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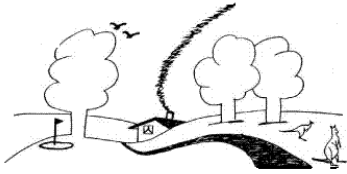


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Wamboin Community Association Acting President's Paragraphs



The rains have continued to fall on a regular weekly basis. I hear some say that this is the wettest winter for 35 years. The landscape is looking greener than ever and just waiting for a few weeks of warmer days to really kick the grass along. I saw a nice big shingleback on the back lawn yesterday enjoying some sun, no doubt the other reptiles have stirred. So, what's been happening on the past month in Wamboin?

Spring Talks – Tim Overall, the appointed Administrator for the newly merged Queanbeyan and Palerang Council attended our last Spring Talk. Tim presented the challenges for the newly merged Council and the pathway forward until the new Council elections in September 2017. We would like to thank Tim for his time and effort to visit our community. The next Spring Talk is on Tuesday October 18th and titled *Caring for your Horses* presented by local vet Rebecca Walsh.

Bonfire Night – The night sky was well and truly lit up at our annual bonfire night. The weather gods smiled on us although the grounds proved pretty wet. Once again thanks to Fireworks Australia, the Wamboin Rural Fire Brigade, Lofty, the Jennies, John, Keith and Pete, all the stall holders along with all the other volunteers that make the Bonfire Night the great night that it is.

Grants – The WCA has submitted four applications for the “Building Stronger Communities Grants” from the QPRC. Our applications include, funds for the purchase of recreational items (table tennis tables, board games etc..) to encourage a weekly get together for residents at the WCA Hall, funds for audio visual equipment, a WCA printer and funds for the establishment of a little Libraries network. Let's hope we get funding for all these worthy applications.

New Members – There are many events like the above Bonfire night, the Wheels of Wamboin, the monthly Home Produce Markets and the Curry Night organised by members of the WCA committee and volunteers. Be a part of your local community and help make this a great place to live. We welcome new members to our monthly meetings. It's only one evening a month and you get to meet others in the local community.

Next WCA Meeting - The next General Meeting of the Community Association will be at 7.30pm Tuesday 18 October in the Wamboin Community Hall, Bingley Way, Wamboin. -- Peter Evans - Acting President

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|  | <p style="text-align: center;">Bywong Community News www.bywongcommunity.org.au</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Anne Goonan, President</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The big event for July is</p> |  |
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Do you ever forget to do something you should do? The person who usually works with the Bywong Community Committee to put together the Bywong Community News maybe forgot. I forgot to ask him to do it for this month until 10 pm on the night the Whisper is due at the printer. Anne Goonan maybe forgot because she and a lot of other people in Bywong were, among other things, working to make real the Bungendore Abbyfield House, which will benefit residents of this area and the wider Bungendore area for many years into the future. So that project's appeal seemed like the best thing to put on this page.
- Editor

The Bungendore Abbeyfield House Project Needs Your Support!!

This is a special request for your help. If you support the Abbeyfield House for seniors in Bungendore - then please tell your local Member for Monaro!

Monaro NSW Government representative, Minister John Barilaro MP, has been a strong supporter of the Abbeyfield project. He recently encouraged the NSW Minister for Ageing to visit Bungendore and look at the planned site for the house. The Bungendore Abbeyfield committee had the opportunity to meet and describe the project and the need for the Abbeyfield House to Minister Ajaka, and Minister Barilaro announced another \$10,000 toward the project.

John Barilaro is prepared to lobby at all levels of Government. He needs community support to do that effectively, and has now posted out a 'survey' to gauge local community support for the Abbeyfield House. It has been sent to all residences in the 2621 postcode (Bungendore/Bywong area). Although Wamboin is also "local" it is difficult to post to the 2620 postcode given the wide geography of the area (e.g. Michelago).

The survey 'flyer' is seeking "signatures to help lobby NSW and Federal Ministers to commit to construct this overdue amenity" - the Abbeyfield House.

With a healthy indication of community support, he stands a much better chance of succeeding.

We (the committee) would really appreciate it if - in the absence of a piece of paper (which many dispose of without reading) - you could make a little effort on our behalf and contact Mr Barilaro to show that you support the Abbeyfield Bungendore project. Help him to convince 'the powers that be' that this is a project worth their full support and funding!

The Federal Member for Eden-Monaro - Dr Mike Kelly MP - fully supports the project as well.

This is an important milestone in the project as it takes the initiative to a much higher level. Please take the time to put in a positive response for us....and help to give the Abbeyfield House project a significant step forward. (we'll be long dead before we raise the money needed with jams and pickles!)

Your response can either be emailed/posted or phoned to his office: monaro@parliament.nsw.gov.au phone 62994899 PO Box 998 Queanbeyan 2620

The planned Abbeyfield House will provide independent living accommodation for twelve to fourteen seniors in a not for profit, non-denominational house. A housekeeper will provide meals. The house is self-sustaining with no further funding required, the only costs to residents being part of the aged pension and any Commonwealth Rent Assistance being received.

- Anne Goonan



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Rainfall

Just to join in the talk on the record rainfall, I have fixed a problem I have experienced with both of my Nylex rain gauges. When we had a very heavy fall of rain, after the measuring tube filled (26.5mm) the cup would start to fill. This was due to the airtight fit of the cup to the outer case. Problem: When I tugged the cup off (it is a very tight fit) I would sometimes spill some of the rain. Solution: I drilled a small (1/8) hole in the outer case just below the cup. This releases the trapped air and the gauge works fine with the extra rain (over 26.5mm) spilling into the outer case for later measurement. Alternatively, the hole could be drilled in the outer skirt of the cup (above the outer tube) with equal effect.

