



The Whisper

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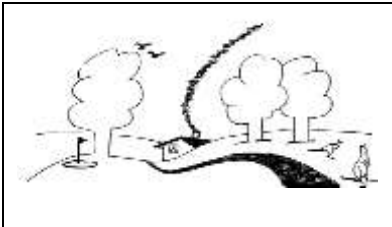



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	<p>Wamboin Community Association Presidents Paragraphs “Crisp”</p>	
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Some rain has arrived and so have the crisp frosts. What great winter mornings we have been having with the sun breaking through and glistening on the white frosty landscape.

Not much going on in Wamboin at this time of the year apart from hay and wood deliveries.

QPRC Delivery Plan – there has been deafening silence from our submission to QPRC for the delivery budget over the next three years. Our submission included road repairs and upgrades, signage, road side vegetation and litter and weed control. Maybe they have forgotten Wamboin is within the Council boundaries, too far from the city limits.

Wamboin Market – The markets are now in recess until the September spring market.

Kowen Trail Run – The June Kowen Trail Run attracted over 450 runners and was a great success. Well done to everyone involved.

Welcome – A welcome to Anita Richards our newest member to the association.

QPRC bimonthly Newsletter – a quick survey in the meeting showed only three people had received the QPRC newsletter in their mailbox. If you did not receive yours please inform Council. Our rates are paying for it.

Littlish Libraries – Some might recall the WCA sponsored a grant application from the Building Stronger Community grants for the manufacture and placement of Littlish libraries in the area. The first one has been installed at the Macs Reef Road tip. More information to follow in coming months. We will publish a map when they are completed.

Wamboin Fireworks – A place maker in the diaries for Saturday 15 September 2018

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 17 July at the Wamboin Community Hall on Bingley Way.

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Peter Evans - President.



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- Saturday 14 July, 7.00pm: the famous annual **Bywong Trivia Night!** \$10/head for an evening of brain-teasing trivia and mouth-watering soups! Book a table of 8 or let us place you with other friendly locals. To book, phone Jeanette on 62369098. More info on the BCA website.
- Sunday 29 July: **Queanbeyan “Christmas in July” fair.** BCA will have a stall selling [teatowels](#) and **NEW postcards** featuring J-P Favre’s famous local scenes – come along and get your Xmas shopping underway!
- Thursday 9 August, 7.30pm: **BCA Annual General Meeting** at the Bywong Hall. All are welcome to attend and all positions on the 2018-19 BCA Committee are open for election.
- October TBA: Awards night for **“ByFest” Short Film Competition**, with prizes for the winning and runner-up entries. Competition details will be on the BCA website very soon!
- QPRC process for **reassessing land use zones in parts of Bywong and Wamboin:** QPRC Mayor Tim Overall advised in May that Council had 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 would be submitted to Council on this matter in the near future. Mr Overall will advise BCA of the Council Meeting date when known and BCA will advertise it locally.

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

- Mike Wilkins, President, Bywong Community Association

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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

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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

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Lesley Page	Valley View Ln	4	Deb Gordon	Yalana East	45
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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Sheryl Barnes	Denley Dr (Sth End 1/2 way2 Kestral)	15	Rhonda&Neville Parnell	Denley Dr (Birchmans to 1/2 way to end)	26
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	Newwington Rd	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
Miscellaneous		3			

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Lyn Parkinson	Bidges/Hickey/OldGoldMines	50	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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Wamboin Community Association Inc. (WCA) June 2018 General Meeting (GM)

Date of Meeting: 19 June 2018

Meeting chaired by: Peter Evans, 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 President: WCA President Peter Evans attended the launch of the new Telstra Tower on Denley Drive, and indicated that the Queanbeyan Telstra staff have available a range of devices for boosting mobile phone signal strengths, if required. Peter will be meeting soon with the QPRC Mayor to discuss matters of importance to Wamboin, including the WCA's submission proposing works, etc., required under the Delivery Plan. *Whisper* readers are welcome to contact Peter to suggest topics that he could raise with the Mayor.

