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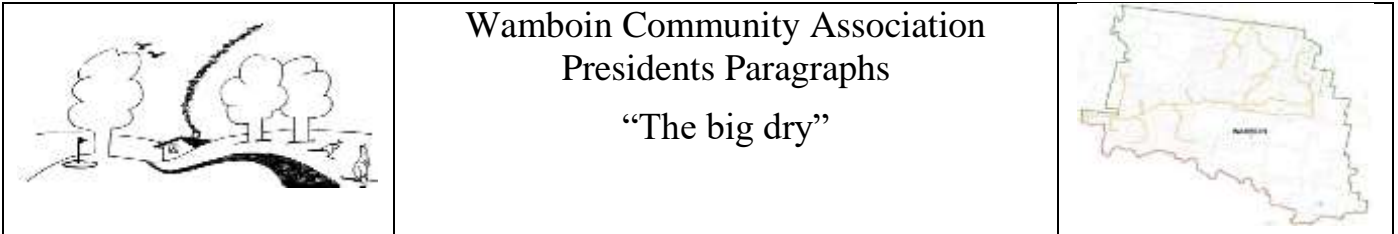


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Well winter is here and the dry spell continues (as of writing at least). An icy blast is forecast to arrive with the beginning of winter but unfortunately no substantial rain is on the near horizon. Stock feed is getting in short supply around the district and I hear that some suppliers are sourcing it from as far away as South Australia. Many farmers are reluctant to sell their supplies as they are worried about not having enough for their own stock so prices are rising fast. I also see large trucks with hay with increasing regularity as it is trucked around the region. Even with rain now not much is going to grow locally until the spring due to our frosts. The topsoil is starting to get very dusty. The kangaroos are even finding it slim pickings and are moving closer to houses and unfortunately also the road sides. There is an ever increasing number road kill carcasses littering our local roads so please slow down and drive to the conditions, as many of them do not obey the road rules. I'm sure the insurance companies will be saying the same. A few minutes delay now will save many hours organising to get the car repaired.

QPRC Draft Policy for the Engagement of Volunteers – The WCA put a submission forward to the QPRC and we understand a redraft is in process. We look forward to the redrafted policy that hopefully actually reflects local rural community needs and is better thought through than the first release. Fingers crossed the QPRC redraft will enable us to continue our community activities and not be like the recent Clean up Australia Day debacle (Is everyone noticing the visible increase in litter along our roadsides).

May Market – The may market featured the augural Great Wamboin Horse Gear sale. The day was a great success with monies raised donated to Landcare. Well done Meriel and the market crew. Unfortunately I think I came home with more than we took there. Maybe next year we can actually reduce our horse possessions.

June Market – This is our last market before the winter shutdown (next one in September). Make sure you make it down to grab some local produce and hand made goods (the coffee and food is also great and perfect for a winter morning).

Next Kowen Trail Run – The next Kowen Trail Run will be held on Sunday 17 June. It will have a marathon, half marathon, and a 12 km walk/run. For further details go to www.kowen-trail-run.com

Wamboin History – David McDonald is compiling a series of history articles for our district including the hills, roads and waterways. As you have no doubt found in recent issues of the Whisper, David's articles will soon also be available on our website. It's great to have some understanding of the development and local names of where we live.

Telstra Tower – Well finally the tower on Denley Drive seems to be powered up and running and there will be an official launch from Telstra at the Bywong Hall on June 5th at 4pm. See details in this issue. I understand Optus is also looking to share the tower so hopefully that will also improve coverage for Optus network users.

Wamboin Social Drop-In Group – the drop in group runs from 10 am – 12 noon every Thursday. Drop into the Wamboin Community Hall for morning tea and activities (and a warm fire).

WCA GM – next General Meeting will be held 7.30 pm, Tuesday 19 June at the Wamboin Community Hall on Bingley Way.

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Bywong Community News

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Update on QPRC process for reassessing land use zones in parts of Bywong and Wamboin: In response to BCA's invitation to provide a presentation at a BCA meeting, QPRC Mayor Tim Overall advised that Council has now received advice from the NSW Department of Planning on how to progress with the review of the E4 zoning in Bywong and Wamboin, and that a separate report will be submitted to Council on this matter in the near future. Mr Overall undertook to advise BCA of the Council Meeting date (BCA will then advertise the date via the Whisper email list), and reminded that any individuals or groups may wish to make a presentation at the commencement of that Council meeting.

Thursday 14 June, 7.30pm: BCA public meeting at the Bywong hall, 7.30pm. All welcome.

