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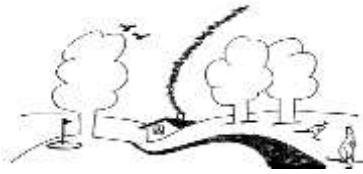
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Wamboin Community Association President's Paragraphs



“The rains are here”

Well the rains have finally arrived to break our winter dry spell. Finally in late July, the heavens opened to provide a much needed soaking and spring soil moisture. What a contrast to last year when we had the most rain for around 70 seasons. This year we have the driest start to winter in 38 years and the coldest start to winter in 33 years. The average June rainfall is around 40mm and we had just 2.4mm, but then again, weather is always unrehearsed.

Meet the Candidates Night – with the upcoming local government elections due on the 9th of September the WCA has invited the Bywong Community Association to join us to host our Meet the Candidates night. The night will be held on August 22nd at the Wamboin Hall from 7.30pm. All nominated candidates will be invited. With the new amalgamated Council this is a good chance for residents to hear from candidates from across the Council area. It is also a good opportunity for potential Councillors to hear from us.

Wamboin Communications Action Group's -WCAG advised our recent WCA meeting that they are in early negotiations with a potential supplier for a community based fibre to the premise solution. If you go to the WCA website you can find a link under Community Groups for more information.

Spring Talks – Our famous spring talks are back. Jenny Warren has lined up a very timely Snake Talk in September, Rebecca Bradley our local Senior Land Services Officer in October and our new Mayor in November.

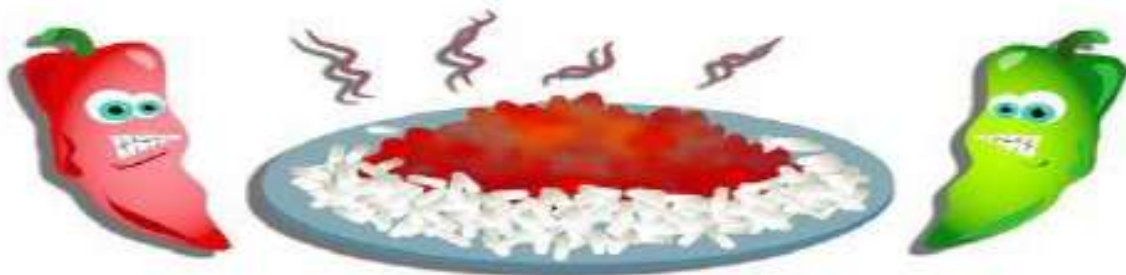
Wamboin Social Drop-In Group – the drop in group is now running 10 am – 12 noon every Thursday. Drop into the Wamboin Community Hall for a warm fire, morning tea and activities. Everyone is welcome.

IT Issues – Our Community association server is continuing to have a few technical issues delivering emails lately. If you have sent an email and not received a reply, please re-email to committee@wamboincommunity.asn.au to ensure it has been received.

WCA Meeting – next meeting is 7.30 pm, Tuesday 15 August. Let's make Wamboin great!

- Peter Evans - President.

THE GREAT WAMBOIN CURRY NIGHT



The annual GreatWamboin Curry Nightfor 2017 is on Saturday the 19th of August, from 7 pm. 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 ia a gold coin donation per person to offsetthehire 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). The curries are then on offer to all curry munchers from 7:30 pm. Prizes will be awarded to the three best dishes selected by a secret (no bribes) judge. Bookings are essential, to Dave Hubbard via email at dave.hubbard@bigpond.com .

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EQUINE CUSHINGS DISEASE: EQUINE PITUITARY PARS INTERMEDIA DYSFUNCTION

Equine Cushings disease is one of the most common diseases of horses greater than 15 years of age. The clinical signs are associated with abnormally elevated hormone concentrations in the blood and along with other hormones cortisol plays an important role in this disease. This syndrome is better defined as Equine Pituitary Pars Intermedia Dysfunction (PPID) because it reflects the location within the brain that is abnormal.

The pituitary gland is located at the base of the brain. In horses with PPID, the middle lobe of the pituitary gland (pars intermedia) becomes enlarged over time and results in over production of hormones. The enlargement of the pituitary gland is often referred to as a pituitary adenoma.

Signs and Symptoms: Clinical signs of PPID can vary depending upon the stage of disease. The average age of horses diagnosed with PPID is 20 years, with over 85 percent of the horses being greater than 15 years of age. Although PPID is most common in aged horses there have been cases of horses as young as seven having the disease. All breeds of horses can develop PPID. The most classic symptom of PPID is a long curly hair coat that does not shed properly. This condition is referred to as **hirsutism**.