Littlish Libraries: the first Littlish Library has been installed (at the Macs Reef Waste Transfer Station) and others will be deployed across the community in due course.

Kowen Trail Run: The Wamboin Hall Management Committee briefed the meeting on the 17 June Kowen Trail Run, a particularly successful event with some 453 registered runners, and many volunteers, including from the Wamboin Fire Brigade, assisting.

Home Produce Market: in recess until September.

Wamboin Whisper: Editor Ned Noel thanked all who had contributed by writing for, advertising in or delivering the June *Whisper*, noting that more than 50 people are involved in the process each month.

Wamboin Social Drop-in Group: Denise Hales and Phil Machin reported that the usual attendance is around 15 people, with the mobile digital devices technical classes now concluded. These will be resumed if there is sufficient demand.

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 17 July 2018. All welcome.

David McDonald, Hon. Secretary, Wamboin Community Association, Inc.



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I had written the Mayor a letter, "which I had, for want of better knowledge", sent to the QPRC on 8th March 2018. The topic was the demise of the Wamboin Clean-Up Austrasia Day; scheduled for 4th March. In short, I wanted to know how Council was able to effectively veto this highly successful community event, and how the clean-up might eventuate in the future.

"In my wild erratic fantasy", I pointed out that Norton Road has become a showcase attraction for vandals and tossers, discarding fast-food container debris and inflammable items like cigarette butts ... hundreds of em, non-stop. I did seek confirmation that Council would be taking over the clean-up role, suggesting the provision for "anti-tosser" signage and associated surveillance measures.

"An answer came directed", promptly but briefly about Council Liability and costs. The Mayor concluded, "there was nothing to stop a community association accepting liability, or individuals undertaking a roadside walk/clean-up of their own volition."

I know about all this; my wife regularly undertakes her roadside clean-up, and in the June Wamboin Whisper, Jenny Warren fills us all in on the art of "Plogging in Wamboin".

I wasn't a happy camper, and wrote back to the Mayor on 22 March 2018, inter-alia, noting the QPRC Litter-Patrol Group in action around the outer fringes of Queanbeyan. Why not the same for Wamboin; along with some "RID" (Report Illegal Dumping) signage and surveillance around Wamboin? The time-honoured tradition; Rates, Roads and Rubbish.

No response from the Mayor; but the Service Manager – Utilities, did confirm that the role of roadside maintenance rests with the relevant local government authority.

On the other hand, the extensive QPRC road inventory and affordability, confirms that our problems will not be addressed in the near future.

On a positive note, Mr. Cunningham agrees that our council could do with resources dedicated specifically to the task of roadside litter, and he will be "prosecuting that line as part of the waste strategy development".

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On Saturday 9 June 2018 the Wamboin, Bungendore and Sutton rural fire brigades, along with a crew from the NSW Ambulance Service carried out a training exercise at the Capital Country Holiday Park. The scenario involved a burning cabin, a missing child and someone was reported running from the scene. The rural fire brigades were initially assigned to putting out the fire as well as protecting nearby cabins. Members of one of the crews from Bungendore equipped with compressed air breathing equipment entered the burning cabin to search for the missing child (represented by a small mannequin). About the same time, a young man with severe burns and suspected fractures appeared on the scene. Members of a fire brigade crew quickly attended to the young man and requested an ambulance. On the opposite side of the exercise area a young distressed mother searching for her lost child approached some of the firefighters. The ambulance crew arrived on scene and began treating the young man. The small child was found hiding in a cupboard in the cabin and taken to the ambulance crew for treatment.



It was a testing and valuable training exercise for all participants. The fire brigade crews performed well and the event was made even more realistic through the involvement of the NSW Ambulance crew.

The Wamboin brigade would like to thank the crews from the Bungendore and Sutton brigades, the crew from the NSW Ambulance Service, and the staff and management at the Capital Country Holiday Park for their assistance and cooperation. In addition, the Wamboin Brigade greatly appreciates the work done by volunteer actors and make-up crew. Their creative work really added to the realism of the event.



