderly folks went into a Nursing Home in Canberra in 2014, and we were no longer their full-time Carers we downsized from a four bedroom house, with rumpus room and large garage to a slide-on Camper on the tray of our 4WD. Downsizing was so liberating, no longer are we surrounded by ‘things’ that are not useful, no longer are drawers and cupboards full of ‘things’ that we never use or wear. I can walk past a shop without being drawn in to buy ‘something’. Everything we own has a use and a place (even better if there are several uses), and *usually* gets put back to that place!

We currently reside on a bush block at Wamboin; a nearby dam provides us with water for hand/clothes washing, showering etc. The water’s scooped up in a bucket, and ten litres of water provides us both with a hair/body wash every second day. Our use of dam and fresh water is limited in use, as we attempt to practice water conservation. An old re-purposed Jerry Can collects grey water from our sink, then with the aid of a tap underneath is used for rinsing off dirty items.

I make personal products free of harmful chemicals e.g., hand sanitiser, hand & body wash, shampoo, shaving cream, cleaner, and tooth-paste. Vodka is an essential ingredient I always have on hand, it can be used in a variety of ways, including as a cleaner of anything, with added essential oils, and depending on the scent, it becomes a sweet room freshener, underarm deodorant, floor cleaner, or mosquito repellent. Clothes washing is achieved with our ‘washing machine’ a brilliant Australian invention called ‘The Scrubba Wash Bag’, which packs down into a tiny bundle. If any clothes are crumpled the ‘ironing’ is done by hanging clothes in the fresh air and spraying with a mix of water and lavender oil. Shower water is pumped from an old 10 litre saucepan heated on the stove; the pump is powered by our Camper battery, and the toilet is a porta-loo that we dump into friends’ septic system.

We have a variety of frugal living techniques including cutting up old clothing, tea-towels etc., which then become ‘non-paper’ towels that are either washed and re-used or thrown away. We clean and re-use plastic bags, and try to avoid using products such as plastic wrap and foil as much as possible.

Time permitting we like to make our own yoghurt and cottage cheese using powdered milk. I soak dried pulses to cut down on cooking time, and start them on the stove, then put the saucepan on the bed, surrounded by the doona and pillows. After a few hours we have perfectly cooked pulses e.g., chick peas for hummus. We also own a ‘DreamPot’ a wonderful Australian product that is a thermal non-electrical slow-cooker which is useful for a wide variety of slowly cooked food. A baked dinner is produced in our ‘Cobb Cooker’, that uses heat beads, turning the Cobb into an oven or barbecue. While we lived in Canberra we bought a cheap dehydrator and dried as many vegetables and fruits as possible, so that we have a supply that would probably last us five years! From those dried products we have our own garlic, onion and ginger powders, soup mixes, taco mix, Italian Sausage mix etc. These products can be bought easily, but by making them at home we control what goes in, avoiding fillers and too much salt etc. A small hand-held vacuum sealer seals food in bags, making them last a lot longer.

We like freshly ground coffee beans so we have a coffee grinder and also a small electrical whizz for making nut butters and hummus. These 240 v appliances trip the fuse in the camper so we power them with a Super Mini Booster which is 12 v rechargeable battery, then an inverter changes the current to 240 v AC. The Mini Booster can also start a diesel engine with a flat battery! We watch our favourite TV shows on our iPad, we own the “world’s smallest printer” that can print in colour, we have a Laptop, and a mobile phone, things that I have to agree I would miss if they were suddenly taken from me!

Voluntary simple living need not be a hard lifestyle, as we know, but instead can provide those living it with a sense of freedom and good feelings. Living a simple life is almost like returning to the ‘good old days’ before GladWrap was invented, when the baker brought warm bread to your door, and when the greengrocer honked his horn to let residents know he was in the street with a truck load of fresh fruit and vegetables. Yes, life was simple and still can be, especially in the bush at Wamboin. Give it a go!! - Margaret McJannett (I’m a retired Early Childhood Worker. My husband Charles Buer is a retired ANU Scientist. Our long-term aim is to live a gypsy-style simple life, travelling Australia.)