Maybe worth a mention that in Australia daily rain readings are made at 9am and are recorded **on that day**. For interest, in New Zealand, readings are also made at 9am but are credited to the previous day. The argument being the previous day gives a 15 hour window versus 9 hours. Written with webbed feet. Lofty Mason

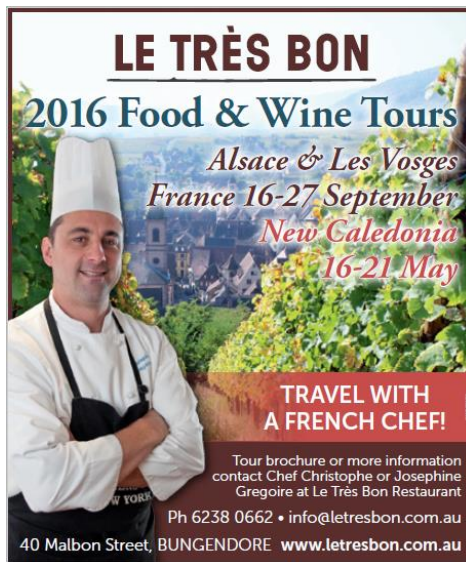


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The Facts About The Ellerton Drive Extension

Suggested for the Whisper and for the Stony Creek Gazette by Palerang-Queanbeyan Regional Council, Prepared by the Council's Manager of Integrated Planning and Communications, Ricky Tozer

Much has been said in the local media, and indeed this newsletter, regarding the Ellerton Drive Extension. Planning for this road has been ongoing for many years and intensified in the last four years to the point where it was approved by Determination Panel in June 2016 to proceed.

The Ellerton Drive Extension is the major piece of the puzzle to ensure Queanbeyan's traffic network continues to operate at a satisfactory standard as the city's population grows.

The 4.6km project will link east Queanbeyan at the current termination point of Ellerton Drive with Karabar at the intersection of Old Cooma Rd and Edwin Land Parkway. The Extension will be a single lane road with climbing lanes and will include a new bridge over the Queanbeyan River which will be above the 1 in 100 year flood level.

The benefits of the Extension include

- alternate access around the Queanbeyan CBD
- reduction of congestion on key Queanbeyan roads, especially around the CBD
- reduction of the number of heavy vehicles travelling through the CBD
- increasing road network capacity to address growing Googong population
- a river crossing above the 1 in 100 year flood level
- additional access/exit points for residents in the Fairlane estate and emergency access points for Greenleigh residents

The corridor for the Ellerton Drive Extension has been identified on Council maps, plans and strategies since the 1970s and has been supported to some degree by eight previous councils.

The EDE project will be financed by a combination of Government grants and loan funding. The NSW and Commonwealth Governments have provided \$25m each in funding towards the construction of the road. With the road estimated to cost between \$80m-\$86m, QPRC has approved obtaining a long term low interest loan for \$36m to fund the remainder of the project. All of this loan, including interest, will be repaid via developer contributions, which will primarily come from the developers of Googong. In summary, ratepayers will not be required to pay extra for this project via their rates.

The Googong and Tralee Traffic Study (developed in 2009), and subsequent updates, have shown that Dunns Creek Road is not required to be built within the study horizon (up to 2031) based on population forecasts. In September 2015, Council recognised the role Dunns Creek Road could play in Queanbeyan's traffic network well into the future by selecting a preferred alignment and the identification of the road corridor.

Staff are continuing to finalise tender documents for the construction of the road, with initial stages of work expected to commence prior to Christmas 2016.

All of the studies and planning undertaken for the Ellerton Drive Extension, including fact sheets and responses to submissions made during the public exhibition periods can be found via <http://www.qcc.nsw.gov.au/Ellerton-Drive-Extension/EDE>.

Ellerton Drive Extension Timeline

- 1974 - The Ellerton Drive Extension corridor is shown in the Queanbeyan Structure Plan.
- 1994 - The Ellerton Drive Extension corridor is shown in the Queanbeyan Structure Plan.
- 2004 - The Ellerton Drive Extension corridor is shown in the Queanbeyan Structure Plan.
- September 2006 – NSW Planning Minister requests Council prepare a long-term residential and employment lands strategy to accommodate growth for up to 25 years. The Strategy includes the EDE, then known as the Edwin Land Parkway.
- November 2006 – Residential and Economic Strategy 2031, which includes EDE, endorsed.
- April 2007 – NSW Department of Planning reviews the strategy and requests Council develop a transport strategy to service new residential and employment lands.
- 2009 – Council engages Gabites Porter to conduct a fully-functioning integrated land use/transport model to analyse Queanbeyan's traffic network
- June 2009 – Council supports in principle the recommendations of the draft Queanbeyan Strategic Traffic Plan and places it on exhibition.
- August 2009 – Council adopts the draft Queanbeyan Strategic Traffic Plan and resolves to rename it the Googong and Tralee Traffic Study (2031). In adopting the Study, Council accepted the recommendation of Option 05B which included a combination of the Ellerton Drive Extension, four-laning of Old Cooma Rd and various intersection improvements.
- October and December 2013 – Council holds two Public Transport Forums.
- September 2011 – NSW Government provides \$4m package to allow design and environmental studies for the EDE, further stages of Old Cooma Rd, various intersection upgrades as well as seed funding Dunns Creek Rd corridor identification and related studies.
- February 2013 – Council agreed to a list of priorities to raise with candidates for the Federal election. The number one priority was funding for the EDE.
- August 28 2013 – Council resolved to proceed with detailed design of the EDE. Following consultation, the design would include gated emergency access at the end of Lonergan Dr, Greenleigh and a left in, left out and right in connection to Fairlane Estate.
- December 2013 – Council accepts a tender for consultants to prepare detailed design.

