



# The Whisper

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# How to Recognise and Treat LICE

## What are lice?

- Lice are a host specific ectoparasite.
- They breed rapidly and their life cycle is approximately 35 days.
- There are 2 different types of lice, chewing/biting, and sucking. Chewing/biting lice are most common. Sucking lice can cause anaemia and illness in cases of severe infestation.
- Equine lice can only survive off their host (the horse) for around 24 hours.
- Very young or old horses and those with poor body condition or weakened immunity are more susceptible to a lice burden.

How do you know if a horse has lice?



- Itching, rubbing, rough/dull coat, alopecia (hair loss) in places of severe rubbing.
- Heavy infestations may cause the horse to lose condition.
- Lice can commonly be seen in the mane, forelock, tail, and on the neck/body, and are easier to see with the hair parted.



**Pictures of lice 66 and 67:** These are images of a severe louse infestation on a horse's coat. The adult lice are about 1-2mm long with large, pale bodies and darker coloured (reddish) heads. The lice eggs or nits are long, narrow, white, rice-grain-like structures attached to the hair shafts of the horse's coat.

Treatment options:

- If there is an outbreak, all horses in the same paddock should be treated – even if they are not showing symptoms.
- Equipment used for affected horses should also be treated (rugs, brushes, headcollars etc).

▪ **The following steps are advised:**

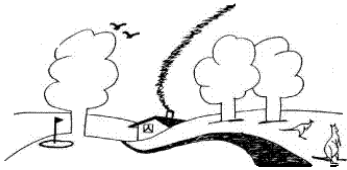
worn when applying or handling topical products.

1. Apply topical lice treatments, making sure to select products that will kill all stages of the life cycle. We can advise on which products may be suitable for your horse. Gloves should be
2. An ivermectin drench may be indicated to treat for sucking lice. One of our vets can advise if this might be required.
3. Rugs should be washed and have hair brushed off. Rugs, headcollars, brushes etc should be sprayed with diluted bleach or other lice control products. Ask us about suitable over the counter products.
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## Wamboin Community Association Acting President's Paragraphs



Well winter has hit with some great rain, a dump of snow and some invigorating frosts. This is the wettest winter I have seen Wamboin, with springs oozing up in paddocks and just about everywhere, a squelch underfoot. Our local roads are struggling with the amount of water and many trees have fallen victim to the strong winds and soft ground. If you see potholes on our local roads, please contact QPRC before they get large and dangerous.

**Federal Election** – Well the Federal election has been run and won and we have finally seen the end of those annoying robot calls during dinner time. The bellwether seat of Eden Monaro is no more. Can we go a full three years with only one Prime Minister and a one seat majority?

**Markets** – The Home produce markets were the subject of a good brain storming session at the last WCA meeting. Do we continue in their current form or do we look for new formats to encourage more patronage. How do we keep them local and appealing? In this issue we ask for ideas to help us shape their future.

**Curry Night** – The famous Wamboin Curry Night is on Saturday 20 August. What better way to keep warm inside then to have a good hot Johnny Cash curry. Hurry bookings are essential and the night usually sells out fast. Get a table together and look for further details in this edition of the Whisper.

**Bonfire Night** – The biggest night in Wamboin is the Bonfire Night. Just think what those city slickers are missing out on as we can have our own bonfire and fireworks night. This year it will be held on September 17, so start rounding up the kids for a great country night out. Don't tell the city folk.

**Seniors Group** - At the last WCA meeting a local resident raised the idea for a seniors group to meet weekly, a sort of Men's shed idea for seniors. The group would meet in the community hall once a week for social activities and a morning or afternoon tea. If you are interested contact the WCA committee at [committee@wamboincommunity.asn.au](mailto:committee@wamboincommunity.asn.au)

**Wamboin Rides** – Also at the last meeting it was raised that a number of senior residents are finding it difficult to travel into Queanbeyan and Canberra for medical appointments and simple tasks such as groceries. Taxi's cost hundreds of dollars for a return trip and Government subsidised transport does not meet their needs. Maybe Uber has an answer. Is there someone out there who might consider a regular shared Wamboin transport service for our senior residents to make it easier for them to stay out here in paradise a while longer.

**Telstra Outage** – I am not sure how many were actually effected but back in June many home line phone services were knocked out in the heavy rain. Telstra advised that some phone services were out for a nearly a month. Not sure about others, but I think this is pretty poor service 30km's from the nation's capital.

**Next WCA Meeting** - The next General Meeting of the Community Association will be at 7.30pm Tuesday 16 August in the Wamboin Community Hall, Bingley Way, Wamboin. We welcome new members and as always there will be a warm fire! Come along and be part of your local community. - Peter Evans - Acting President

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**2016 Trivia Night:** This annual event was held on Saturday evening of 16 July 2016. Over 50 people attended and entered the “battle of wits” contest, and approximately \$500 was raised from participants. After expenses around \$170 was left which will be contributed to the fund for the new playground. Again J.P. Favre excelled in developing the questions and in generally organizing the night.

**2016 Annual General Meeting:** This will be held on Wednesday 17 August at 7.30 pm. As usual it will be held at the community hall. All executive and general committee positions are up for renewal, and since there are indications that the incumbents of several positions wish to step down, all persons interested in joining or contributing to the work of the Bywong Community Association are urged to attend.