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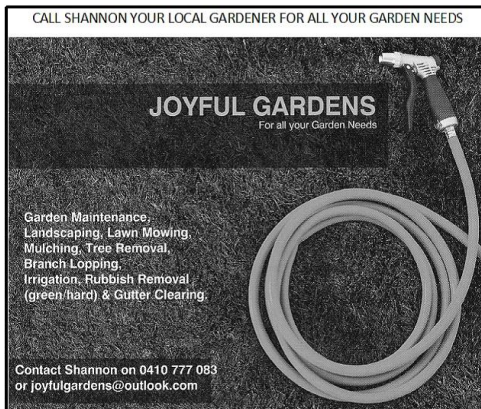
Wonderful Women of Wamboin

During December the group was told of the need for baby clothes in PNG, so , after receiving a pattern, many members answered the call. Many garments have been handed in and still more are in the production line. The annual competition, the decoration of letter boxes with the Christmas theme went ahead. This year competitors sent in a photo of their effort which were then judged by the WWOW. The result was three baskets of goodies to the winners and prizes for children who participated in the creations.

January has seen the group returning to the usual activities of providing the knitted bears for the ambulances and the drainage bags for the hospital. Sally Saunders has returned from another visit to the village in Cambodia and has promised to give her fellow members a presentation on the village and its development in education and in making gifts to sell to tourists. Trish with husband Derek was feted on achieving fifty golden years of marriage, we wish them many more years!

- Maureen Boss

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December 2015 rainfall ... 35.25mm	(2014 ... 123.75mm)
Total rainfall 2015... 599.5mm	(2014 ... 660mm)
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(2015 ...121.5mm)	Average February rainfall ...58.6mm
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Nature Notes January 2016

Jo Walker

The countryside was beginning to look brown and dry as we welcomed in the New Year. And then the rains came – with some memorable rather wild weather. The storm that came through on the last Saturday night of the month lasted for nearly two hours with continuous spectacular lightning displays accompanied by uninterrupted rumbling and crashing of thunder – plus some torrential rain. With nearly 100 mm of rain here this month, the landscape is reverting to an almost spring-like green.

Not much is flowering at the moment The Hickory Wattle (*Acacia implexa*) has shed its cream flowers and the white flower-heads of the Cauliflower Bushes (*Cassinia longifolia*) have aged and faded and given way to the yellowish-green flowers of the fine-leaved *Cassinia quinquefaria*. It's the time of year to appreciate all the different shades of green displayed by the local vegetation.

There haven't been a lot of butterflies around so far this summer. Most of those seen were the Common Browns (*Heteronympha merope merope*) and there were very few females of the species amongst them. There have recently been quite a few Wood Whites (*Delias aganippe*) flying about near the Cherry Ballart trees (*Exocarpos cupressiformis*) on which they lay their eggs. And the black and white day-flying moths (*Nyctemera amica*) have made a few appearances but there are not many of them.

For several years now, I've been visited on and off by a pair of the beautiful King Parrots. A week or so ago, six of them suddenly turned up – two pairs of adults and two juveniles. They followed me around outside making it clear that they would like some bird seed. Although I complied with their wishes I haven't seen them since.

A few days ago, there was a male Mistletoe-bird feeding on the fruits of one of the mistletoes in a tree above the dam. I could see it flicking its tail against the branch it was on to deposit the sticky seed that had passed through its gut and was now ready to germinate and provide another food-plant for the little bird.

A small flock of Varied Sitellas also visited. These little tree-creepers used to appear in flocks of twenty or more when I first came to Wamboin but now seem to be reduced in numbers. There were about ten in this flock. They are fairly small birds, and search for insects under the bark of trees. They have a distinctive way of finding food, usually travelling from the tip to the base of branches or in a downwards direction on tree-trunks. The undersides of their wings are orange, easily visible when they are in flight.

