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Wamboin Community Association's Annual Bonfire and Fireworks Display

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Saturday 15th September 2018
Food stalls from 5.30
Bonfire lit at 6.33 and
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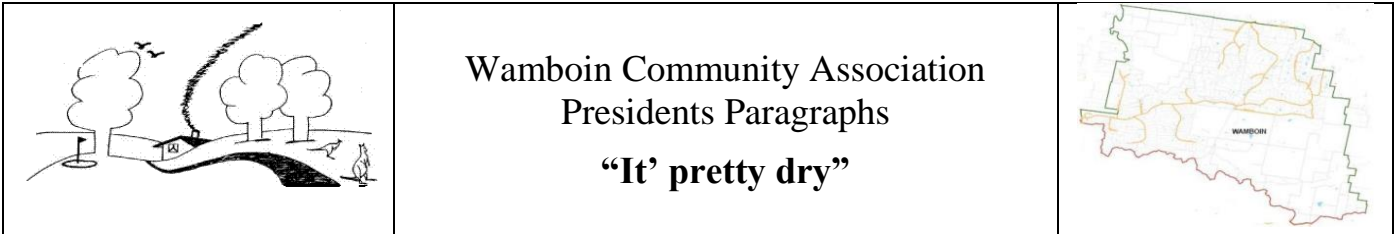
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The wintery blast in mid July fuelled by winds straight from Antarctica may have resulted in a series of cracking frosts (I remember a minus 7) but also rewarded us with some spectacular morning scenes. If you were lucky enough to be driving towards the Federal Highway on Macs Reef Road on Saturday morning of the 14th, and in other similar low-lying locations, you would have been treated to a rare hoar frost (look it up on google) at the Yass River crossing (The Henge). It covered every blade of grass, every leaf and every wire with ice crystals, leaving the landscape shimmering as if sprinkled with diamonds. It was jaw-droppingly beautiful, so much so, one of our local amateur photographers achieved ABC TV News Canberra's hotly contested nightly weather viewer photo.

A combination of little rain and the above frosts have left slim pickings for livestock and native animals alike. The natives are getting closer to the roads edges seeking the slim pickings in the table drains and verges so just take it a bit easier on the roads until we get our spring rains (hopefully) and they can head back into the paddocks and bush areas. It's always a bit of a balance between us and the natives living out here although I see even Canberra suburbs such as Anslie have the same issue at the moment.

The Hon. John Barilaro - While winter is nowhere near done with us, don't despair! I promise you that Spring will be arriving a month early this year - well our Spring Talks Series at least. John Barilaro MP, Member for Monaro, will be the WCA's guest speaker on Tuesday 21 August at 7:30pm at the Wamboin Hall. It's great to see our local representatives getting out and about and talking to the local people in the electorate. Come along and talk to him about state issues such as health, education and most importantly roads. A warm fire and light refreshments will be available. Come along and let your voice be heard. Remember a state election is coming in March next year.

Spring Talks - The 2018 Spring Talks Series continues in September (QPRC Animal Management Services Team, also known as the Queens Park Rangers), October (Bungendore Police) & November (Dr Mike Kelly AM, MP) - further information can be found in this issue of the Whisper.

QPRC Mayor – I recently had a catch up with our Mayor Tim Overall. We had a great discussion on a number of local issues and most importantly the state of our local roads including Macs Reef Road and Norton Road. We look forward to some Macs reef Road funding in the 2018/2019 delivery plan. Local residents should remember the squeaky wheel gets the most oil and if there are road issues please be squeaky and complain to Council so staff can address. There is a lot of competition for maintenance dollars across the Council area.

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

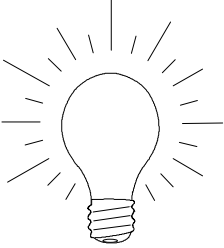
Wamboin Social Drop-In Group – the drop in group runs from 10 am – 12 noon every Thursday. Drop into the Wamboin Community Hall for morning tea and activities (and a warm fire).

WCA GM – next General Meeting will be held 7.30 pm, Tuesday 21st August at the Wamboin Community Hall on Bingley Way.

Let's make Wamboin great! - Peter Evans - President.

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Bywong Community Association News

- **Saturday 14 July:** Around 70 locals squeezed into the Bywong Hall for the famous annual **Trivia Night!** The questions were brain-teasing (Thanks, Steve!), the soups were amazing (“Thanks”, Souper-Stars!). The evening was expertly MC-ed by Graham Bamford and Jeanette Krah and the 2018 Trivia Trophy was scooped by “The Three Samosas”!! In short, a good time was had by all and BCA raised around \$500 for local projects.
- **Sunday 29 July: Queanbeyan “Christmas in July” fair.** BCA “Artist-in-residence” and general pillar of the community J-P Favre spent a long, cold day selling [teatowels](#), [postcards](#) and [nonaptyches](#) (look it up!) featuring his collectable local scenes, ably assisted by Jeanette and Rachael Krah. Eager Xmas shoppers willingly parted with over \$500 that will go into the BCA community fund.
- What does BCA do with the funds it raises? Last year we completed a playground at the Bywong Hall, and have plans to add a BBQ and picnic benches. BCA is also offering ‘start-up’ financial support to not-for-profit local community groups wanting to use the Bywong Hall as a venue for activities that bring locals together and strengthen our Bywong community.

