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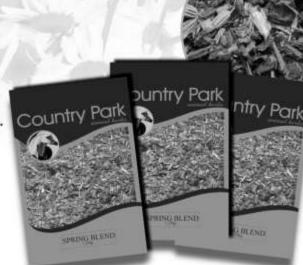
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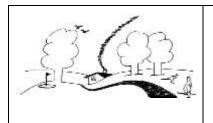




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# Wamboin Community Association President's Paragraphs "Welcome to the New Greater Wamboin Council"



The election has been run and won. It was relatively painless and I'm glad all those smiling faces on coreflute are no longer staring from the roadside. It's great to see some balance in the elected Council with four former Palerang Councillors elected to the new Council. Congratulations to former Palerang Councillors Cr Peter Harrison, Cr Mark Schweikert, Cr Trevor Hicks and Cr Peter Marshall. Ex-Palerang Councillors make up 4 of the 11 elected so we will certainly have a voice. Also congratulations to Tim Overall on being elected as the first QPRC Mayor and Cr Trevor Hicks as Deputy Mayor. As the Administrator, Tim took time to attend a WCA meeting and we look forward to him attending our November spring talk.

**Bonfire and Fireworks** – What a fantastic night. Luckily on the night, the wind died down and a healthy crowd of 1500 plus enjoyed the best fireworks display and bonfire in years. It was great to see so many local families and their friends out and about on their picnic rugs and chairs enjoying the truly country atmosphere. Funds were raised for the Wamboin RFS and the many food stalls raised funds for local community organisations. This is a great community event and the WCA is pleased to be able to facilitate the event in which there is so much community benefit. Thanks to everyone who put time into the organisation and the clean up afterwards.

**Christmas Carols** – Yes believe it or not Christmas is sneaking up on us. Start those laybys and dust off the Dean Martin Christmas Special CD to practise those familiar tunes. The Wamboin Christmas Carols will be held on Friday 15th December at 7:00 pm. Put it in your diary.

**Spring Snake Talk** – 80 plus interested locals turned up to our great snake talk at our September meeting. Wayne Alford, the Snake Coordinator at Wildcare delivered a very informative discussion on our local snakes and how to avoid them and first aid if worst comes to worst and a Joe Blake goes toe to toe. It was also great to see a number of kids at the talk. Thanks Wayne for a great presentation.

Local Land Services Spring Talk – Our next Spring Talk in October will feature Rebecca Bradley, Senior Natural Resource Management Advisor with South East Local Land Services. Rebecca will speak on topics including "Feral Fighters (a program targeting invasive species) and the opportunities to learn how to improve your land and livestock management skills?

**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 morning tea and activities. Everyone is welcome.

WCA Meeting – next meeting is 7.30 pm, Tuesday 17th October at Wamboin Community Hall.

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#### MAJOR FOCUS FOR OCTOBER-INSTALLATION OF PLAY EQUIPMENT

**Note:** For reasons beyond the control of the BCA committee this report for October is necessarily much shorter than is usual. Nevertheless the BCA is functioning well and the major projects are progressing as anticipated.

**Playground Project:** As announced previously, the play equipment should be installed in October, and another working bee will be organised for some time later in that month or in November to clean up and generally complete the playground. The Grand Opening is scheduled for the afternoon of Saturday 16 December and will be held in conjunction with the traditional BCA Xmas Drinks. Committee members are currently organising and preparing for this. The starting time is yet to be finalised, but once decided the event will be well advertised prior to December.

Again, 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/

**Tea-towel Project**: JP Favre continues to produce and promote these excellent novelty items. It seems as if they will remain a steady source of revenue for the BCA over the next few years.

**New BCA Website:** This is a significant upgrade over the previous site and is very easy to navigate. The site may be found at <a href="http://www.bywongcommunity.org.au/bywong/">http://www.bywongcommunity.org.au/bywong/</a>.

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

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Friday, December 15th 2017 @7:00pm At Wamboin CommunityHall,BingleyWay

Everyone is invited to come along and ...

Join in the singing of Christmas Carols (both traditional and modern), ably led byour local musicians Listen to a special performance by the Playgroup children.

Experience the Christmas Story, as presented by the children of Wamboin.

Give generously to the Giving Tree (gifts and non-perishable food, preferably unwrapped or in a Christmas bag) for distribution by the Salvos.

Say Hi to Santa when he arrives on his special transport, a FireTruck.

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#### Can you write something for the November Whisper?

