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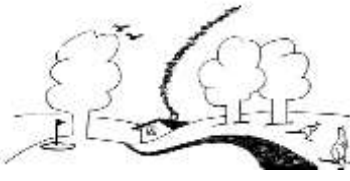



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	<p><b>Wamboin Community Association President's Paragraphs</b></p> <p><b>“Election Time”</b></p>	
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Yes it's time for another election (no, no, not a plebiscite, a real election). This time it's for the amalgamated, merged, fused Palerang and Queanbeyan Council (I still prefer the name Greater Wamboin Council) and it will be held on Saturday the 9<sup>th</sup> September. There will be three polling places in our local area, The Wamboin Community Hall on Norton Road, Sutton Public School or Bungendore Public School. By the way it is compulsory to vote and decide who will lead the Greater Wamboin Council into our “fit for the future” utopia. For me it's about a steady ship and to put all those promised savings (from the amalgamation) into value for the ratepayers.

Roads, rates and rubbish, I hear from the candidates. So roads I agree with. Mac Reef Road and Norton Road are deteriorating at an increasing pace with sections that are just potholes over potholes showing the pavement has failed. Many other local roads seem to be in urgent need of maintenance. These roads need more than band aid pothole patching, they need proper reconstruction. Rates, well instead of jacking up rates maybe they can redirect some of the NSW record budget into the country areas instead of leaving the burden to local Councils. It seems NSW certainly does stand for Newcastle, Sydney and Wollongong. And rubbish, let's hope all the election promises don't turn out to be just that, rubbish.

**Meet the Candidates Night** – On Tuesday 22nd August the Wamboin Community Association along with Bywong Community Association hosted a “Meet the Candidates Night” at the community hall. A healthy turn out of all groups and all bar one of the independents attended to tell us why we should vote for them. About 80 keen locals attended the night. Each group and independent candidate had 5 mins to tell us of their intentions and why they deserve our vote above the others. The night then broke out into a Q&A session as the crowd grilled the candidates. Common themes included roads, rates, the E4 zoning and supporting local businesses. The most encouraging part of the night was the attendance of the candidates. It heartens me to see all the candidates (except one) consider our vote important enough to come out to meet us. Good luck to all the candidates (except one). We have invited all candidates to submit a short outline of what they are standing for in this month's Whisper.

**Bonfire and Fireworks** – Yes the biggest event on Wamboin's Social calendar is on again. This year it is on Saturday 23 September. Come on down for the many culinary delights prepared by local community groups, while enjoying the always spectacular display of fireworks. The night supports many local community groups. Food and drinks available from 5.30 pm, bonfire lit at 6.30 pm, followed by fireworks at 7.00 pm. Entry is Adults \$5, Children \$2, Family \$10. Bring your cash as there is no EFTPOS at the hall.

**Spring Snake Talk** – Our famous spring talks are back. The first is a timely Snake Talk at September's meeting. Wayne Alford is the Snake Coordinator at Wildcare. His presentation could literally save a life – yours or your pet's considering the world's second-and fourth most-venomous land snakes are a plenty out here. He will also have the recommended snake bandages for sale at \$20 each (cash only). Sorry to disappoint, but, no live snakes will be brought into the Wamboin Hall.

**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.

**WCA Meeting** – next meeting is 7.30 pm, Tuesday 19 September. *Let's make Wamboin great!*

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**MAJOR FOCUS FOR SEPTEMBER – PREPERATIONS FOR INSTALLATION OF PLAY EQUIPMENT**

**2017 AGM:** This was held on August 10 and resulted in some significant changes to the committee. Firstly Anne Goonan stepped down as president and has been replaced by Mike Wilkins. Secondly Kerry Cox stepped away from the secretary’s position and has been replaced by Jeanette Krah. Both Anne and Kerry will nevertheless continue to serve on the committee. JP Favre continues as treasurer. Other committee members are-Anne Goonan, Kerry Cox, Merle Horgorsi, Steve Walker, Bob Angel.

The committee welcomed the new president and secretary and thanked Anne and Kerry for their past efforts. JP was also thanked for his long standing efforts as treasurer as well as for his other very significant work for the association –eg. trivia night, tea towel design and production etc.

**Playground Project:** This is all going well, and apart from some minor work we are awaiting the erection and commissioning of the play equipment in October. Then there will be detailed planning for the Grand Opening which is scheduled for the afternoon of Saturday 16 December. This will be held in conjunction with the traditional BCA Xmas Drinks and the starting time is yet to be finalised, but once this has been decided the event will be well advertised prior to December. All the play equipment 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 to clean up and generally complete the playground.

As indicated in earlier issues of the Whisper, all suggestions from the community for making the Grand Opening a truly memorable event would be welcome. Please visit the playground facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/BywongCommunityPlayground/>

The BCA is very pleased at how all this new community playground is developing and once again expresses sincere appreciation to all who have driven and helped this project.

**New BCA Website:** Though still under construction this is now up and running. Steve Walker is thanked for his efforts in refurbishing the site, and he will continue to administer this resource. This new website is a significant update on the previous one and is very easy to navigate and contains lots of useful and pertinent information. The site may be found at <http://www.bywongcommunity.org.au/bywong/>.

**Next Meeting:** The next meeting will be held on Thursday 12 October at 7.30 pm at the hall.

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## RAINFALL AND TEMPERATURES IN WAMBOIN: 42 year statistics from Cooper Road

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

### August Rainfall Stats

August rainfall to the 27<sup>th</sup> ..... 46.0mm  
2017 total rainfall to 27/8..... 274.75mm

Average August rainfall..... 54.2mm  
2016 August rainfall..... 48.75mm  
2016 total rainfall to 27/8..... 567.0mm

### September Rainfall Stats

2016 September rainfall..... 154.75mm  
Wettest September..... 154.75mm in 2016  
Wettest September day. 64mm on 17/9/13  
Driest September..... 6mm in 1994


Average September rainfall.... 64.9mm  
Average no. rain days in Sept. .... 9.9  
Highest no. rain days..... 19 in 1984  
Lowest no. rain days. 3 in 1987 & 2015

### September Temperature Stats

Hottest September day.... 27°C on 29/9/88  
Hottest September night.... 13°C (3 times)  
on 19/9/1981, 29/9/1987 & 26/9/1990  
Average day temperature..... 14°C  
Warmest September..... 2001  
Av. day temp. 16.5°C & nights 6.3°C  
(highest) (highest)

Av. Sept. temp... 9.3°C (day+night comb.)  
Coldest September day.... 5°C (2 times)  
on 4/9/1982 & 28/9/2009  
Coldest September night... -4°C on 1/9/12  
Average night temperature..... 4.7°C  
Coldest September..... 2015  
Av. day temp. 12°C & nights 1.8°C  
(lowest 11°C in 16) (lowest 1.6°C in 12)

*21<sup>st</sup> September is the spring equinox where day & night are equal length (12 hours).*

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# Key herbs for LAMINITIS support



Nutritional support for a horse who suffers laminitis is vital. For the horse that is prone to laminitis, clivers is a useful daily supplement to improve the integrity of the hoof as it is one of the most nutritional herbs available and especially high in Silica.