Meat Ant nests seem to be increasing this year – which is probably why I've seen two Echidnas trundling across the hill recently. One was very large and brown-spined, but the smaller one was very dark with blackish spines. Snakes seem to be abundant this summer. I often go a year or two without seeing one here, but this summer I've already seen four Brown Snakes – and the one I almost trod on was very large!



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Clean Up Australia Day Sunday the 6th of March

This will be the 28th year the WCA have participated in Clean up Australia Day. This is your chance to be that 'someone' who helps in making Wamboin roads cleaner. We get assistance from the Palerang Council and the CUA Council. Our target is Wamboin roadways. For insurance purposes please register with the Wamboin Community Association at the Hall from 9am. If unable to get to the Hall send an Email to: Lofty.Mason@internode.on.net or ring me on 63383258 nominating the area you plan to clean. Sunscreen, safety vests, gloves, collection bags, drinks and nibblies will be supplied. Safety signs will be positioned and crews will circulate handing out drinks, picking up filled bags etc. Ensure you wear stout footwear and a sun hat. Additional clothing is optional but recommended. We will wrap it up at 12 noon. - Lofty Mason.



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With the grasslands drying out, more and more kangaroos are making their annual pilgrimage to the side of the road at dusk through to dawn looking for more tasty morsels. Love them or hate them, there is only one way to reduce the risk of hitting a kangaroo on the road and that is to slow down and be much more vigilant. At 80 km/h - allowing for thinking and braking distance, you will need 54 metres to stop the car before impact. However, at 60 km/h one only needs 33 metres to stop. And at a slower speed you will have more time to look around and spot the ones on the verges. If you hit a kangaroo - please don't simply drive away. Often injured kangaroos can be saved and if there is a joey on board it can be rescued too.



In the backyard, many people have a birdbath and these need to be kept topped up if you want to enjoy seeing the joy of a bird splashing itself clean or having a drink. Water dishes can also be placed at ground level in sheltered areas for lizards. If you rescue an injured bird, place it in a box on a nest of newspaper or a towel and keep it in a quiet warm place - then contact Wildcare.

In our region we have a wonderful array of lizards. Lizards tend to get injured by cats and dogs that are allowed to roam - and whipper snippers! Injured lizards can be placed in a box and kept in a cool spot, such as a bathroom, before seeking help.

You can discourage snakes from visiting your backyard by removing piles of timber and rubbish. Keeping the backyard neat and tidy allows you to see what is around and avoid creating hiding places for snakes close to the house. Wear gloves when gardening and know where your hands are going. And obviously keeping screen doors and windows closed will help stop a snake coming into the house. Wildcare has a number of trained volunteers who can safely remove a snake, but make sure someone is watching it, so the rescuer knows where to look. More often than not, a snake is just passing through and will move away under its own accord. Never try to catch a snake yourself.

If you don't feel confident picking up an injured animal, such as a bird, lizard, echidna or turtle, keep a towel handy (in the boot of the car?) to throw over the animal, scoop it up and move it to safety. A towel is also useful to calm a larger injured animal by covering its head.

These are just a few ideas involving some of the more common wildlife incidents. Safety is paramount whether on the road or in your backyard. Call Wildcare's 24 hour-helpline on 6299 1966 for help and advise. - Phil Machin

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At the 19th we welcomed visitor Vicki Still. We were also pleased to see Libby King (direct from the Mater in Sydney, complete with walking stick) as well as former regulars, Helen and Charles Montesin, who called in at the 'halfway mark' of their round Australia grey nomad trek. The question was asked how a return to Wamboin could be described as halfway. That churlish interrogative earned the questioner the Dummy Spit award. The Montesins were given the Googly Ball. And yes, Charlie cooked the barbeque at the Wamboin Christmas Carols. We wish them well when they set off again. Ted Evans got the Encouragement Award for knowing where the Pakistani border was.