You think about life out here sometimes. You experience or see things things that make a good story or a presentation of a problem. You wonder why your dog and the magpies don't get along. It's not a way for you to push your own business (which you could pay for as ad), but it is something you can say in words that your neighbours will appreciate. It's not something that will make everyone angry. You found a new way to make life better for a horse or some cows cow or a sheep. Something good finally happened with your apple trees. It's not something everybody will already see in some larger newspaper. Maybe it's something that happened to you or your children at the school bus stop. Maybe it's a moment when you got the best of the two eroded tracks that used to be your driveway. Maybe you saw some residents who found a new way to enjoy not living in the City.

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Wildcare does a great community service in dealing with incidents involving injured and orphaned wildlife that needs a helping hand. With the help of concerned landowners, motorists and other members of the public, often there are extraordinary results with animals being rescued, rehabilitated and returned back into their native habitat to get on with life. Sometimes – as with capturing snakes getting into the wrong place, it is just a matter of relocating them. Unfortunately there is a more difficult, but necessary, aspect to Wildcare's activities – the need to euthanise animals that are too badly injured to be reasonably recovered.

Ideally, a very badly injured animal needs to be euthanised by a Vet, but with larger animals, such as kangaroos and wombats, it is not always practical to do this. As such, Wildcare has a number of licenced and authorised 'shooters' who can attend and assess an animal and euthanise it if necessary. Typically this might be as a result of a motor vehicle accident, fence injury or dog attack.

With many Wildcare volunteers working, there are very few shooters available during business hours. And not all of Wildcare's operating area, which surrounds the ACT and stretches from Bredbo to Young and out to Tarago, is covered anyway. It would be great if there were a few more shooters available to respond to call outs, 24/7. Wildcare shooters need to be licenced (of course) and obtain a NSW Police firearms (animal welfare) permit to discharge a firearm in a public place. On private land, a property owner's permission is needed. Additional Wildcare safety training (not covered by the Police) is mandatory to ensure an animal is euthanised safely, humanely and in accordance with the Code of Practice. Wildcare authorises volunteers to euthanise animals, and where necessary, the Police are kept informed of any activity involving the discharge of a firearm. Wildcare is short of shooters and if you would like to help bolster its ranks, then please get in touch with Wildcare on 6299 1966 and find how to get involved.

By the way – Wildcare often gets called out to assess and deal with animals that are carrying dreadful injures, which have been caused by irresponsible and unlawful shooting either with a firearm or crossbow. And it is worth pointing out that Law protects all native wildlife, whether it is on private or public land. It is illegal for anyone to simply take pot shots at wildlife and all incidents need to be reported to the National Parks & Wildlife Service and Police. Neighbours should be very concerned if they come across such incidents, as it is quite possible the person discharging a weapon irresponsibly, may not care where a stray or ricocheting bullet (or crossbow/arrow) ends up. If you need any help with wildlife matters or want to get involved, then get in touch with Wildcare on 6299 1966 (website: wildcare.com.au). - Phil Machin, Wildcare, 6238-3717

#### **Contentious Character Event Calendar**

Brunch has begun!! 10am - 12pm Saturday and Sundays.

Monday October 2 Long Weekend - Vintage Flights with paired food plate from our new Spring menu. Choose Shiraz or Chardonnay and sit back and listen to some funky tunes in the fireside lounge or be out in the sunshine on the deck soaking up the views, while we prepare your flight. \$55 for five vintages plus delicious morsels paired to each vintage. Book through



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Fair Food Week 2017 Long Table Native Lunch - Sunday October 15 12- 2pm

Celebrate Fair Food Week with two courses of locally grown and produced food, matched with a glass of wine. Some of our region's Fair Food heroes will speak about their food journeys and there'll be an auction for a mazing locally crafted items, to support the Southern Harvest Association to assist our local farmers, producers and food industry. \$90 per head or \$70 if you are a member of the Southern Harvest Association. To join go to https://southernharvest.org.au/join/ or to book now go to https://contentiouscharacter.com.au/products/fair-food-week-2017-long-table-native-lunch-sunday-october-15-12-2pm-non-members

Sunday 29th October - Happy Halloween! Monster face bread making class for kids

Bring your kids in to learn about making bread with a scary twist... monster faces! While the parents relax in the restaurant, the class will be held in the scary dungeon (wine cellar), each participant gets to decorate their own bread loaf to look like a scary monster face! We then take the bread to the oven and cook it for the kids to then eat with some delicious pumpkin soup, followed by a scoop of pumpkin ice cream!