- June 2014 – Commonwealth and NSW Governments announce funding contributions of \$25m each
- December 2014 – The traffic model used in developing the Googong and Tralee Traffic Study is updated with current Census data, land release data and Queanbeyan and Canberra traffic counts. The updated study supports the findings of the previous study.
- December 2014 – February 2015 – A range of documents relating to the EDE, including Review of Environmental Factors, Species Impact Statement and Preliminary Design are exhibited.
- February 2015 – Commencement of noise workshops with affected residents.
- February 2015 – Council resolves to hold an independently facilitated Community Forum on the EDE
- April 2015 – Around 350 community members attend Community Forum on the EDE
- December 2015 – Bitzios Consulting commissioned by RMS on behalf of Council to review the traffic modelling and reporting in the Googong and Tralee Traffic Study (2031). Review found that processes were consistent with standard strategic modelling practices and modelling appeared logical and consistent.
- February 2016 – Species Impact Statement Addendum publicly exhibited
- May 2016 – Independent consultant prepares Determination Report
- June 2016 – NSW Office of Environment and Heritage provides concurrence for Determination Report
- June 2016 – Determination Panel Meeting and Extraordinary Meeting held in Queanbeyan

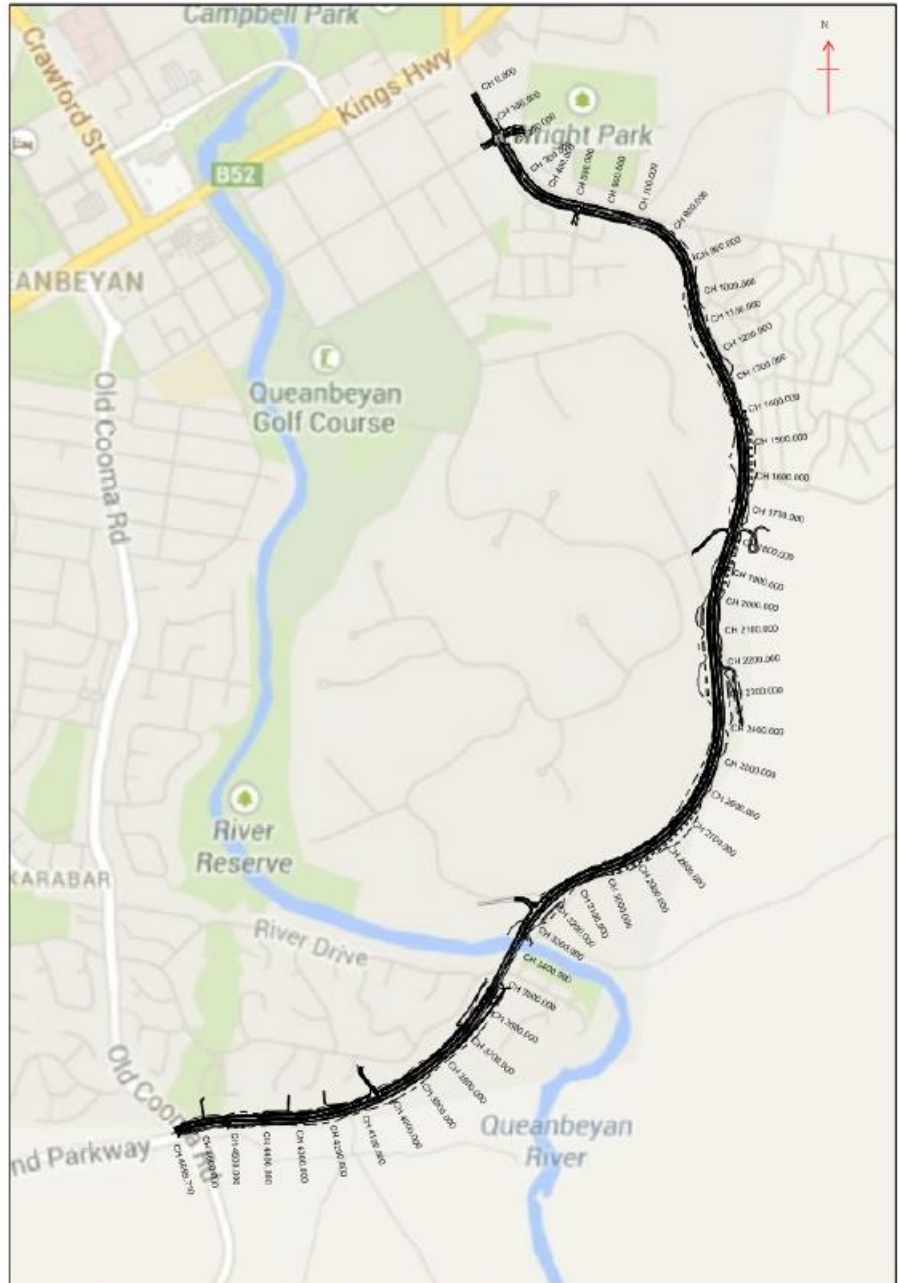


Figure 1 – Plan View of the Proposed Ellerton Drive Extension

Whisper Editor’s Note: In an effort to show where the road will be, I found this map on the Council Website at <http://www.qcc.nsw.gov.au/Ellerton-Drive-Extension/EDE>

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By: Cassie Duddy of CEH

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It is essential that both medical and veterinary practitioners, including all their employees follow safe working procedures at all times and in regards to this article the 'Safe Disposal of Sharps'. Occupational and personal health & safety make this information imperative to pass on to our clients and the general public as it is a crucial no. 1 rule which if not followed can do

bodily harm to others outside the workplace or even at home, when collecting and disposing of waste.