Saturday 14 July, 7.00pm: the famous annual Bywong Trivia Night! The winning tried-and-tested formula of brain-teasing trivia and mouth-watering soups! Start getting your "Trivial Brains Trust" of 8 friends together for the evening! More info on the BCA website.

Sunday 29 July. Queanbeyan "Christmas in July" fair. BCA will have a stall selling JP's famous teatowels featuring local sketches – come along and get your Xmas shopping underway!

October TBA: Film Night. Plans are underway for either a "Classic Cinema night", or a "Bywong Tropfest Awards night" for the winning and runner-up entries from a local short film competition.

Stay tuned and keep an eye on the BCA website: www.bywongcommunity.org.au, where we welcome YOU to get in touch and contribute your ideas and/or help with any of the above.

Mike Wilkins, President, Bywong Community Association

Late Addition to this page by the Editor:

Tuesday, 5 June, 4:00 pm: Telstra will use the Bywong Hall to Launch the new mobile phone tower on the corner of Denley Drive and Birchman's Grove. Residents are more than welcome to attend the event. Telstra is hosting it "so we can speak to the community and if there are any questions, we can hopefully answer them." I apologise for the fact that many readers will see this note after the event. Telstra did announce the event on Tuesday, May 29, but the Whisper won't be printed till Thursday or Friday, May 31 or June 1st, and distributors and deliverers, all volunteers, all fitting in that volunteer job with their other obligations, may not get it into your mailbox until some days later.



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Wamboin Brigade Captain: wamboincaptain@gmail.com or 0409 991 340

Queanbeyan Fire Control: 6128 0600

The Market Egg and Bacon Roll Stall

My time to hand over the Egg and Bacon Roll preparation has arrived early with a requirement for me to be in Cairns over the June Market period. I am pleased to say I have a volunteer to take over, so the continued supply is assured. My sincere thanks to all the people who have helped out when I was unable to run the stall, this was very much appreciated – a BIG THANK-YOU. Also, to my customers over the past years thank you too. Please continue to support the Markets (and of course The Egg and Bacon Stall) as they are a great meeting place for the Wamboin community. - Joan Mason.

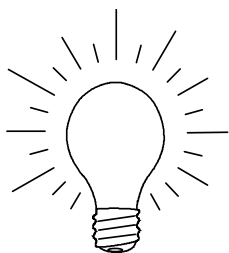


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Wamboin Home Produce and Craft Market Saturday 16 June 2018

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On Saturday 19 May the Wamboin Home Produce and Craft Market combined with the 'Great Wamboin Horse Gear Sale'. Despite a cold and foggy start more than 25 utes, floats and cars turned up to sell a wide variety of pre-loved horse gear. The most popular items were a number of water containers, tubs and square troughs - the latter, just right for keeping those large messy bales of hay tidy! Amongst a range of market produce, cold stall holders were able to enjoy hot coffee and freshly baked scones, egg and bacon rolls and home made sausage rolls and pastries. Poetry in Motion provided great music throughout the morning.

Pony clubs, local stores and businesses were very supportive of the event. Thanks go to Canberra Equine Veterinary Services, A.C. Pet and Aquarium (Bungendore), the Feed Shed (Bungendore), Horseland Fyshwick, Gibbs Farm Centre Queanbeyan, Hiscocks Queanbeyan, Inland Trading Company, LMS Consulting and Sutton, Geary's Gap and Wamboin Pony Clubs. Contributions included generous on site, in store and online promotion and/or donation of raffle prizes.

As a result of the morning, the Wamboin Community Association was able to donate \$350 to Wildcare. Philip Machin, President of Wildcare was on hand to man the Wildcare display on the day. Wildcare helps a large number of people in our area throughout the year - giving advice and sorting out wildlife issues as they crop up. Wildcare is currently seeking end-of-financial-year tax-deductible donations to help cover a larger than normal annual vet bill and increased costs. If you would like to support



Wildcare and make a donation, visit wildcare.com.au or simply pay into BSB 062-593, account 10216803 and let the treasurer@wildcare.com.au know to get a receipt.

Come along to the final market before our winter break. After that you have to wait until September!!!

Photo: Meriel Schultz, Convenor (for the Wamboin Community Association) of the Wamboin Home Produce and Craft Market hands over a donation of \$350 to Phil Machin, President of Wildcare.

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From the Corner

Schedule of Conditions — When a Development Application (DA) is approved, the approval will be accompanied by a Schedule of Conditions. These conditions provide detail relating to how a particular development should be undertaken. For the most part, these conditions will simply be references to working conditions or standards that apply to the development in question.