Upcoming events:

- **Thursdays 2 and 16 August, 1:00-2:00pm: QPRC Mobile Library Bus** will be at the Bywong Hall. This is a fantastic community service, and we should “use it, so we don’t lose it”. The Hall will be open, so you can enjoy a cuppa and/or a swing on the playground!
Thursday 9 August, 7.30pm: BCA Annual General Meeting at the Bywong Hall. BCA needs YOU! – we are an energetic group, but we are stretched and need helpers for our regular fundraising activities (such as the Car Boot Sale and Trivia Night) and to help plan and run new activities to bring locals together and “Make Bywong Even Better!” For example, we are keen to launch a ByFest Short Film Competition and would welcome new members with enthusiasm and/or relevant experience! All Bywongians are welcome to come along, enjoy some refreshments, learn more about YOUR Community Association and share YOUR ideas for new community activities. All positions on the 2018-19 BCA Committee are open for election, including ‘ordinary members’. See you there?
- QPRC process for **reassessing land use zones in parts of Bywong and Wamboin:** QPRC have not advised that there is anything to report yet.

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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Key herbs for LAMINITIS support



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Current dry conditions mean landowners and residents need to be very careful when attempting any burning.

Eight steps to follow before you light up.

1. Let Lake George Fire Control Centre know, no later than midday on Friday 0261280600.
2. Let your neighbours know 24 hrs before lighting up.
3. Check forecast weather conditions for the day of the burn and for up to four days following lighting.
4. Delay the burn if winds are forecast.
5. Create proper firebreaks and clear around the perimeters of the planed burn area or piles.
6. Supervise the fire at all times.
7. Have the means to put the fire out
8. Call triple zero (000) immediately if the fire escapes.

We are all volunteers and don't get paid for what we do. We get a bit grumpy when we are called from work or home to attend a fire, just because you didn't follow these steps. For more info go to the Rural Fire services web page (www.rfs.nsw.gov.au) for information and requirements for conducting a hazard reduction or pile burn

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Bonfire And Fireworks Night – Bonfire Fuel Wanted

The 2018 Wamboin Bonfire and Fireworks Night is planned for Saturday the 15th of September. So why not reduce the fire hazards on your property by clearing unwanted branches, prunings and brush. Delivering suitable material to the Bonfire site at the Community Centre, Bingley Way will help make the night a memorable occasion. **Please do not mix in: treated timber, old carpets, soil, metal fittings, or large green logs. It may be hard to believe but other non-burnable materials such as wire, bricks and old sheets of corrugated iron have been illegally dumped in past years. Pallets are not wanted** because after they burn they leave a bed of nails, which can puncture the tyres of the clean-up tractors. **Very large logs and stumps are also a problem** as they smoulder and smoke for many days. All of these unsuitable items have to be separated and taken away.

So what should you bring? The ideal is to have a large fire that burns quickly. This calls for prunings, branches and brush compacted and stacked high. We need to stop delivery of material by about the 10th to allow for compacting and stacking.

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

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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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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
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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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Kerrie Gougeon	B'dore Rd (CreekB to Fed Hwy)	32			

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Nature Notes July 2018

Jo Walker

Midwinter provided us with another dry and very cold and windy month leaving the countryside looking rather drab – except for several very white mornings when the frost decorated the trees and shrubs as well as the ground. It was a beautiful sight as the sun rose and lit up the landscape and the Kangaroos stood in the warm rays with mist rising from their frosted fur.

The Silver Wattles (*Acacia dealbata*) are full of buds which are just beginning to show a tinge of yellow. The only plants actually flowering here at the moment are the local form of *Correa reflexa* and the low-growing Urn Heath (*Melichrus urceolatus*), both of them providing some sustenance for the busy little Eastern Spinebills.

The *Exocarpos cupressiformis* (Cherry Ballart) are adding a bit of contrast to the general green background. The foliage on many of them has turned a dark reddish colour, possibly because of the extremely cold night temperatures. Our plant group has noticed this in several areas further afield affecting different species of plants. On Mount Tennent in Namadgi National Park the foliage of *Micromyrtus ciliata* is noticeably dark red on several hillsides.

The leafy rosettes of the Little Dumpy Orchids (*Diplodium truncatum*) are beginning to appear in areas that have managed to retain a bit of moisture, but I still haven't seen any sign of Early Nancy (*Wurmbea dioica*) leaves.

There are a few patches of hybrid Grevilleas on my place that usually have a few flowers open by now, providing some welcome nectar for the various Honeyeaters. But, so far, these plants have remained determinedly in bud – possibly also due to those cold nights. There have been a few White-eared Honeyeaters around, and, at the end of June, I saw a Yellow-tufted Honeyeater, a bird I hadn't seen here before.

The Yellow-tailed Black Cockatoos are coming here fairly regularly, their loud calls heralding their arrival long before they are in sight. The main attraction at present is the plentiful supply of pine cones in Kowen Forest and on nearby properties. They also feed on larvae which have burrowed deeply into wattle or eucalypt stems, often doing quite a bit of damage during their search for food.

The Echidnas are out and about digging up Meat Ant nests and demolishing rotten logs. The Meat Ants, unlike most other local insects, seem to be on the increase judging by a number of new nests during the year, so the Echidnas should have plenty to eat. The Kangaroos and other herbivores aren't as lucky, with the continuing dry weather preventing the growth of winter grasses. There have been quite a few Kangaroos feeding along the edges of Wamboin roads where the runoff from the small amount of rain we've had has resulted in a little green feed. And many are moving around in search of food judging by the number lying dead by the roadside after encounters with cars. Quite a few of the females in the group here don't appear to have joeys this year.

By next month some of the wattles should be adding a glow of yellow to our area, which might for a while take our minds off what looks to be a continuing dry year.

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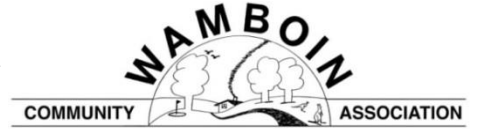
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Wamboin Community Association Inc. (WCA) July 2018 General Meeting (GM)

Date of Meeting: 17 July 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 advised that he would be meeting with Mayor Overall in the coming weeks, the first of what he hopes will be regular meetings.