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Wamboin Bonfire No. 36

The weather gods held off enough for our 36th annual bonfire night to be a roaring success. Despite strong competition from the Canberra Raiders semi-final, the Swans vs GWS and the Wallabies we still drew a strong crowd. The grounds were pretty damp ensuring the fire was never going to get away with the sound of squelching feet throughout the night. The display was great sending the night sky into raptures of colour to the sounds of ooh and arr from the crowd. The bonfire raged into the night with the hot coals edging the crowd closer and closer as the flames died down. These are the things that really make our country community special.

Once again there are many, many thank you's. Firstly to Fireworks Australia for the great pyrotechnic's and also the Wamboin Fire Service who assisted with gate-takings, the difficult job of parking, providing supervisory support at the actual bonfire once it was lit and of course providing one of the many food stalls. To our various service groups around the community who all came together to run their various food stalls, another thank you. Our service groups include: Sutton Primary School, Wamboin Pony Club, St Andrews Church, the Wonderful Women of Wamboin, the Wamboin Playgroup, the Wamboin Golf Club and if I've forgotten any group I apologise.

Lofty Mason reminded me that a couple of other points are worth noting: points: Sutton Primary School did not have a stall this year, the Golf Club Stall and H19 proceeds will go to the Beckett Family driveway resurface.

The WCA raffle again this year was a success because of the generosity of local donors and the community in purchasing tickets. A big thank you to Pendon Enterprises (many, many eggs & vouchers), C&G Foster (eco-vegetable box), R&R Diner (dinner voucher x2), Contentious Character Winery & Diner (variety of many wines), K Handel & K France (fine wines), Bungendore Butchery (preparation of meat trays), Joan Mason (confectionery, fruit boxes), Pearl vdS (voucher), for making a great raffle of 27 items which raised close on \$380 for the WCA coffers. Please continue to support our local donors and their activities whenever you can.

Finally as always, a couple of important individuals; Lofty Mason, Keith France, the two Jennies, John, Keith and Jenny's Pete along with all the other volunteers that make the Bonfire Night the great night that it is. – Peter Evans



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The Wamboin Firefighter

The Wamboin Firefighter newsletter is produced by the Wamboin Rural Fire Brigade for the benefit of residents and property owners in the brigade's area that includes the localities of Wamboin, Bywong and Sutton (south of the Federal Highway) and Bungendore (along and west of the Lake George escarpment).

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The key things to remember:

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- Getting a permit is free and easy.
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- Fires lit without a valid permit are illegal and may attract severe penalties, so it is in the resident's own interest to obtain a permit.
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As temperatures get warmer we ask landowners to use care when lighting fires. It is an offence to allow a fire to escape from your property and it is your responsibility to ensure that fires are not left unattended.

If a fire does escape, it is essential to call Triple Zero (000) immediately so emergency services can respond accordingly and minimise damage.

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SEASONAL PREPARATION OF YOUR PROPERTY

Given the volume and frequency of the rain these past couple of months the bogging index for most of us anywhere off road will remain almost off the scale for a wee-while yet. But be assured, if we start seeing a little more sun and temperatures climbing the lawn and pastures will begin to take off. Subject to the caveat above, here are a few suggestions you might incorporate in your property preparations over the coming weeks:

- Slash or mow long grass and remove any build-up of material. Keep garden mulch away from your house.
- Remove leaves from gutters.
- Cut back trees overhanging both your home and your access/egress route(s).
- Remove fallen branches and other debris.
- Check/service equipment, e.g. grass cutters, water pumps, sprinkler systems and fire extinguishers.
- Make sure the pressure relief valve on LPG cylinders faces outwards (so a flame won't be directed towards any part of your house).
- Review, update and practise your Bush Fire Survival Plan.
- With your family, identify and assemble items that will form part of your Bush Fire Survival Kit.

BRIGADE CALLOUTS

In the past month the Brigade has attended 4 motor vehicle accidents, 2 un-notified pile burns and 1 false alarm. Since the beginning of 2016 the Brigade has responded to 45 events.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

On Saturday 17 September with the resumption of the Wamboin market after winter recess, the brigade set up its information stall outside the fire station to answer visitor queries and offer advice about property and personal preparations for the coming bush fire season. Several new residents to the area took the opportunity to call by.

On the same day the Brigade played its usual role of parking BBQ and fire protection at the WCA Bonfire and Fireworks evening.

USEFUL LINKS AND CONTACT INFORMATION

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The NSW Rural Fire Service website provides an electronic copy of its **Bushfire Survival Plan guide** that you can download and complete. You can also access its **MyFirePlan** smartphone apps. in both iOS and Android versions.

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

Wamboin Brigade Captain: captain@brigade.wamboincommunity.asn.au or 0409 991 340

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What is a community garage sale? Basically, we encourage everyone (or as many as we can!) in the town to host a garage sale, all on the same day, all at the same time.