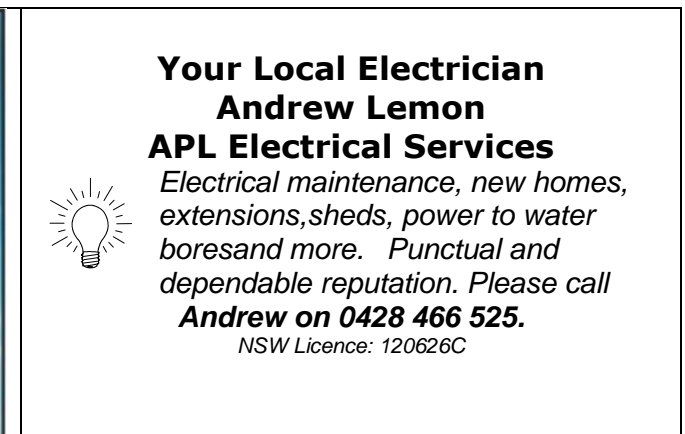
**Important:** As people may know, the playground initiative necessitated a new master plan for the Les Reardon Reserve. This has now been developed in consultation with all regular users of the reserve, and will be on display at the AGM. Jennie Curtis who designed the new plan will also be present to answer questions.

**2017 Car Boot Sale- Preparation:** The BCA committee is continuing forward planning for the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary event in 2017. Hopefully this will be an especially memorable Boot Sale and any suggestions or ideas for inclusion in 2017 would be most welcome. All offers of help in running the event would also be welcome, and if you have any ideas why not bring them along to the AGM..

If you have any enquiries or suggestions regarding the 2017 event please email us at [president@bywongcommunity.org.au](mailto:president@bywongcommunity.org.au)

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## When Native Plants Go Feral

9 August — Sutton Primary School — 7.30pm

Geoff Butler, weeds officer for the Conservation Council of the SE Region and Canberra, will talk to the Sutton community about native plants that are now considered weeds. This can apply to native plants that have either colonised or been deliberately introduced. Two well-known native “weeds” are the Cootamundra Wattle and Bluebell Creeper. Some so-called weeds are still for sale in our local nurseries! Geoff will discuss why plants become weeds and the problems that eventuate when they take over.

Given the diversity of views on what is a weed, this should be a talk of interest to anyone with land, from broad-acre farmers to suburban owners with a minimal garden.

Geoff Butler has had a distinguished career working at the Australian National Botanic Gardens and as a private consultant on flora and fauna. He is a widely-published expert on weeds and amongst other things was a finalist for the United Nations Association of Australia — World Environment Day Award for Outstanding Service to the Environment 2002.

After his talk there will be supper and an opportunity to talk to Geoff directly. Everybody is welcome. For general inquiries about Sutton Landcare Group, please contact our Secretary, Marchien van Oostende via [sutton.landcare@gmail.com](mailto:sutton.landcare@gmail.com)



## CHARLIE THE LEVER TURNS 90!

Charlie le Lievre, long time Wamboin resident, turns 90 in September. Charlie has made a significant contribution to our community and, in recognition of that, a celebration of this remarkable milestone will be held at the Community Hall on **SUNDAY 18 SEPTEMBER, 2016, commencing 12 NOON, Till 3PM.**

Not only was Charlie the bushfire brigade’s equipment officer for many years – he kept anything with or without moving parts, including the trucks, in working order – he also drove the school buses on the Queanbeyan, Canberra and Sutton routes. Charlie would love to see as many of his Wamboin friends including his old fire brigade colleagues and the students he used to drive to school, at the Hall for this special occasion.

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## St Peters, Sutton and St Andrews, Wamboin -- Church Notices

The little church of St Peters was bursting at the seams last Sunday with the baptism of a very special baby girl, bringing together two of the oldest families in the Sutton district. It was a very happy occasion. Due in no small part to the generosity of those present at the baptism, St Peters decided to donate the open plate offertory to the Greenhalgh family who had so tragically lost their home in a fire. Our prayers and best wishes are with the young family at this very difficult time.

At the recent congregational meeting it was decided to press ahead with the Yass Valley Council application to erect a building at St Peters to include a hall, meeting room, kitchen and toilets. We expect the final plans to be with Council within the next few weeks. These facilities are long overdue and will be available for church members and community groups. Kids Club has resumed for the new term on Friday evenings at St Andrews from 4.30pm til 6pm. Children from preschool age to post primary are welcome, and parents are encouraged to stay and participate in the activities. Apart from songs, stories and craft, the children share a meal together.

Services are held at St Andrews on the first and third Sunday of each month, and at St Peters on the second and fourth Sunday. All services start at 9am, followed by a delicious morning tea and a chance to catch up with others in the community. For further information, be it for weddings, baptisms, funerals or just general inquiries, please contact any of the people listed below.

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The next funding round opens on 20 July 2016.

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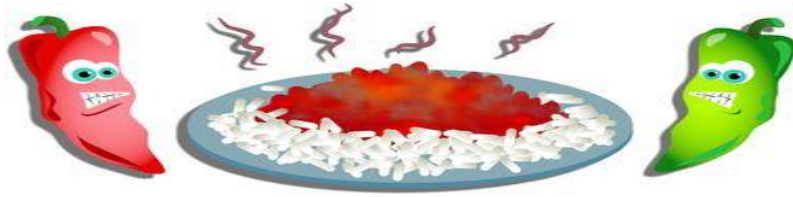
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- Capsicum high in flavonoids to assist general functioning throughout the body

# THE GREAT WAMBOIN CURRY NIGHT



The annual Great Wamboin Curry Night for 2016 is on Saturday the 20<sup>th</sup> of August, from 7pm. Bring along your curry dish to share.

BYO suitable beverage to wash it down, as well as your own side dishes, nibbles, plates and cutlery. There is a gold coin donation per person to offset the hire of the Hall. Tables and chairs are provided.