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Kowen Trail Run: Busy But Not Snowed Under

by Peter Komidar

On the morning of Sunday, 17 June, Wamboin was cold and cloudy with occasional showers and flurries of snow but this did not deter the hardy runners who descended on the Wamboin Community Hall for the Kowen Trail Run.

Notwithstanding the weather, the event attracted 450 entrants – our biggest turnout yet!

330 entrants came from the ACT, a further 117 came from NSW (from as far afield as Newcastle, Bega and Jindabyne) and two Victorians came up to run in the event. We also attracted our first international competitor, Ching Te Huang, from Taiwan.

Locals made up a significant proportion of the field with 28 competitors from the Wamboin/Bywong/Sutton region and a further 47 from the wider local region; including 27 from Queanbeyan and surrounds, and 11 from Bungendore. Photo above: 12 km start by: *Chris Gammon*



The gloomy weather couldn't dampen the spirits of our competitors and the event saw some amazing performances. Canberra runner, Matthew Crane, slashed 15 minutes off the 2017 half marathon race record. In the marathon, Ching Te Huang successfully completed his 510th marathon!

Wamboin locals made it onto the podium yet again. Heather Lawton and John Winsbury, won the marathon while Heather's husband, Evan Lawton, came second in the 12 km event.

Photo at Left by David Ault - Half marathon runners head off up Bingley Way Race results, photos and video of the event can be found on our Facebook page (search 'Kowen Trail Run').

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And a big thank you to the over 40 volunteers (many of whom are locals) and their 6 children who sacrificed their Sunday to help out at the hall or stand out in the middle of the forest in the freezing cold - it was their cheerfulness and enthusiasm that really made the event special for all involved. *Photo at right: Wamboin local and first woman in the marathon, Heather Lawton, passes another competitor by Bob Miller*

The Kowen Trail Run is a not-for-profit event with proceeds going to the Wamboin Rural Fire Brigade. With record numbers attending this event, the donation is shaping up to likewise be a record.



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Wamboin Golf – June 2018

Windsor Castle, Sunday 3 June. The Editor sent your correspondent to Royalla to report on the Lundy wedding but due to a communication breakdown he went to London to report on the royal wedding. Hence this belated coverage of the June EOFY Pennant, sponsored by the Urquhart and Beckett families whom we thank for the calories and loot. Apparently it was a fine Winter's day in Wamboin which produced a vast field of finely-tuned athletes who took to the hills and dales of this earthly paradise brandishing equipment made famous by Mary Queen of Scots.

Back at the Tower your correspondent was able to provide hitherto unreported details of the marriage of ageing private detective, Miss Marple, to Hamlet, Prince of Denmark. The nuptials took place in a draughty chapel attached to HM the Q's humble little weekender outside London. In true gate-crashing tradition I elbowed aside the grace-and-favour mob and all those uppity A Listers to snag a seat upfront next to an old chap with dark circles under his eyes, sipping from a hip flask. He looked about a hundred but was prepared to share his tippie so an enjoyable half hour was spent giggling at the silly hats. The crowd was anxious to see Miss Marple's dress which had occasioned much speculation in the media. My new buddy and I were hoping for *Priscilla, Queen of the Desert* meets early Kardashian but she rolled up in something quite simple by da Vinci. Some commented on her train. Surely the groom's family was rich enough to spring for a car. Some of these aristocrats are closer than a dead heat. The Prince and his best man (his brother, W D & H O Wills) wore navy blue uniforms (obviously Carlton fans). Hamlet was torn between his brother and his close friend, Tobias Smollett, for best man ("Toby or not Toby, that is the question"). Wills was cranky. He had already been booked to hand over the FA Cup at Wembley that afternoon. He thought that a royal wedding on the pitch at halftime would enable him to see the game and give the spectators some unforgettable halftime entertainment. Certainly better than Meatloaf.