\$30 per head. Book through <a href="mailto:info@contentiouscharacter.com.au">info@contentiouscharacter.com.au</a>. Boooo!!!

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November Contentious Character 1<sup>st</sup> Birthday –An Intimate Celebration with a Twist

Join the Contentious Four for an intimate night of great food, wine and entertainment as we celebrate one year since we opened the cellar door and kitchen. We'll start on the lawn at sunset with sparkling, lively conversation and a few tunes. Then as the sun goes down we'll move in to our table, with glorious views, for a classic Australian native degustation menu designed by Tom, our Culinary Director in conjunction with paired wines chosen from the Contentious Four's own cellar, by Jeremy, our winemaker. Some rather surprising and contentious entertainment, along with live music for dancing, will feature throughout the night. Numbers are limited to create the contentious intimacy we seek for this special night. \$150 per head all inclusive or if you'd like pick up and drop off transport include then \$190 all inclusive.

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#### Wamboin Golf – August 2017

Sunday 6 August. A cold blustery day. The brass monkeys were keeping local boilermaker, James Watt, busy unfreezing the old round objects. A rather ill-judged email, sent round the day before by the captain, may have had the effect of reducing numbers in the field by inviting the poltroonish to at least attend the 19<sup>th</sup> if they were intimidated by the weather. Your correspondent was one of the poltroons, the result of a surfeit of *Schweineknochel* and red wine the previous evening. The day was sponsored by the Tradies – Don, Henk, Trent and Col – chaps that can hammer in nails which don't include the one on the thumb. We thank them for the useful prizes (adzes, planes, axes, screwdrivers, etc.) and the filling repast, especially Henk's notorious pea and ham soup (ancient family recipe; killed every one on the *Batavia*).

Back at the Forge, a raging fire completed the work of Mr Watt's oxy-welding equipment while the captain welcomed our guests, Al and Irene Packer, fine wool producers of Weeroona Drive. It was noted by many that the 46 mls of rain we received during the week only partially relieved the drought caused by the scandalous theft of water from the Murray-Darling basin up north. Reassured by the knowledge that Seve Bolero, local member and State leader of the Country Party, has the matter well in hand, we went on to marvel at the wizard japes going on at the Commonwealth Bank. Not only will the bank look after your money, they'll now wash and iron it for you! Add that to the loot the bank trousered from its financial advisers and insurance policies and the cash rates-fixing adventure, it's no wonder the share price is tanking. Someone, possibly that nice Mr Narev, may miss out on their bonus. Meanwhile, local green thumbed nurseryman, poor old Scotty Ludlum, lost his job just for being born in New Zealand. It just doesn't seem fair.

The googly ball went to the mover of the motion that if you don't play you don't eat. He was ruled out of order. The dummy spit was awarded to Vicki Still who spoilt an otherwise creditable 18 holes by various tanties on the course. She also got the encouragement award (to encourage her to stop moaning and get on with it). The winner of the junior comp was Madison Gordon. The winner of the nine hole comp was Lofty Mason with 40 off the stick for a handicap-adjusted 27. Second was Joan Mason 42/30 OCB from Ken Gordon 3<sup>rd</sup> on 38/30. The 18 hole comp was won by Tim Barter 80/65. Runner-up was Paul Griffin 86/67 followed by Vicki Still in third place with 109/71. Well done, all!

Next month is September. (My, isn't the year flashing past – just like Usain Bolt used to.) So join us at the Wamboin community hall on Sunday 3 September at 12.15pm for the usual 12.30 take-off when we will compete for the Spring Trophy. Should be a lot of fun; the sponsors, the family Mason, have decreed a three-club day and there will, of course, be Mme Mason's famous spring rolls. WARNING: there will be citizenship check at the door. Those born in NZ, UK or Canada get in free. -- Larry King, Golfer

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The NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) is reminding residents that fire permits are required during the statutory Bush Fire Danger Period which runs from 1 October to 31 March each year.

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- The ground around a barbecue is cleared for 2 metres of all material which could burn.

Every resident should have a Bush Fire Survival Plan so they know what to do on days of increased fire danger and can immediately put their plan into action if their home is threatened by fire.

Information about Total Fire Ban declarations is published at <a href="www.rfs.nsw.gov.au">www.rfs.nsw.gov.au</a>.