The curry dishes are displayed with descriptive labels including the dish name and its heat intensity (mild, medium, hot) and are then on offer to all curry munchers from 7.30pm.

Prizes will be awarded to the 3 best dishes selected by a secret (no bribes) judge.

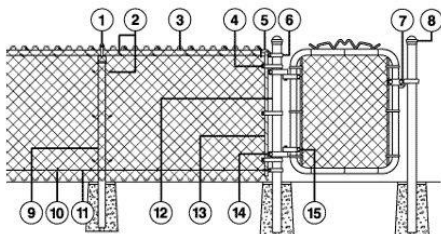
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Thank you to each of you who wrote something for this August Whisper or delivered it or ran an ad in it. Can you, whoever you are, if you live in Wamboin or Bywong or the nearby areas that receive the Whisper because you are in the Wamboin Fire Brigade's responsibility area, write something for the September Whisper? The purpose of the Whisper is to print things about living in our area written by residents that improve communication and life out here for residents. Both our wonderful regular contributors and residents who write something rarely or only once, take us down enjoyable and thoughtful paths. If discussion would help, please feel free to just send it in or, to discuss an idea of yours, contact me. – Ned Noel, volunteer editor on behalf of the Wamboin Community Association, 17 Reedy Creek Place, Wamboin, ph 6238 3484 ah/home or email [whisper@wamboincommunity.asn.au](mailto:whisper@wamboincommunity.asn.au) or [nednoel@optusnet.com.au](mailto:nednoel@optusnet.com.au)



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## Wamboin Community Association General Meeting - Summary

**Date of Meeting: 19 July 2016**

Meeting Chaired by: Peter Evans, Acting President, WCA

### General outline of topics discussed:

Acting President Peter Evans commented on the outcome of the Federal election noting Eden-Monaro's lost bellwether status. He thanked the WCA Committee, especially John van der Straaten, for organising another successful Meet the Candidates event.

Regular brief reports were delivered by the WCA Committee, other WCA members and representatives of other local groups including Landcare, Greenways, Wamboin Golf, Wamboin Whisper and:

Assistant Secretary - Jenny Warren, confirmed Administrator of Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council, Mr Tim

Overall, has agreed to attend the WCA's September meeting and be the first speaker in the Spring Talks Series – 2016;

St Andrew's Church - Rev. Royce Thompson reported on an upcoming training day "Creating Safe Ministries" and a Rural Fire Service program providing advice on fire protection for buildings of historical and religious significance. Rev. Thompson is investigating water storage and reticulation system options for St Andrew's;

Wamboin Rural Fire Brigade - Senior Deputy Captain Don Evans reported one call-out this month, a fire on Sutton Road which destroyed a home. Other meeting attendees added that the affected family were part of the Sutton School community and that a 'crowd funding' effort had so far raised around \$20K;


Meriel and Lance Schultz, co-conveners of the Wamboin Home Produce and Craft Market led a valuable discussion on the status of the Markets and sought ideas and suggestions from the meeting attendees;

Denise Hales proposed the establishment of a social group for Seniors and other interested local residents perhaps involving activities such as table tennis, Scrabble among others.

- Jenny Warren, Assistant Secretary, Wamboin Community Association

### Bonfire and Fireworks Night – Bonfire Fuel Wanted

**Caution: The oval is quite wet and boggy at the time of writing. Ensure the area is suitable for traffic before driving in, to off-load!** The 2016 Wamboin Bonfire and Fireworks Night is planned for Saturday the 17th of September. This is a good chance to reduce the fire hazards on your property by clearing unwanted stumps, branches, prunings and brush. By delivering suitable material to the Bonfire site at the Community Centre, Bingley Way, you will help make the night a memorable occasion. Please do not mix in: treated timber, old carpets, rocks, metal fittings, large green logs or other non-burnable materials. Leaving these materials is Illegal Dumping. (Yes, we have found these items in past years, which then have to be separated and taken away). Rather than just dumping please throw your material as high as you can on the pile. Bonfire Night is the major, and sometimes only, fund raising activity for our Community groups who run all the food, drink and novelty stalls. - Lofty Mason. Phone 62 383 258.

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## Stop the Ellerton Drive Extension in Queanbeyan

Whisper readers may not have paid much attention to newspaper reports concerning the proposed Ellerton Drive Extension. In short, the (current estimate) \$90 million, 4.6km new road will run from the roundabout on the corner of Yass Road, the Kings Highway and Ellerton Drive (known to locals as 'the Spotlight roundabout') to the Edwin Land Parkway at Old Cooma Road. Thursday 30 June saw more than 100 residents of Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council (QPRC) along with other stakeholders such as a representative of Googong Town developer, CIC Australia Ltd., attend an extraordinary meeting of Council to express their views on the proposed Ellerton Drive Extension. Disappointingly, and as accurately reported in The District Bulletin, "After 40 speakers, the three administrators proceeded as if nothing had just taken place. Watching them from the audience it was like: "Did you hear anything? Nope. Did you? Nope. Ok let's get on with what we came here for". And with minor amendments about noise shields, they voted for a motion to approve the EDE."