Households in Captains Flat register to take part on the day so their garage sale address is marked on a map of the town. This map will be available to bargain hunters for a gold coin donation at the Captains Flat Fire Station from 8.00am. This helps people to find all the garage sales and will also identify some of the larger, more attractive items that people are selling.

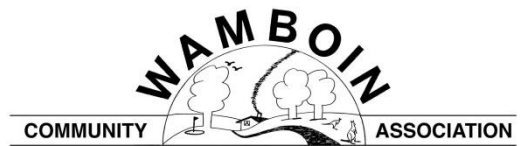
While collecting your map from the Fire Station enjoy a sausage sizzle breakfast from 8am. – Elizabeth Estbergs, Captains Flat

More information on <http://captainsflat.org/Garage Sale.htm> or email garagesale@captainsflat.org

Spring Talks Series – 2016

by Jenny Warren for the Wamboin Community Association

The Wamboin Community Association (WCA) would like to invite all residents of Wamboin and surrounding areas to the second in our **Spring Talks Series - 2016**.



“THE HORSE TALK” OCTOBER 18th, 7:30pm

Dr Rebecca Walshe and Dr Suzanne Polak of Canberra Equine Hospital are excited to share their experiences and extensive range of equine veterinary knowledge with the Wamboin community. Rebecca and Suzanne will be focusing on ‘**Care for the older horse**’ where they will cover areas such as nutrition, dentistry, hoof care and metabolic disease.

Rebecca graduated from Queensland University in 1998 with Honours. She started at Canberra Veterinary Hospital in 1998 and is particularly interested in equine performance and lameness problems. She has a passion for equine dentistry and has completed a Post Graduate Veterinary Membership in the area of Equine Dentistry. Suzanne has completed study in several areas including a Diploma in Pastoral Production, a Bachelor of Applied Science in Equine Studies, a Bachelor of Veterinary Science and recently a Graduate Diploma in Animal Biomechanical Medicine. When not formally studying Suzanne continues self learning in all things equine health, medicine, behaviour and general well being.

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Thank you to Administrator Tim Overall of Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council who was the first guest speaker in our **Spring Talks Series – 2016** in September. Tim presented on the progress of the Palerang and Queanbeyan Council merger and outlined the ongoing transition, finance and management plans leading up to our next Council election in September 2017. He answered questions on everything from road maintenance to the shortage of residential aged-care facilities in Queanbeyan and stayed on after his presentation to answer questions from individual residents.

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Covering a variety of topics relevant to life in a rural-residential area and presented by local experts, the WCA’s **Spring Talks Series** will entertain and inform. Come to the **Wamboin Community Hall, 112 Bingley Way, Wamboin, at 7:30pm** on the following Spring evenings.

| Talk Number | Date | Topic | Speaker/s |
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| 2 of 3 | 18th October | Care for the Older Horse | Dr Rebecca Walshe & Dr Suzanne Polak, Canberra Equine Hospital |
| 3 of 3 | 15th November | Birds of Wamboin | David McDonald & David Cook Amateur Local Ornithologists |

The talks will be preceded by a short meeting of the WCA, and will be followed by refreshments and an opportunity to speak to the presenters, meet more of your neighbours and get to know what’s really going on in your community - **it’s where we all live!**

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| September rainfall to 25/9/16 ... 114.75mm | (2015 to 30/9 ... 14.25mm) |
| (September average ... 61.9mm) | 2016 to 25/9 ... 688.25mm |
| (2015 to 30/9 ... 489.25mm) | Average October rainfall ... 59.1mm |
| (Oct 2015 ... 19.75mm) | Wettest October ... 198mm in 1976 |
| Driest October ... 4.5mm in 2006 | Wettest October day ... 59mm on 17/10/76 |
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Floral Celebration

On Sunday 30 October, St Andrew's church is having a Spring Flower Celebration. St Andrew's church services are regularly held on the first and third Sundays of the month, but with this being a fifth Sunday it was decided to do something different. Not a Morning Prayer service, nor a Holy Communion service, just a service of celebration to the beauty of flowers. If you have flowers in your garden on the last weekend in October and would like to pick some to have displayed in the church, please deliver them to the church between 2-3.00pm on Saturday 29 October.

Then at 9.00am on Sunday morning, please join for a period of worship to the beauty of God's creations. Even if you cannot supply flowers all are welcome to attend, admire the display and join the congregation in giving thanks for the bounty of the earth. All are encouraged to bring a single bloom to the service. – Alan Rope

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Spring has arrived. The church garden at St Andrews is becoming very pretty after its winter sleep, and the grass is growing apace at St Peters. Our next event on the church calendar is the Blessing of the Animals service at St Andrews on Sunday, 2 October. All creatures great and small are welcome, but in the unfortunate case of wet weather we advise that it may be wise to leave your prized bull at home as the venue may prove to be too small.

On 22 October there is the Pot Luck Dinner at St Andrews. In the past this has been a great feast and a most enjoyable evening. All are welcome. Bring along your speciality be it a salad or a casserole, dessert or nibbles, and feast on someone else's fare. For further information please call Alan Rope or Bronwyn Elliott. There is a Spring Flower Festival planned for the end of October, so get into the garden and encourage what looks promising.

Kids Club is in recess for the NSW school holidays, but will resume each Friday at 5.30 pm until 7pm at St Andrews, Poppet Rd. A range of activities cater for a spread of ages and all children share a meal together at the end of the session. Parents are encouraged to stay if possible and join in the activities.