#### THANK YOU

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The first market of the season started quietly and then was abuzz with people selling and buying plants,



home cooked food and craft. As usual the café was the key attraction. Landcare brought a trailer load of tube stock and will be back this coming month. We were very lucky to have Taylor busking – both he and his sister are very talented pianists and then Taylor kindly loaned his keyboard to Elizabeth – who runs a plant stall – and her singing was much appreciated. They will be back this month too. Sally was away on holidays but Joan and Lofty supplied delicious sausage rolls instead and - as usual - the egg and bacon stall was busy.

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.

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#### Arts Trail – Saturday 21 and Sunday 22 October (10am – 4 pm)

Some of our local artists will be running a pop-up studio – STUDIO THIRTEEN at the Bungendore War Memorial Hall (opposite Food Lovers) to showcase their works for the Arts Trail. This pop-up gallery will feature 13 different artists and techniques in one location. On display will be glass mosaics, pen-turning, pottery, drawing, leatherwork, printing, wirework, millinery, woodwork, collage, silverwork, quilting, and beadwork. At this pop-up studio you will be able to meet the artists, chat with them and see them creating their artworks. They will also have works available for sale. Local Wambion artists Lyn Randall and Paul Downey invite you to visit them and the other artists at STUDIO THIRTEEN on the weekend of the 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> October.

The Arts Trail is an initiative to showcase the region's artists (Queanbeyan, Bungendore, Burra, Braidwood, Wamboin, etc.) run by the Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council. During the weekend of the 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> of October the region's artists will be opening up their studios to the public between 10am and 4pm. Visitors can create their own trail by visiting studios that interest them. The 2017 Arts Trail features more artists and studios participating than in previous years.

For more information on the Arts Trail contact Georgina Perri on 6285 6170 or cultural.services@qprc.nsw.gov.au\\\



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

Date of Meeting: 19 September 2017 Meeting chaired by: Peter Evans, President, WCA

A meeting of members of the WCA and attended by many other local residents preceded the first in the WCA's Spring Talks Series - 2017. Despite being kept deliberately brief, the meeting was informative and demonstrated the limitless efforts members of the WCA and other local community-based organisations go to, with the intention of enhancing the livability and enjoyment of our rural-residential area.

#### General outline of topics discussed

**WCA President:** Peter Evans encouraged everyone to come to the WCA's largest event of the year, the Bonfire and Fireworks event on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> September, it being an opportunity for numerous local community groups to fund raise. He also reported on the delivery of the mobile phone tower to the site in Denley Drive and that he has requested an update on its installation from Telstra.

**WCA Vice President:** Jenny Richards advised that preparation was underway for the Christmas Carols and Children's Pageant event scheduled for Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December.

**Home Produce Market:** Lance Schultz's report was delivered by Jenny Warren. The first market after winter was Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September. Upcoming events include the return of the popular Pet Parade in November, and a repeat of the mountain running event to coincide with the January 2018 market day.

**Hall Management Committee:** Lofty Mason advised that the earthworks at the Hall are complete and the driveway entrances to the Hall have also been cleaned up so access to parking in and around the Hall is much improved.

**Wamboin Rural Fire Brigade**: Peter Greenwood advised that the Brigade had attended 4 callouts this month including to unregistered pile burns. He reminded residents that the fire season commences October 1<sup>st</sup>, so there is very little time left to conduct pile burns. Burns can be conducted during the fire season with a permit, which he said would be very hard to obtain this year due to the dry conditions and early fires across NSW.

WCA Website <a href="http://www.wamboincommunity.asn.au/home">http://www.wamboincommunity.asn.au/home</a>: Steve Richards confirmed that the Local Fire Danger rating was available on the WCA website.

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 17 October. Following the meeting, for the second Spring Talk, the WCA will welcome Rebecca Bradley, Senior Natural Resource Management Advisor with South East Local Land Services who will speak about a range of local programs including "Feral Fighters", "Save our scarlet robin", and describe how LLS can help us all to improve our land and livestock management skills. All welcome!

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



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#### "The Snake Talk"

#### Report on Wamboin Community Association's Spring Talk #1, 19th September

Wildcare's Snake Coordinator, Wayne Alford, spoke to a 'standing-room-only' crowd of 85 people, including 15 interested children, at our first Spring Talk for 2017.

Wayne kicked off his presentation with a message from our local snakes - "Back off, nobody needs to die today".

This was the recurring message throughout Wayne's hour-long talk, during which he described numerous strategies for improving our relationship with the snakes who inhabit our area.