Why should residents previously of Palerang care about a road out the back of Queanbeyan? Hopefully my presentation to the 30 June meeting as printed below will help answer that question. These links provide more information on local community groups you can support in their opposition to this project: <https://qbnconservationalliance.wordpress.com/> and <https://www.facebook.com/Stop-the-Ellerton-Drive-Extension-in-Queanbeyan-389755134466894/>

*My name is Jenny Warren. I live in Wamboin and I speak as a ratepayer of Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council. I am a supporter of the Community groups, namely the **Queanbeyan Conservation Alliance**, the **Stop the Ellerton Drive Extension** group and the various local community associations who have for so long vocally and capably prosecuted the case against the EDE. I share the views of these groups on the proposed EDE's negative impact on the environment and wildlife, the social impacts and on the Council's silence on the subject of a sustainable transport plan for the Queanbeyan region community. However since the forced, unwanted and undemocratic amalgamation of Palerang Council with Queanbeyan City Council, my opposition to the EDE has taken on a new perspective – an economic one.*

*Where previously I would not have been paying for the project, except under the guise of promised NSW State Liberal Government and Australian Coalition Government support, as a resident of the newly formed Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council, I now face the prospect of my rates being poured into this environmental, social and economic disaster, presumably to the detriment of the 1440 km of roads, 800km of which are unsealed in the previous Palerang Council area.*

*I have been struggling to recall any other project of*

*this nature, locally or further afield, where a community has been so united in its opposition yet the protests have, to date, appeared to fall on deaf ears. Conducting a consultation is not the same as actually listening.*

*According to the Googong Developer's website (and I quote) "The Queanbeyan City Council is set to begin construction of an extension to Ellerton Drive to link up with the new Edwin Land Parkway intersection at Old Cooma Road. The extension – which will allow heavy vehicles and other traffic to by-pass the Queanbeyan CBD – is due to begin construction in 2016." Nowhere on the Googong Developer's website could I find any mention of public transport options, either for getting to or from or around Googong.*

*As stated by the Queanbeyan Conservation Alliance on their website, "Council needs to develop a transport strategy for the entire city including its rural areas before it decides to build any more roads, including the Ellerton Drive Extension." The need for such a strategy has been well and truly reinforced by a number of speakers tonight who have described the impact of regular disruptions to traffic flow due to floods and the inability of emergency services to undertake their vital work, none of which will be resolved by the EDE.*

*Thank you.*



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A new technology company has appeared on the horizon, called Lightning Broadband. Their prices seemed competitive and their quoted speeds amazing, so excitedly I rang the quoted number but unfortunately due to our remoteness, it was not yet available. The good news is that, if we can get 50-70 people registering their interest online, they will put a transmission tower on an ex shire councilors property nearby. So please checkout the below link to there web page and register your interest:

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- Paul Brugman

### Wamboin 15 years ago - from the Whisper, August 2001 Circulation: 900

by Robyn Robertson

From the BYWONG COMMUNITY NEWS "The Bywong Sugar Glider Project: The Natural Heritage Trust has approved a \$5,400 grant for the construction of sugar glider habitat in Bywong. The project will provide nesting boxes and tree plantings in the Newington Road area and possibly further afield. Community members will provide labour to equal the grant on a \$ for \$ basis. The boxes, to be built by voluntary labour, are strongly constructed, triple insulated, and securely hung in tall trees within reach of preferred wattle habitat. Newington Road residents are meeting in a street party to discuss the allocation and erection of the boxes." Does anyone know if the project was a success?

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## Wamboin Community Buildings

By Don Evans

For those newer residents to Wamboin, you may not know the history of the buildings at the Community Centre in Bingley Way.

Apart from the shade sail and playground equipment, all buildings including the hall, toilet block, fire station truck bays and the 2 story extension to the fire station have been built entirely by the locals. All the maintenance since building commenced has also been done by the locals pretty much in a voluntary manner. The community hall would be one of the most important and frequently used assets in Wamboin.

Back in 1982, 134 families living in the Wamboin area were in need of a meeting place. A public meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> April 1982 agreed for a "Hall" to be built on a block which had been put aside in Bingley Way for "Local activities". The original plan for the building was to be a brick or block structure, with a costing of over \$80,000 at the time. The funds available from the "Section 84 funds" (monies put aside by developers for community projects) was about \$12,000, so a farm shed on a concrete slab was agreed on. The shire gave a donation of \$1,000 for a water tank and septic system. The community would raise additional money for lining of the walls, electrical and a kitchen. There have been plenty of ongoing working bees over the years to improve such things as the ceiling linings, new water tanks, painting the floor, extending the kitchen, the new meeting room on the western end of the hall, new heater and the most recent, the new roof and ceiling on and it the toilet block.

The hall management committee, (all locals and volunteers) meets occasionally to discuss maintenance, up and coming events, hall hires and hall fees amongst other things. The ongoing costs such as insurance, electricity, replacing or repairing broken or damaged items, painting the floor are paid entirely from money raised by hall hire and community groups that use the hall. Community groups are favored and are charged a hall hire rate well below general hall hire rates. Mowing the grass is also done by locals such as Lofty Mason and a few volunteers from the Wamboin rural fire service, all off their own back and without payment. Garbage pickup is done as a free community service by O'Sullivan's Waste. Please note that these bins are only to be used by hall hirers. We have had issues in the past by non-users putting such things as household waste, bricks and engine parts in the bins which split them. The hall management committee gives a small gift of appreciation to them at Christmas time.