Several members of our congregation are holidaying overseas at the moment and we wish them safe travel and that they return, refreshed, with a suitcase full of happy memories.

Church services are held on the first and third Sunday of each month at St Andrews, and the second and fourth Sunday at St Peters. All services start at 9am, and are followed by a delicious morning tea and a chance to chat and catch up with what is going on in the community. All are warmly welcomed whether you are new to the district or a long term resident.

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Nature Notes September 2016

Jo Walker

The very wet winter weather seems to be continuing into spring, with almost 50mm of rain since I came home from a trip in the second week of September and more forecast before we reach October. The creeks are running noisily and there are many areas on my place that have had surface water running over the soggy ground for weeks now. A multitude of frogs are taking advantage of the wet conditions, calling from the dam and all of the ponds along the creek.

Many of the local wattles are still flowering – Silver Wattles (*Acacia dealbata*), Red-stemmed Wattles (*A. rubida*) and Poverty Wattles (*A. dawsonii*) are all still bearing clusters of bright yellow flowers. But, a lot of the other shrubs and the smaller plants seem to be a bit backward in flowering this year. The Urn Heath (*Melichrus urceolatus*) is almost at the end of its winter flowering and a few of the peas are just beginning to bloom. The tall prickly-leaved *Dillwynia sieberi* has a good display of yellow and red flowers and the low-growing *Hovea heterophylla* is adding a few purple patches to the green landscape. And, of course, the twining False Sarsparilla (*Hardenbergia violacea*) is providing even more vivid purple. There are several of these beautiful plants sprawled along the road cutting on the western end of Norton Road.

The sodden ground has benefited the Billy Buttons (*Craspedia variabilis*) and the Pale Sundews (*Drosera peltata*). The number of Billy Button plants has increased noticeably although they are a bit late to flower this year – so far, they are just beginning to produce the long stems bearing buds. The Pale Sundews are also still in bud, but have come up in bright green carpets in the very wet places. Another moisture loving plant, the Common Buttercups (*Ranunculus lappaceus*) are just starting to produce their glossy golden flowers.

There doesn't seem to be a lot of nesting activity amongst the birds yet, although a Sulphur-crested Cockatoo seems to be guarding a hole high in one of the Red Stringybark trees along the creek. And a pair of Black-faced Cuckoo-shrikes were recently very busy flying from shrub to shrub and amongst the trees at the top of the hill. And, between the time I started these Notes and finished them, I walked down to pick up the newspaper and noticed the pair of Spotted Pardalotes busy at the nesting site they have used for the previous two years!

A small flock of Silver-eyes has been flying around the wattles for the last few days and appear to be finding some small insects there. A pair of Ravens have taken up residence recently, but the pair of Magpie-larks that were here for most of the winter seem to have moved away. A few Red-browed Finches are still around and a pair were examining the briar bush below the house where there were four Finch nests one year.

Most lizards are apparently still hibernating as, so far this spring, I've only seen a few Grass Skinks. The Echidnas are already digging into the nests of Meat Ants and turning over the soil in search of other prey. And most of the Kangaroo joeys are exploring their surroundings for at least part of the day before returning to the warmth of a pouch and are probably about to experience an unusually green summer.



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Wildcare's Small Surprise

Wildcare has often encouraged people to keep the area around their house and backyard nice and tidy, so that wildlife – particularly venomous snakes, can be discouraged or readily seen. Woodpiles can be a high-risk area, as snakes, lizards, spiders, echidnas and other animals can make it their home. If we are vigilant we can see problems before they arise, but a recent Wildcare incident brought home the need to take great care.

Dianne, a Wildcare volunteer, described a recent rescue, "I was called out to a Burra house to check out what was said to be a sugar glider that had turned up inside a house – it had been found in the lounge room. You can imagine my delight and surprise to discover it was actually a tiny, but adult, Feathertail glider. This little lady was about 10 grams and extremely lucky. *Photo to right: a Feathertail*

"Some firewood had been brought into the house and the glider must have fallen from it. The homeowner found it on the carpet, heading towards the door and she could not believe her eyes. To think this tiny creature had been carried into the house on the back of a log was amazing. Normally Feathertails spend their time above the ground, but can come down to forage for food, such as ants and termites. Checking out the woodheap, it appeared to be in an ideal place to attract this type of animal, being close to a huge old broad leaf peppermint, Eucalyptus bridgesiana, situated in an overgrown deep gully.



"This lucky lady was in good condition and was released back into the gully. Insectivorous bats and possums have also been known to catch a ride on firewood, so please take care."

At this time of year, as wildlife gets on the move, it is even more important to ensure animals cannot readily get into the house and give you a surprise. Wildcare often gets called out to remove snakes that have wriggled through a gap or when a screen door has been left open! One year, Wildcare rescued an echidna that had trundled through an open door and taken up residence in the hallway.

Wildcare can be contacted on 6299 - 1966. – Phil Machin, for Wildcare, 6238-3717

Wildcare training. Rescue & orientation course, Sat 8 Oct, 8.45 a.m. - 4.30 p.m., at the Wamboin Community Hall. BYO lunch. New members welcome (an essential course). For details - contact Laurel, Tel. 6297 8806. Pictured: a boobock in care.



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Wamboin Golf – September 2016

Sunday, 4 September. It was a beautiful, crisp, early Spring day. The golfers of this green and pleasant Local Government Area were preparing to contest the Wamboin Spring Trophy, sponsored by Joan and Lofty Mason. There was a spring in everyone's step. All over the course springs were bubbling to the surface, courtesy of 44mm of overnight rain. After the captain declared the course to be unplayable, we all springed (or sprang, if you prefer) to our vehicles and headed for the community hall to play the only dry hole, the 19th.

