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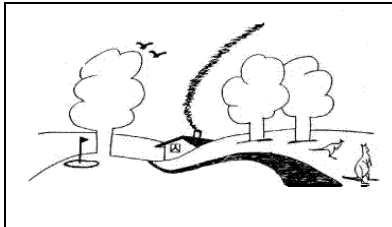


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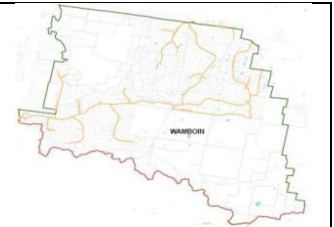
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## Wamboin Community Association Presidents Paragraphs “Fireworks and Bonfire Fizzer”



Well as everyone has heard by now, our annual legendary fireworks and bonfire night was cancelled due to the adverse weather conditions (only cancelled once before but was held on the following weekend).

Due to the fire season being brought forward to September 1 and the weather conditions, our fire permit was cancelled so then our fireworks permit was also automatically withdrawn as well. The conditions were against us, the wind was gusty and the very dry conditions made the event a risk (high fire danger day) so in the end the decision was taken out of our hands.

At the Saturday markets there were a number of disappointed families who had travelled from Sydney to visit friends and attend the fireworks that evening as an annual pilgrimage. It just shows how popular the event is in the greater community. One cancellation in the many years it has run isn't too bad so fingers crossed for next year we get back on track. We are discussing bringing the event forward but it is difficult not to clash with other events. The bonfire pile was kindly burned off by the Wamboin Rural Fire Brigade on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> September.

**Spring Talks** - The 2018 Spring Talks Series continued this month with the September talk featuring the QPRC Animal Management Services Team. Sheree and Jacquie from QPRC gave a great presentation and discussed many aspects about responsible animal management. Many questions from the floor made for some interesting discussion regarding neighbours and animals. Shree and Jacquie also outlined the procedures if your animal is unfortunately impounded. It was very interesting and informative evening.

**Meet your local Police** – The October Spring Talk will be with our Bungendore local area command from NSW Police. This will sure to be an interesting night giving us an insight to what our local constabulary deals with on a day to day basis and maybe some of the more unusual challenges. Lock it in your diaries for Tuesday the 16<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm.

**Letterbox and Gate Decorating Competition** – the Wonderful Women of Wamboin will once again run the Christmas letterbox and gate decoration competition. The WCA and BCA will support and provide the prizes. Look out for more details in next month's Whisper.

**October markets** – The Home Produce Markets made a comeback in September and the October market will be sure to bring out the spring produce. Make sure you duck down for the spring vegetables, local crafts and Lou's great coffee.

**Wheels of Wamboin 2019** – reserve the date - 18 May 2019 for the Wheels of Wamboin.

**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 and Spring Talk will be held commencing at 7.30 pm, Tuesday 16 October at the Wamboin Community Hall on Bingley Way.

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

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## Bywong Community Association News

### Diary dates:

**Bywong Community Association meeting, Thursday 11 October**, 7.30pm at the Bywong Community Hall, Birriwa Road Bywong. After a short Committee meeting, members of the Wamboin Rural Fire Service Brigade will provide advice on Bushfire Preparedness for the hot, dry summer ahead of us.

**QPRC Mobile Library Bus, Thursdays 11 and 25 Oct** at the Bywong Hall at 12.00 -12.45pm, also Nov 8 and 22, Dec 6. This is a fantastic community service, so please use it - you can even become a library member on the spot. The Playground and toilets are always available and, whenever possible, we will open the Hall so you can enjoy a cuppa!

**School Holiday StoryTime, Thursday 11 October:** Need some entertainment for the kids during school holidays? Come along to the Bywong Hall on Thursday 11th October between 11:30 and 1:30 for Story Time with The Fairy Godmother and other notable locals. Bring along your lunch, plus a blanket/mat/cushion for the floor. Entry and refreshments for gold coin donations courtesy of the Bywong Community Association.

### Other news:

**Littlish Library at the Bywong Hall:** Bywong Hall now has a Littlish Library, one of 10 community book swap libraries in Bywong, Wamboin and Sutton, thanks to the efforts of Teenaka James, who obtained a grant through the QPRC Stronger Communities Fund. You'll find it next to the steps from the carpark, all you need is to bring a book with you to replace the one you take away.