The position where the current toilet block now lies previously housed a transportable wooden shed. Dr Ian Cook ran a medical practice for a number of years in that shed well before the fire station was even built. It was about 5 metres by 2.4 metres and known as the "OPS Room". A medical practice in Bingley way! Not bad hey! As the patronage increased, the practice was moved to his place of residence in Norton Road, where with his wife, a nurse, expertly treated the growing queues lined up on the verandah come waiting room. (In winter, we were moved inside into the warm). I can remember the "Doc" treating me for an ankle injury one evening, well after dinner time. I was not the last patient either. The few still sitting in the waiting room after I left, would have kept him busy well after 9PM! There are plenty of stories of his great work, including Lofty Masons treatment, when he was struck by lightning and thrown across the room while on the phone in his dining room. He was rendered unconscious, and had a few burns and a ruptured eardrum as part of his ordeal. (A good reminder why you shouldn't use the phone in a thunder storm). Dr Cook had the amazing ability to get you in to hospital or to see a specialist at very short notice. Best of all, he bulk billed.

The original fire station structure was fabricated by Henk Berlee who at the time worked for a structural steel company. Together with assistance from other locals, he built the 3 bay building in time for the bicentenary – hence the sign on the front "Bicentennial fire station"

The new toilet block took the position of Dr Cook's old practice. The old green wooden shed had deteriorated by then and had many leaks. I remember it fell apart when we tried to move it. Another working bee and the foundations and slab was poured for the new toilets. The concrete blocks were donated by a large building company and with local bricklayer Chris Powell, we soon had the structure up.

The fire station extension was done mainly because the hall was used on training nights which meant other groups could not use the hall. The extension included a huge truck bay and upstairs a comfortable operations/training and meeting room. Andrew Dunn, Daryl Tipton and myself led a number of others helpers over a year on the project.

In closing, these facilities were built for all those who live in the area. I have had a hand in all of these. For those who have played a part in their existence and even if you haven't, you should feel some ownership of them. The buildings don't take care of themselves so if you would like to join the team or be involved in maintaining them, contact the community association and they can pass on your details to the hall management committee. You don't have to be a tradie either to be involved in the upkeep. If you use the facilities, keep an eye on things like dripping taps and checking doors are shut and locked when you leave. Ensuring the lights, power and hot water are all turned off when you leave help to keep the hire fees low and running costs down. It's a great effort from the locals to have established such facilities. I hope the newer folk join in to keep them operational for many years to come.



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As Wildcare's Overall Species Coordinator says, "Each year we have a number of native animals handed in by members of the public that they have tried to look after. Often the wrong food, housing and equipment has been used and the animal doesn't thrive. Sometimes an animal – such as a baby wombat, is held for too long in a domesticated setting and it becomes totally humanised. When a wild animal is not cared for properly, then there are huge difficulties down the track and often the best option is to euthanise an animal that has been highly domesticated or has become very sick. Only trained wildlife carers from a licenced wildlife group can legally raise a rescued or orphaned native animal"

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If you want to get involved and do the right thing, then contact Wildcare on 6299 1966. And if you come across injured or orphaned native wildlife, or want information about joining up, please call - Wildcare is always on the lookout for volunteers to help rescue and raise orphaned and injured wildlife. - Philip Machin, Wildcare, 6238 3717



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## Nature Notes July 2016

Jo Walker

After nearly 70 mm of rain this month, and a lovely snowfall, the dams are full and the creeks running. I have quite a few soakage areas on my place, mostly colonised by the native Weeping Grass (*Microlaena stipoides*), and these have been running with surface water for weeks now to the point where some are covered in green slime. This doesn't seem to be bothering the grass though – it's still continuing to grow through the slippery covering.

It looks like a good year for the plants usually found in these wetter areas. The number of Billy Buttons (*Craspedia variabilis*) pushing up their hairy green leaves has certainly increased this year. And, Common Buttercups (*Ranunculus lappaceus*) and Scaly Buttons (*Leptorhynchos squamatus*) are producing swathes of rosettes, some of the latter already beginning to produce buds in the sunnier areas.

Lots of the tinier plants that often go unnoticed are also germinating well in the wet soil. The little Austral Sunray (*Triptilodiscus pygmaeus*) is coming up in vast numbers and will be spreading patches of yellow through the grasses soon, and the fernlike leaves of *Cotula australis* are beginning to make an appearance. And, let's not forget the daisies, especially those not often noticed. At present, hundreds of Smooth Solenogyne (*Solenogyne dominii*) and Hairy Solenogyne (*S. gunnii*) are covering the more open ground. These little rosettes (about 10 cm across) of narrowly oval leaves will eventually produce short-stemmed flat green flowerheads consisting mainly of the developing seeds.

The Magpies are beginning to get aggressive as the nesting season approaches, chasing other Magpies and the White-winged Choughs which, for some reason, seem to be their arch-enemies. Whereas the Noisy Miners seem to pick on the White-faced Heron that spends some time here. It is ignored by them while it is feeding in the dam, but, as soon as it perches in a tree, the Noisy Miners harass it until it flaps away. One Magpie pair has already built a nest in one of the taller trees here – and two Galahs are jealously guarding a small hollow in an old tree.

Recently, when I was cutting up a dead Silver Wattle for firewood, I found about a dozen Orange-spotted Ladybird Beetles (*Orcus australasiae*) under the bark. Years ago, when I was similarly occupied, I used to remove the bark from the wood and transfer the many insects there to a new place of shelter. This is hardly ever necessary now, part of what seems to be a general decline in insects. We don't get Bogong Moths any more and not many Christmas Beetles. Some of the leaf-eating insects we saw every year seem to have gone. Insect numbers do fluctuate, and maybe, after all this rain and a good year for plants, this apparent decline will reverse – or maybe not.

On a sad note, two young kangaroos, one an early joey from this year and the other an older one, have died here this week of an illness that often occurs at this time of the year. The first one was taken for treatment but didn't survive, and the other one was too far gone to do anything for except protect it from the cold. The progress of this illness is very fast, joeys usually dying within 24 hours of the first symptoms.