With the older horse whose circulation may be sluggish, hawthorn berry is a further support and full of bioflavonoids that improve the elasticity of the supportive connective tissue that can become strained when the feet are sore while improving the health of the blood vessels that supply the feet.

For the horse that has low grade inflammation in his feet, turmeric powder will help lower the levels of discomfort. Often when there is systemic inflammation, there may also be arthritis in joints or irritated tendons and ligaments, with these horses adding ginger powder to the mix will increase the efficacy of the turmeric in a similar way black pepper is sometimes used.

For pain relief, where there is ongoing pain yarrow combines well with turmeric as a general management and recovery approach. Devils claw powder can be very effective with acute stages, however if the horse is already on Bute, do not combine these two as you could increase the toxic effects of the drug or irritate the horse's gut. For the horse with a sensitive gut, white willow bark is a gentler option and hawthorn berry will increase the potency of this herb if needed.

Once a horse is through the acute stage, using liver herbs to address the two phases of detoxification will help cleanse the effect of the stress on the body. Dandelion root or St Mary's thistle powder will address phase one, while turmeric powder will address phase two so that any residual drug therapy is not recycled back into the body and the recovery period can then follow on with clivers, restoring integrity to the hoof.

For the horse where stress has been a trigger to the laminitic episode, chamomile flowers will support the nervous and hepatic systems, and help the muscles that have become tense while the feet have been sore.

Choose your herbs carefully when dealing with laminitis, keeping the selection simple also helps not to overload the horse further with too many herbs. Combining a nutritional herb with an anti-inflammatory herb and liver support herb is often enough to start restoring health, and a maintenance program can follow on with nutritional and circulatory support once the hoof is sound again.

For correct dosage rates on the herbs mentioned in this article please contact Carol when placing your order.

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Jo Walker

The view from the window as I write this is positively Spring-like – wattles flowering, grasses beginning to green the hillside, birds contemplating nesting and joeys taking their first tentative steps.

The Early Wattles (*Acacia genistifolia*) are still full of cream flowers and most of the Silver Wattles (*Acacia dealbata*) are putting on a display of golden-yellow. Not much else is flowering yet except for *Hardenbergia violacea* (False Sarsparilla) – there are several patches of its purple flowers on the banks of Norton Road on the hill going down to Sutton Road.

The Yellow-tailed Black Cockatoos have spent quite a lot of time here this winter. They seem to visit the pine forest first, then perch here in the trees feasting on their booty and leaving a litter of pine cone pieces under the trees. On the bird scene, a Fan-tailed Cuckoo has been giving its quite loud call (a downward musical trill) for a couple of weeks now. And, while I was watching a pair of Scarlet Robins the other day, another flash of red caught my eye. It was a male Flame Robin, a bird I haven't noticed here before.

I was rather bemused by Jill's (Wamboin Muse) attitude to the local Eastern Grey Kangaroos last month. Beige is actually a fairly normal colour for the Wamboin landscape in winter, as many of our local native grasses, including Kangaroo Grass (*Themeda triandra*) are summer-growing grasses and brown off in the colder months. There are parts of Wamboin that remain green – depending on soil moisture, aspect and the presence of winter-growing grasses. Quite a few areas on my place remain green during the coldest parts of the year, even though there is a sizeable mob of Kangaroos here.

If you travel along any of the main roads in Wamboin, it would be hard to come to the conclusion that Kangaroos are in sufficient numbers to be 'out of control' and stripping the country bare. When I first came here thirty years ago there were just over forty 'roos on my place. Over the years about ten joeys were released here after being reared. At present, there are about fifty-five Kangaroos – and some of these come in the front gate or over the fences. Kangaroos here can live for about fifteen years, so in the space of two 'roo lifetimes their population has risen less than 50%. To put that in perspective, the human world population has risen 300% in my lifetime!

Far more likely reasons for destruction of habitat and food sources are the human habitat footprint – our houses, out-buildings, gardens, access roads, clearing of land for agriculture and stock, introduced pasture grasses and weeds, close mowing, etc. etc. Kangaroos are an essential part of our landscape and provide nutrients to our often poor soils. Yes, Kangaroos eat plants (they are grazing animals), but they don't destroy them. A roadway to the top of the hill on my place (about half a kilometre) that was bulldozed thirty years ago is now invisible in most places, and, at last count, there were over fifty species of native plants growing there ranging from grasses and tiny plants to trees. Kangaroos have always had access to that area.

Kangaroo populations in areas like Wamboin are pretty well controlled by vehicle hits, fence entanglements, attacks by dogs and shooting. Disease takes out a proportion of young Kangaroos most winters now. And, of course, some die of old age. Let's hope we allow our local wildlife, including the Kangaroos, that last option.

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The markets start up again on **Saturday 16 September (9am to 12md)**. We write this as it is snowing unexpectedly and quite heavily in Wamboin - so spring seems now to have faded from view for a bit.....However, in anticipation of warmer weather, this coming year we will partner again with the Australian Mountain Runners Association and hopefully also join up with Landcare, out local buskers and organise some other fun events. We are always open to new ideas. If you would like a stall let us know – it’s only \$5.00 and we set up the tables for you! Just heard that through the markets, one of our stall holders, who grows native tube stock and sells at the market, was contacted by local people and organised for 100 of her tube stock to be delivered to them. Think **what you could do with your produce!**

**Come along and enjoy the café, the local produce and craft and the great food on offer!**

**SEE YOU AT THE SEPTEMBER MARKETS**

## Can You Add Something Readable to the October 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. What’s in it is up to you. Deadline is Sunday night, 24 September, 7 pm. (If it’s something that could benefit your business, please run it as a paid ad.) – Ned Noel, email to [whisper@wamboincommunity.asn.au](mailto:whisper@wamboincommunity.asn.au) or [nednoel@optusnet.com.au](mailto:nednoel@optusnet.com.au) , ph 6238-3484.