The Schedule may also include directives relating to additional works that need to be undertaken in conjunction with the development. In such cases, the applicant will often be required to provide additional, specific information about how they intend to satisfy these directives before work commences. From time to time I am contacted by a resident who has fallen foul of an inspection or sign-off process because they have not complied with the Schedule of Conditions or have not provided necessary information *before* commencing work.

In a column a few years ago, I discussed a case where a resident took advantage of a contractor working in the area to cut in a new driveway to their development. Unfortunately, they did this before receiving their approval paperwork, which, as it happened, included specific detail relating to how such work needed to be undertaken. First of all, they put their driveway, the entrance in particular, in a different location to that indicated in their application. In this case, this was not a major problem, but it added another non-compliant element to an already difficult situation. In general, however, a roadway entrance needs to be located where there is appropriate visibility (as determined by council, generally in consultation with NSW Roads and Maritime Services) and minimal potential for conflict with other vehicles that might be entering or using the roadway.

Next, while the driveway works satisfied basic council requirements for an unsealed roadway (maximum gradient 15%), they did not satisfy the requirements laid down by the Sydney Catchment Authority (maximum gradient 10%) that were applicable in the area in question. These conditions were all laid out in the DA approval paperwork, a good reason to have waited for it before starting. The result was a requirement to seal the ‘above gradient’ section of the road, or build a new one, either option incurring considerable additional expense.

More recently, I encountered a situation where, having received the approval paperwork, a resident had constructed a new driveway but had not undertaken drainage works in accordance with stated requirements. In this case, it was evident to someone with local knowledge that the solution achieved the overall objective by improving the situation that existed prior to the works, but after the event it was no so obvious and, of course, it was not in accordance with the approved plans. Seeking approval for the variation before works commenced would have avoided this problem.

Note that, for the most part, the purpose of an inspection is to ensure that works comply with approved plans. If there is a variation in the works that has not first been approved, the inspection may fail, not because the works do not comply with the relevant standards but because the works are not as specified in the approved plans. Obviously, there is some latitude here, but it’s a good idea to check with council first, to seek their advice on whether any amendment needs to be submitted for approval prior to the commencement of works. And, of course, if the Schedule of Conditions indicates that additional details must be provided *before* work commences, it’s a good idea to follow those instructions and resolve any disagreements up front.

There are times when the old adage ‘It’s easier to ask forgiveness than it is to get permission’ applies. There are others when seeking permission first can save a lot of time and expense, not to mention aggravation.

The QPR Blog—New or related entries in my Blog (<http://peteharrison.id.au/blog>) include:
Principle Certifying Authorities (May 2018) Development Approvals (May, 2013) More on Earthworks (Jun 2012)
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Cheryl and David Steele	Fernloff Rd	35	Jill & Richard Gregory	Canning Cl	17
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Kathy Handel	Norton (Weerona to Hilltop+Wirndra)	23	Phil Leeson&Coleen Fogarty	Norton Rd (Campbell to Bingley)	32

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Colleen Foster	B'dore Rd to Nrtn Rd	21	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			

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Don Malcolmson	Macs Reef Rd (Denley to Gum Flat)	7	Cheryl Warnock	Macs Reef Rd (Newington to Bankers)	11
Connie & Hans Bachor	Dnly Dr to Macs Rf Rd incl Bchm Gr	35	Daryl Bourke	Harriot Rd	28
Nora Stewart	Rovere Ln	7	Sandra Favre	Newington Rd	20
Carol & Clive Boughton	Macs Reef Rd (Bankers to Fed Hwy)	33	Joan Milner	Birriwa Rd plus Macs Rf Rd to Harriott	31
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Lyn Parkinson	Bidges/Hickey/OldGoldMines	48	Penny & Russell Ball	Macs Reef (Denley Dr to Bungdre Rd)	20
Glen Dorahy	Sutton Park Estate	53			

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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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Sharing With The Original Inhabitants

Last full moon, the road verges were crowded with kangaroos and the local internet chat board was buzzing with discussion. A few people said they had just hit a kangaroo under these circumstances.

As we all know, Wamboin and Bywong host kangaroo numbers not seen in surrounding agricultural landscapes that also allow a commercial hunt. Everywhere more wildlife habitat is rapidly being covered by new suburbs, roads, fences etc. Out here we still offer mostly live-and-let-live sanctuaries for wildlife. And that is v nice to be part of.

We can't do much about the tourist collisions on Macs Reef or Sutton roads, but we can learn about the habits of the animals we live with, and maybe help them to stay off the verges and out of vehicular encounters.

For instance, there is the behaviour of barely weaned juvenile kangaroos in autumn going into winter. And yes full moon is more dangerous as the kangaroos can see better and venture out more.