Meanwhile at Jedi HQ, in a galaxy far, far away the Jedi Council was debating the decision of the ABS to leave no room on the census form to nominate religions alternative to those listed. "How can we possibly keep track of our 64,000 Jedi warriors in Australia?" said the big asthmatic guy with the black bucket on his head. "Teed off, no end, I am," said the little green bloke with big ears, wearing a hessian bag. "Argghhh, arrgghh, arrgghhh!" said that tall hairy dude. "Someone put the dog out", said Lemon Solo. And that, believe it or not, is why they sent Princess Lilo and Lukewarm Streetwalker to Earth to sort it out. Their first mistake was to disguise themselves as the Van Klomp family on a "magic mushroom" trip from Melbourne to Yass where they had the misfortune to run into Sam Dastardly, agent of a foreign power. China Sam referred them to his mates in the EW section of the Peoples Liberation Army. It was just bad luck that Lukewarm stuffed up a promising DoS campaign by sticking his laser sabre into the IBM mainframe which haemorrhaged in a dazzling display of blue lights.

Back at the Bingley Way Battle Star the Empire was striking back. Thanks to Joan and Lofty everybody won a prize and was fed beyond the dictates of gluttony on spring rolls and other goodies. The googly ball was awarded to special guest, Tanya Plebiscite, deputy leader of the Vogons, who is calling for a conscience vote on marriage equality. The dummy spit award went to the Van Klomp family for their long range fustercluck.

Next month will feature the Oktoberfest Kompetition. Contestants will be restricted to three clubs and a beer stein. Join us at the hall on Sunday, 2 October at 12.15pm for the 12.30pm cannon. And if it's a mild Spring day we can all go for a refreshing dip in any one of the swimming pools owned and operated by the Qantas Pilots Recreation Club – if they're open. If not, you may join your correspondent in his back dam. And happy 90th birthday to Charlie Le Lievre!

-- Larry King, golfing Jedi



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Community meetings October/November 2016



Come along and find out about the new Council, major projects, upcoming
community events and ask questions of Council representatives:

- **Captains Flat** – Wednesday 19 October at Captains Flat Community Hall commencing at 6pm.
- **Bungendore** – Wednesday 26 October at Bungendore Council Chambers commencing at 6.30pm (following scheduled Council meeting).
- **Queanbeyan** – Wednesday 9 November at Queanbeyan Council Chambers commencing at 6.30pm (following scheduled Council meeting)
- **Braidwood** – Wednesday 16 November at Council Meeting Room commencing at 6pm

To add an item to the agenda, please email communications@qprc.nsw.gov.au



The Wonderful Women of Wamboin

Gail Ritchie Knight

Once again the Wonderful Women of Wamboin (WWOW) womanned a stand at the Wamboin Bonfire night serving curry and rice dishes. The organiser Barbara Malam reported that after costs, we netted a substantial amount of funds to inject into the community. Thank you to all involved in our successful fundraiser.

On the last Monday of the month, we were treated to a talk by locals Phil and Lesley Machin from Wildcare. They gave us invaluable advice on how to act when we come across injured wild animals as well as baby birds that have seemingly fallen out of trees. Did you know there is a wrong and a right way for picking up tortoises. Do it wrong and the consequences are revolting. The highlight was the cute and cuddly Heidi and Holly, three-month old wombats. Phil and Lesley work tirelessly in the rescue, rehabilitation and release back into the bush of injured or orphaned wombats. It was a delight to hear of their work. Finally, in September, we celebrated our 10th birthday with a festive lunch. Despite the rain, it was a lovely day that we shared with the BOWWOWS (boyfriends of WWOWs) and even some long-lost members from the past. Particularly special was the presence of our founder Claire Ayling and her husband Steve, who now live in Goulburn. It was so good to see them. Without Claire's initiative, I doubt that WWOW would even exist. We miss them.

All women are welcome at St Andrew's church, corner of Norton and Poppet Roads, Wamboin on Mondays 10 am-noon. For more information contact Gail Ritchie Knight 0416 097 500 whirlwind1@argonite.com.au.



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Wamboin Pony Club - September

The past chilly and wet winter months have put a bit of a dampener on some of Wamboin Pony Clubs events. We have managed to slip in a rally day here and there but our main Mounted games event and our main fundraiser had to be cancelled due to the wet weather and soggy showground. A number of other Pony Club events and fundraising have also been affected this year by the weather which is unfortunate. The Wamboin fireworks event was however held the other weekend and our Pony Club stall was again selling hot dogs, glow sticks and assorted lollies. Numbers for that event were down this year as well, probably also due to the cooler weather but thanks to all those in the community who did come along to support all the stallholders and again see a great firework show. This was a fun night yet again and thank you to those in the Community Association who organised the event.



Last Sunday a small band of our Wamboin riders gathered for our most recent rally day and there was time to practice for our upcoming friendly competition with the Geary's Gap Pony Club - The Challenge Shield. This year we compete at the Geary's Gap grounds in what should be a fun day of riding events and we hope this year to keep the trophy, but I guess we'll see on the day.