After describing the features and behaviour of the area's venomous snake species (tiger, brown and red-bellied black snakes), including the differences in their preferred prey, Wayne described some really simple things that we can all do to minimise the chances of human/snake interactions:

- Remove food and water sources and snakes will go elsewhere. Snakes love mice...mice love grain...so check your stables, compost heaps, chook pens, aviaries and grain stores for mice. Both red-bellied black and tiger snakes love frogs so don't have fish/frog ponds and other frog habitats near the house.
- Clean up around your home and patch up holes in buildings. Snakes will live where it's warm and dry such as under half-finished building projects and wood piles. They can get through incredibly small holes into houses or outbuildings so block all potential entry points.
- Keep grass short around your house and farm buildings snakes don't like having to cross open ground where they can be spotted by birds of prey.
- Use 'mouse fencing' with 5mm apertures to a height of 2 feet (about 60cm) around your 'house paddock' to provide a safe place for your children and your dogs.
- *Never* stick a bare hand into a potential snake hideout such as a woodpile, compost heap, stacked building materials or rabbit burrow.
- Take care when working with bird netting it's common for snakes to get caught in netting at ground level.
- Wear sturdy boots (gum boots are great for kids) and long pants such as jeans which the snake's short (2-5mm) fangs can't penetrate.

Jackson, a young volunteer from the audience, was the perfect snake bite patient for the First Aid demonstration, performing enthusiastically despite having sustained a serious snake bite to his right hand. Jackson helped Wayne to stress the importance of immobilising the patient and bringing the Ambulance to the patient's location to minimise movement. Thanks for being such a great patient, Jackson!

The audience asked many questions and Wayne took the opportunity to bust some common snake myths. *'The only good snake's a dead snake'* 

WRONG! Apart from being a protected species, the majority of snake bites occur while someone is trying to kill a snake. If you kill one snake, another, larger one will come by. It's much better for all concerned to minimise interaction in the first place and to back off and let the snake go on its way.

'Snakes are out to get you.'

WRONG! Humans, even children, are much larger than any of our local snakes and are therefore seen as a potential predator, certainly not as prey! If you do encounter a snake, it is just as surprised as you are and will find the nearest escape route and disappear as quickly as possible.

'Snakes will chase you.'

WRONG! Same reason as above, but if a snake feels cornered, as a last resort, it will stand and defend itself (just as the Eastern brown is doing in the photo). Just to be clear, Wayne demonstrated that at a brisk walking pace, no snake would be able to catch a human anyway.

The WCA's Spring Talks Series-2017 continues on October 17 with Rebecca Bradley from Local Land Services; and November 20 with Tim Overall, Mayor of Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council. Written on behalf of the WCA by Jenny Warren, Assistant Secretary, WCA.

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#### SPRING TALKS SERIES – 2017

### TALK 2: "THE LLS TALK" - OCTOBER 17th, 7:30pm - WAMBOIN HALL

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

#### HOW DOES LOCAL LAND SERVICES HELP LOCAL LANDHOLDERS?

Are you aware of the potential range of services that Local Land Services (LLS)



offer our rural-residential area and how this might help you? Do you want to know more about programs such as "Feral Fighters", "Save our scarlet robin", and the opportunities to learn how to improve your land and livestock management skills?

Rebecca Bradley, Senior Natural Resource Management Advisor with South East Local Land Services has kindly accepted our invitation to be our second guest speaker for 2017. Rebecca's presentation will provide us with a summary of the range of services offered by LLS in the Queanbeyan Palerang region, and provide a range of examples of local projects that are supported by LLS. Of course she will also be happy to respond to your questions.

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Covering a variety of topics relevant to life in a rural-residential area, 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. 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!** 

| Date          | Topic                                 | Speaker/s                                  |
|---------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| 17th October  | "How Does Local Land Services Help    | Rebecca Bradley                            |
|               | Local Landholders?"                   | Senior Natural Resource Management Advisor |
|               |                                       | South East Local Land Services             |
| 21st November | "The New Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional | Tim Overall, Mayor                         |
|               | Council"                              | Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council       |

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Civil Marriage Celebrant. Dorothy Skea. Mobile No: 0403 215 336 (easier to get a hold of me on my mobile). Ph: 6238 3290. E-mail: dorothyskea@outlook.com

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#### The new Lake George core: evidence for changing climate and uplift of the Lake George Escarpment over the past 2 million years

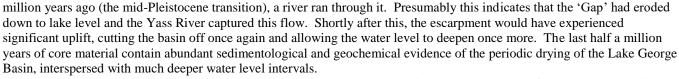
The next Sutton Landcare meeting will be held on Tuesday evening October 10 at Sutton School

commencing at 7.30 pm. At 8.00pm, our guest speaker, Dr

Bradley Opdyke, Senior Lecturer and Research Scientist, ANU Research School of Earth Sciences, will address us on the above topic. This is a follow up to Brad's 2015 address to our group on how studying the history of Lake George can give us clues about our future climate in a warming world.