At our place we are playing host to maybe five doe kangaroos and their almost-weaned juniors on a home range near the house. (There are others as well out on the block) In this dry season, we share a little supplementary hay and observe the close-in ones.

We see that six-month-old joeys are still drinking from mum, or trying. They follow mum everywhere and will for some months yet. "When alarmed the young at foot relies on its mother to lead it out of danger", says an authoritative work (Zoologist Terence Dawson, *Kangaroos* 2012 who can also be consulted for weaning, high juvenile mortality and other facts).

It's clear that right now there are a lot of semi-weaned young kangaroos around and if people in their cars are having close encounters, it's likely to be with one of these uneducated young roos, particularly if they are panicked and temporarily separated. Last year's young male joeys are also dispersing from mum's home range and will be crossing roads.

In the ACT, the government shooting creates overnight a small army of orphaned kangaroo youngsters. (Observers

have regularly seen lines of forlorn joeys on streets near where the mums were shot). These joeys, besides being at greater risk from starvation, disease and predation, are also the ones likely to cause more car accidents.

To (maybe) keep more kanga families off the verges as pastures give out, consider sharing a bit of hay or other fodder, in the same spirit as we feed the birds or maybe possums. At ours, we feed kangaroos well away from the road maybe twice a week with lucerne or other hay. Lay out little piles to mitigate competition – there is a size-matters pecking order. They get the rhyme and location. And here's a pretty sure-fire way to show the out-of-town visitors our wildlife!

(Unfortunately, we have not found a good alternative to rose bushes, petunias and other exotica for the wallabies).

Lucerne, if available, is safest with lowest sugar content of the hays. Ryegrass pasture hay may not be

suitable, similar risks as with horses if you read up on it, i.e. unless you know how it was cut. Some carers also feed raw sweet potato and there are macropod pellets available. - **Maria Taylor, Bywong**



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WAMBOIN WEATHER: (Rainfall And Temperature Records)

43 years from Cooper Road by Christine Rieber

May Rainfall Stats

May rainfall to the 27th 11.75mm
2018 total rainfall to 27/5..... 158.75mm

Average May rainfall..... 46.3mm
2017 May rainfall..... 39.25mm
2017 total rainfall to 27/5....190.75mm

June Rainfall Stats

2017 June rainfall..... 0mm
Wettest June..... 178.25mm in 2016
Wettest June day..... 84.75mm on 6/6/16
Driest June..... 0mm in 2017

Average June rainfall..... 55.6mm
Average no. rain days in June.... 9.9
Highest no. rain days..... 22 in 1978
Lowest no. rain days..... 0 in 2017

June Temperature Stats

Hottest June day.. 17°C on 7/6/01 & 8/6/17
Coldest June day..... 3°C (4 times)
9/6/11, 24/6/14, 30/6/14 & 25/6/16
Average day temp. 9.7°C
Coldest June..... 2015
Av. max day temp. 7.5°C & night -0.3°C
(lowest -0.6°C in 2001)

Hottest June night.....11°C (7 times)
.. 1991 (5 times) & 1995 (2 times)
Coldest June night..... -6°C on 9/6/96
Average night temp. 2.9°C
Warmest June..... 1991
Av. min day temp. 12.5°C & night 7°C
(highest 13.2°C in 2017)

Weather Notes

The average day temperature in April was 24.3°C, which was 6.9°C above the 42 year average of 17.4°C and 3.9°C above the previous hottest April in 2005, with a daily average of 20.4°C.

There was only one April day in the past 42 years of 30°C or above (30°C on 5/4/1986). This April we had 5 days of 30°C or above with the highest being 31.5°C.

The 42 year average rainfall to 31 May is 269mm. This year we are 110mm below the long term average. So far this May (to 27th) has been the equal 6th driest May.

The six coldest weeks occur after the winter solstice which is on 21 June.

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Plogging in Wamboin

I'm feeling quite on-trend. I went "plogging" on my street on a fine May Sunday morning. Plogging is the latest fitness trend. It's basically picking up litter while you're jogging with the name coming from a mix of Swedish words - "plocka" [pickup], and "jogga" [jog]. Unbeknownst to the serial rubbish collectors in The Whisper area, we've been plogging - or perhaps plalking - for years. We thought we were just picking up rubbish while walking along the side of the road. Hey, if giving it a name and a hashtag is what's required to motivate people to pick up rubbish, I'm all for it. Just please consult your GP.