Whisper: Editor Ned Noel thanked everyone who had written for or delivered the July Whisper and commented on his ongoing monitoring of cost vs advertising revenue.

Web site: Webmaster Pete Harrison confirmed that the Local History pages were being updated.

Home Produce Market: Lofty Mason reminded that 15 September will be the next market.

Pony Club: Peter Evans said that one Wamboin team and a mixed Wamboin/Bungendore/Cooma team qualified for the State tournament in the Zone Mounted Games. The Club was also well represented at a recent Murrumbateman Show Jumping event.

Golf Club: Lofty Mason reported on the successful GST Handicap event in July and that the Tradies event would take place in August. The Great Wamboin Curry Night will be Saturday 18 August and will be advertised in the Whisper.

Hall Management Committee: Lofty Mason confirmed the bonfire and fireworks would be 15 September and that requests for bonfire material will appear in the August and September Whispers.

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 21 August 2018 which will be followed by guest speaker, John Barilaro, MP, Member for Monaro. All welcome. - Jenny Warren, Assistant Secretary, WCA




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SPRING TALKS SERIES - 2018

The Wamboin Community Association (WCA) invites all residents of **Wamboin and surrounding areas** to the fourth year of our annual **Spring Talks Series**. Kicking off a month early - there's just too much to talk about - here's our line-up for 2018.

Talk	Date	Topic	Speaker/s
1	21st August	"News from our State Member"	John Barilaro, MP Member for Monaro
2	18th September	"Meet the QPRC Rangers"	Sherree and Jacquie Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council (QPRC) Animal Management Services Team
3	16th October	"Meet our Local Police"	Bungendore Police Team
4	20th November	"News from our Federal Member"	Hon Dr Mike Kelly AM, MP Member for Eden-Monaro

Bringing the community together to discuss topics relevant to life in our rural-residential area, the aim of the Spring Talks Series is to inform and provide all residents with the opportunity to engage, meet, listen, learn, ask, share and actively participate in community life. All welcome!

Come to the **Wamboin Community Hall, 112 Bingley Way, Wamboin, at 7:30pm** on these dates.

Preceded by a short meeting of the WCA and followed by refreshments where you can speak to the guests and meet more of your neighbours, the Talks are your chance to get to know what's *really* going on in your community - **it's where we all live!**
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Wildcare Out in the Winter Sun

The other week I came across a large, fat, glossy shingleback sitting on some grass in the sun. It was quite a surprise, as winter had well and truly arrived, with its very cold nights. A few days later someone called the Wildcare phone and asked about a lizard seen out on her property on a 10° C day. We've had other calls about lizards found out during winter, including one that unfortunately hadn't hidden itself adequately and was chewed on by a rat. I've spotted other scaly critters out in the wintery season in Bywong: a bearded dragon out on a bitterly cold afternoon; and a tiger snake basking on a road in the sun, following heavy rainfall.

Our native reptiles don't go into full hibernation, but they do slow down and hide away in the cold months. The term for their winter doze is brumation, where reptiles slow down in the cold and stop eating, as they are not warm enough to metabolise food. Frogs also do this. Turtles bury themselves in mud; lizards crawl into hiding places, as do snakes. A turtle came into care the other day after some boys had been playing in a shallow dam and it somehow ended up with a cracked shell. This one will need to remain in care to heal and until it's warm enough to release.

Several years ago, when major roadworks were planned on the Kings highway in winter, Wildcare organised and gained access to retrieve (rescue) eastern long-necked turtles that we knew would be in the dams, about to be buried for the new road. On one very cold day (8°C) a total of 54 turtles of all sizes were plucked from the silty dam that had been drained in the previous weeks. All were relocated, along with some lucky yabbies, to dams that would be safe from construction.

Reptiles will occasionally emerge from their brumation in winter and move around, sometimes for a drink of water and to enjoy some warmth from the sun. It's best to let them be, if there are no obvious injuries or signs of illness or distress. Don't bring them inside to warm up, just place them somewhere safe, away from dogs, cats and sheltered from birds. If you still see them a day or two later, please call Wildcare on 62991966 - Merran Laver, Wildcare

Photo: Shoulders, a Bearded Dragon enjoying winter sunshine



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The Wonderful Women of Wamboin

by Gail Ritchie Knight

Some say winter can be tough living out here and at times I would agree. This year I took myself to hospital for bilateral total knee replacement. Other Wonderful Women of Wamboin (WWOW) don't take such drastic action. Some escape to the coast or interstate while two WWOW regularly spend time with family and friends during the UK summer. Others travel to Europe for their holidays. But they all come back and we welcome them with open arms eager to hear of their exploits and see their photos. It's all about sharing.

Something WWOW member Trish Mavity shared with us was news she'd read of the desperate conditions farmers are currently experiencing. Reported to be the worst drought in living memory, Trish was moved to do something to help. While hay is being delivered to feed stock, she decided to donate personal care products to the farming families. Other WWOW have jumped on board which prompted Trish to contact the Lions Club. Thankfully they have agreed to organise delivery of our donations.

All women are welcome, whether from Bungendore, Bywong, Queanbeyan, Sutton or, of course, Wamboin. We meet at St Andrew's church, corner of Norton and Poppet Roads, Wamboin on Mondays 10 am–noon. For more information contact Gail Ritchie Knight 0416 097 500 whirlwind1@argonite.com.au.

A Land Custodian's View Of The Weekend's "To Do" List

By Paul Patti

Preamble:

When we moved to our Wamboin rural property, motivations and enthusiasm varied as much as did our future plans and dreams – for the first few years!