*Pony with
hirsutism*

Other symptoms that have been associated with PPID include excessive drinking and urination, laminitis, lethargy, excessive sweating, muscle mass loss, repeated infections such as hoof abscesses, tooth root infections, and sinusitis; infertility and bulging eyes that are a result of redistribution of fat.

Diagnosis: The best indication of PPID is the clinical sign of hirsutism in the aged horse. Horses that have subtle signs of PPID need to be tested to confirm the disease. Of the tests available, no single test is 100 percent accurate. The most commonly used test in the field is the measurement of ACTH concentration. A single blood measurement of ACTH concentration is advocated by some as a confirmatory test for PPID. This test is simple and results are available within 3-5 days. Early in the course of the disease the long curly hair coat may not be present. If the horse does not have hirsutism, a repeated test at six month intervals may be necessary to confirm the disease.

Therapy: Treatment seldom achieves complete resolution or remission of the disease. The most important reason to treat is to improve the quality of life. Pergolide is the drug of choice for treatment of PPID. The dose can be adjusted based on response to therapy or repetitive testing. Supportive care is also important for enhancement of the quality of life of horses with PPID. High quality preventative medicine such as regular deworming, dental care and consistent farrier work has been advocated. In the warm months, clipping of unnecessary hair will keep the horse more comfortable.

Recognition of the clinical signs and early diagnosis are the first steps in identification of horses with PPID. Treatment and implementation of excellent wellness practices are the key features to extending the life of a horse with PPID.

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Community News*
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Anne Goonan, President



MAJOR FOCUS FOR JULY – THE 2017 AGM – THURSDAY 10 AUGUST. 7.30 pm AT THE BYWONG HALL: This year several of the longstanding executive members – the president among others - have decided to stand down and will not contest their present positions. The committee would welcome new members with commitment, so if you are interested please call 61002268 or simply come along to the AGM.

Playground Project: This is progressing according to plan, and on Saturday 15 July a working bee/workshop was held to plant new trees around the front of the hall. Some 15 people participated and all the trees were planted. In addition, all necessary mulching was completed and the old hitching rail timbers were moved to the top of the garden beds as a barrier to prevent gravel from moving into the garden. This was a great turn out and a very successful effort. The BCA expresses much appreciation to all who helped that day. All the play equipment items should be installed by end of October and the project should be completed by the end of November. Another working bee will be organised for some time in that month.

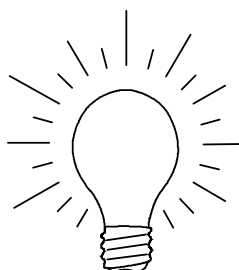
The Grand Opening of the playground will be held in conjunction with the traditional BCA Xmas Drinks function and is being planned for 16th December. This will be an important occasion with all representatives from the various playground sponsoring organisations invited to attend. The date and time will be confirmed later in the year.

Any suggestions from the community for making this event truly memorable would be welcome. Please visit the playground facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/BywongCommunityPlayground>.

New BCA Website: Though still under construction this is now up and running – primarily due to the great efforts of Steve Walker. It is a very significant update on the previous site with lots of useful and pertinent information. The site is very easy to navigate and may be found at <http://www.bywongcommunity.org.au/bywong>.

Trivia Night and Tea Towels Update: The 2017 Trivia Night was held on Saturday 22 July and was as usual a great occasion with around 70 people participating and matching wits on many topics – trivial and otherwise. Thanks again to the generosity of those who donated the pots of soup on the night. BCA members held a stall at the Queanbeyan Xmas in July event on Sunday 30 July where JP's tea towels and other manufactured items from creative Bywong residents were sold. Despite the rain this was very successful and around \$800 was raised for the BCA.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be **the 2017 AGM** to be held on Thursday 10th August at 7.30 pm at the hall – see above. The October meeting is planned for Thursday 12 October – again at 7.30 pm.



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Authorised by Katrina Willis, 14 McKeahnie St, Queanbeyan NSW 2620.

Can You Add Something Readable to the September Whisper?


You've probably noticed that each person who thinks about and writes up something about living in Wamboin or Bywong for the Whisper makes it better. Do you ever ponder on something that could interest other residents, or help them focus on something that happened or is happening now out here or is thought provoking. If so, please consider writing it up for the next Whisper. Deadline is Sunday night, August 27, 7 pm. What's in it is up to you. – Ned Noel, email to whisper@wamboincommunity.asn.au or nednoel@optusnet.com.au, ph 6238-3484.