But, this year's joeys are watching the world from the safety of their mothers' pouches or taking their first uncertain steps. And a few of the Silver Wattles (*Acacia dealbata*) are beginning to flower, signalling that spring is only a few weeks away.

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## Wamboin Home Produce and Craft Market

Contact: Lance and Meriel Schultz 02 62383309 [imsconsulting@bigpond.com](mailto:imsconsulting@bigpond.com).

The future of the markets was discussed on a cold and windy night at the last WCA meeting. Lance and I gave a brief outline of the current organisation of the market and pointed out that the number of customers is often small and that we would appreciate some ideas about ways to attract more people through the door/reinvigorate the market. While there was not a large number of people there, some important points were made and some very useful suggestions were floated. In summary here is what people said:

- Keep the market as a non-commercial local produce and craft market (noting that the WCA insurance policy will not allow otherwise)
- Strongly promote the café as a local meeting place and if possible expand the seating area for the café.
- Note that it would be good to increase stall holders' sales – but we are not after increases in the (WCA) market income per se. The market is for the benefit of the local community.
- Note that the Gordon's and Lofty's plant truck is much missed and a non-commercial replacement would be a great draw card.
- Customer numbers increase if the market is run with another concurrent event (eg Wheels of Wamboin, cupcake competition). Try to organise concurrent events at least four times a year.
- Increase advertising by inviting local clubs or groups to run these concurrent events and to use their networks to boost advertising of both the event and the market. We are also currently making (well we will when we get time) some extra road signs for placement on Sutton Road and Macs Reef Road.
- Suggestions for concurrent events included:
  - Wheels of Wamboin
  - Invite local dog club to run a Wamboin dog show/competition
  - Organise a local art/photography competition
  - Hold another Landcare sale
  - Organise locals to run a 'Garage' sale or 2
  - Repeat cupcake competition or similar
  - Run a kids' activity event with (eg) Playgroup
  - Invite local families to contribute and run a 'kids gear' bring and buy sale
  - Hold a women's clothing swap meet.
  - Run a fun activity morning with country pursuits like wellie throwing, sack races etc.
- The main message was 'keep it simple' as the markets are run on a volunteer basis and most volunteers currently work full time.

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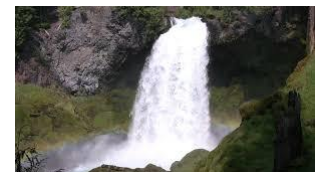


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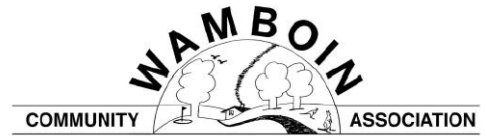


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Come to the **Wamboin Community Hall, 112 Bingley Way, Wamboin, at 7:30pm** on the third Tuesday of each month of Spring to listen, ask questions and learn from the following guest speakers.

Date	Topic	Speaker/s
20th September	<i>Your Council</i>	Mr Tim Overall, Administrator Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council
18th October	<i>Caring for your Horses</i>	Canberra Equine Hospital (Vet TBA)
15th November	<i>Birds of Wamboin</i>	David McDonald & David Cook

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## Wamboin Golf – July 2016

Sunday, 3 July 2016; a perfect day for golf spoilt by the election party hangover and the absence of our sponsors, Keith France and Kathy Handel, stuck in Mt Isa or Longreach. At least we didn't have to calculate the additional ten per cent they normally insist we tack on to our handicaps to celebrate the anniversary of the fair and reasonable GST. The shire's famous community spirit was much in evidence as we scrambled to gather alternative food and prizes. Our thanks to all who rustled up the eats and an array of potable prizes. Features of the groaning board were the classy toilet paper serviettes.

Back at the Tally Room the acting Captain welcomed our visitors, Simon and Marie Barter, Margaret Hammond, Scott and Lila Mason, Jobson Grothe and Putin Peiplefurst (all the way from Russia). It was no surprise that conversation was dominated by the franchise we had exercised the previous day. It was noted that during the great social media debate between the leaders of the major parties someone asked Malcolm Turnbull how significant to the nation was Saturday 2 July. And Mal said, quick as a flash, it's the day before the golf at Wamboin. Straight up. True as your correspondent's underpants carry two sets of DNA. Well, polling day has come and gone and the contest for our electorate of Holden Monaro has been won by Khaki Kelly (PhD, Alligator U), resplendent in full "cammo", contemptuously kicking IUDs off the road side. A search party



is still out looking for Hidin' Hendy, the Howard Hughes of federal politics. However, those events, dramatic as they are, have been overshadowed by a cunning, last-minute plan, hatched by Former-Mayor-in-Perpetuity, Pete "Boris" Harrison, to call for a plebiscite on whether we should remain in the Palereanbeyan Union. The so-called Palerexit. Scottish rate-payers are said to be up in arms.

Ted Evans presented his report on the use of performance enhancing drugs by Wamboin golfers but it has since been rejected by ASADA on the grounds the VB and Coopers are permitted fluid loss adjusters. Your correspondent cannot recall the names of the LD and NTP ball winners due to the effects of certain fluid loss adjusters. The encouragement award went to Margaret Hammond and Tony Fisher, both of whom got more value for their green fees than others. The 9 hole comp placegetters were: 1st Deb Gordon with 20 Stableford points, 2<sup>nd</sup> Alex Gordon 19, 3<sup>rd</sup> Ken Gordon 17. Well done Gordons! Your correspondent had the felicity of playing with the Gordon family but, sadly, did not trouble the scorer. The winner of the 18 hole comp was Vicki Still 37 from Charles Guscott 36 with Neville Schroder 3<sup>rd</sup> on 34.