As Winters come and go, those committed "land custodians" – we who want to leave the holistic landscape in a better state than we found it – develop a routine of rural "Mindfulness"; squeezing all that needs to be done to the land into 12 months, into the weekends and days off that we have free.

I have been fortunate to care for "Paudebaire" since Oct 1995. For a small patch of the Parish of Wamboin, we do ok :) – the land is bountiful and clean – the flora and fauna thrive – you will recall my Parks and Wildlife colleague cataloguing in excess of 60 native critters here – from Microbats to Macropods. Every day or night "Paudebaire" is alive with native wildlife.

Do I have a plan?

I have farming conversations with my partner street dwellers every week so, without prejudice, I would like to offer to other Wamboin land custodians a plan that works for my Farm.

Eat the elephant one bite at a time:

- My rule of balance is that the farm gets one half-day of my time each week. Given that I work 24/7 as a Principal Consultant and drive past one or two Bunnings stores or Horse feed stores every day, it is not a hard trade off to deliver on 24/7.
- "To do" lists and "The Bunnings Shopping" Lists are my connectivity between tasks that are identified as urgent, the materials needed to complete the task, my budget and the "down to doing it" bit. I see that a poly fitting is leaking or that a fence panel needs attention, so I scope out what is needed to fix the job, then plan the time to do it. This circle of life stops me from doing Adhoc repairs with the wrong tool, that otherwise might appease my conscience BUT, necessitate a longer or shorter redoing next weekend.
- My "Whole of Farm" plan is an A3 size image, printed from Google Maps. I use it for most tasks that are bigger than one paddock – tree lanes, harrowing, weeding, drains, fencing, poly pipe laying etc. The source is public domain and free. Just print it out and doodle a plan 😊.
- Learn new stuff BUT know your skill and ability limitations. Sooooo.... I might be able to do many Farm jobs myself – spraying weeds, minor Vet attention to my 8 horses or dogs or cats, fencing, draining, pump maintenance – BUT in know I am no excavator operator or septic tank whiz or auto electrician or solar bore whiz. DIY is a lot like self-diagnosing an illness or buying a cheap riding helmet for yourself; you want it done right first time – most times, so what is it worth to you if you become great at the regular jobs. Be swift to admit when you are not able to do a task well and work to locate the expert – paid or unpaid!
- Small investments in tools and machinery help greatly – firepumps, backpack sprayers, super spreaders, drain plungers, slasher, whipper snipper, fencing tools – these all take time to buy BUT are timeless and timesaving items for the farm shed.
- Learn from your neighbours – I value the different learning experiences of the Weeroona Drive family and am never slow to ask if someone else has the skills to transfer to me for a new land or farm job.

Stuff I check regularly, or not, every year – some tasks are seasonally dependant of course:

- Entry Gates – secure and functional.
- Boundary fences – walk around check every second month and do the repairs in between months.
- Water supplies - bores, dams, creeks, tanks – check for cleanliness, contamination and habitat – Are the frogs happy?
- Tree lanes and bush blocks – check for deadfall and future wood supplies – prune, pile and harvest – Pile burn every second year.

- Inner fences and gates – my horse fences sit inside my boundary fences mostly and are two insulated strands of “Flexibel” softwire as electric fences that permit the Roo’s to duck underneath as they move around safely – occasionally one fails to learn the lesson, so the fences need care and attention. 😊
- Check water pumps electrical, solar and fuel driven – “No water – No Farm”.
- Leaky poly pipes and fittings - “No water – No Farm”.
- Check Septic – “No Clean water – No Farm”.
- Weed control - When I walk my paddocks and fences, I carry a Dutch hoe to dig the weeds out as I see them. I have a serious clean up each Autumn to tackle weeds blown in. I use mainly natural herbicide mixes and leave chemicals to the really nasty weeds.
- Check Roof gutters and drain pipes – those periodic downpours must be captured not wasted.
- Tyres pumped up on trailers, tractor, wheel barrow, mower – “No mobility – no farm”.
- Feral animals - You cannot manage them unless you monitor and measure their numbers and patterns! I know where my foxes, rabbits and wombats live – the habits and pathways of my Roo’s and where they impact my fences and pasture. These spots are my “go to” spots when a fence fails or when I talk my dog for a walk.
- Drains and culverts feed my dams, so I regularly check them for sediment and clean them out with the grader blade.
- Small engines need servicing – nothing high tech – A new sparkplug, new oil and a clean air filter do wonders for the Honda irrigation pump at my dam.
- Paddocks and pasture – I am continually trying to support my native and improved pasture by harrowing in the new seed bed with horse and roo poo, checking the PH level and adding Lime or Super as needed.
- Driveways – As so many people support my farm – clients, tradies, feed suppliers with heavy haulage transports, the ELGAS truck – and I am responsible if they get bogged, I took the long-term view and slowly built up my 800m drive way with roadbase and blue metal – had it graded and drainage cut. Now my main farm road is useable 24/7 for trucks upto 20 tonne. I also check the entry apron on to main road and fill in those annoying potholes that bounce my horses in the float as we exit the farm.
- Inter property gates exist across many Weeroona Drive farms and will be a godsend for firefighters – I check mine every so often.
- Known animal pathways become erosion points, so I top them up safely with road base and compact them – not with logs and steel anchor pins that will cripple an animal or people that step on them.
- Smoke detectors and Trees under powerlines – I have three alarms in the farm house and two risk spots that I check annually – any time before the fire season works for me.
- Future plans – They are great to create on warm Spring days - plantings, shelter belts, veggie gardens – inspire and challenge your soul! My covered kitchen veggie garden is continually producing herbs and lettuce.
- “If you can’t graze or get a tractor to it, plant trees on it” Except if it is above the TELSTRA phone line trench or under powerlines. I have extensive native, pine and cold climate specific tree plantings and add to them each Autumn.
- Play at being an Emu – I do a regular windblown rubbish pickup.