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The Wonderful Women of Wamboin

Gail Ritchie Knight

Entering the last month of winter, the Wonderful Women of Wamboin (WWOW) continue meeting every week. Some of us bring along a craft to work on over coffee. Others simply chat over a cuppa and that includes me. Years ago I tried to do three things at once: cross stitch, chat and have a cuppa. I just couldn't do it. I made so many mistakes, I must have undone every second row. But do you know, there are even some WWOW who can look you in the eye as they talk and clickety-clack their knitting needles without dropping one stitch. Clever!



In July our Wonderful Woman Sally Saunders took a group of us on a tour of the National Gallery of Australia (NGA). We enjoyed some stunning art in the Aboriginal Triennial exhibition. Then after a coffee break we viewed the new hanging of *Australian Impressionism*. After many works being on loan during the past year, it was fantastic to see the full collection on display. Sally is such a great tour guide, I can't imagine visiting the NGA without her and she's one of us. Is it the country air that produces such talented people?

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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Bonfire And Fireworks Night – Bonfire Fuel Wanted

The 2017 Wamboin Bonfire and Fireworks Night is planned for Saturday the 23rd of September. Now is a good time to reduce the fire hazards on your property by clearing unwanted 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, soil, metal fittings, or large green logs. It may be hard to believe but other non-burnable materials such as wire, bricks and old sheets of corrugated iron have been delivered in past years. Pallets are not wanted** because after they burn they leave a bed of nails, which can puncture the tyres of the clean-up tractors. **Very large logs and stumps are a problem** as they continue to smoulder and smoke for many days. All of these items have to be separated and taken away.

So what can you bring? The ideal is to have a large fire that burns quickly. This calls for prunings, branches and brush stacked high.

Bonfire Night is the major, and sometimes the only, fund raising activity for our Community groups who run all the food, drink and novelty stalls. - Lofty Mason. Phone 6238-3258.

Dementia: Can Understanding Help Prevent It?

You may have noticed that over the past year or so the media have presented many more programs and reports on dementia. Some of you may also know that I study that subject in an online degree course at the University of Tasmania, (UTAS).

The Wicking Dementia and Education Research Centre in Hobart, together with (UTAS) have devised a short online Dementia Education course called "The Understanding Dementia MOOC" (Massive Open Online Course). Over 100,000 people have enrolled in the course in the years it has been run, and at least 15,000 have already enrolled for the 2017 edition. For your interest I am attaching a link which will tell you all about the course, where you may enrol if you feel this may be for you. I believe knowledge can overcome fear. <https://mooc.utas.edu.au/landing/pr14share>

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Wamboin Community Association Inc. (WCA) General Meeting - Summary

Date of Meeting: 18 July 2017 Meeting chaired by: Peter Evans, President, WCA

General Outline Of Topics Discussed

Members of the WCA met in the warm Wamboin Hall to hear from WCA Committee members and representatives of other community organisations active in our community and associated, in some manner with the WCA. WCA Secretary David McDonald advised that arrangements were underway for a Meet the Candidates event on August 22nd at the Wamboin Hall, prior to the Council election on 9 September. Editor of the Wamboin Whisper, Ned Noel, thanked everyone who had contributed to, delivered and read the July issue. Lofty Mason gave an extensive report on the water management issues at the rear of the Wamboin Hall caused by the path of water inflow from the adjoining property and unsatisfactory current water diversion mechanisms. The plan is to extend two existing swales which run from Bingley Way through the areas surrounding the Hall and car park. Lofty advised that the Fire Brigade and the Hall Management Committee had agreed to pay a proportion of the cost and requested that the WCA also consider making a contribution, a request to be considered by the Committee.

A number of local organisations gave reports on their activities, including the following:

- Peter Evans, President of the Wamboin Pony Club reported that at the July Canberra Zone Mounted Games competition, Wamboin's team of 8 plus 3 individual riders qualified for the NSW state championships to occur on the October long weekend (Fri 29/9/17-Mon 2/10/17) at Bungendore. He was also happy to report that Club membership has increased by fifty percent this year.
- On behalf of Landcare, David McDonald advised that a new planting plan for the Bywong Community Hall is in progress and plantings will occur in Spring.
- Wamboin Communications Action Group's (WCAG), Jon Gough, advised that WCAG is in early negotiations with a potential supplier for a community based fibre to the premise solution. The proposed network would cover Wamboin, Bywong & Sutton and provide speeds between 10MB-500MB. Each premise would have 2 fibre cables installed with lifespan of 20-50 years, thereby future-proofing this area. WCAG need to know which properties are interested so they can plot the address to be used for planning purposes. They have 300 properties signed up, with further Community meetings planned for August onwards.