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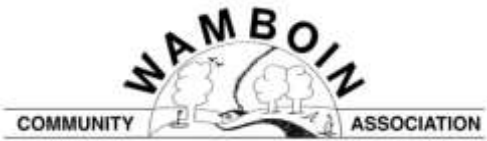
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## SPRING TALKS SERIES – 2017



### TALK 1: “THE SNAKE TALK” SEPTEMBER 19<sup>th</sup>, 7:30PM WAMBOIN HALL

The Wamboin Community Association (WCA) invites all residents of Wamboin and surrounding areas to the **Spring Talks Series – 2017.**

**Wayne Alford, Snake Coordinator, Wildcare, returns as 2017’s first guest speaker. Wayne’s snake handling demonstration and compression bandaging of an enthusiastic volunteer at his 2015 Spring “Snake” Talk enthralled and entertained the audience, especially the children.**

**Wayne’s presentation could literally save a life – yours or your pet’s! Wayne will talk about snake safety, first aid, tips for living with snakes at your place and of course he’ll answer all questions. He will also have recommended snake bandages for sale at \$20 each (cash only).**

**Children are particularly welcome. Sorry to disappoint, but, no live snakes are brought into the Wamboin Hall!**

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 2017 evenings and hear from a different guest speaker each month.

Date	Topic	Speaker/s
19 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>“The Snake Talk”</b> <i>Wayne will be selling snake bandages at \$20 each (cash only)</i>	<b>Wayne Alford</b> Snake Co-ordinator Wildcare
17th October	<b>“How Does Local Land Services Help Local Landholders?”</b>	<b>Rebecca Bradley</b> Senior Natural Resource Management Advisor South East Local Land Services
21st November	<b>“The New Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council”</b>	<b>Mayor</b> Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council

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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--	Ungrouped	RAYNOLDS Walter
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C	Liberal Party	SCHWEIKERT Mark
D	Country Labor	BROWN Brian *
E	Community Voice	HARRISON Pete
F	Winchester	WINCHESTER Kenrick
G	Whelan	WHELAN Sue
H	Marjason	MARJASON Ian
I	Hunter Harper	HUNTER Brent *
J	The Greens	MARSHALL Peter
K	Taskovski	TASKOVSKI Steve *

\* Editor’s Note: I didn’t succeed in getting material for these 3 groups.



## Finally Fed Up with Telstra

We have experienced repeated outages with our land line and ADSL, and for the last 5 days have been waiting for the yet another patch-up of our local exchange. Usually we only find out when a client contacts me on the mobile to let us know our line is out. (I made the fundamental mistake of thinking that the landline was THE reliable connection for my clients to contact for advice with their Diabetes self-management needs.)

In spite of years of problems, there seems to be a deliberate delay in updating this antiquated local exchange because of the priority to connect the NBN elsewhere.

NBN is already available by satellite in this area From \$24.99 to \$204.95/month depending on data needs (see <http://www.nbnco.com.au/connect-home-or-business/check-your-address/choose-a-provider-sky-muster.html?csaId=&addressCategory=HOME>) so the landline already appears to be redundant!

Although we are on the edge of reception for the mobile repeater tower, we seem to have a more reliable service through our mobiles than the landline, and as a result we are giving up our landline and ADSL.

For continued internet connection we are initially using a wireless modem (called a Nighthawk) which has given us the best internet connection and speed of connection than we have ever experienced. Although this is still a Telstra connection, we are only staying with Telstra because there is no viable alternative at present.

One day we will really have a competitive choice.

Postscript: When I submitted this complaint to Telstra they replied: "Your complaint has been received. Thank you for contacting us. Please make a note of your reference number SR 1-1243761995614, and look out for your confirmation email. We'll be in touch within five business days to either resolve your complaint, or to set out our action plan to try and reach a resolution." I'm not holding my breath! -- Simon & Cindy Scott-Findlay



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Now is the time to PREPARE your home for the upcoming bush fire season.

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Even if your plan is to leave early, the more you prepare your home, the more likely it will survive a bush fire or ember attack.

A well prepared home can also be easier for you or firefighters to defend. A well prepared home will also give you more protection if a fire threatens suddenly and you cannot leave.

Here are some basic maintenance tips to prepare your property:

Clean you gutters of leaves and twigs.

Repair damaged or missing tiles on the roof.

Fit seals around doors and windows to eliminate gaps.

Repair or cover gaps in external wall.

Keep lawns short and gardens well maintained.

Cut back trees and shrubs overhanging buildings.

Clean up fallen leaves, twigs and debris near your home.

Have a fire fighting pump attached to your water supply with hoses long enough to reach around your house.

If you have a pool, tank or dam, put a Static Water Supply (SWS) sign on your property, so firefighters know where they can get water.

Check and maintain adequate levels of home and contents insurance.

Ensure it is up to date.

If on a farm it is a good idea to heavily stock around sheds, yards and other buildings to get rid of grass fuels which carries fire to your assets.

## I love yers all.

OK, so you want to vote for your local candidates and I'm just some hobbit from Mongarlowe but I am a friend of rural residential folk ... we enjoy our rural-res too.

Pete Harrison has been an excellent mayor and should, in a just world, be the next mayor of QPRC. I've enjoyed working with him since he's been on council.

If the Braidwood bunch can't get one of our own up I'd be happy to see you guys get two. So in exchange, how about after voting for your seven candidates below-the-line, you:

**Vote 8 Paul Cockram**

## WALTER RAYNOLDS

I am an experienced councillor having served five terms, during a total of 19 years, the last 3 as Mayor.

Queanbeyan/Palerang has a large council area. It is important that a councillor sets his or her own philosophy, based on personal life experience. This philosophy should be evenly and consistently applied across the entire L.G.A. This allows individuals to judge how a councillor will react to any issue, and in any circumstance.

**Group A:** Former Queanbeyan Mayor, Tim Overall, is running as lead candidate with a team of 10 in the Sept 9 elections for QPRC. "With a now combined area of almost 5,500km<sup>2</sup>, a total budget of \$243million, an asset-base of \$1.7billion, and more than 500 staff, this is a critical time for our region," he says.

"Experience and a demonstrable commitment to the area as a whole is what's needed to ensure we continue to build on the considerable work already undertaken on bringing us together and strengthening our ties while still embracing the diversity of our communities."

"I'm very pleased to say that I'm again being supported by a terrific team of locals, from Queanbeyan to Braidwood, who are similarly passionate about our region and want to contribute to the positive future of our greater community."

"Looking to the future, over the new Council's three year term we will continue to work to fulfil the stated community vision and aspirations for town centre and major road network projects (Ellerton Drive Extension, Nerriga Road sealing, Old Cooma Rd duplication), new and improved sports and recreation facilities, seniors' living accommodation, as well as a regional multiplex cinema."

"For our team it is solely about the community."