Is it successful? Can it be improved? How do you get it all done in 12 months? What would you add to the list? What can be changed? How did you start the plan? How do you do it all and not go crazy?

It works for me and my Farm! Our land is healthy and the flora and fauna are diverse and abundant.



Bird Of The Month

By Luke Downey

For August, I chose the Red-browed Finch, a beautiful little ground-dwelling bird.

Red-browed Finch (*Neochmia temporalis*)

Size: 11–11.5cm

Status: Uncommon

breeding resident

The Red-browed Finch or Firetail is a small bird that is usually seen on the ground in small flocks of 10-20 birds. Their diet consists mainly of seeds, so they are often found feeding in areas of seeding grasses. They have a bright red bill, rump and a thick stripe through the eye (brow). Their wings are an olive-green, their tail is black, their

legs pinkish-white and their head, chest and belly are a pale grey. These birds make a high-pitched “swi-swi” noise, which is a sign that they are around. Recently, one poor lonely finch has been hanging out with our fairy-wren flock and the other day it was in our chook pen, feeding on leftover grain. Keep your eye out for this colourful little bird, and good luck finding it on your property! 😊 (Photo from Google images)

LOCAL ROAD CLASSIFICATION **(information provided by QPRC Mayor Tim Overall)**

Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council Mayor, Tim Overall, was the guest speaker at the Wamboin Community Association's (WCA's) Spring Talk in November 2017. The WCA President, Peter Evans, asked the Mayor a series of questions which, along with the associated answers, are published on the WCA website:

<http://www.wamboincommunity.asn.au/communitygroups/index.php?op=wcaspringtalks>.

The subject of roads is a regular topic of discussion within our local community with many differing opinions on which level of government is responsible for things like maintenance and speed limits. To clear up the confusion, the WCA President asked the Mayor to "*Please explain the difference between local, State and Federal roads in terms of funding and maintenance responsibilities.*" In response, the Mayor provided information in a handout which is reproduced here and on the WCA website, with additional examples for clarity added by the WCA (*in bold italics*).

Crown Roads

Road Authority: Department of Industry - Lands

Road Maintenance: These roads are generally maintained by private land owners as needed.

There are a range of variables with Crown Road classification, for example where a Crown Reserve has no road, or has a formed road which is used to access only one property. Contact Council for more information.

Local Roads

Road Authority: Council

Road Maintenance Responsibility: Council

Council is responsible for all of the local roads in its area and provides the funds required to maintain the roads. There are some roads that are local roads that Council does not maintain. Even though Council may not maintain a road, any work that is done on that road requires approval from Council before it is done.

Examples of our Local Roads: Norton Road, Weeroona Drive, Denley Drive and all tributaries; Bungendore Road from the intersection with Macs Reef Road to the Federal Highway and all tributaries in that section.

Regional Roads

Road Authority: Council

Road Maintenance Responsibility: Council

Regional Roads perform an intermediate function between the main arterial network of State Roads and council controlled Local Roads. Due to their network significance RMS provides financial assistance to councils for the management of their Regional Roads. The road from Bungendore to Tarago is an example of a Regional Road.

*Examples of our Regional Roads: Macs Reef Road (1); Bungendore Road (2) from Bungendore to the intersection of Macs Reef Road where it becomes a Local Road; the road from Bungendore to Tarago (named Tarago Road from Bungendore to Mt Fairy, then name changes to Bungendore Road from Mt Fairy to Tarago). Notes (1)&(2): **The route made up of (1) the entire length of Macs Reef Road and (2) Bungendore Road from the intersection with Macs Reef Road to Bungendore is known as Regional Road 7607 or RR7607.***

State Roads

Road Authority: Council

Road Maintenance Responsibility: Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) are responsible to maintain the travel lanes of the road. Council is responsible to maintain the areas outside of the travel lanes to the boundary fence. State Roads are managed and financed by RMS. Council often undertakes the maintenance work on State Roads on behalf of the RMS however all work that is done on the road must be approved by RMS before it is undertaken. The Kings Highway is an example of a State Road.

*Examples of our State Roads: **The Kings Highway (Main Road 51, or MR51), Sutton Road (MR52).***

Highways

Road Authority: Council

Road Maintenance Responsibility: Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) are responsible to maintain the travel lanes of the road. Council is responsible to maintain the areas outside of the travel lanes to the boundary fence.

Council does not undertake any maintenance work on Highways. This is done by RMS. The Federal Highway is an example of a Highway.

Note: Even though Council is the roads authority, permission must be given by RMS for the erection of any signage on local, regional and state roads. Permission must also be given by RMS to alter any speed limits on local, regional or state roads.

The Mayor also provided a map which we don't have space to reproduce here, but which can be found at

http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/business-industry/partners-suppliers/lgr/documents/classification-review/southern_region.pdf

The WCA's Spring Talks Series-2018 is commencing in August this year, when John Barilaro, MP, Member for Monaro, Deputy Premier of NSW and Leader of the National Party in NSW (plus three portfolios) will be the guest of the WCA. Come along to the WCA's Spring Talks to engage and see what's really going on in our community. Further information is available elsewhere in this issue of the Wamboin Whisper, or contact

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WHEN: 7:30pm, Tuesday 21st August

**WHERE: Wamboin Community Hall,
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All residents of Wamboin and surrounding areas are invited to this evening with our State representative. After Mr Barilaro's address, audience members will have the opportunity to ask questions, and later speak informally over light refreshments.