As is usual, various questions were asked by WCA members seeking advice from those more experienced with local matters and a wide variety of issues affecting all of us who share this rural residential community.

The WCA meets on the 3rd Tuesday of each month (except January) at 7:30 pm at the Wamboin Community Hall, 112 Bingley Way, Wamboin. Next meeting: Tuesday 15 August. All welcome. Jenny Warren, Assistant Secretary, Wamboin Community Association, Inc.

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VIEW Amazed By Creativite Felting

By Publicity Officers Maureen Boss And Nancy-Lea Legge

Lake George Day VIEW club gathered in July at the Stonehouse Restaurant (aka Eaglehawk Pub) with Julie Knight from Bywong Art & Crafts who gave an inspiring talk, illustrated by samples of her creative felting works.

Julie was a teacher for twenty five years, developing her skills in felting and her creativity is often inspired by her great love of nature. She collects leaves to incorporate into her felt, spiders are studied for shape and then made in glowing colours. If going to the seaside her family are compelled to bring back shells and colourful stones. Julie is elated to find that research has shown that Arts and Crafts are of benefit to us and psychologists agree.

Felting is the oldest non woven textile. Story told of how felt came to be. Two men journeying on foot stuffed wool into their shoes to prevent blisters. When they removed their shoes at the end, the wool was felt. The combination of sweat from the feet, warmth from the body and constant friction had caused the change. Apparently there are four ways of felting and many fabrics which may be interwoven with the wool . Julie showed examples of her craft from a large shawl to tiny objects, and the redback spider was a hit with our country members.

Julie gives classes on her farm to anyone who is interested , and is willing to teach any age and number up to ten at a time. After the delightful Christmas in

July lunch, the meeting closed, with the reminder that next month we will celebrate our Clubs 13th Birthday with a 1960's Hippie theme! Pictured: VIEW member Helen Collin thanking Julie Knight



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Wamboin Community Association & Bywong Community Association

Meet The Candidates for Council Election

The Wamboin and Bywong Community Associations (WCA and BCA) are holding a **Meet the Candidates** event prior to the upcoming NSW Local Council Election. All nominated candidates for Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council will be invited.

WHEN: 7:30pm, Tuesday 22nd August 2017
WHERE: Wamboin Community Hall, 112 Bingley Way, Wamboin
 ENQUIRIES: David McDonald, Secretary, WCA
 P: 6238 3706 E: secretary@wamboincommunity.asn.au

All residents of Wamboin, Bywong and surrounding areas in the old Palerang Council area are invited to hear from the candidates, followed by a ‘Q&A’ session and light refreshments.

NOTE: NSW Local Council Elections are on Saturday 9 September. Nominations close on August 9. The WCA will invite all candidates who make their contact details readily available. Candidates may also contact the WCA as shown above.

**** SAVE THESE TUESDAY SPRING EVENINGS - 19th September & 17th October & 21st November ****

SPRING TALKS SERIES - 2017

The Wamboin Community Association (WCA) invites residents of Wamboin and surrounding areas to the third year annual **Spring Talks Series**.

Bringing the community together to discuss topics relevant to life in our rural-residential area, the aim of the **Spring Talks Series** is to entertain, inform and encourage active participation in our community.

Thanks to our excellent guest speakers, the WCA’s **Spring Talks Series** proved very popular in 2015 and 2016 and we’ve got a great line up booked for 2017, so save these dates!



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Date	Topic	Speaker/s
19th September	<i>“The Snake Talk”</i> Wayne will also have recommended snake bandages for sale at \$20 each	Wayne Alford Wildcare Snake Handler
17th October	<i>“Land Management and How Local Land Services works for you”</i>	Rebecca Bradley Senior Land Services Officer South East Local Land Services
21st November	<i>“News from Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council”</i>	Mayor Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council

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. More details will be included in the September, October and November issues of the Wamboin Whisper.

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



Next Sutton Landcare Meeting -- Tuesday 8 August 2017

Reintroduction of native animals to Mulligans Flat Woodlands Sanctuary

Sutton Landcare Group will next meet at 7:30pm on Tuesday 8 August 2017 at Sutton Public School.