LD and NTP ball winners were Paul Griffin 2, Keith France 2, Pete Harrison, Ken Gordon, Deborah Fileman, Len Ivey (up from the Bay) and Rob Gibson. Junior comp winners were Alex and Madison Gordon, in that order. The nine hole comp was taken out by their father, Ken 36/31 ocb from sponsor Penny Gibson who, under Wamboin rules, cannot be awarded the prize. Second placegetter in the nine hole comp was Pete Harrison 50/31 with Deb Gordon third on 52/32 ocb. It was a good day for the Gordons. Tim Barter 81/66 took out the 18 hole comp ocb from Paul Griffin 88/66, there followed by Keith France 86/68.

Our next golf day (sponsored by Wyagiba Trading) won't be until the New Year – 3 January 2016 to be precise – when we hope you *resolve* to join us at the Community Hall at 12.15pm for the usual 12.30 start.

- Larry King, golfer and primary cherisher.

Wamboin Golf January 2016 Golf Day

Mahogany Ridge, Sunday, 3 January 2016. Whiskey! Tango! Foxtrot! It's official. Those sons-of-bachelors in Sydney are going to tear us apart again! It took your correspondent years to get used to being a Palerangian after being a Yarrolumlian. And soon we're going to be Queanbeyanites. It's the end of the world! No wonder there was a despondent and sombre mood amongst the golfers who gathered for the fabled Wamboin New Year competition sponsored by Dave and Jane Hubbard of Wyagiba* Trading.

Your correspondent couldn't make it. He was just too depressed. So your vicarious enjoyment of the event will again be third hand. It was an Edgar Allen Poe sort of day, evoking memories of The Fall of the House of Usher. A cold wind blew,



ruffling the feathers of the ravens and vultures which perched menacingly on the roof of the Community Hall while black and awesome clouds gathered above, as if portents of some great calamity. To lift flagging spirits Mr Hubbard reduced the number of clubs required to just three and the number of holes to just ten. But with a devilish twist of the knife he declared that play would be scored on the satanic Stableford system. And thus, with leaden feet, those men and women of a once proud Local Government Area set forth into the howling tempest knowing that we were all doomed. Doomed!

Back at the morgue, in an atmosphere as heavy as Dr Frankenstein's laboratory, while the thunder and lightning crashed around (more volts, Igor!) the Googly Ball was awarded to Rick O'Shay (a.k.a. Keith France) for a trick shot which returned his ball. Neville Schroder scored the Dummy Spit for an uncharacteristic breach of golfing etiquette. The NTP and LD ball winners were announced: Paul Griffin 2, Pete Harrison 2, Keith France, Joan Mason, Lila Mason, Scott Mason, Stone Mason, Perry Mason, James Mason, Free Mason, Master Mason, Willie Mason (get a grip), Nev Schroder and Dave Hubbard. The junior comp winner was Lila Mason. The 10 hole comp was taken out by Pete Harrison with 29 Stableford points, second was Paul Griffin 25, with Matt O'Brien third on 22.

February's competition will be held on Sunday, the 7th day of that month, when the sponsors will be the Schroder and Whitney families. We Queanbeyanites are a stoic bunch so I imagine that by then we will have staked the heart of the separation blues, donned our thongs and flannies and faced life anew with hope and confidence. See you at 12.15pm for the 12.30pm kick off. - Larry King, golfer and part-time Goth.