The captain cut short the eloquent flow by welcoming our guests, Rhoda and Jack Dendrin, fresh from the Chelsea flower show. The googly ball went to Tim Barter for a bad shot that turned out better than it deserved. The dummy spit award was shared by Tim and Alex Gordon. Madison Gordon again won the encouragement award. NTP and LD ball winners were Glen Crafter X 2, Tim Barter X 2, Alex Gordon, Deb Gordon, Colin Urquhart, and Vicki Still (playing in one gumboot). Junior comp winner was Phoebe Beckett. Winner of the nine hole comp was Sam Urquhart 50/25 from runner-up Glen Crafter 37/28. The 18 hole comp was taken out by the old firm ("old firm what?" I hear you cry) of Vicki Still 89/63 from Tim Barter 72/64.

On Sunday, 1 July the Wamboin GC will host the annual GST Anniversary T Shirt when we all add ten per cent to our handicaps. Join us at the community hall at 12.15pm for the customary 12.30 pm shotgun start. - Larry King, golfer

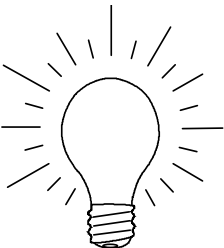
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Bird Of The Month

By Luke Downey

For July, I chose the Grey Shrikethrush, a plain bird with a very interesting call.

Grey Shrikethrush (*Colluricincla harmonica*)

Size: 22-26cm

Status: Common breeding resident


At first sight, the Grey Shrikethrush looks quite drab and uninteresting. So you might be thinking, why am I bothering to tell you about some boring bird? The Grey Shrikethrush is one of Australia's best known songbirds, with a beautiful call (See below for the local dialect). Both sexes are a dull grey varying from pale (almost white) underneath to very dark (almost black) on the wings and tail. The male has a white patch between the beak and the eyes (aka the lores). Their diet consists of insects and they forage both on the ground and in trees for them.

This bird's call is a melodious ringing "pip-pip-pip-ho-ee" but the local Wamboin dialect is "J-J-J-Jill Gregory". You can listen to it here:

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The Hills of Wamboin and Bywong, no. 4: Poppet 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 provided, or that correct any errors. Contact me at ph. 02 6238 3706 or mob. 0416 231 890, email david[at]dnmcdonald.id.au.

Poppet Hill and Poppet Trig, altitude 918 m

NSW Geographical Names Board: 'A hill on border line of A.C.T. and New South Wales about 8 km W by S of Turalla Hill and 7 km N by W of Burbong.' Trig: 'A minor trig. station on boundary line of Capital Territory and New South Wales, about 8½ miles west by south of Bungendore.' Located in the parish of Amungula, 1.2 km south-east of the end of Poppet Road, Wamboin. A community radio tower is atop the hill; it commenced broadcasting from the site in 2015. Accessible by walking along the NSW/ACT border road which can be reached along good tracks from Cooper Road or Bingley Way, Wamboin, or up a steep ridge (the Queanbeyan Fault) through Kowen Forest (ACT).

Name origin: A poppet (or poppet-head) is perhaps best known as the headframe of a mining shaft: 'The frame at the top of a shaft, supporting the pulleys for the ropes used in hoisting' (OED 2018, 'poppet-head'). The term is used more broadly in Australia, however, to refer to shafts/timbers that form some type of tower, including the wooden tower that supports the round discs of some trig stations.

Additional information: The 1881, 1st edition, of the parish of Wamboin map shows 'Poppet Trig Stn', i.e. Poppet Trig Station. Although the trig station was notified in the Gazette on 7 October 1893, trig station number 18762, the hill's name was not gazetted until 1971. While it is obvious that the hill's name links to that of the trig station, it is unclear why the trig station was named Poppet in the 19th century. It is possible that a mine shaft, with a poppet above it, existed in that locality, but this has yet to be confirmed.

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Squirreled Away In Care

Wildcare has always believed squirrel gliders live in our area, but until last year we had no confirmed locations for these elusive creatures. Two sites were confirmed and so began an intensive study of these gliding mammals, should one come into care at any point. And two weeks ago one did! A 300gm female!

To the casual observer squirrel gliders look like overgrown sugar gliders, having the same configuration, markings and colours. However, they are a distinctly different species, less territorially possessive and more sociable than your average sugar glider.