Dr Will Batson, recently-appointed Sanctuary Manager of the Mulligans Flat Woodland Sanctuary will address us on native animals being re-introduced to the Sanctuary. They include Eastern Bettongs, Eastern Quolls, Bush-Stone Curlews, New Holland Mice, the Brown Treecreeper (a bird) and the Southern Brown Bandicoot.

The ACT Government announced in June 2017 that around \$900,000 had been allocated to triple the size of the Sanctuary to 1200 ha of predator-proof woodland. This is an exciting development.

After the presentation there will be a short discussion, followed by supper. Everyone is welcome. Further details on Sutton Landcare Group may be found on our website or by contacting our secretary (Marchien Van Oostende on 0402 986 934 or emailing sutton.landcare@gmail.com).

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Council Elections

Just a reminder that the Wamboin Community Hall, 112 Bingley Way, will be open from 8am to 6pm on the 9th of September as a Polling Place for Council Elections. Plenty of parking and no long queues. – Joan Mason

Wamboin Golf – July 2017

Sunday, 2 July. Cold as a well digger’s knee. But bright sunshine and little or no wind. Perfect day for chasing the white, dimpled ball. The day was sponsored by the Antediluvian Order of Sailors and Airpersons. We extend our thanks to Tim Barter and Paul (and mainly Diana) Griffin for the prizes and refreshments at the 19th. The sponsors specified a Stableford competition but set off early without informing anyone else so the rest of us played Stroke. Back at the Hall the Captain eventually sorted it out, muttering dark imprecations into his beard. As he did so we all stood around playing the new Census Game: spot the non-believing 30 per cent. It’s harder than you think. Those pesky infidels look just like ordinary people. Anyway, when we tired of that we got back to deploring the state of national politics. For example, the Federal Watermelons (green on the outside, red on the inside) are having a real donnybrook with their NSW branch lead by that unruly Senator Rhiannon (must be a big fan of Fleetwood Mac). Meanwhile, Tony Rabbit, the former PM, known to his friends as the



Bitter Lemon or Passion Fingers, is roaming the country firing off big ideas and generally demonstrating the benefits of an Oxford education. And Bill is sitting on his hands while Mal nicks some of *his* ideas. Bill still thinks he won the last bout on points just like Jeff Horn (who actually did). At the international level we could hardly wait for the meeting between Don the Equivocator and Vlad the Impaler. Your correspondent would have liked to have been amongst the press corps for that much-touted shirt fronting but the editor wouldn’t spring for the cost. Which is odd because he said I can go to Pyongyang any time I like. Ah well, another report from Mahogany Ridge coming up.

The captain welcomed our guests, Len Ivey from the Coast and Joanne and Sebastian Bach from Leipzig. Ted Evans reported on a classy wedding in Queanbeyan. Even the shotgun was painted white. The googly ball went to Lofty Mason for his feat of hitting four trees from the tee. You don’t get golf like that in the city. The dummy spit was awarded to Bernard Tomic for failing to put up with the crushing boredom of Wimbledon. Deb Gordon took out the encouragement award by walking the nine hole course with one of those walking sticks you can sit on. LD and NTP ball winners were Alex Gordon 3 (Alex also won the NAGA. Hmm...), Ken Gordon 2, Charles Guscott, Larry King, Len Ivey and Paul Griffin. Winner of the junior nine hole comp was Madison Gordon (they’re all over the place aren’t they?) with 75 off the stick for a handicap-adjusted 40. The senior nine hole comp winner was Larry King 44/20, from Lofty Mason 50/37, with daylight

3rd. Charles Guscott took out first place in the 18 hole comp with 37 Stableford points from Pete Harrison 34 points, there followed by Len Ivey 32 points.

Next month’s comp will be sponsored by the Tradies, those clever clogs adept with hammers and screwdrivers and such. Join us at the community hall at 12.15pm for the 12.30pm ICBM fired by our old mate, Kim Wrong-un.

- Larry King, golfer



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- Fibre Broadband Cable may possibly be coming to the Wamboin, Bywong and Sutton region!
- This is a community action group driven initiative.
- If you are interested in getting Fibre to your premises, you must sign up and complete the survey.
- We must get as many of our neighbours signed up as possible to ensure a viable fibre route – Talk to them!
- If you don't show interest now, it may not be available later, or it may cost a lot more.

You may have already heard a whisper about the possibility of our area getting a broadband fibre connection to each property. Yes it's true, the Wamboin Communications Action Group is in discussion with a third party to lay fibre optic cable around this area, giving everyone who chooses to connect a superfast internet connection, far faster and more reliable than the satellite service NBN is offering and at a cost comparable to what our friends in Canberra pay.