## Prepare yourself and family for a bush fire.

Preparation isn't just about cleaning up around the house and having a bush fire survival plan. It's also about making sure you consider your physical, mental and emotional preparedness. A bush fire can be a terrifying situation. Strong gusty winds, intense heat and flames will make you tired quickly. Thick heavy smoke will sting your eyes and choke your lungs. It will be difficult to see and breathe. The roaring sound of the fire approaching could be frightening. Embers will rain down, causing spot fires all around you. Power and water may be cut off. You may be isolated, and it will be dark, noisy and extremely demanding both mentally and physically.

If you have any doubts about your ability to cope, you should plan to leave early, well before a fire reaches your area and well before you are under threat.

People who are at higher risk, such as children, elderly, disabled or with medical problems, should always leave early. Leaving early is always your safest option.

To help your family prepare for a bush fire, you need to make a bush fire survival plan. This will help you make decisions like when to leave, what to take, and what to do with animals.

### USEFUL LINKS AND CONTACT INFORMATION

**Wamboin Rural Fire Brigade** <http://brigade.wamboincommunity.asn.au>  
**NSW Rural Fire Service** [www.rfs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au)  
**Wamboin Brigade Captain** [captain@brigade.wamboincommunity.asn.au](mailto:captain@brigade.wamboincommunity.asn.au) or 0409 991 340  
**Queanbeyan Fire Control** 02 61280600

### The Wamboin RFS Weather Station has a problem!

The actual weather measuring equipment at the Fire Station is working fine, but the web site program is having a problem interpreting the data which makes the display useless. A click on the "Temp, Rain, Humidity" etc headings at the top of the weather page will bring up the correct display. (Except for Pressure which displays about 10 hPa under the correct reading. We hope to have it all fixed soon.

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<p><b>Group B Independents (Your Issues Our Commitment)</b></p> <p>Past service on Council and lots of fancy words filling up flyers is all very well but we now enter a new era of governance in the Queanbeyan Palerang region. Group B believe that if the needs of regional communities are to be seriously met by Council there is no room for egos, fringe ideologies, secret agendas or political power playing. We're all fed up with that. There must be unequivocal respect for ratepayers. This council needs to have a clear focus on the needs of the region. For Bywong, Wamboin and Sutton, at the top of the list is road improvement, repealing foolish land zoning, unnecessary Council intrusion and preventing rate creep. Group B is comprised of local community advocates, graziers, solicitors, small business people and scientists. Group B Bywong locals Mike Cramsie and Mareeta Grundy are committed to providing a strong voice at the table for rural people. We will not support over governance or be distracted by political correctness campaigns, or extravagant proposals. Our region will face some serious challenges. Group B wants to "future proof" it to ensure no one is overburdened or left behind. This will require a council that is willing to embrace sustainable opportunity and consolidate operations. At this critical time we cannot afford a council full of factions or self-interest blocks preoccupied with squabbling and point scoring. Group B believes that our region has enormous potential to carry the challenges of the future confidently on its shoulders. But this will rely on prudent fiscal management, an emphasis on intelligent planning and development, respect for our unique landscapes and Council support for small local business. Growing local jobs, and providing a supportive environment for the development of quality tourism, if done intelligently, will consolidate the rate base and enhance local facilities for local communities. Electing responsible and competent members to Council will ensure rates are fair and affordable, our heritage and unique landscapes are protected, and we have the facilities we need to prosper now and into the future.</p>	<h2 style="text-align: center;">Group C</h2> <h3 style="text-align: center;">Queanbeyan Palerang Liberals</h3> <p>The Liberal Party is running an endorsed ticket of six for the next local Council elections and has released a 9 point policy plan for the Queanbeyan Palerang area.</p> <p>"We're very confident that our 9 point policy plan will resonate with all voters in the new council area" said former Palerang Councillor and Bungendore resident Mr Mark Schweikert.</p> <p>"It's a big area this new council covers so we had to make sure we got the policies right" said Monaro Young Liberals President and number two on the ticket Mr Phillip Middleton of Jerrabomberra.</p> <p>Further details on the policies and what they mean for ratepayers can be found at the facebook site <i>Queanbeyan Palerang Liberals</i></p> <p>"We're looking forward to a positive campaign which involves the contest of ideas for our future. Our 9 point policy plan is so far leading the way on this" said Mr Schweikert.</p> <div style="text-align: right;">  </div>
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## Your Local Team Vote **1** Group E




**Pete Harrison**                      **Keith France**

**Larry King**      **Belinda Hogarth-Boyd**      **Kathy Handel**      **David Shellard**      **John van der Straaten**

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### Group G: Sue Whelan

OAM is a Candidate for the 2017 Council election. With 33 years of experience in Local Government Sue has a long history of representing the community with all levels of Government. Sue says that while she now lives in Queanbeyan she grew up in Henty, NSW and has an understanding of issues facing rural communities as well as the larger urban areas. As a Councillor Sue was actively involved in both Council and community committees and would continue this involvement if re-elected.

The team Sue leads is a mixture of experience and young people: Jason Webb has lived and worked in Queanbeyan for more than 30 years. Tanya Davis grew up in the region and now lives in Wamboin and has children at Sutton Primary. John Martin is from Bungendore and has lived in the Palerang region since 2010. Helen Langford lives in Queanbeyan and has business and managerial skills. Katie Whelan was born in Queanbeyan and has been educated and worked in the region. Katie volunteers with 2<sup>nd</sup> Queanbeyan Venturer Scouts with a group of young people aged 15-17 years from Queanbeyan and surrounding areas.

The team has a vision for the new Council as a strong united community that forges its own destiny, where services are provided to all the community in a planned and financially responsible way. This is a very important time for our community and we need Councillors who are prepared to work together to achieve outcomes for all our communities.

Council support for all sectors of the community is important to maintain the identity of our communities and the richness of our history and heritage. Effective consultation with the community is a priority for Sue and her team. We have been out listening to the community and will certainly consider those views when making decisions.

### Group H – Ian Marjason – QPR United Team

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**GROUP H**

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## LAMINITIS

**What is laminitis?** Laminitis is a painful hoof condition that affects the laminae, which are the soft tissues attaching the pedal bone (coffin bone) to the hoof wall. Disruption of blood flow results in inflammation of the laminae, and if not treated can lead to separation and rotation of the pedal bone away from the hoof wall. Laminitis most commonly affects the front feet, however can also occur in the hind limbs. If recognised early, long term effects can be avoided; however, chronic laminitis can lead to ongoing pain, unsoundness, and even penetration of the sole by the pedal bone.



**Figure 1: This pony's hooves have become severely deformed due to chronic laminitis. Source : [www.alleghenyequine.net](http://www.alleghenyequine.net)**

**What is the cause?** As the exact cause of laminitis is not completely understood, prevention and successful treatment is often limited. Currently a lot of research is happening about laminitis and its causes, and hopefully more information about this frustrating disease will become available soon.