A core recovered from the middle of Lake George near Geary's Gap records a detailed record of changing lake levels as well as the most recent interval that the Lake George basin was connected to the Yass River through Geary's Gap. The core is over 70 meters long and the record stretches back over 2 million years.

The sediments indicate the lake was relatively deep from 1 to 2 million years ago, then around 1



Brad is an expert in his field of paleoclimatology and a great communicator on the science of climate change. This update should be of particular interest to all those interested in this critical subject. -- This notice provided from Sutton Landcare by Alan McNeill. *Picture: Sheep near dam at Lake George (CSIRO)* 





#### SATURDAY 28 OCTOBER, 2017 8:30am - 12 Noon --**QUEANBEYAN PARK (behind Police Station)** 8:30am Registration – 9am start of walk

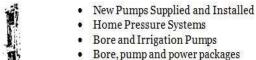
Registration fee \$10.00 per person (\$30.00 for a group of 4) Walk up to 5km around a designated walking track.

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|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------|----------------------------|----------------------------------------|----|--|
| Fay Kelly                                                                       | Norton Rd West Area from Cmpbl Pl    | 20     | Christine Rieber           | Cooper Rd                              | 26 |  |
| Cheryl and David Steele                                                         | Fernloff Rd                          | 35     | Jill & Richard Gregory     | Canning Cl                             | 17 |  |
| Julie Veal                                                                      | Poppet Rd (for all on road)          | 32     | Alan Rope                  | Sutton Rd                              | 40 |  |
| 180: CO-ORDINATED                                                               | BY KATHY HANDEL: ph 6238 3596        | khand  | el@bigpond.net.au          |                                        |    |  |
| Joan Mason                                                                      | Bingley Way                          | 44     | Margaret Hekeimin          | Merino Vale Dr                         | 19 |  |
| Sue Ward                                                                        | Norton Rd (Bingley to Weeroona)      | 32     | Anne Gardner               | Weeroona Dr (Norton to Majors)         | 31 |  |
| Kathy Handel                                                                    | Norton (Weerona to Hilltop+Wirndra)  | 23     | Phil Leeson&Coleen Fogarty | Norton Rd (Campbell to Bingley)        | 32 |  |
| 233: CO-ORDINATED                                                               | BY KERRIE FISHER: ph 6238 3489       |        |                            |                                        |    |  |
| Lesley Page                                                                     | Valley View Ln                       | 4      | Deb Gordon                 | Yalana East                            | 45 |  |
| Colleen Foster                                                                  | B'dore Rd to Nrtn Rd                 | 23     | Rob Henry                  | South end Clare Valley                 | 41 |  |
| Cassie Fisher                                                                   | Clare Ln                             | 12     | Lyle Montesin              | The Forest Rd area incl Joe Rcks       | 65 |  |
| Dominica Lorima                                                                 | North end Clare Valley               | 42     |                            |                                        |    |  |
| 262: CO-ORDINATED                                                               | BY JOHN VAN DER STRAATEN: pl         | 6238   | 3590 jnpvds@bigpond.net.au |                                        |    |  |
| Sheryl Barnes                                                                   | Denley Dr (Sth End 1/2 way2 Kestral) | 15     | Rhonda&Neville Parnell     | Denley Dr (Birchmans to ½ way to end)  | 26 |  |
| Don Malcolmson                                                                  | Macs Reef Rd (Denley to Gum Flat)    | 7      | Rhett Cox                  | Macs Reef Rd (Newington to Bankers)    | 7  |  |
| Connie & Hans Bachor                                                            | Dnly Dr to Macs Rf Rd incl Bchm Gr   | 35     | Daryl Bourke               | Macs Reef Rd b'n Nwgtn& Harriott       | 30 |  |
| Nora Stewart                                                                    | Rovere Ln                            | 7      | Sandra Favre               | Macs Reef Rd b'n Nwngtn& Harriott      | 20 |  |
| Carol & Clive Boughton                                                          | Macs Reef Rd (Bankers to Fed Hwy)    | 33     | Joan Milner                | Birriwa Rd plus Macs Rf Rd to Harriott | 31 |  |
| Beth Hope                                                                       | Gum Flat Ln                          | 6      | Tony Bond                  | HoganDr/OranaDr/Yuranga Dr             | 44 |  |
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| 161: CO-ORDINATED I                                                             | BY IAN COILLET ph 6238 3425 lodes    | star@c | ozemail.com.au             |                                        |    |  |
| Michael & Jose Deane                                                            | FdHwSvcRd/Bidges/Hickey/O'Gold       | 70     | Louise Baldwin             | Wattle Flat Rd                         | 11 |  |
| 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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| Not Covered by anyone                                                           | Donnelly Rd & Donnelly Ln (29)       | 0      |                            |                                        |    |  |
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#### RAINFALL AND TEMPERATURES IN WAMBOIN:

#### 42 year statistics from Cooper Road

| 42 year statistics from                                                           | ii Coopei Roud                                                                    |
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| (by David & Robyn Robertson until 2017, since by Chri<br>September Rainfall Stats | stine Rieber, with help from her husband & son) Average September rainfall 64.8mm |
| September rainfall to the 24 <sup>th</sup> 8.25mm                                 | 2016 September rainfall 154.75mm                                                  |
| 2017 total rainfall to 24/9 287.0mm                                               | 2016 total rainfall to 24/9 688.25mm                                              |
| October Rainfall Stats                                                            |                                                                                   |
| 2016 October rainfall 45.5mm                                                      | Average October rainfall 59.0mm                                                   |
| Wettest October 198.5mm in 1976                                                   | Average no. rain days in October 9                                                |
| Wettest October day 59mm on 17/10/76                                              | Highest no. rain days 22 in 1976                                                  |
| Driest October 4.5mm in 2006                                                      | Lowest no. rain days 2 in 2006                                                    |
| October Temperature Stats                                                         | Av. Oct temp 12.8°C (day+night comb.)                                             |
| Hottest October day 31°C on 28/10/97                                              | Hottest October night 17°C 29/10/77                                               |
| Coldest October day 6°C on 11/10/12                                               | Coldest Oct. night2°C (2 times)                                                   |
| (snowed)                                                                          | on 18/10/13, 14/10/14                                                             |
| Average day temperature 18.3°C                                                    | Average night temperature 7.3°C                                                   |
| Warmest October 1977                                                              | Coldest October 2012                                                              |
| Av. day temp. 21.2°C & nights 9.4°C                                               | Av. day temp. 16.9°C & nights 3.2°C                                               |
| (highest 21.9°C in 1991) (highest)                                                | (lowest 15.8°C in 2009) (lowest)                                                  |
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#### From the Corner

**Land Title Covenants** — Last month I touched on the subject of covenants when discussing Rights of Carriageway. I thought it might be worthwhile digging a little further into this aspect of land titles.

A covenant is like a promise that must be kept by each new buyer of a property. It can affect vacant land or land that is built on.

Covenants are usually "restrictive" in that they stop the owner of the property from doing something. These sorts of covenants are materially identical to formal "Restrictions on the Use of Land" that may also be recorded on a title document.

These covenants are often created at the time land is subdivided for development. There are a few of reasons for this. Firstly, many developers like to retain a level of control over their development, so that the land within a subdivision retains its value through the development cycle. This may be achieved by restricting what can be built, where it can be built and/or from what materials it can be built. There may also be a desire to impart a particular character on a development by restricting certain land uses. In this way, a developer is able to effectively regulate the standard and quality of building or the general amenity within a subdivision, preserving its value.

Many purchasers like to see this sort of regulation in any case, as it provides a level of certainty with regard to their property investment. All of the lots in the subdivision that created my own lot, for example, include various covenants, one of which reads as follows:

"No lot hereby burdened shall at any time be used as a brickyard, tannery, pig farm, quarry or any such noxious occupation trade or business without the consent of the person entitled to release vary or modify these restrictions in writing first had and obtained"

There are also covenants in place in areas around the shire that restrict land uses such as the keeping of hooved animals. Note that covenants such as these generally operate independently of conditions that might be imposed through a land use planning instrument such as a Local Environmental Plan (LEP). Certain building styles or land uses that are otherwise permitted under an LEP may well be constrained or prohibited through a covenant on a specific land title.