Next month our sponsors will be the tradies - blokes with complicated tools who make and fix things. Join us at 12.15pm for the usual 12.30pm kick off on Sunday 7 August for as much fun as you can have standing up. Meanwhile spare a thought for the poor sod who becomes the nation's PM as he celebrates with a poisoned chalice in one hand and a sh\*t sandwich in the other. - Larry King, golfer and voter.



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## Family Needs Support After Sutton House Fire

This Item Prepared by Roz Lemon

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Joan Mason	Bingley Way	44	Margaret Hekeimin	Merino Vale Dr	19
Sue Ward	Norton Rd (Bingley to Weeroona)	32	Anne Gardner	Weeroona Dr (Norton to Majors)	31
Kathy Handel	Norton (Weerona to Hilltop+Wimdra)	23	Penny Evans	Norton Rd (Campbell to Bingley)	26

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Colleen Foster	B'dore Rd to Nrtn Rd	23	Rob Henry	South end Clare Valley	41
Cassie Fisher	Clare Ln	12	Lyle Montesin	The Forest Rd area incl Joe Rcks	65

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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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South East Local Land Services District Veterinarian, Dr Kate Sawford will join us to discuss food safety requirements for eggs, diseases and management of poultry. Local farmers Penny Kothe from Caroola Farm and Penny Evens from Pendon Farm will share their expertise in managing chickens. Penny Kothe will discuss raising meat birds using free range organic methods from basic husbandry to marketing your product. Penny Evens will share her experiences with free range egg production and running a horticultural enterprise in Wamboin. A farm tour is included.

Numbers are limited and bookings are essential. For more information and bookings see [www.smallfarmscapital.org/events-workshops](http://www.smallfarmscapital.org/events-workshops). – This item contibuted by Alex

James, Bywong, taking enquiries on 0406 338 850

## On Space And Time

Local string bag maker, Brian Greene – known as the Prof – said to me the other day: “you know, Larry, everything we do or think takes place in in some region of space and some interval of time – yet we know very little about either. Are they, for instance, real physical entities or merely useful concepts? And if they’re real (whatever that means), can they be manipulated?” I said “huh?”

But having thought about it I now see what he was driving at because many years ago I reached the same conclusion that Einstein did. (I’m not saying I beat him to it, just that I got there independently. I didn’t know Einstein and he sure as hell didn’t know me.) Anyway, this is how it works: if you’re sitting at Bungendore station five minutes before the Sydney train is due, time drags. If, on the other hand, you’re driving down Smith’s gap to catch the same train, time races. As for space, I always recognised that there existed a universe that I inhabited and another one for everyone else. (Go on, admit that’s how you feel sometimes!)

All this could explain the recent curious election campaign we have had inflicted upon us. For instance, Malcolm Turnbull reckons that Bill Shorten is the mother of all liars for the big Mediscare porky. But I suggest it’s just as feasible that Mr Shorten has discovered a wormhole to a parallel galaxy (there’s much of the worm about Bill) where “Bad Malcolm” is bent on gutting social welfare and replacing it with a feudal system of which Peter the Great would approve. Similarly, somewhere in another universe, Haydn Hendy MP is attending every meet-the-candidate function organised by community groups all over Holden Monaro and is polling comfortably ahead of Military Mike.

The Prof reckons there could benefits in having infinite extra spatial dimensions (as he calls them). For example, let’s say Mr Working Trousers, the efficient and highly-lauded administrator of the Queens Park Rangers Committee, makes a decision that gets up the nose of a fair swag of rate payers. All he has to do is nip into the next parallel dimension and reverse that decision. Of course, it will make another posse of rate payers unhappy. But you can’t please all of the people all of the time. At least, not in any universe I have visited. But who knows...? Why not pop into Prof Greene’s shop, *The Fabric of the Cosmos*, on Ellendon Street and buy one of his string bags.

I pass this on for what it’s worth. - Larry King

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## Even In Wamboin, Rainfall Varies from Property to Property

I have been unable to find the earlier records of the rainfall when we first moved to Wamboin in early April 1987, however the rainfall here at the beginning of this month was a record 91ml. on the Monday 6<sup>th</sup>. With the two previous days 28 ml & 15.1 ml. One thing I noted when talking with friends and neighbours, was the amount of rainfall was quite variable even from others quite near to me in distance. The records that I know we kept in the 80's seem to have been mislaid, but I think that was also an El Nino time so the rain would have been less. I hope these figures will prove interesting to residents in the district that keep a watch on our weather. - Diane Royal.



### Message from the Local Representation Committee

#### What is the Local Representation Committee?

Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council established the eight-person Local Representation Committee (LRC) in June. The Committee meets monthly and is chaired by former Palerang Mayor, Pete Harrison. Other members include:

- Peter Bray (Deputy Chair)
- Paul Cockram
- Jamie Cregan
- Trevor Hicks
- Mark Schweikert
- Trudy Taylor
- Sue Whelan OAM

At its most recent meeting, the LRC considered the draft Operational Plan (budget), draft Code of Meeting Practice and draft communications and engagement plan. The LRC made some comments and recommendations which were presented to the Administrator for consideration at a formal Council meeting. Overall, the of the Committee is to:

- provide advice on local views and issues
- provide input to the Operational Plans 2016-17 and 2017-18
- advise on the communication and engagement plan for the community
- provide input to the statement of vision and priorities
- assist to engage communities and partners in planning for the new council.