- Obesity/overfeeding
- Equine Metabolic Syndrome
- Equine Cushings (PPID)
- Diets high in carbohydrates eg. grain, lush spring pasture, or abrupt changes in diet
- Retained placenta in mares
- Gastrointestinal disease eg. colic, diarrhoea
- Severe infections eg. pneumonia, placentitis
- Adverse drug reactions
- Standing for long periods eg. travelling by road, rail or ship
- Non-weight bearing lameness (causing laminitis in the opposite limb)
- Poor hoof care
- Intense exercise on hard ground
- Previous history of laminitis

Common causes of laminitis include:

### **Management of laminitis:**

With early intervention, many laminitis cases can be successfully managed. However, unfortunately there is no specific cure. The most important aspect of treatment is early identification, removal, and/or treatment of the cause. For example, if the inciting cause of laminitis is obesity, the horse's diet should be restricted, with weight loss as the goal. Veterinary advice should be sought from us as soon as possible, as early treatment can prevent further deterioration.

Management and treatment of laminitis by our veterinarians may include: Radiographs, increased cushioning under the sole of the affected feet, farriery techniques to correct forces placed on the coffin bone and hoof wall, strict rest, restricted die, ice/cold therapy, pain and inflammation management, and intravenous fluid therapy.



**Figure 2 Cross section of a healthy hoof (left), and displacement of the coffin bone (right). Copyright © HC Biovision 2007**

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## Is It Wildlife Or Just Us?

Let's not be too hasty to demonise kangaroos (Wamboin Muse, Jill Gregory, Aug 17). Jill reflected on a German tourist visiting Wamboin specifically to see kangaroos. I have a similar story of a family friend who travelled from Brisbane during the millennium drought, who delighted at seeing his first kangaroo, as he drove into our property. But as for claims that the local population is out of control; we are in drought conditions again; we've upset the balance and 'they're' eating our gardens. Well, I'm not so sure.

Having lived in Wamboin for 17 years, my observation is that there has not been an explosion in kangaroo numbers. The mobs I observe, including on my property, are much the same size as they have been over time. Kangaroo populations cannot explode, as is often claimed. Certainly animals can appear in new places, but this may be because of development or the introduction of stock animals pushing them along. Just think, out of 100 kangaroos, 50 are female; allow for young and old; and perhaps there are 30 breeding females, which have a single joey each year. Some joeys don't make it to adulthood due to being got at by foxes, dogs, shooters, MVA, disease and accident (these factors affect all kangaroos of course). Some animals die off from old age (their teeth get worn and they cannot eat well). So, no way can a kangaroo population explode. It is more likely that left alone numbers would be balanced – whether in good times or bad.

Once upon a time this area was a huge clapped-out sheep station. For decades, farmers killed off anything that moved and cleared the land. But in the last 30 years, tree-huggers (apparently almost 3,000) have moved in and have started to turn the clock back and improve the land, including with trees and shrubs. And guess what? The wildlife has come back in abundance. Not just kangaroos, but all manner of birds, reptiles, turtles, echidna, possums, wombats and much more. With so many other areas of NSW eradicated of wildlife, I know which environment I want to enjoy and to preserve for future generations. Early settlers saw kangaroos all the time – it was common. But now if we see a few mobs, we think we are overrun.

Eating all the green stuff? I don't think so. Whilst there are variables (e.g. animal size, quality of grass etc), it seems a kangaroo eats between 0.2 & 0.4 of a Dry Sheep Equivalent (DSE). A horse or heifer on the other hand has a DSE of about 10 (stallion is up to 16). So, when looking at a horse in a paddock, think of seeing between 25-50 kangaroos. A 'wet cow' comes in at a conservative 16 (how many kangaroos is that?). Oh, did you know some researchers opine that roos have a water turnover 13% that of sheep? And I personally accept the help roos give in pruning the garden – I'm the mug.

Don't get taken in by ACT government propaganda in which every excuse under the sun is used to kill off kangaroos – including, "we must kill them because they might starve in the future"! Which other animals shall we apply this rule to? Having killed off so many kangaroo, the ACT government now has to mow, burn-off and graze the land with cattle to keep the grass down.

Take up the challenge: count your mob and check the number of females that have pouched young. Count again in six months, including how many young-at-heel made it; and again in a year to see whether there has been a significant increase in numbers. - Philip Machin

## Wamboin Pony Club July 2017

Can you believe we are half way through the year? The cold chill of minus temperatures at the moment is a reminder and the keen riders from Wamboin Pony Club braved the minus 4 degree morning last Sunday to gather for another club rally day. This year we have built up our membership and have record numbers coming along each time. It's great to see the new members really enjoying the experience of riding with those of a similar age and gaining valuable instruction from our experienced club instructors. The past month or so saw a number of our riders compete in the Zone 16 Mounted Games event at Bungendore, which was also run by our club. Thanks to all the parents and our riders who helped make the day a success.

Our recent rally day saw riders working through a number of different riding exercises and each rally day there is always something different happening. This week some of the more experienced riders even spent time riding through elements of the cross-country course we have on our grounds, something we haven't done for a while. Our club grounds and facilities are always being improved. On the sidelines these past months many of our parents have been helping to renovate our clubhouse, which had a bad case of termite infestation. All volunteering their time to keep our small community club operating and the grounds maintained, like all community groups Pony Club only survives through volunteers.

Our next Wamboin Pony Club rally day is on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> August. So remember your local Wamboin Pony Club involves horse riders aged from 5 – 25 and we have a group of dedicated and experienced instructors. Our Pony Club ground at the end of Canning Close has fenced arenas and clubhouse facilities that we have built up over the years to create a safe riding environment. You just need access to your own horse and can even come along and try for a day to see what goes on. Rally days are a great social day out. Wamboin Pony club usually meet twice a month on Sundays at our grounds from 9am gear check to 1pm. If you would like more information about Wamboin Pony Club and our upcoming rally days email our Secretary Stacey at [wamboinpcsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:wamboinpcsecretary@gmail.com) check our website [www.wamboinponyclub.org.au](http://www.wamboinponyclub.org.au) and find us on Facebook. We hope we will see you soon.



- by Steve Quick

picture: Robyn Slater



### Fathers Day Sunday September 3

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### The Two Long Weekends.

Wishing it was a long weekend? Well good news! We will be open when the two long weekends come around Monday September 25th and Monday 2nd October. Book now for brunch and or lunch.

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## From the Corner

**Legal & Practical Access** — With recent changes to the legislation governing the management of Crown lands, I thought it would be worth revisiting the subject of one of my first pieces on Road Reserves.