In NSW, restrictive covenants are binding on the owner of the land. As such, the responsibility for any breach will transfer with land ownership. Very careful attention therefore needs to be paid to any covenants when purchasing property or building. Even if you do not experience any difficulty following a breach of covenant while you are the owner, you may well do so when it comes time to sell—a prospective purchaser may have little interest in taking on any potential problem.

Covenants may, nonetheless, be "positive" in that they may require the owner to carry out certain developments, provide services or maintain structures on the land. Positive covenants are more common in community and strata title styles of development.

More details relating to covenants and land titles are available from the Land & Property Information website at www.lpi.nsw.gov.au.

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

Land Title Covenants (Oct 2017) Building Certificates (Aug 2014) Lot Size Averaging Update (Nov 2012) -- Cr Pete Harrison, Ph. 6238 3640, Mob. 0427 711 028, Email: contact@peteharrison.id.au

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#### **Wamboin Community Carols Night**

Yes it's fastapproaching thattime of the year again. Christmas is much closer than you thinkand the annual Wamboin ommunityCarols Night is likewise much closer too. Put on by the Wamboin Community Association thisis a wonderful wayto celebrate the end of the year with a community get together. This is a non-denominational event and the emphasisis on the community. Admission to the event is a gift under the Christmas tree for the Salvation Army people to take to someone less fortunate.

The night features carol singing, a performance (usually) by the local playgroup children, the telling of the Christmas story (in itsrather unique style), a BBQ (gold coin donation which also goes to the Salvo's) and of course the arrival of Santa to distribute gift bags to the children. Date for this extravaganza is 15<sup>th</sup> December 2017 at 7:00 pm at the Community Hall in BingleyWay. So please come along and enjoy yourselves. Parents of children wishing to perform in the Christmas Play are invited (PLEASE) to ring Jenny Richardson 6238 1329 as soon as possible to organize parts.

#### Wamboin Golf September 2017

Sunday, 3 September 2017. A warm early Spring day spoilt by winds gusting to 60 clicks. But never yet did a howling gale deter the hardy golfers of the region who gathered in their thousands, or somewhere near it, to contest the universally famous Wamboin Spring Trophy which, for over 30 years, has been sponsored by the Mason family. The sponsors decreed a three-club day, (one of which had to be a putter) decided by stroke play. And so, with a song on our lips and hope in our hearts we donned our cleated boots and set off into the untamed Wamboin savanna.

Back at base camp the acting captain welcomed our guests, David Shellard and the entire Urquhart clan lead by Colin and Sam (sorry, I didn't get everyone's name, I was concentrating on spelling Urquhart). Of course everybody wanted to talk about the forthcoming QPRC elections. Many had attended meet-the-candidates night to witness the tradition of putative politicians kissing hands and shaking babies and saying things like "can you hear me up the back?" (The correct answer is "yes, but I'm prepared to swap with someone who can't".) Amongst the many interesting presentations your correspondent, who admittedly had skin in the game, could sometimes detect a fine sprinkling of that great old fertiliser BOVINE SH-one-T. But it's a tough gig with little love in the room. When I said to the person sitting next to me I thought one speaker had made a good point the terse response was "even an idiot can have a good idea". The sensation of the night came when the chairperson announced that a candidate I won't name was not an escaped convict; he had, in fact, served his full sentence. (That's not true. I just threw it in to see if you were awake. Politics can be a bit tedious.) Thankfully conversation turned to the proliferation of the eastern grey kangaroo. There was much empathy with the measured and moderately-expressed views of our own Wamboin Muse.

The googly ball went to David Shellard for staying on at the 19<sup>th</sup> in his Yellows after a call-out which was actually a pager broadcast about the next day's expected fire weather. The dummy was passed around from Glen Crafter to Tim Barter via Keith France for various embarrassing displays of temperament on the course. The encouragement award went to the youngest Urquhart (Katie, I think). NTP and LD ball winners were Keith France 3, Pete Harrison 3, Sam Urquhart, Colin Urquhart, Ken Gordon and Tim Barter. The winner of the junior comp was Alex Gordon (Maddie was runner-up). Winner of the nine hole comp was Larry King with a nett 31 OCB from Glen Crafter. The 18 hole comp was taken out by Keith France 56 from Tim Barter 59.

Join us on Sunday, 1 October for the rollicking Oktoberfest Kompetition. We have ways of making you have fun. Be at the community hall at 12.15pm for the usual 12.30pm shotgun start. -- Larry King, golfer.