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Julie Veal	Poppet Rd (for all on road)	32	Alan Rope	Sutton Rd	40

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Cassie Fisher	Clare Ln	12	Lyle Montesin	The Forest Rd area incl Joe Rcks	65
Dominica Lorima	North end Clare Valley	42			

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Don Malcolmson	Macs Reef Rd (Denley to Gum Flat)	7	Rhett Cox	Macs Reef Rd (Newington to Bankers)	7
Connie & Hans Bachor	Dnly Dr to Macs Rf Rd incl Bchm Gr	35	Daryl Bourke	Macs Reef Rd b'n Nwngtn& Harriott	30
Nora Stewart	Rovere Ln	7	Sandra Favre	Macs Reef Rd b'n Nwngtn& Harriott	20
Carol & Clive Boughton	Macs Reef Rd (Bankers to Fed Hwy)	33	Joan Milnor	Birriwa Rd plus Macs Rf Rd to Harriott	30
Beth Hope	Gum Flat Ln	6	Tony Bond	Hogan Dr/Orana Dr/Yuranga Dr	42
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Glen Dorahy	Sutton Park Estate	48	Penny & Russell Ball	Macs Reef (Denley Dr to Bungdre Rd)	20
Ian Coillet	Grove Road	7			

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Phil & Pam Dawes	Donnelly Rd & Donnelly Ln	27	David Featherston	Summerhill to B'dore Rd to CreekB Rd	26
Kevin Anderson	B'dore Rd (Macs Reef to Summerhill)	37	Ken Steinman	Wyoming & Doust Rds	32
Kerrie Gougeon	B'dore Rd (CreekB to Fed Hwy)	32	Chris Fowler	Milllyn Rd	20
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Councillor's Corner

Local Government Reform — They say a week's a long time in politics, and local government in NSW is no exception at the moment. The local government reform process has moved rather quickly since IPART released its assessment of NSW Councils back in November.

In December 2015 the Minister for Local Government released 35 Merger Proposals, involving 65 NSW councils, and in January 2016 outlined the process by which these Proposals would be assessed. The Proposals have been referred to the Chief Executive of the Office of Local Government (OLG), who has in turn delegated responsibility for their assessment to 18 Delegates whom we understand will report their findings by May 2016. Individual Delegates will hold public inquiries into the Proposals for which they have responsibility during February and prepare their respective reports for comment by the independent Boundaries Commission. The Minister has indicated that he will consider the information so provided and announce his determination before the end of June, with the intention that the new Councils will commence operating on 1 July 2016.

While the precise details are unclear, it is believed that current councillors would most likely be dismissed, and the new Councils would operate under administration until new elections, which would be delayed until March 2017. It may be a slightly cynical comment, but it would appear that we are following a process simply because legislation requires the process to be followed. As it stands, provided this process is followed, the Minister has plenty of room to move with respect to the decision he ultimately makes—he is under no obligation to adopt any particular recommendation that comes out of the process.

The 'process', however, is constrained in the output it can produce. It only allows for the consideration of a Proposal, or a 'minor amendment' thereof. It cannot consider anything more.

The Proposal that the Minister presented in relation to Palerang was to divide our LGA between Goulburn and Queanbeyan, in spite of the fact that, for the duration of the Fit for the Future exercise we had been advised that no consideration would be given to boundary adjustments, only full mergers. The main problem here is that a full merger is not considered to be a 'minor amendment' to the current Proposal, so the present process cannot comment on whether or not the proposed division of Palerang is more or less appropriate than a full merger. It is in recognition of this fact that Palerang Council has forwarded an alternate Proposal—for the full merger of Palerang and Queanbeyan—to the Minister for consideration.

It is important here to note the, perhaps subtle, difference between a Proposal and the position held by Council on the matter. Council's resolved position remains to stand alone as an independent Council, and this is the position that Council will continue to prosecute in its representations. The only option presented by the Minister, however, was to divide Palerang between Goulburn and Queanbeyan—he did not provide for the option of merging Palerang wholly with a single neighbour. The only way this option could be considered in the present process was for someone, either the Minister himself, Palerang Council, or residents, through a petition, to lodge such a Proposal.