By way of background, when the first formal surveys of land were commenced in the 1830s, access to every holding was provided through a network of Crown roads. These roads were typically aligned with the boundaries of surveyed lots, without any practical consideration given to topography or other barriers that might impede the actual construction of a road. Practical access to every surveyed portion was therefore not assured.

The result is that, while a Crown road reserve might exist on paper, it may be impractical or even impossible to actually build a road on the reserve. Note also that it is the relevant planning authority that decides whether or not it is practical to build a road—not any property owner that might wish to make use of it.

In more recent rural residential subdivisions, the provision of an appropriate public road network is a mandatory requirement. In rural areas, however, it is not uncommon for the practical access to a property to have been ‘inherited’ from a traditional access route over private land.

There are two problems that can arise in cases such as these. The first is that the ‘inherited’ access may never have been formalised, and thus not be legal. This fact usually comes to light when conflict arises between the parties involved.

To provide legal access over private land, a Right of Carriageway (RoC) must be established via negotiation between the owner(s) of the burdened land and the beneficiary of the RoC. A RoC is generally included as a covenant on the title(s) of the burdened land and will explicitly identify any beneficiary. If several individual properties require access via a RoC, each needs to be explicitly identified on the relevant title(s). Any property not so identified will not have legal access via the RoC, regardless of how many other properties might be using it legally.

The other problem that can arise is the maintenance of the access path. This ultimately remains the responsibility of the parties involved, although the primary burden is generally on the beneficiary of the RoC, not the owner of the land. As time passes, and properties change hands, this can become problematic.

From time to time, Council is approached to take over the ownership and maintenance of a private road. These requests will generally be considered favourably provided the road is formed to the standard required by council before ownership is transferred. A former Mayor joked with me just recently that, when he writes his account of his civic life, it will be entitled “Barking Dogs and Rights of Way”. Perhaps I’ll deal with barking dogs another time...

The QPR Blog—New or related entries in my Blog (<http://peteharrison.id.au/blog>) include:

Legal & Practical Access (Aug 2017) Road Reserves (Jan 2012) Pete Harrison Ph. 6238 3640 Mob. 0427 711 028

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**TOTAL 1,321**

## When Will the Dog Attacks Stop?

by Jenny Warren

At 3pm Wednesday 16th August my neighbour decided to take her little dog for a walk. As she and her 'on-lead' dog have been threatened by stray dogs on a number of occasions while walking on Weeroona Drive, she always walks with a heavy-handled walking stick as some level of protection.

As she walked up her driveway she came upon a red dog mauling a joey in one of her paddocks. She only saw the dog momentarily as it ran away leaving the terrorised and badly injured kangaroo still alive and caught in a fence. She telephoned me for assistance. At first she thought the joey was dead, but as she approached she saw it was breathing and had its toe caught in the lower wire of the fence under which it was trying to escape.

We managed to free the terrified animal, which urinated with fright as we were working to free it. It could hardly stand and was easily captured and kept warm until Wildcare volunteers arrived to sedate it and take it in for treatment. The animal was terrorised, had a chunk bitten out of its rump and would have been mauled to death by this dog had my neighbour not come upon the attack when she did.

Unfortunately Wildcare have advised that he died the next day, their care revealing puncture wounds to the neck, rump and of course it was suffering from myopathy, having been chased for who knows how long.

At 5pm my neighbour called me to say the red dog was back, this time with a black accomplice, on her driveway near the road. As she approached to try to get a photo, the dogs both turned towards her and starting barking and snarling. Naturally she backed off but not before taking a photograph. I then reached her and got a good look at the dogs – a red Australian cattle dog and a blue Australian cattle dog.

I followed them down Weeroona Drive, with the red dog in the lead, with no real chance of catching them, but just to see where they went. I photographed them on the road and as they entered a property then crossed to an adjoining property where the owner keeps alpacas. I warned her about them and as the light was failing, I returned home.

So we had two killer dogs on the loose, one badly injured kangaroo and 5 people (my neighbour, myself, Wildcare x 3) who spent between 1-2 hours in the freezing wind in the joey rescue and attempted apprehension of the dogs, all because someone hadn't taken the necessary steps to keep their dogs under control.

That night we were awoken by the barking of what was obviously 2 dogs. Upon contacting my neighbours to warn them to keep themselves, their children, their stock and their own dogs safe, one reported that she returned home from work to check her sheep, another reported that her horses were clearly disturbed by something as they would not even come to the house for hay, and yet another reported that her well-contained dog had been on alert and barking much more than usual, clearly aware that these other dogs were hanging around.

On Friday 18<sup>th</sup> there was a notice on the Norton Rd/Sutton Rd chalkboard about missing red and blue cattle dogs. I rang the owner who lives in Fernloff Road and suggested he come up to Weeroona Drive where his dogs were causing mayhem.

Over the weekend we repeatedly heard barking and saw mobs of kangaroos running in all directions and horses on our neighbour's property watching one particular direction, however, we did not see the dogs. (continued on next page)

But it wasn't over and much worse was to come.

Pete and his wife are Wildcare kangaroo carers. They volunteer their time, effort and believe it or not, their own money, to rehabilitate sick and injured native animals. As with all Wildcare volunteers and many others of us in this community, they are passionate about ensuring that our native animals are respected and given a helping hand when required.

They have a large enclosure with 1.8m high fences which has until now offered protection for the sick and injured animals they care for. Some of these kangaroos are victims of the Carwoola bushfire, others are recovering from being hit by vehicles, others from being shot with firearms or arrows and some from dog attacks.

I'll let Pete tell you the next part of the story.

*"At 2:30pm on Saturday 19th August I arrived home from work to hear dogs barking. At the time I really had no idea where the barking was coming from. I looked around at the wildlife that was still present, and they were all looking in one direction. As I walked in that direction the barking got louder.*

*As I approached I noticed a blue and a red heeler bothering a large male kangaroo. I was videoing the incident but what the GoPro did not pick up was the blue heeler holding the kangaroo's paw in its teeth and pulling on it. Maybe if I enhance the video you might see this, as I did with my own eyes. I managed to take control with an old splitting axe handle, for some protection for myself. As I was trying to ward him off, the blue heeler showed me his teeth. Although he did not growl, the K9s were certainly on display for me. He obviously did not like me around his potential kill. As I was trying to assist the terrified kangaroo, I picked up a red dog collar.*

*At 2:50pm I called Bungendore Police to report 2 dogs attacking a kangaroo. Two officers arrived an hour later. In that time I made a number of other calls for help, to assist me to carry this male to safety. Senior Constable Kim Wegnen, along with Senior Sergeant Tim Saunders both observed the puncture wounds to the neck of this poor old male kangaroo. Then, our wonderful local Police Officers provided me the help I needed to carry the grand old fella the last 70 metres into what I had always seen as a safe place so he could be treated for myopathy, as well as having his wounds attended to."*