I had intended to do a full Greenway loop, but I simply couldn't carry the roadside bounty further than 3 kilometres. I started by filling a Baker's Delight plastic bag, thoughtfully discarded by its Easter bun-munching tosser. A kilometre later, I found a plastic shopping bag they'd also tossed bearing the message "Reduce, Reuse, Recycle". Taking that advice on board, I continued filling it while enjoying my plog. Struggling with the overflowing larger bag at the 2 kilometre mark, I was fortunate to find a horse feed bag stuck on a fence, which was so fit for purpose I couldn't believe my luck.

I've built up a lifestyle identikit picture of our tosser.

You won't be surprised to read that they're a big fan of Coca Cola, not really minding if it comes in a plastic bottle or an aluminium can as both are just as easily tossed out the car window. They're not one to take sides in the Jim Beam vs Bundaberg Rum debate. If they're out to impress, they pick up a six-pack of Little Fat Lamb with Brewed Ginger their alcopop flavour de jour, even going to the trouble of crushing the cans completely flat so they don't take up so much space in my horse feed bag. Such consideration!

They're quite health conscious, ensuring that the major food groups are all represented in their diet. In addition to the abovementioned sugary beverages, they drink chocolate milk, so that's calcium sorted. For meat and veges, they sensibly purchase Red Rooster's Large Rippa Mega Box which delivers something deep fried in a bun, some deep fried chicken-flavoured pseudo protein chunks, a deep fried "Crispy Strip" (hell, I don't know, that's what it says on their menu), and a pineapple ring that has beenwait for it...deep fried! Clearly their eyes were bigger than their stomach because they couldn't eat all the chips and thoughtfully threw them out the car window - still in the box but sadly sans tomato sauce - for the kangaroos, possums, dogs and foxes to fight over.

They don't like to be seen as frugal, spending \$21.39 on the Mega Box, but then it does deliver 8240 kilojoules - yep, that's 1969 calories or 79% of the recommended energy intake for an 'average man', but our 'tossler' is clearly nobody's 'average' [insert gender of your choice].

And rounding out their profile was an empty Nurofen package and blister strip. This lead me to wonder if the cause of their inflammation is repetitive strain in their right (driver's side) shoulder, or perhaps their wrist, after all being a tosser can be exhausting if it's something you do every day! - By Jenny Warren

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-Nature Notes May 2018

Jo Walker

The temperatures remained unseasonably mild at the beginning of May but have started to drop (albeit only into the upper teens) in the last week. And the rainfall has been minimal to almost unnoticeable. But, once or twice, there were a few light dustings of frost so perhaps winter will come soon.

We're getting to the time of the year when the only colours to admire in the landscape are the various shades of green in the local vegetation. Although, I did recently see a few flowers on one of the *Eucalyptus goniocalyx* (Bundy). Quite a lot of small plants are busy preparing for the next flowering season though, pushing up little rosettes of leaves amongst the grasses, mostly in soakage areas where there is still a small amount of moisture in the soil. Amongst them are the Violets (*Viola betonicifolia*), Scaly Buttons (*Leptorhynchus squamatus*), Small Vanilla-lilies (*Arthropodium minus*) and Hairy Solenogyne (*Solenogyne gunnii*). Usually by this time the thin delicate leaves of *Wurmbea dioica* (Early Nancy) are visible, but so far I haven't seen any here yet.

While I was clearing out a cupboard recently, I came across a May 2012 issue of The Whisper, and a page of comments from local residents on the presence of a pair of Wedge-tailed Eagles made me realize I hadn't seen these birds for a while, not since February in fact. Then, later in the day, I was outside walking up the hill and those two magnificent birds flew over and drifted across the sky and back for a while. A lovely sight – if you're not a rabbit.

The Yellow-tailed Black Cockatoos have been visiting fairly regularly over the last week, bringing in large pine cones to dismember in search of the presumably tasty seeds. The remains of lots of the cones are littering the ground under a lot of trees here and will probably be the source of some pine seedlings later.

The pair of Mudlarks that spend the winter here have been near the house or down by the dam, giving their familiar 'pee-wee' calls, for several weeks now. A pair of Scarlet Robins joined a small group of Fairy Wrens and White-browed Scrub-wrens searching for insects in the garden. And a small group of Noisy Miners has moved from their usual territory and decided to spend more time near the house – although, at the moment, the Magpies are disputing their right to be here.

There is some welcome rain forecast for later in the week. Let's hope it's not one of those forecasts, so common now, that goes from 'rain' to 'showers' then to 'possible showers'!.....!

Bird Of The Month

By Luke Downey

For June I chose the Eastern Yellow Robin, an uncommon bird that I have seen a lot during the past few weeks.