Squirrel gliders have a narrower and more pointed face than do sugar gliders. The black stripe from their foreheads runs down their backs right to the rump while the sugar's stripe ends before it reaches the rump. A good rule of thumb for identification is: any sugar glider over 130 gms is not a sugar, but a squirrel glider.

Like the sugar glider, squirrels have a gliding membrane (patagium) joining wrist to ankle. They live in small tree hollows in woodland and dry sclerophyll forests away from the coast. Like sugars they eat insects, nectar, pollen, manna, honeydew, thrips, eucalypt sap and acacia gum but, on occasion, they have been known to kill and eat small birds and field mice.

Bella, the squirrel glider, came into care as a result of one of the commonest perils for Australian animals - barbed wire. Caught by her tail, as she glided, she hung on that evil barb for at least forty eight hours before she was seen and rescued. In that time the lower half of her tail became necrotic so, to add to her trauma, Bella had to have that section of her tail amputated.

She is making a rapid return to health in the hands of one of Wildcare's experienced carers and has recovered her sense of adventure and fun, even to the point of escaping her hospital cage one night and exploring her surrounds before sleeping squirreled away in her glider house. Eventually, since her amputation precludes a safe return to the wild, it is hoped she will join a breeding program to help ensure the survival of what is now officially a threatened species.

What can we do to ensure that other squirrel gliders survive and multiply in our region? Removing the top wire of barbed fencing will help, albeit, this can be a 'painful' job (the remaining fence will still enclose stock). Glider-friendly species of natives can be planted and look after the old trees on our land, so that they continue developing nesting holes. Above all, keep cats indoors at night. They won't complain one bit in our cold winters).

Should you come across an injured or orphaned glider, wrap him warmly, enclose him in something secure (with air holes), and ring Wildcare on 6299 1966, 24/7.

Photo: Maddie holding 'Bella'

- Jane Bake, for Wildcare, 6238 1717



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On Saturday 16 June we held the final Wamboin Home Produce and Craft Market prior to the winter break. A very cold day – but the roaring fire helped, as did the hot coffee and soup and a variety of home baked goodies. Our new provider for the bacon and egg rolls also provided sausage sandwiches and delicious sausage rolls.

Thanks to everyone who has supported the markets over the past year. Never fear - we will be back in September! We always welcome new stall holders – so if you have produce or craft to sell, do let us know.

So.....SEE YOU AT THE SEPTEMBER MARKET!

St Andrews, Wamboin and St Peters, Sutton (SRMD) Church Notices

Sixteen people went on to lunch at Hillbrook Hygge Restaurant, Bywong, after the service at St Peters last Sunday to celebrate the Patronal Festival of St Peter. In Pastor Royce Thompson's absence, Archdeacon Peter Dillon conducted the service. It has been a pleasure to welcome Peter and his wife Elaine into our midst. However, Royce is now home from his travels and is back with his flock. We trust he had a wonderful and well deserved holiday with his family.

The congregations of both churches are looking at incorporating a more modern style of family service to complement the traditional service. Plans are afoot. And in keeping with today's communications, an updated website is being created. We continue to support St Benedicts, Queanbeyan, and our efforts and donations are doing a little to help make life, especially during this cold winter, a little more comfortable for those less fortunate.

Services are held on the first and third Sunday of each month at St Andrews, and on the second and fourth Sunday at St Peters. All services start at 9am. Both churches are cosy and the welcome is warm. Come along, sing your heart out, meet some of the locals and enjoy a good cup of coffee or tea and a delicious spread after the service. Many in the community are familiar with St Andrews as a venue for WOWs, Book Club and Bridge. When St Peters extensions are complete, St Peters will be able to offer amenities for communal use in Sutton. We look forward to that development.