*...Continued...*

*“From that time until approximately 9:00pm Sunday, everything was quiet. I heard a noise and looked out the window and saw some kangaroos in the light of my back porch in sheer panic. I could hear the dogs were out there, I just couldn't find them in the darkness. The barking did stop. I knew then they had a kill, which I discovered the next morning.*

*As I was preparing to leave for work on Monday morning, I noticed again all the animals seemed very uneasy out there. As I walked outside to investigate, I noticed the same dogs, a blue and red heeler chasing kangaroos next door. The red heeler was leading the way this time. I have no footage of this as it was all unfolding at an extreme pace. These two heelers had a very determined look about them! Through my eyes, it looked like a National Geographic documentary, with wolves or wild dogs hunting, only these were allegedly domesticated dogs, out for the kill. These dogs were showing significant signs of becoming feral, from their behaviour. As soon as they saw me, they ran away.*

*I then called on two of my friends and the owner of the dogs to come to my property. The blue heeler was captured on my property without injury. The red heeler who was running onto my friend's property was shot at twice, but escaped unscathed. The red heeler then simply just headed back home to Fernloff Road, 7km away.*

*On Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> at 10:30am I contacted Officer Wegnen who confirmed that a Police report had been made. Officer Wegnen informed me that he was in the process of making contact with the QPRC Ranger to see what course of action was available.”*

There were 11 kangaroos in the enclosure when Pete went to bed on Sunday night. Pete obviously knew the dogs were about as the kangaroos were alert and frightened. He could not see the dogs and really had no way to protect his sick and injured animals in the dark.

When Pete took a headcount in the enclosure on Monday morning, 6 animals were missing. Devastated, he started to search for the missing kangaroos and came upon a carcass, well the front half of a kangaroo carcass to be exact. Due to the damage to her ear during the February Carwoola fire, Pete identified her as “Ember”, a female kangaroo being cared for after the bushfire.

Taking the day off work, Pete spent Monday searching for the other missing kangaroos. In the enclosure he found one victim, almost rehabilitated and scheduled for release, with a broken leg clearly as a result of being harassed by these dogs. Knowing it would not survive, he took it to Bungendore Vet where it was euthanised.

He found 2 other missing animals on his neighbour's property, including “Cinders”, a female kangaroo who had sustained severe burns to her feet in the Carwoola bushfire and whose ‘leather pads’ had just grown back, making her imminently able to be released, but that was before this attack.

Over 3 days Pete was able to return 3 animals to the enclosure, but as at writing this article, 2 are still outside and unprotected including Cinders.

As Pete said, he has been in touch with Bungendore Police and QPRC's Ranger and full reports will be compiled for these and other authorities.

If the owner does not take the sensible step of having these dogs destroyed, under NSW legislation, they must be declared dangerous or menacing. The red dog is a 2 year old female. She is pregnant to the 1 year old blue male.

The following italicised text is copied from the website of the NSW Office of Local Government, my underlining. These dogs meet the criteria.

#### ***Declared dangerous and menacing dogs***

*A declared dangerous dog is a dog that an authorised council officer or a local court has declared as dangerous because it:*

- *has, without provocation, attacked or killed a person or animal (not including vermin), or*
- *has, without provocation, repeatedly threatened to attack or repeatedly chased a person or animal (not including vermin), or*
- *is kept or used for hunting (not including a dog used for locating, flushing, pointing or retrieving birds or vermin), or*
- *has been declared a dangerous dog under a law of another State or a Territory that corresponds with the Act.*

*A declared menacing dog is a dog that an authorised council officer or a local court has declared as menacing because it:*

- *has displayed unreasonable aggression towards a person or animal (other than vermin), or*
- *has, without provocation, attacked a person or animal (other than vermin) but without causing serious injury or death, or*
- *has been declared a menacing dog under a law of another State or a Territory that corresponds with the Act.*

The requirements for keeping a Declared Dangerous or Menacing Dog are onerous

#### ***Control requirements for owners of declared dangerous dogs***

*If you own a dog that has been declared dangerous, you must ensure that: (continued next page)*



**Wildcare volunteer Steve Garlick administering fluids to one of the kangaroos which jumped the 1.8m fence of the enclosure trying to escape from the dogs who were circling it. This treatment can assist in preventing myopathy, a condition caused by being chased and terrified, a condition from which kangaroos can suffer a long, lingering death up to a month after being chased and/or attacked.**



- your dog is microchipped and lifetime registered
- your dog is desexed (or permanently sterilised)
- your dog is not, at any time, left in the sole charge of a person under the age of 18 years
- your dog is contained in an enclosure that meets the requirements of clause 24 of the Companion Animals Regulation 2008 when on the premises where it is ordinarily kept. You must also obtain a certificate of compliance from your local council, certifying that the enclosure meets the regulatory requirements
- you prominently display dangerous dog warning signs on the premises where your dog is ordinarily kept
- your dog wears a prescribed collar at all times
- your dog wears a muzzle and is securely leashed at all times when outside the enclosure where it is ordinarily kept. If your dog has been declared as a dangerous dog because it is being kept or used for hunting, it is exempt from the requirements to be muzzled and securely leashed when outside the enclosure where ordinarily kept when it is actually hunting
- you notify the local council for the area in which you intend to keep your dog, if this council area is different to the council area where your dog was kept when it was declared dangerous.
- you notify the local council for the area in which your dog is ordinarily kept:
  - if the location (within the same council area) at which your dog is ordinarily kept changes as soon as practicable after the change of location
  - if your dog, with or without provocation, attacks or injures a person or animal, other than vermin (must notify within 24 hours of the attack or injury). It is an offence, under the Companion Animals Act 1998, to encourage a declared dangerous dog to attack a person or animal
  - if your dog cannot be found (must notify within 24 hours of your dog's absence first being noticed)
  - if your dog dies (must notify as soon as practicable after your dog's death).
- you do not transfer ownership of your dog. It is also an offence to accept ownership of a dangerous dog
- you do not sell (sell includes give away) your dog or advertise it for sale.

For more information contact your local council.

If you fail to comply with these requirements, you may be issued with a penalty notice and/or liable for imprisonment and your dog may, under certain circumstances, be seized and destroyed.

### **Control requirements for declared menacing dogs**

The same control requirements apply to a declared menacing dog as those which apply to a declared dangerous dog, with the exception of the enclosure requirement, which is as follows for a declared menacing dog:

During any period that the menacing dog is on property on which the dog is ordinarily kept, and is not under the effective control of a person of or above the age of 18 years, the dog must be enclosed in a manner that is sufficient to restrain the dog and prevent a child from having access to the dog.