Eastern Yellow Robin (*Eopsaltria australis*)

Size: 15-16cm

Status: Fairly common / uncommon breeding resident / migrant.



(Photo from Google Images.)

The Eastern Yellow Robin is a pretty bird that prefers moist woodlands and forests including rainforests and gullies. They are not very common in the Wamboin area, and there are often months where you don't hear or see one. Their call is a descending piping, usually about 10 notes long, and is a key to knowing the bird is around. The Eastern Yellow Robin is larger than most other robins, has a distinctive yellow breast and belly and a grey head, back and tail. Its rump is an olive / yellow colour. When perched, they often raise their tail, a unique feature of this bird. They also have an unusual habit, in that they like to perch on the side of tree trunks or vertical branches. Their favourite food is insects and they often flew from a perch to catch them. These birds occasionally visit our birdbath. Look out for them where you have patches of bushy shrubs and trees.

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Wamboin Community Association May General Meeting (GM)

Date of Meeting: 15 May 2018 Meeting chaired by: Jenny Richards, Vice President, WCA

Attendees heard from WCA Committee and general members, as well as other local community groups, about the limitless efforts members of this community go to to enhance the livability and enjoyment of our rural-residential area for all residents.

Outline of topics discussed

WCA Vice President: Jenny Richards confirmed the date for the Wamboin Christmas Carols event as Friday 7th December 2018 and that Sutton Primary School Choir would participate.

Secretary: Assistant Secretary Jenny Warren confirmed that the WCA Committee had made an extensive submission to Council on the Draft Policy for the Engagement of Volunteers and that further review opportunities were expected. She also advised that this year's Spring Talks Series speakers are confirmed as follows:

- August 21 – John Barilaro, MP (outside the Spring Talks period)
- September 18 – QPRC Animal Management Services
- October 16 – Bungendore Police
- November 20 – Hon Dr Mike Kelly, MP



WCA Website: Peter Harrison reported that new pages devoted to the history of local hills, roads and waterways have been added to the Local History section which David McDonald is populating.

Home Produce Market: Stallholders were very happy with the increased patronage at the April (Wheels of Wamboin) market and there has been a lot of interest from the community in the May Horse Gear Sale idea.

Wamboin Whisper: Editor Ned Noel thanked all who had contributed to, advertised in or delivered the May Whisper, noting that more than 50 people are involved in the process each month.

Wamboin Social Drop-in Group: Phillip Machin reported that the usual attendance was 12-15 people, with technical classes and mobile library visits bringing more people along.

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. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 19 June. All welcome.

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

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Wamboin Golf – May 2018

Sunday, 6 May. My old mate Bill Shakespeare, the well-known local thespian and theatrical impresario, said to me as follows: “Larry, old pal, as it fell upon a day in the merry month of May, sitting in a pleasant shade which a grove of myrtles made, beasts did leap and birds did sing, trees did grow and plants did spring...” I said “hold it right there, Shakers old sport. You’re thinking of the Northern hemisphere.” To which he replied “so why are you playing golf in a T-shirt?” He had me there. If not for Autumn’s golden gown it could have been a beautiful Spring day for the annual R&A Wamboin May Day Spectacular, sponsored by the Ancient Mariner (T Barter) and the Intrepid Birdman (P Griffin) whom we thank for the prizes and sustenance (although much of the work was done by the Intrepid Bird woman, Diana. The sponsors decreed stroke play so with a song on our lips we set off into the wide blue yonder.

Back at the old tin shed, while the captain endeavored to sort the lies from the equivocations on the score cards, we discussed Budget. There was general agreement that a federal Budget of any hue is a taxonomy (get it?) of the things that will never happen. Just a few examples: the Budget will attain surplus at a *specified date* (translation - *when hell freezes*); all battlers will get a tax cut (translation – all those who fought in the Boer War will get a tax cut); more money will be spent on R&D (translation – we’re going to search and destroy all those pesky dual citizens); no banker will be living in poverty by 2019 (OK, so that one got through). Talking about bankers, we were all mightily amused at the treatment handed out to those minders of our money including AMP (not to be confused with the first one in the morning). Pugnacious royal commissioner, Jarryd Hayne, fresh from his gridiron experience, is really “sacking” the quarterbacks and wide receivers of the finance world. Keep it up Jarryd. Don’t take a backward step.