With negotiations underway now, we need residents to sign up to our email list and complete a short survey.

Why do you need to sign up?

To make this a reality we need as many people as possible to get on board. Laying fibre in the ground is an expensive business and our potential partners need a minimum number of properties to make a start. We need as much of the fibre as possible to be laid between/across our properties, in order to minimise the need for regulatory permission to run along the roads. Not only would this complicate the project with the need for approvals, it would also add to costs.

Soon we hope to be able to share more details with residents, but for now we need to know the locations of those residents interested in getting fast fibre broadband so that we can begin to plan possible fibre paths. We are not asking for a commitment to anything right now but if you sign up at the start then we shall make every attempt to include your property on the cable routes being considered. If you leave it until later, when the cables are already in place, then you may not be able to be connected at all, or the connection cost may be far higher.

If you have already signed up and completed the survey, then you need to talk to your neighbours to encourage as many properties in your area to do so too. If you are the only one in your immediate vicinity to want connection then you may miss out. It is in everyone's interest to work together on this project, so go and talk to your neighbours and tell them about this exciting prospect! Remember, we need your address to help plan the fibre route so completing the survey and including your address is critical. Again – you are not committing to anything by doing so – simply helping us plan and consider possible routes based on the level of interest you express in the survey.

What do you have to lose?

At the moment we cannot give you exact costs but usage fees are looking to be on a par with what current NBN city dwellers pay for comparable speeds and unlimited data. You are not committing yourself by signing up, just showing your interest, you have nothing to lose and everything to gain – not to mention the fact that you are supporting an initiative that will contribute enormously to enhancing our community.

Before we start the final planning stage we will have more details - including a proper contract for you to read and consider. We clearly understand that you would be concerned about someone digging a trench across your property, so please know that you will be consulted beforehand and the route chosen to best suit you and have minimum impact on the environment.

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Wildcare's Above and Beyond - Alex

Alex (*see photo*) is a Yellow Tailed Black Cockatoo and is a very lucky lad. Discovered, as a tiny 10-day old chick in the hollow of a felled tree at Tarago. He was picked up by a couple of inquisitive Samaritans, taken to the Vet, who then passed the bird to Wildcare for rehabilitation and release. But this little fella had a different destiny to the norm.



Maryanne, Wildcare's bird coordinator, took on the job of initially raising Alex prior to handing him onto Nadia who specialises in bird care. As Maryanne says, "Raising a chick from such an early age is not easy. They require considerable care, in terms of temperature and humidity control. And they need feeding with a syringe every couple of hours. It can be a challenge, but this one made it and within a few months had grown quickly to close to its full-grown weight of about 700 grams."

"The problem was, that Alex was raised alone, and didn't know how to be a cockatoo. And as Wildcare and neighbouring wildlife groups didn't have a companion bird to match him up, he became very humanised. He certainly could not be released back into the wild, as he would always seek out the company of people. Normally in such a case, if an animal cannot be released, it has to be euthanised. However, under the NSW Code of Practice for raising and releasing orphaned wildlife, there was a slim option to keep him alive, as a permanent care animal.

"Maryanne and Nadia wanted the best possible home for Alex and found exactly that, all the way across in Western Australia at the Kaarakin Black Cockatoo Conservation Centre. Kaarakin was very keen to have Alex to help raise public awareness. They already have other species of black cockatoos and have huge aviaries and facilities. There is no doubt Alex will have a great life at Kaarakin. To transfer Alex, there was a need to get permission from the NSW and WA governments and then it was a matter of organising the flight across the continent."

So, well done to Maryanne and Nadia, who both raised Alex at different stages and took the long journey across to Perth. Their efforts to raise Alex, and then at their expense, transfer him to Kaarakin are extraordinary. As Maryanne, says, "He has apparently settled in very well – happy to chat away to the staff and get along with the other permanent care parrots. Overall, Kaarakin can have as many as 150 parrots at any time in rehabilitation and permanent care."



If you need any help with wildlife matters, get in touch with Wildcare on 6299 1966. And if you are interested in caring for injured and orphaned birds (or other wildlife), check out there website: wildcare.com.au.