Although this column is usually to report the good things happening at your local pony club in our small Wamboin community, it is sad I have to report that there are quite possibly thieves living among us. In the past couple of months we have had a number of items stolen from our Pony Club arenas. Our grounds belong to the community and are for anyone to use but are maintained by the parent volunteers involved in the Wamboin Pony Club at our cost. Some low life has twice unbolted and stolen various sized gates from our arenas and removed chains. The gates on our arenas are quite obviously in place for safety as when riding you need the area to be secure. We had replaced the first lot of stolen gates only to have more taken recently so whoever you are you are stealing from your community and your neighbours. Sadly we have now had to put our grounds under more thorough surveillance and if anybody does see suspicious activity around the Wamboin Pony Club grounds please take note and let us or the authorities know. It is sad to think someone has to steal from the community they live in, I hope you are proud to hang our stolen gates around your property!

Our next Wamboin Pony Club rally day is actually Challenge Shield day Sunday 9th October but if you are looking for a way to get out with your horse and if you are aged between 4 and 25 then pony club is for you. Rally days are a great social day and not only do you have fun riding but 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 Sunday. 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 and find us on Facebook - we hope we will see you soon.

- Steve Quick

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by Robyn Robertson

From: YARROWLUMLA COUNCIL NEWS. Peter Greenwood, our local Councillor.

“Fernloff Road Works: Council is presently considering the next stage of road works for Fernloff Road. This will involve the sealing of the remainder of Fernloff. It is proposed to hold a site meeting with any interested residents to discuss works especially in respect of commitments made when the subdivision was approved.

New Roads Named: Notice is hereby given that, at the suggestion of representatives of the developers of the subdivision off Fernloff Road, Council proposes to adopt the following road names;

Robertson Road: which is the main access road heading north from Fernloff Road at the right angle bend. This is in memory of David Robertson, a long term Wamboin resident and a former Yarrawlumla Shire Councillor who gave many years of community service to the Community Association, the Fire Brigade, Legacy, and was instrumental in the establishment of St Andrew’s Anglican church in Wamboin.

Finn Place: which is the cul-de-sac branching to the right off the proposed Robertson Road. In memory of John Finn, also a long term resident of Wamboin who also gave many years of service to the Wamboin Community and was the first Captain of the Wamboin Bush Fire Brigade. Council is inviting written comments which will be received up until 4pm on Friday 2 November 2001.”

Can You Add Something to the November Whisper?

If you helped deliver, run an ad in, or write for this October Whisper, thank you. And can we do it again next month? If you can contribute something to the November Whisper, your work will almost certainly add a little bit to the lives of hundreds of people. Deadline is 7 pm, Sunday night, October 30. Email to whisper@wamboincommunity.asn.au or nednoel@optusnet.com.au, ph 6238 3484. – Ned Noel, editor

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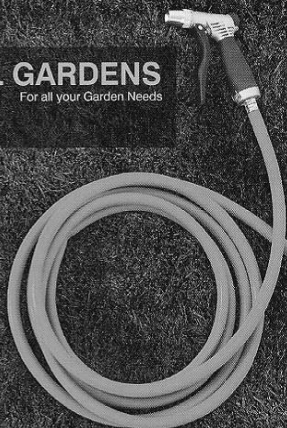
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Wamboin Muse

Jill Gregory

It's a glorious spring day outside my study window. Perfect weather for pottering in the garden, pulling a few weeds, deadheading those now faded daffodils as I squelch between flower beds, and embracing the quiet energy of spring. However, I'm locked up inside, trying to "muse"..

I looked up the word "muse" in my battered old dictionary and it said, "to reflect, ponder, usually in silence, a state of abstraction." Silence, sweet silence. But it is school holidays, and schools holidays and silent "ponderings" are not synonymous! However, the exuberant young lads visiting from the north have just gone outside to play with their cousin, and peace reigns within.

Last year they had a wonderful time converting an old, time expired garden shed into the fabled Wamboiniana Restaurant, and for over a year they kept the dream alive. Now, after only a couple of days of hard won team work, they have extended Wamboiniana into a veritable food court with al fresco areas, paths and gardens, and a kitchen that would pass the most stringent government health standards on a good day!! Our young, creative scavengers have learned and achieved so much along the way, free to explore, build and make their own fun! The fact that my kitchen seems a little short on cups and glasses, and I'm forced to sweep the floor bent double with a dustpan and brush is of little consequence. Their enthusiasm is boundless and my only concern will be when sheets of corrugated iron start disappearing from the verandah roof!

Beautiful spring, and this year even more vigorous after exceptional winter rain. The rushing creek and happy frogs are simply white noise, a backdrop for the brilliant bird song. Some ingenious little brown birds found the perfect nesting place, this year, on a shelf at the back of the garage. They weren't going to risk a nest in the open for their offspring. An even smarter couple chose the ideally shaped chain saw helmet, hanging from a beam. No one opted for the plastic "nests" at the top of the down pipes as in previous years; a wise decision considering the rain. We have even installed three young hens in the old chook yard, and they immediately rewarded us with three perfect eggs. The thrill of discovering a still warm egg in a nest of straw sure beats finding one in a cardboard carton off the supermarket shelf. And in the garden, yellow daffodils stand out against the blues of rosemary, catmint, muscari and hyacinths, and as each day progresses, stark, grey limbs are coming alive with green. Some blossoms have finished but the forgotten trees in the old orchard are in bloom and the crab apples are about to become a mass of frothy pink.

One could say that the downside to all this rain and warmth are weeds, but as a wise old Chinese fellow said more than two thousand years ago, "Where would the gardener be if there were no more weeds." A day or an hour spent in the garden pulling weeds, especially in our soft ground, is the best therapy possible; a silent, mindless time, a chance to ponder, reflect, and achieve a mountain of good greens for the chooks!

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