This article is published to highlight the dangers of roaming domestic dogs and to encourage all local dog owners to ensure their dogs are well controlled and well contained, especially if you are going away on holidays and asking a neighbour to feed them. Why not factor the cost of professional kennel accommodation into the cost of your holiday? Had that happened in this case, this carnage would not have occurred.

Dogs that appear calm and friendly can turn feral, especially after they have killed. The owner's assurance that this is the first time these dogs have escaped and done anything like this does not make this OK and does not absolve him from taking responsibility for what his dogs have done.

The wildcare volunteers and other witnesses to these multiple attacks are calling for these dogs to be declared dangerous or menacing by Council, which can result in them being destroyed. They have killed and if they were to ever get out again, they will certainly kill again. (end of article)




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

Date of Meeting: 15 August 2017 Meeting chaired by: Peter Evans, President, WCA

Members of the WCA met in the warm Wamboin Hall to hear from some of the WCA Committee members, WCA members, and representatives of other community organisations active in our community and associated, in some manner with the WCA.

### General outline of topics discussed

**WCA Secretary:** David McDonald confirmed arrangements for the Meet the Candidates event on August 22nd at the Wamboin Hall, prior to the Council election on 9 September.

**Wamboin Whisper:** Editor Ned Noel advised that for the first time there is a delivery area without a volunteer to deliver the Whisper, namely, Donnelly Road. Members discussed a range of solutions and one member offered to take the matter up with attendees of the Wamboin Social Drop-In Group and was confident a solution would be found.

**Hall Management Committee:** Lofty Mason gave an update on the drainage earthworks underway at the rear of the Wamboin Hall, including advising WCA members of the costs and how the works would be funded. One of the outcomes of these works will be increased car parking capacity.

**WCA Website** <<http://www.wamboincommunity.asn.au/home>>: Pete Harrison spoke about the history and roles and responsibilities of the creation and maintenance of the website and its content. Steve Richards is the Webmaster, Pete Harrison is backup, though both receive emails to <webmaster@> wamboincommunity.asn.au>. Ned Noel is also on the Web Committee, members of which are responsible for making decisions on content requests. Each member has primary responsibility for a different section of the website: Ned manages the Business Directory; Steve manages all the Fire Brigade information; Pete manages other content. Responsibility for maintenance of content, such as the individual community groups (e.g. Pony Club, Rotary) lies with each of the community groups. Requests for updates should be directed to the Webmaster. Pete reiterated that the Wamboin YAHOO Group is totally disconnected from the website.

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. All welcome.*

*Next meeting: Tuesday 19 September. A brief meeting of the WCA will be followed by "The Snake Talk", with the return of Wildcare Snake Coordinator, Wayne Alford, as the first speaker in the WCA's 2017 Spring Talks Series. All welcome, especially the kids!*

- Jenny Warren, Assistant Secretary, Wamboin Community Association, Inc.



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On Saturday, 9th September, there will be a walking tour as part of the celebratory activities, and a visit to St Peters will be included. The Church doors will be open and a prominent member of the community with links to the pioneering days of the district will be there to share his knowledge of the early days of the church and its part in the history of Sutton village. On Sunday, 10th, at 9am, there will be a special service at St Peters to honour the pioneers of the district and reflect on bygone days. After the service everyone is welcome to stay for a sausage sizzle and perhaps swap stories from the past and share ideas for the future.

Thanks to a Heritage Grant from the Yass Valley Council, the interior and exterior of the Church will be painted and this will complement the external modifications made possible by a previous grant. Kids Club, which meets each Friday from 4.30 to 6pm at St Andrews, Poppet Rd, will be in recess for the NSW school holidays, but will begin again with the new school term.

Church 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. After the service you are invited to stay for scrumptious morning tea and a chance to meet and chat to others in the community. For further information or assistance, please do not hesitate to contact any of:

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## Wamboin Muse

Jill Gregory

Yesterday was a real taste of spring...a jacket less day in the garden under a clear blue sky with bees buzzing, birds twittering and masses of golden wattle. Today, as I look through my window at pink japonica blossoms and yellow daffodils I see them through a veil of softly falling snow. It's been a month of bone chilling winds and grey winter skies one day and sunshine and warmth the next; August tempts and teases, but spring is on its way.

This spring, however, will be different. There will be no Lena Lamb. Twenty years ago a sign on the notice board at the corner shop on Bingley Drive announced... "Black lambs...free to good home." I said, "No" but two cute bundles of curly black wool followed us home and adopted us. They quickly befriended our feathered menagerie, and Mort, our faithful hound, who was the reason we had moved from the suburbs to Wamboin in the first place. We named one Bert, and the other, Lena, and once named they assumed their rightful places on the couch to watch TV with the kids. Sometimes we tethered them across the creek where the grass was sweeter. One morning, to our horror, we discovered that Lena was alone. During the night Bert had been attacked by wild dogs and all that remained was his collar, a tuft of black wool and a few entrails. Lena was in a state of shock. Despite our encouragement, she balked at crossing the creek ever again.

So Lena the Lamb lived with the chooks and ducks and trotted around happily with Mort or the kids, but she never quite knew how to relate to Cedric, the rooster. Cedric was even more confused about his origins. He had been hatched and rejected by a disdainful duck, nurtured in an old ugg boot in the kitchen and fostered by a shaggy white dog. Lena spent her days trimming the lower branches of the chinese elms to lamb height, pruning roses and supplementing her diet with grain and lucerne. At 16, long after the kids had left home and left us with their ageing pets and treasures, we took her to the vet after yet another attack by dogs and were told that she had perfect teeth and "years ahead of her."

Every Christmas Dave, the shearer, arrived for his gig in the garage. Sometimes Lena was shorn in private, sometimes she had an audience of curious children and grandchildren but always her performance was faultless. Her fleeces were bundled up and stowed in the loft. One year a friend spun her wool into balls of yarn and I knitted a scarf. It was beautiful wool. When the local church needed a flock of sheep for the Nativity, Lena was it. At first she trotted to the church on Christmas Eve with the head shepherd, but in later years she gratefully accepted a ride in the back of the old Holden station wagon. Two years ago she retired from public life, still "Lena the Lamb". She was the last survivor.

On the bleakest wintry night this August she lay down, and died. Amazingly, the two kids who had nursed her and Bert on the couch all those years ago were visiting, one from Germany and the other from Townsville. Lena had chosen her time....and to her credit had waited until there had been enough rain to soften the ground across the creek to dig a large hole and her final resting place.

Now she lies in peace, beside Bert, safe from marauding dogs, beneath the wattles, listening to the crescendo of bird song as our feathered friends return for spring. Brilliant wattles, cheery daffodils, blue skies, a massed choir of bird song and precious memories.....I wouldn't live anywhere else.



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