Philip Machin, For Wildcare, 6238-3717, *Photos: Alex before and after*

RAINFALL AND TEMPERATURES IN WAMBOIN

July and August 2017 42 year statistics from Cooper Road

(by David & Robyn Robertson until 2017, since by Christine Rieber, with help from her husband & son)

July Rainfall Stats

July rainfall to the 30th 14.5mm
2017 total rainfall to 30/7..... 209.5mm

Average July rainfall..... 54.20mm
2016 July rainfall..... 94.25mm
2016 total rainfall to 30/7... 524.75mm

August Rainfall Stats

2016 August rainfall..... 48.75mm
Wettest August..... 170.5mm in 1985
Wettest August day..... 35mm on 7/8/85
Driest August..... 5.5mm in 1994

Average August rainfall..... 54.2mm
Average no. rain days in August... 9.8
Highest no. rain days..... 17 in 1981
Lowest no. rain days. 3 in 1994 & 1995

August Temperature Stats

Hottest August day..... 20°C on 31/8/82
Hottest August night..... 13°C on 26/8/95

Coldest August day..... 3°C on 5/8/15
Coldest August night..... -5°C (6 times)

Average day temperature..... 10.4°C
Warmest August..... 1982
Av. day temp. 13.8°C & nights 4.2°C

18/8/10, 2014 (4 times), 4/8/15
Average night temperature..... 2.4°C
Coldest August..... 2012
Av. day temp. 8.0°C & nights -1.0°C

We gain 1 extra hour of daylight during August (from 10.2 to 11.2 hours).

St Andrews, Wamboin and St Peters, Sutton Church Notices

It is that time of the year when many in our congregation head north to warmer climes. However, some of their efforts leading up to this time are beginning to bear fruit. Plans have been afoot for extensions and modifications to the heritage church of St Peters for several years. Some things have happened. The church has been re roofed, the gutters have been painted and the ceiling and wiring inside repaired. Everything takes time but we are very pleased to report that we are now another step closer to fulfilling the proposed modifications with the success of our Yass Valley Council (YVC) grant application. Soon you will notice an improved ramp access with railings at the front door of the church. There is more to come.

Last Sunday was a special 5th Sunday service at St Andrews with our guest speaker, Ms Elaine Lollbeck, Coordinator, St Benedicts. While we enjoy warm homes and hearty meals over winter, there are many in our community who don't. Our congregations support St Benedicts, in Queanbeyan, in their efforts to make winter a little less stressful to those in need. All food donations are gratefully received.

Several months ago we mentioned that our long term support for two children in Sri Lanka through ICA was no longer needed. The local authorities have now assumed that role. Now we are considering giving our support to Compassion Australia.

Kids Club at St Andrews, Poppet Road, has resumed on Fridays from 4.30 to 6pm with the new term. All children are most welcome to have fun and join in the stories, songs and craft activities. The session concludes with a shared meal. A gold coin donation is appreciated and parents are invited to stay.

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. Come along, sing, reflect in peace and be part of the community. You can be assured of a superb morning tea and discussion after a thought provoking service.

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Glen Dorahy	Sutton Park Estate	53	Penny & Russell Ball	Macs Reef (Denley Dr to Bungdre Rd)	20
Ian Coillet	Grove Road	7			

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Chris Fowler	Millyn Rd	20	David Featherston	Summerhill to B'dore Rd to CreekB Rd	26
Sue Aunella	Brooks Rd	21	Ken Steinman	Wyoming & Doust Rds	34
Kerrie Gougeon	B'dore Rd (CreekB to Fed Hwy)	32			

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Wamboin Social Club

As readers will know by now, there is a new venue in Wamboin & Bywong for people to meet over a cuppa and have a chat, or stay longer and have an informal game of ping-pong (there are up to three tables); scrabble (very popular); cards (500?); dominoes; chess..... etc (any takers for a regular game of social Bridge? - contact Phil on 62383717).

Since starting in February, over 50 people have come along with an average of about 15 on any given week. There is plenty of space for people to meet with their friends rather than at home. Maybe bring a friend? Drop in on the way to or from shopping in town. And there is the chance to get out of the house on a Thursday morning and meet other locals. During school holidays, it might make a change to play a real family game of table tennis rather than on a screen.

We get together on a Thursday between 10.00 - 12.00 at the Wamboin Community Hall. And whilst it is currently cold outside, we have the smaller hall well heated and there is a wood fire to sit around in the main hall.

See you there..... Philip Machin, for the Wamboin Social Club




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Drainage Of Hall Grounds

The large RFS tank near the playground and the overflow from that tank has severely curtailed access to the rear of the Hall. When checking how to remedy the problem the decision was made by the Hall Management Committee to also increase the swales that redirect the water, which runs onto the NW section of the car park, and to re-align the water flow behind the Hall. This will require bringing in some soil and also adding an underground drainage pipe to the RFS tank overflow. While there has not been a lot of run-off water lately, the drainage will be an advantage in the future.