The reason that Council has lodged the full merger Proposal is because it believes this to be a better outcome for our community than dividing the current LGA—it is Council's preferred fall-back position from its preference to remain as an independent council. How much attention this Proposal gets is, however, entirely up to the Minister. If your head is spinning at this point, I'm sure you're not alone. I'm not entirely convinced that anyone was ever intended to be able to understand exactly what was going on...

As a footnote that will no doubt please some residents, the Special Rate Variation (SRV) that was under consideration by Council is now firmly off the table. Regardless of Council's position, the OLG has directed that no council involved in a Merger Proposal will be eligible for an SRV in the coming year. The State Government has also stated that there will be no change to any existing 'rate path' for a period of four years following any merger. How outstanding works will be funded in the interim and what financial considerations might come into play at the end of that period will be a matter for consideration by the Council of the day.

The bottom line is that the ball is now very much in the hands of Palerang residents. The only remaining opportunities to influence the Minister's decision will now be through the Delegate's public inquiry and lobbying the local member, John Barilaro.

The public inquiry into the Queanbeyan–Palering (part) merger, that currently involves Wamboin and Bywong, will be held in Braidwood and Queanbeyan on Thursday 11 February. The Queanbeyan meeting is from 7.00–10.00 pm, at the Comfort Inn Airport International.

Please note that you must register to either attend or speak by Friday 5 February 2016. Written submissions will however be accepted until 5.00pm 28 February 2016 (see Boundary Review website below for details).

For more information see: <http://www.councilboundaryreview.nsw.gov.au>

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

Local Government Reform (Update) (Jan 2016)

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

There is one sound, living in the bush, that I cherish above all others. It might be the kookaburras with their measured “ooh waah ooh waah” warming up exercises before some comedian in the back row cracks a joke and they break into infectious mirth, but it’s not. However, I wake to their enthusiastic reveille at first light and welcome their less than restrained last post as day becomes night; they are always on cue. It could be the hollow, repetitive note of the bronzewing, or the mournful cry of a cranky plover penetrating the still blackness. It could be the cornflake crunch under foot as I walk through the tinder dry bush, or the skittering scratch of lizards on the wooden verandah scabbling for cover as I approach, but it’s not. The sound that I cherish, the sound that gives me pure pleasure is rain drumming monotonously on the metal roof as I lie in bed.

There have been a few false starts to rainfall this month. Not long ago I had visions of building an ark and scooping up two of everything with the BOM forecasting severe flooding. But there was not a drop..... not even a few well aimed and well spaced pings on the metal roof. So it was back to watering every morning and evening with the wind sucking any vestige of moisture from the ground, and watching the level in the dam going down. Meanwhile the scribbly gums were revelling in adolescent behaviour, throwing off their outer garments and leaving them carelessly strewn on the floor. At least tidying up after them was something to do in a garden where I couldn’t even watch the grass grow! The gums, though, looked spunky in their cool, pale yellow summer gear, especially in the moonlight. Then the first rain fell gently and the crisp leaf litter became soft beneath my boots. Walking through the bush one morning after rain, I stopped, and with Monet’s eyes, watched a staccato of blue wrens and tiny pardalotes playing nature’s keyboard in the damp leaf litter under the trees. I saw eight magpies squabbling in the classroom until one of them cried out, “Teacher’s coming”, and in a flash they were back, in a line, on the fallen log, carolling to the heavens. To stop quietly in the bush, to listen and watch with unfocussed eyes, is a moment of magic.

The stack of Christmas books beside my bed is getting smaller, New Year has been welcomed with the usual fanfare and another Australia Day is behind us. We did throw a lump of lamb on the barbie, but not in response to any Ad campaign. It was simply left over from “Christmas”. As always, I have mixed feelings as Australia Day draws near. We, as a nation, have much to celebrate and are indeed fortunate, but we need to be mindful of our shared histories and retain a generosity of spirit towards all who claim this sunburnt country, homethis wide brown land... of drought and flooding rains.

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