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Wamboin Golf – July 2018

Sunday, 1 July. A beautiful Winter's day. Crisp and cold with a gentle breeze under a clear blue sky. An obvious day for golf, you would have said. But wait. What is this horror about to descend upon us like a succubus (or incubus – I can never tell the difference)? Is it a horde of Philippino basketballers? Or a *sumasshedshaya banda* of Russian soccer fans? No, it's the demonic handicapping system for the GST Anniversary Handicap. It works like this: each team of two adds ten per cent to their combined handicaps and divides by four – or something. I know what you're thinking: what evil mind dreamt that up? Well, meet my old mate Keith France, accountant and co-sponsor of the day's play. Fortunately the countervailing factor is the other co-sponsor, Kathy Handel. We thank them both, but mainly Kathy, for the food and wearable prizes.



Back at base, while the captain struggled with the score cards, there were many issues to probe as we all adjusted for fluid loss. For example, the meeting of the Great Equivocator with Kung Fu Panda; the soccer world cup being hotly contested by B grade actors (e.g., that Brazilian guy with the sore ankle) in the Soviet Union/USSR/CCCP/Russia/all of the above; Scomo's great GST fix (if anyone can explain it, let me know. My reading is it goes to 15.27% and Tasmania misses out); the despicable practice of slut-shaming reflecting the decline of parliamentary standards; the looming penumbra of democracy (just never got off the ground in some

places); the Cartier exhibition at the NGA. Your correspondent attended the latter and was impressed by the standard of personal adornment one can achieve if one has considerably more money than one requires. And yet I couldn't suppress the unworthy thought that the baubles were akin to the lamb chop hung around the neck of an unprepossessing child so that the dog would play with him.

The captain introduced our guests, Glen and Siobhan Fiddick, all the way from Scotland. Ted Evans made the pilgrimage with news from Queanbeyan. In a rare quinella the googly ball and the dummy spit award went to the same person, Alex Gordon (dobbled in by his mother). NTP and LD ball winners were Keith France X 2, Vicki Still, Ken Gordon and Pete Harrison. The nine hole comp was won by the team of Vicki Still and Larry King on 29.9 strokes after handicap, from Deb and Alex Gordon 32.7 and Joan and Lofty Mason in 3rd place with 35.6. The 19 hole comp was taken out by the team of Ken Gordon and Pete Harrison 60.0 from runners-up Keith France and John Whitney 63.025.

The August comp will be sponsored by the Tradies, people who have found uses for their opposed thumbs other than for texting and *Grand Theft Auto*. Join us at the Hall at 12.15pm on Sunday, 5 August for the usual 12.30pm start. Feel free to wear your tiara. - Larry King, golfer



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WAMBOIN WEATHER: (rainfall and temperature records)

43 years from Cooper Road by Christine Rieber

July Rainfall Stats

July rainfall to the 29th 10.0mm
 2018 total rainfall to 29/7..... 205.25mm

Average July rainfall..... 53.8mm
 2017 July rainfall..... 37.5mm
 2017 total rainfall to 29/7... 205.25mm
 43yr Av. to end of July..... 374.5mm

August Rainfall Stats

2017 August rainfall..... 50.5mm
 Wettest August..... 170.5mm in 1985
 Wettest August day..... 35mm on 7/8/85
 Driest August..... 5.5mm in 1994

Average August rainfall..... 54.1mm
 Average no. rain days in August... 10.1
 Highest no. rain days..... 17 in 1981
 Lowest no. rain days. 3 in 1994 & 1995

August Temperature Stats

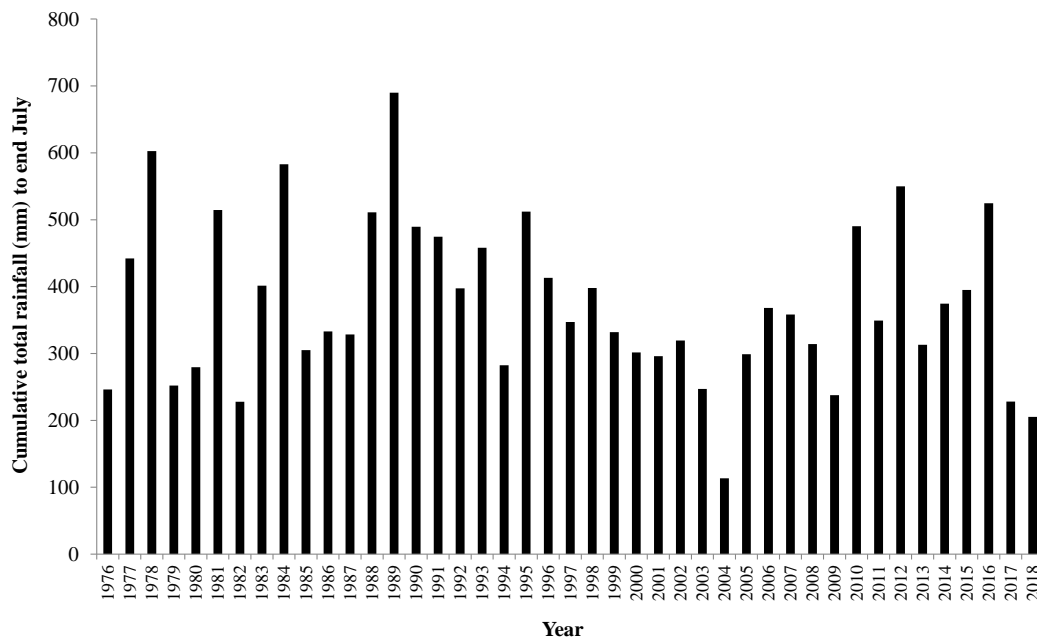
Hottest August day..... 20°C on 31/8/82
 Hottest August night..... 13°C on 26/8/95

Coldest August day..... 3°C on 5/8/15
 Coldest August night..... -5°C (6 times)
 18/8/10, 2014 (4 times), 4/8/15
 Average night temperature..... 2.4°C
 Coldest August..... 2012
 Av. day temp. 8.0°C & nights -1.0°C

Average day temperature..... 10.5°C
 Warmest August..... 1982
 Av. day temp. 13.8°C & nights 4.2°C
 (highest night 4.5°C in 1995)

This July we had the equal coldest July night of -5°C (twice) and the hottest July day of 16.8°C

The graph below shows the total rainfall per year to the end of July over the past 43 years for Wamboin. 2018 is the 2nd driest, after 2004, and slightly lower than 1982 and 2017. 2018 rainfall to the end of July is 52% of the 43 year average.