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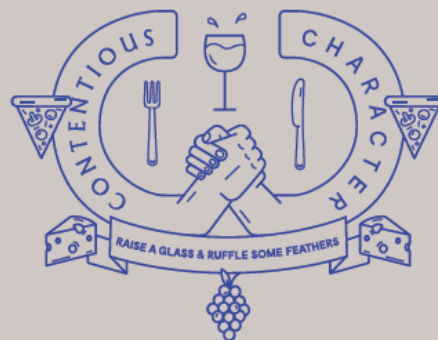
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June Rainfall Stats

June rainfall to the 24th 23.9mm
2018 total rainfall to 24/6..... 183.65mm

Average June rainfall..... 55.6mm
2017 June rainfall..... 0mm
2017 total rainfall to 24/6..... 190.75mm
42yr Av. to end of June..... 324.8mm

July Rainfall Stats

2017 July rainfall..... 37.5mm
Wettest July..... 142mm in 1993
Wettest July day..... 50.5mm on 10/7/91
Driest July..... 4.5mm in 1982

Average July rainfall..... 53.8mm
Average no. rain days in July.... 11.0
Highest no. rain days..... 17 in 1980
Lowest no. rain days. 4 in 1982 & 1994

July Temperature Stats

Hottest July day..... 16.5°C on 30/7/17
Hottest July night..... 9°C (5 times)
1988 (3 times), 24/7/90 & 8/7/93
Average day temp. 8.7°C
Warmest July..... 1993
Av. day temp. 10.8°C & nights 5.1°C
(highest day 11.8°C in 2017)

Coldest July day..... 1°C on 14/7/16
Coldest July night..... -5°C (5 times)
10/7/96, 12/7/11, 3 & 5/7/15, 22/7/17
Average night temp. 1.7°C
Coldest July..... 2015
Av. day temp. 5.5°C & nights -1.5°C

Weather fun facts

Average number of July nights of 2°C or below is 19, with a maximum of 31 in 2016 and a minimum of 3 in 1993.
The lowest rainfall year-to-date to the end of June is 100.5mm in 2004 and the highest 641.5mm in 1989.
Daylight hours in July increase by 30 minutes from 9.7 hours on the 1st to 10.2 hours on the 31st.

Polly's 13th Cancer Morning Tea Raises In Excess Of \$8000 For 2018

As at 19 June 2018 it is now \$8500.00, It is with great gratitude I thank everyone for the support I received this year. I wish to thank many local businesses as well as several in Canberra, and all the individuals who baked, and donated.

Food for morning tea as well as lunch were in abundance. Tables and tables full of new and pre loved merchandise, produce, and silent auction items. Prizes galore included 12 for raffle, 5x Bingo, 5 x Chocolate Wheel and 9 lucky door. From the feedback I have received thus far, I believe that everyone had a fun day and really enjoyed all the activities.

I feel best not to name individuals as I am bound to leave someone out.

However, I feel I have to single out one particular business...that is Phil's Emporium Op Shop in Bungendore. To support my morning tea, they held their own afternoon tea donating 100% of the proceeds. The event raised a total of \$1240. Thank you Chloe, Michael, Lucy and the team of helpers.

Last but not least, thank you to my sister Joan, my friend and neighbour Tina, my band of helpers, and Leigh and Tanya at the Stonehouse Restaurant, Federal Highway.

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From the Corner

Waste Not Want Not — You wouldn't normally expect international trade agreements to have a direct impact on the local government sector, but China's National Sword program, which has restricted the importation of recyclable material since 1 January 2018, has hit many councils squarely in the Rs—the *Rubbish* part of their Rates, Roads and Rubbish portfolio, to be precise.

With China being the largest importer of recyclable products from Australia, this policy is having a significant impact on the options available for the management of recycled material. It's not just a case of finding somewhere else to send this material, because the whole western world is in the same boat, so to speak, and there is no other market that can absorb the waste stream that China previously accepted.

In the simplest of terms, with the withdrawal of China from the market, the cost of processing recyclable materials is set to double or even triple (up from around \$40/tonne to as much as \$120/tonne, perhaps more as the market tightens). With the average Australian household reportedly generating around 1.6 tonnes of recyclable waste each year, this equates to a waste processing cost increase of around \$130 per household. And for most of us, that will show up in the bottom line on a rates notice coming soon to a letterbox near you.