#### Stronger Communities Fund

Incorporated community groups and not-for-profit organisations in Queanbeyan-Palerang have a unique opportunity to access up to \$50,000 in funding. The NSW Government's Stronger Communities Fund has provided \$1m for projects that build more vibrant, sustainable and inclusive local communities. Applications close on 26 August and more information can be found on our website at [www.qprc.nsw.gov.au](http://www.qprc.nsw.gov.au). Council has received a further \$9m under the Stronger Communities Fund for major infrastructure projects and will be looking at its Asset Management Plans and other community priorities to allocate the funding.

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### Table Tennis Anyone?

Hi Wamboin Residents. We are wanting to start a table tennis group in the Wamboin Hall once a week. We are writing a grant from Community Grants, Queanbeyan Palerang Grants to purchase 2 table tennis tables. What we need are expressions of interest in our grant to show there are enough Wamboin residents interested in playing table tennis. If you would like to play, please send me an email at [deniselynnhales@gmail.com.au](mailto:deniselynnhales@gmail.com.au) or leave me a message on my land line 6238 3413. – Denise Hales

### How 18 OF Weeroona Drive’s July Whispers Were Delivered

Delivering the Whisper. It was all excitement in our house last week when we found a collection of Wamboin Whispers in our mailbox to deliver. Now many might think local rag distribution might be a bit of a chore but not around our house. We were allowed no more than 10 minutes from getting the collection out of our mailbox to head out on delivery... just enough time to hitch up the hounds. The delivery guy was very enthusiastic and the first kilometer of delivery was smooth sailing. We were able to assess the quality of each mailbox and discuss their mechanisms. Due to the rainfall some were a bit treacherous to get to especially when the delivery guy hasn't quite met a metre in height yet. Maybe it was the far superior quality of 512's mailbox in comparison to the rest of the mailboxes or the increasing number of local dogs breaking free to say hello to the hounds but the kilometer on the way home started to prove too much for the delivery guy who demanded a piggy back all the way home... but never fear citizens of Weeroona, he finished his round insisting on being the one to place the Whisper carefully into each mailbox. We have decided that being a postie is quite high on our career wish list and can't wait for next month! - Sophie Davis & Postman Rupert (3)



### Rainfall and Temperatures in Wamboin – 41 year statistics from the Robertsons

July rainfall ... 94.25mm  
 average July ... 52.7mm  
 (2015 to 31/7... 395mm)  
 (Aug 2015 ... 80mm)  
 Driest Aug. ... 5.5mm in 1994  
 Hottest Aug day ... 20C on 31/8/82  
 Coldest Aug night ... -5C X 5 times

(July 2015 ... 47.5mm)  
 2016 rainfall to 31/7... 524.75mm  
 Average August rainfall ... 54.8mm  
 Wettest Aug. ... 170mm in 1984  
 Wettest Aug day ... 35mm on 7/8/1985  
 Coldest Aug day ... 3C on 5/8/2015

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## Wamboin Muse

Jill Gregory

I've been away most of this month, and when you mention you'll be in Queensland, especially at this time of the year, everyone immediately pictures you basking on a tropical island, eyes softly closed, idling away the day under a palm tree with nothing to disturb you but the gentle rhythmic rush of water breaking on a pristine beach. The tropics are undeniably beautiful and a welcome escape from a cold, grey southern winter. The sky is bluer, the vegetation greener, the majestic rock outcrops redder and the sea sparkles, but people live in the tropics, and people, whether they live in a paradise or the pits, have problems in their lives. I remember, in years gone by, encountering families in strife who were "packing up and going to Queensland", heading north as if proximity to the equator would melt away their troubles. Sadly, we often pack our troubles in that extra suitcase and take it with us. Heading north, or west over the past fifty years has always meant spending time with family, and we have shared both special times, and sad, difficult times. But we've shared them together. Perhaps one day I might just escape to a tropical island and live the dream of a glossy travel brochure, but a six night package of contrived luxury and idleness might be enough. I rather like reality, warts and all!

And coming home, mid winter, is a bit "warts and all". It's grey, it's cold, it's wet...the ground is sodden, the trees are bare and everyone is hunched, tensed against the cold, wrapped in black or grey. But it is a delight to hear the creek running with such vigour, glimpse snow on the Brindabellas as you come down the hill, see the dams full and tanks overflowing, and a carpet of green grass in July. We found a bird's nest woven inside a plastic helmet that had hung on a peg since last used when chainsawing firewood. I have had fun collecting kindling and just being in the bush, wandering aimlessly. The woodpile, sitting since before last winter has grown the most amazing fungi...mauve and grey, white and orange, sometimes round blobs, sometimes splotches, but all destined for the firebox. The jonquils are out and daffodils are spearing through the mulched beds. There are hellebores and winter iris and the first pink flowers on the ornamental quince. I've been watching the twittering, dun coloured wrens, but today I spied the first bright little lad in his blue cap and scarf. There's not much happening above ground, but there is promise in the garden. Someone mentioned they'd started pruning roses...is it really that time again?

Visions of a tropical idyll may be alluring, but when the sun comes out in my own backyard and sets the wattles aglow I can't help thinking, given half the chance, that I wouldn't choose to live anywhere else. There's something very precious about being home.

### It's time to play tennis at Bungendore Park Tennis Club!

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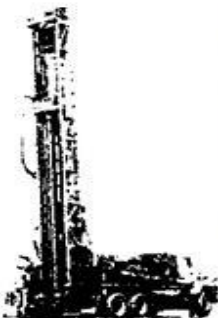
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