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

Kids Club, at St Andrews, a Friday afternoon feature in our community for almost ten years has closed its doors. Times change, children grow up and move on, and so do the volunteers. It was the initiative of Tash Yates, and continued to flourish under the care of Robyn Robertson, Christine Davidson and Judy Shellard after Tash and her young family moved to Queensland. A sincere thank you is extended to all involved, our generous volunteers, willing and enthusiastic parents and their beautiful children. The door is closed for the moment, but not locked!

And talking of beautiful children, there was only standing room at historic St Peters, Sutton, when family and friends of Brett and Melissa Bingley, a family long associated with the district, gathered for the Baptism of baby Grace Melissa. It was a very happy occasion.

September 1 is a date to be marked in your calendar. It is the Spring Fling, a festival of spring in Sutton. There will be a car boot sale from 10am-2pm on the Sutton oval, organised by the congregation. Load your boot with goodies for sale, or fill your boot and trailer, or van. Sellers should arrive at 9am to set up. The fee for a car is \$10, and \$15 for a car with trailer or a van. The congregation will also be offering a sausage sizzle, with hot and cold drinks in the hall. This is a great community initiative...come along, join in the fun, sell unwanted treasures and support your local community organisations.

Services are held on the first and third Sunday of each month at St Andrews, and the second and fourth Sunday at St Peters. All services start at 9am, with a warm welcome and a cosy seat. Afterwards enjoy a cup of tea or real coffee with a delicious morning tea and lively conversation with members of your community. Last Sunday, being the fifth Sunday of the month, a service was held at Gundaroo.

If you have any questions or would like to join us but feel you need a helping hand to get there, please do not hesitate to contact any of the people listed: Pastor Ven Dr Royce Thompson 0416265600, Alan Rope 0429434944, Bronwyn Elliott 62383359, Gai Donald 0438400364.



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We are a new family living in Wamboin. I currently have 3 children under 5 and have a baby due in late September. I am seeking some domestic assistance with the household and children.

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An Article in “RiotACT”, an ACT Online Publication, about Wamboin

<https://the-riotact.com/is-wamboin-the-canberra-regions-friendliest-community>

Thanks to David McDonald and Meriel Schultz for suggesting the above link to a Canberra area website: If you have not seen it already, you may find their article about Wamboin, which includes content supplied by Wamboin residents, of interest. This website describes itself in this way: “Conversations about life in Canberra and the surrounding region live here on RiotACT”: - Editor

From the Corner

Local Government — In reading up on the history of land use planning in NSW, I came across an interesting article on the development of local government. This proved to be a subject worthy of discussion in its own right, but also an appropriate preamble to a future discussion of land use planning.

It seems that we were a little slow off the mark here in NSW, given that the first vestiges of local government appeared with the establishment of the Perth Town Trust in 1838 and the election of the first Adelaide Municipal Council in 1840, only a few years after British settlement in those locations. We did start down that path here in NSW in 1842, with the establishment of the Sydney Corporation, but that was more than 50 years after the arrival of the First Fleet.

It will probably come as little surprise to learn that resistance to the establishment of local government was tied, at least in part, to the prospect of compulsory land rates—many of those with influence also had significant property holdings. To be fair, Governor Brisbane had established a Legislative Council in 1823, but it was generally concerned with more weighty matters than Sydney’s municipal affairs. Nonetheless, the Sydney City Incorporation Act of 1842 established an elected body to manage primary services such as street lighting and drainage. Although all property holders were subject to land rates, election to the new Council was open only to adult males holding property worth at least £1000.

The NSW Constitution Act of 1842 also introduced a system of district councils for the settled and surveyed areas of NSW. Interestingly, some sources suggest that this was less to do with granting a level of autonomy to the districts than is was to help defray the costs associated with maintaining gaols outside the convict regime, since transportation of convicts to NSW had all but ceased by this time and ‘imperial funding’ for the colony had been reduced accordingly. Nonetheless, the civic powers of these councils related to roads, bridges, public buildings and schools. Unfortunately, opposition to property rates proved even stronger away from Sydney and this system collapsed.

The Municipalities Act of 1858 subsequently attempted to address a growing demand for improved local public works by allowing individual towns or municipalities to choose to incorporate on presentation of a petition signed by 50 or more ‘householders’ in the absence of a sufficient counter petition. This Act also conferred regulatory responsibilities on Councils, requiring them to manage matters of public health, safety and decency, including “care of the destitute poor and sick”, “deserted children” and the “suppression of . . . houses of ill fame”. Unfortunately, once again, many of these provisions failed due to a level of apathy amongst ratepayers (who were invariably not the direct beneficiaries of many of these services).

Less than 1% of the NSW land area was under local management when the Local Government Act was introduced in 1906, making local councils compulsory. This Act was updated in 1919 and remained the legislative basis for Local Government in NSW until it was replaced with the current Act in 1993.

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

Local Government (July 2018) Constitutional Recognition (June 2013)

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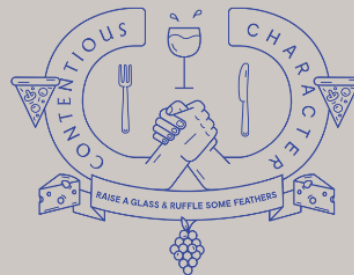
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The Hills of Wamboin and Bywong, no. 5: Purrorumba Hill

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.