But even this is not the whole story. Major recycling organisations such as Visy, the middle men in the process, are withdrawing entirely because there is currently no viable market for the recyclables they previously accepted, leaving the collectors of waste, which includes many local councils, with a mounting (mounding?) problem. For the 'glass half full' people out there, we have an incredible opportunity for a creative entrepreneur...

The Container Deposit Scheme, although it's hardly a new idea, is certainly a step in the right direction when it comes to litter control, but it's actually a bit of a double-edged sword. Removing those items from the general waste stream actually complicates the recyclables picture because it decreases the value of the remaining [recyclable] waste, making it even more expensive for councils to deal with. And, of course, the CDS just provides another path to the endpoint, not a new endpoint.

So, if it wasn't already, it may now be a little more obvious why TV programs like the ABC's War on Waste are being plugged so heavily of late, and why single use plastic products are currently in the spotlight. After all, in the world of waste, *Recycle* is actually the last of the three Rs—it comes only after we have *Reduced* our consumption of products that end up in the waste stream and *Reused* as much as we can.

This whole issue, however, is still very much a 'work in progress'. In the mean time, apart from reducing the consumption of single use items in general, we can all help the recycling effort by keeping recycled waste streams as free of contamination [by non-recyclable items] as possible—use the different coloured [lid] bins only as directed. Contaminated recyclables can't be processed and just end up in landfill via a somewhat circuitous and more expensive route.

The QPR Blog—New or related entries in my Blog (<http://peteharrison.id.au/blog>) include:
 Waste Not Want Not (June 2018) Waste Management (July 2014)
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Back to Wamboin and a wintry world after balmy days, black starlit nights and the red and rugged isolation and emptiness of the Kimberley. Only the changing tides gave some indication of time passing; no mobile phones, no internet, no radio, noTV. I was blissfully unaware of the world outside. Then suddenly the holiday was over and I was back, bombarded by the pace and noise of cars and people, rules and regulations and the demands of texts and emails. But despite the chatter, little of any world shattering significance seemed to have been resolved while I was absent on another planet.

And once home I started to see some of my favourite things again...Corrugated iron shearing sheds, farm gates swinging on rusty hinges, gravel roads untravelled, and hard, sparkling frosts and brooding fogs. I stepped gingerly down the back steps, slippery with ice crystals and saw, twinkling with diamonds, a pair of blue denim jeans, legs stiffly askew, on the clothes line. Denim stitched with sequins... surely not the stuff of Wamboin work wear...or had I been absent for too long!

This morning I headed off, rugged up against the cold, to a special "shearing shed," the Sutton community hall, for my regular yoga class. Even a verandah and a wall of windows does little to disguise its architectural heritage. The building is as cold as charity on a frosty morning and the pollen laden norwesterlies whistle through the cracks in late spring, but by the time classes started this morning the heaters had made it comfortable. Time to lie down, switch off the mind and relax the body. Lying on the old wooden floor with only a thin rubber mat between me and the permafrost I focus on the soothing instructions. My mind calms, busy thoughts are discarded and I let go of outside sounds. Then I breathe deeply...long, slow yogic breaths...listening only to the gentle rhythm of my breathing. Another long slow breath. Then my nostrils twitch. It's not the smell of sweat and lanolin mixed with sheep dung in the shearing shed but something quite different. Oblivious to all else I breathe again, deeply, less rhythmically, but my senses are awakened. Stale beer! Concentration is shattered and my mind is racing. I'm at the party last Saturday night...a twenty first, a wedding reception, a reunion? It's a lively gathering, anyway, voices straining above the music, laughter, feet tapping and beer flowing. Someone gesticulates wildly and a full glass of beer sloshes to the floor, close to where my head now lies. The old wooden floor is forgiving and in time honoured fashion quietly absorbs the spill. The party goes on. And now I'm doing a "downward dog" and mercifully my head is at the other end of the mat!

The world may be busy and noisy and full of people on contrived treadmills, but there are still places of calm within. And to think that I was able to be thoroughly modern, to multitask, attending a party while meditating in an old shearing shed in the middle of a paddock so close to home.

I wouldn't live anywhere else.

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