The captain introduced our visitors Bruce and Kerry Ilois and the Lomond brothers Ben and Lach. The googly ball went to Ted Evans who read a letter from a female member of the ADF. The dummy spit award was won by the captain for his rant about players and markers signing score cards. LD and NTP ball winners were Alex Gordon, Tim Barter x 3, Dean Joy, Vicki Still, Pete Harrison, Kyle Griffin X 2 and Ken Gordon. The encouragement award went to Alex Gordon for a creditable 47/23. Winner of the nine hole comp was Deb Gordon 50/30, playing in a fivesome which included three juniors (the woman’s a saint!) from Ken Gordon 36/31 in a separate foursome. I’ll bet he copped it when he got home. Winner of the 18 hole comp was Kyle Griffin 100/61 from runner-up Vicki Still 91/66.

Next month, June, join us at the Hall at 12.15pm on Sunday, 3 June for the EOFY Handicap (your handicap minus the square root of your tax cut in 2018-19 to the 6th decimal point) kicking off at 12.30pm. - Larry King, golfer



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And if you’re coming to see us at the Medical Centre please ask for a mask, use our alcohol rub in the waiting room and where possible keep away from others. When



we have space we will try to put people who are obviously unwell in a separate room.

- Tips placed in the Whisper by Dr. Emma Skowronski of the BMC

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Frogs, like a number of species, are in decline due to the destruction of their habitat, through wetland clearance and the widespread use of chemicals. Green tree frogs eat various types of insects and they love crickets and moths!

Years ago, a large python travelled all the way from Queensland in a pipe on the back of a Telstra truck. Some readers may remember seeing 'Samantha' at the Wildcare displays. Sadly she has passed away. Again, this one had to become a permanent care animal (or be euthanised), as it could not be returned to where it slithered on-board.

The National Parks and Wildlife Service occasionally asks Wildcare to care for an escaped reptile pet, whilst the owner is located or the animal is sold. It is against the Law to take native animals from the wild, but the NSW government can issue a Reptile Keeper Licence for keeping a native reptile as a pet, which has to be bought from a licensed dealer or breeder. Last year another escaped pet python, came into care and as the owner could not be located, one of Wildcare's reptile enthusiasts was eventually given permission to give it a permanent home.

One of the more interesting snake rescues that happened was a snake callout to a Queanbeyan apartment. The tenant had opened the airing cupboard only to discover a pet carpet python keeping warm at the back of the hot water tank. Somehow it had escaped from the flat upstairs. One of Wildcare's trained snake handlers retrieved it and returned it to its owner.

By the way, Wildcare is a charity and depends on the good will of its volunteers and the community through fundraising. This last year has been particularly difficult in making ends meet. A major cost driver is the more than \$20k to pay for Vet fees over the year, so far. Normally the bill is much less. A similar amount is needed to subsidise the cost of equipment and food. If you would like to help make a difference, please give an end-of-year tax-deductible donation and visit wildcare.com.au or simply pay into BSB 062-593, Account 10216803 and let the treasurer@wildcare.com.au know to get a receipt. As ever, contact Wildcare (6299 1966) if you need help or advice on native animals.

Photo: Tiddaluk at home - Philip Machin, for Wildcare



Wamboin Social Club

Library Tech Classes. The next, and final library tech class, for this period, will be held at the Wamboin Social Club on Thursday, 7 June from 10.00 a.m. So far we have delved into the iPad/Tablet and the Smartphone (Android/iPhone). The last session will focus on some of the common applications that can be used on our laptop/computer, such as online banking; shopping online; security & privacy; Facebook etc. The library staff would be happy to answer any questions that have been bugging you.... and there are no stupid questions! So, come along with any general 'how to' questions and I can guarantee you will learn something you didn't know. There is no need to bring a laptop or device, but if you did you could have a go on the day.

Social Club. By now you will know what it is all about. An opportunity to get out of the house and come and have a chat over a coffee/tea; get involved with a board game; or have a challenge and play table tennis. Its a friendly atmosphere and there is a wood fire to snuggle up to. 10.00 to 12.00 on Thursdays at the Wamboin Community Hall.

PS. The Queanbeyan Mobile Library comes to the Wamboin Community Hall every fortnight - next one is 7 June. Give it a go. It is so useful to get books, DVDs, talking books, magazines and library information delivered almost to your door. - Philip Machin, 62383717 (for more information)

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The Hills of Wamboin and Bywong, No. 3: Millpost Hill

By David McDonald

The March 2018 issue of *The Whisper*, p. 23, introduced this series of brief items on the hills of Wamboin and Bywong: where they are and the origins of their names. The information is being collated for inclusion in a Wamboin local history database that is being developed for the Wamboin Community Association's website:

<http://wamboincommunity.asn.au/thewhisper/index.php?op=localhistory> .