Purrorumba Hill and Purrorumba Trig, altitude 888 m

NSW Geographical Names Board: 'A hill in Lake George Range about 11.5 km E by N of Sutton and 1.5 km SW of Silver Wattle Point.' Trig: 'A major trigonometrical station on Lake George Range 11 km east by north of Sutton.' Located 3.6 km north-east of the junction of Brooks Road and Bungendore Road, Bywong, and 1.25 km south-west of Silver Wattle (on Lake Road).

Name origin: A rendering of the local Aboriginal word 'Booraroomba' or 'Boorooromba':

'Another kind of shortening of placenames involves dropping out a single syllable, especially when two adjacent syllables were partially alike. ... A similar reduction has taken place with "Booroomba", a property established by James Wright for his father-in-law, William Davis, in 1842 [near Tharwa, ACT]..., whose Aboriginal source had an extra syllable – "Booraroomba" ... or "Boorooromba" ... The same name seems to be behind a place on the western side of Lake George, spelled 'Purrorumba' on Thomas Mitchell's 1834 map of NSW ...' (Koch 2009, pp. 125, 170).

'Booroomba, wallaby jumping over a rock' (G.B.L 1925, p. 1). The same meaning is given in Gillespie 1992, p. 253, and he give the alternative spelling 'Booraroomba'.

'Similarly, "Booroomba" (reconstructable as **Bururumba* or **Burarumba*), a property in the ACT west of the Murrumbidgee, is said to mean "wallaby jumping over a rock" ... Perhaps this "meaning" simply refers to the red rock wallabies, which lived (and were shot) in great numbers in this area ... On the other hand it may conceal a word or words referring to this event, even if not does not directly denote "wallaby", "jump", or "rock"' (Koch 2009, p. 153).

"Boorooroomba" is an Aboriginal word for plovers' (Australian Capital Territory 2011, p. 8).

Additional information: The hill is shown on NSW Surveyor-General Major Thomas Mitchell's 1834 map of the Nineteen Counties, and on Robert Dixon's 1837 map of the same area (Mitchell 1834; Dixon 1837). This, combined with its location close to the trigonometrical baseline established at Lake George, strongly suggest that they used it as part of their trigonometrical survey of NSW (Brock 2006).

Purrorumba is also the name of the parish immediately north of the parish of Bywong.

The trig station is on Trigonometrical Reserve 7,277, notified on 29 September 1888 (30 acres) (Cannon 2015, p. 325, though the date given there is incorrect).

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The Waterways of Wamboin: Correction

The March 2018 issue of *The Whisper* included an article that I authored on 'The Waterways of Wamboin'. It contains an error in the entry regarding Mill Post Creek. The first paragraph under that heading, on page 23, should read 'The creek rises in the high country along the ACT border in the vicinity of Mt Cohen, and flows north-east, through "Millpost" station and the Lake George Range, to join Turallo Creek north of the Bungendore Sewage Treatment Plant.' - David McDonald

Wamboin Muse

Jill Gregory

My bush garden in winter is never pretty, but it looks magical under the light of a full moon. Leafy silhouettes of lace floating above forked trunks of brilliant white, shadows on the ground, silver pathways, muted edges of garden beds, and except for the faint red glow of berries on the row of nandinas and a few diosmas splashed with pale gold it could be an old sepia photograph. The clever moonlight has disguised the holes, glossed over rough patches and softened the barren spaces. For days the black cockatoos, like folds of soft velvet, have drifted overhead screeching "tidings of great joy". And for once they were right. It rained last night.

We've had some glorious, calm sunny days but the last month has been very cold and dry. The heavy frosts, night after night, have sucked any moisture from the ground, pools in the creeks have dried up and dams are pitifully low. The powdery soil is lifeless and there is no feed for the animals. Mobs of kangaroos sprawl listlessly in the paddocks as if waiting for a green blade of grass to appear, and small kangaroos, alone and bewildered, cling to the gutters by the roadside trying to scratch something to eat.

And with little vegetation there seems to be much more rubbish by the road. Maybe there is or maybe there are simply fewer hiding places. I try to remember to stuff a few plastic bags in my pockets before I head off for a walk so that I can pick up some of the litterbut I usually forget. And now that single use plastic bags have been phased out I have to rethink how I'll collect roadside rubbish, and be organised with my bundle of cloth bags in the car before I rush off to town with my shopping list. I'm getting better at that, but sometimes I forget and leave them in the parked car! This means everything comes out of the trolley at the register, to be put back into the trolley as I fumble with my credit card and try to maintain my composure. I then struggle to manoeuvre an overloaded trolley with a dicky wheel and no brake back to the car park, fumble, this time for the car keys, and unload everything into the boot, hoping the bag of potatoes wont shift and squash the mushrooms as I turn sharply onto Sutton Road, and that the bottle of wine wont have found its way to the head of the queue by the time I open the boot and smashes on the concrete garage floor. At least I have my unused cloth bags ready to carry the groceries into the kitchen and then heave the bags up on the bench to be emptied, sorted and put away. My mother never had plastic bags in her early days and was unaware of her duty to save the planet. She simply wrote a list for the grocery boy and left it on the kitchen bench, and along with the baker and the milkman, everything was delivered to her back door.....nothing was packaged in plastic. When she went walking along country roads she picked wildflowers.

I wouldn't live anywhere else...soon the bush will be filled with golden wattles and the first jonquils will appear in the garden....

But if I were a kangaroo reduced to eating periwinkle as they do around here, I'd be thinking of moving on.....but where to....that is the problem.

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