We are very fortunate to have Stokes Contractors to give advice and more so, to offer their services to the Community for out of pocket expenses only. The work should take place very soon and we ask that you be understanding of any inconvenience this may cause. The advantages of the completed works will be:

- Full access for the Fire Vehicles behind the Hall,
- More parking (up to 80 cars) available in the Hall grounds,
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Out of the Corner

As our new council draws close to the end of its period of administration, it's good to be back offering informative commentary on local government matters.

NSW Planning Portal — A couple of years ago, I wrote about the Electronic Housing Code (EHC) and the role it played in enabling users to determine whether they needed planning permission to build or renovate, and also, when appropriate, to prepare, submit and lodge a complying development application. This system was superseded a few ago by the new NSW Department of Planning & Environment Planning Portal at <https://www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au>. Like the original EHC, the new Planning Portal provides public access to information, online services and guidance materials relating to the NSW planning system. The Portal has been designed to address the needs of NSW councils, industry professionals and the general community, in an ongoing effort to improve access to planning information.

Access to the new Planning Portal is open—registration is no longer required—and users can search planning information on any property in NSW, including the maps and applicable clauses associated with the relevant LEP. It also includes a range of background information to help users to efficiently navigate the NSW planning system. The map viewer is particularly useful, providing access to recent imagery with the ability to overlay the complete range of LEP map data for quick identification of the applicable LEP clauses.

The Portal also provides a single point of access for DA tracking throughout NSW. In this case, DA status information is ultimately provided through individual council websites, but there is no longer any need to know how to navigate through [the invariably different routes on] individual council websites to find this information. As well as the status and progress of individual DAs, the tracking system provides the ability to query the status of any DA in a nominated area, either at the locality or individual street/road level.

Note that development in the former Palerang and Queanbeyan City areas will continue to be controlled by their respective LEPs for the foreseeable future. It is, nonetheless, expected that LEP consolidation will be completed in the 2018-2019 timeframe, in the term of the new and soon to be elected Council.

The Palerang Blog—New or related entries in my councillor website Blog (<http://peteharrison.id.au/blog>) include: NSW Planning Portal (Jul 2017) Development Applications (Aug 2015) Electronic Housing Code (Jul 2015) Exempt and Complying Development (Apr 2015)

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Wamboin Muse

Jill Gregory

When our elder son was to be married it was suggested to me that I should wear beige and keep my mouth shut. Well, beige wasn't my colour, so I wore green.....It seems only a few short months ago that the landscape also chose to wear green, but as I look around now I see only beige, and I can't keep my mouth shut any longer!

Autumn this year was brilliant. We didn't get much rain but what little we got came just at the right time. Since then, however, despite the periodic appearance of black cockatoos and busy little ant trails signalling rain, nothing much has happened. Meanwhile the green grass has vanished and all that remains are a few beige tufts and bare ground; the birds and animals are hungry.

You can't blame them for their appetites. We provide year round water, even when the creeks dry up, with our dams only an easy hop apart. We provide a smorgasbord in our gardens long after the native grasses have disappeared, and the kangaroos munch steadily through hard times on the extras we provide, and continue to do what comes naturally.....breed! Many years ago during the last drought, I came across a well dressed couple beside the road, looking lost. They weren't. They were German tourists who'd been told to go to Wamboin if they wanted to see kangaroos.

Well, the drought ran its course, we had a few good years, the creeks ran, our dams filled and overflowed, gardens blossomed and the kangaroos flourished. Now we're in drought again and the foraging kangaroo population is out of control. They're eating native plants that I've never seen them touch before and depriving many birds and other native species of their food sources and habitats as they strip the country bare.

This is a land of good years and bad years, but we've upset the balance. What are we going to do about it? Will we sit back, with our beige voices, and do nothing while our natural diversity is decimated. Kangaroos are beautiful creatures with a truly fascinating biology, they are unique, they are our National symbol, but they were never meant to inhabit this fragile landscape in such large numbers. We have, perhaps unwittingly, created this mess but are now impotent to do anything about it, trussed up as we are in a string of rules and regulations made by those with their heads in the clouds and their feet under a desk.

I wouldn't live anywhere else....Encountering three or four kangaroos along my driveway is pure pleasure, but a mob of thirty or forty is a bit much!! And I pity those who have to eke out a living from this land, while struggling to feed the rest of us!

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