I invite comments on what follows from *Whisper* readers, especially comments that fill gaps in the information that I provide, or that correct any errors. Contact me at ph. 02 6238 3706 or mob. 0416 231 890, email david[at]dnmcdonald.id.au.

Millpost Hill and Millpost Trig, altitude 890 m

NSW Geographical Names Board: 'A hill about 10 km SE of Sutton and km (sic) WNW of Bungendore'. Trig: 'A minor trigonometrical station situated about 11 km south east of Sutton'. Located between Denley Drive and Hogan Drive, Wamboin, accessible via the Greenway from either road.

Name origin: Not known

Additional information: Note Mill Post Creek, and the property 'Millpost' on the creek, in the south-eastern part of the parish of Wamboin, and the old property 'Millpost' in the Nanima area (Lea-Scarlett 1972, pp. x, 66).

We are not aware which was named first, Mill Post Creek, Wamboin's 'Millpost' station or Millpost Hill. That said, 'Mill Post Ck' (creek) is shown on the 1881 first edition of the parish of Wamboin map, and on the 1888, first edition, of the NSW Government's County of Murray map.

The trig station is shown on the 1881, first edition, of the parish of Wamboin map. It is Trigonometrical Reserve 6,427, notified on 02 June 1888 (10 acres) (Cannon 2015, p. 262). As was usual, the gazettal notice did not include the name of the trig station/hill. Its inclusion on the 1881 map may have occurred between the date of publication of the map and when the second edition was published in 1891, as the parish maps were working documents.

The origin of the name does not seem to be recorded, nor available in oral histories. It is possible that the creek and property are named after an early post mill (see Wikipedia contributors, 'Post mill') in the area, but residents are not aware of any reports of one there. It remains unclear what relationship, if any, there was between the names Mill Post Creek/Millpost Station and Millpost Hill, 8 km to the north-west.

The streets in the Canberra suburb of Palmerston are themed 'The Mountains of Australia'. One of the streets there is Millpost Close, named after Wamboin's Millpost Hill (ACT Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate 2016). Millpost Hill is definitely a hill (100m above the surrounding countryside), though hardly a mountain!

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Wamboin Muse

Jill Gregory

We are about to go on a holiday, an indulgent holiday this time with everything planned, just like all those cashed up Baby Boomers whose life is one long holiday if you would believe the popular press. But I can't relax just yet. I'd cancelled the newspapers, watered the parsley, picked and stowed the eight plus two surprise pumpkins, posted parcels and letters, emptied the recycling and was about to tick "packing," with a flourish, when I found in tiny scrawl at the bottom of the list, "muse". It's not that time of the month, just yet, but it is for me!

I've bashed out the Muse from the WW1 Battlefields of northern France on a German keyboard, deleting any colourful language that would have been more at home in the trenches, tried reflecting on why I wouldn't live anywhere else while in Perth preparing an obituary for a family funeral and struggled to dredge up memories of chilly air and warming gluhwein at the Wamboin Fireworks while a fan swirled overhead and small children scrambled under my clammy feet in FNQ.

This time, however, I want to get away and have a real holiday; leave home behind! But as I opened my computer I felt like the kid at primary school who had returned after the holidays, excited to see everyone again, happy to swap a few stories and then marched into class and told, "Write what you did in the holidays." Silence reigned for the next hour. Teachers sure knew how to bring you back to earth with a thud. I wanted to indulge in daydreams for a bit longer. I didn't want to write! But if I were to think fondly of Wamboin and home, while away, what would come to mind.

I would recall the last Wamboin market; friendly faces, engaging conversation, a plate of prize winning scones jam and cream washed down with a good coffee, the smell of egg and bacon rolls, live music in the background and market stalls; a chance to talk to each other, exchange ideas and time honoured grizzles, a little local gossip, a shared joke, and in the end take home something hand made. I'd wonder if there were sparkling frosts or silent fogs and dew dropped spider webs. I'd see autumn leaves dancing across the cold grey ground, twisted lifeless boughs broken by splashes of red and gold from a tree unwilling to surrender its colour just yet. I would envisage the breakfast party at the back steps each day, the magpies noisily demanding their share, the self effacing currawong standing back until a lump of meat is tossed above the squabble of black and white and is caught mid air. The larrikin cockatoos with a flash of white screaming abuse as they fly overhead. The brilliant rosellas waiting patiently for a clump of black feathers to morph into choughs and fly off. Then it's their turn at the bird seed on the stump. And when breakfast is over for the plebs, the king parrots cruising down in their splendour confident that they'll be fed because they are so beautiful.... if a little dull. But they wont partake on the stump. Good heavens, no!

I might go away, but I will always return....because it's home and....I wouldn't live anywhere else.

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