**Xmas Decorating Competition:** It's back again, organised by the Wonderful Women of Wamboin, with prizes sponsored by the Wamboin and Bywong Community Associations. We look forward to lots of festive gateways and mailboxes in the lead up to Xmas. See advert elsewhere in the Whisper for details.

**Post cards of Bungendore** are for sale at the Bungendore Community Bank. The set of six cards has been created by Bywong resident JP Favre and showcases some of the most notable buildings in the town. The set of six costs \$12 including envelopes!

The Bank also has some of JP's "Why I live where I live" cards (\$3 each with envelope) and a few of the Bungendore tea towels (\$15 each), which are also available from Foodlovers Market Bungendore. These are all great gifts for visitors or to post overseas to friends and family -they show people what Bungendore's historical buildings look like, and help the Bywong Community Association to raise money for local events, activities, and infrastructure in Bywong.

**Thefts, illegal rubbish dumping at the Bywong Hall:** Unfortunately, there have been several anti-social incidents at the Hall recently, an unpleasant down-side to the seclusion we enjoy in Bywong, and a reminder that we all need to be on the lookout for suspicious activity.

- The Hall gas cylinder was stolen, necessitating expense that would otherwise have been spent on Hall maintenance.
- Gearys Gap Pony Club jumps trailer was stolen on 18th September. Rego plates TD03JU and VIN A143. Please report any sighting to Bungendore Police Station on 6238 1244.
- A trailerload of rubbish was dumped in the Hall carpark. Police examined the rubbish to try and trace the dumper before QPRC cleaned up the mess.

**QPRC Land Use Assessment: E4 Zones, Bywong and Wamboin:** At the QPRC meeting on 8 August, Council voted to "seek expressions of interest for consultants to undertake relevant studies..." at an estimated cost of up to \$150,000. The brief for the consultancy includes a community consultation component, and we look forward to learning how this is to be carried out. (Source: QPRC Meeting Agenda (p65) and Minutes (p8) on the QPRC website at [www.qprc.nsw.gov.au](http://www.qprc.nsw.gov.au) . The District Bulletin has published an account of the issue "QPRC bid to review rural residential zoning — what's behind it?", available at <http://districtbulletin.com.au/?s=zoning>



## Looking To Sell Your Property This Spring??

If you're looking to put your property on the market this Spring, here's our top 10 tips to make your property shine.

1. If you've got an outdoor timber deck, de clutter it, give it a really good scrub down and a fresh coat of oil. Everyone loves to get out and have an afternoon BBQ as soon as the weather warms up, so make yours look attractive & inviting to prospective buyers – let them picture themselves there with family & friends. Add some interest by placing a couple of pots with colourful annuals in it.
2. Mulch the garden beds – nothing freshens up a garden better than fresh mulch and as well as looking good, it will prevent weeds popping up as well as retain water as it gets warmer.
3. If you have concrete or paving on the Southern side of your home that hasn't seen the sun for a while, make sure any build up of moss is scrubbed off.
4. External painting – time for the street view test. Stand at the front of the home and check out areas that may need a touch up. Do you have a front fence? Does that need a repaint? How are the eaves looking? Does the front door need a paint? Are you brave enough to give it a boost with a modern edge such as gloss black or fire engine red?
5. Give your entrance some aroma. If you have a garden bed near your front door, consider planting Daphne or Lavendar. Both are hardy, look good and give off nice aromas. If you don't have a garden bed, both will grow well in pots.
6. Remove odours. Over Winter, homes tend to be more closed up so cooking smells and indoor pet smells can be more prominent. Ensure that pet bedding is placed outside, and give the filters on your kitchen exhaust fan a really good scrub.
7. A lot of us like to curl up in comfort with a blanket, even when the living room is warm. Make sure you pack up Winter blankets and throws, and pack away any portable heaters.
8. Irrespective of the time of year, one of the most important things to do is declutter. Pack and remove knick knacks off level surfaces, remove CD and magazine racks, pack your out of season clothes up to give a sense of more wardrobe space, and remove furniture and other items such as picture frames in hallways to make sure buyers don't feel like your home is cramped or claustrophobic.
9. Internal painting. As we have stated in previous articles, painting is without doubt the best 'bang for your buck' when giving your home a facelift for sale. If you are going to do it, don't be tempted to go for the latest bold colour trends. Stick to pale shades such as Antique White, Martini, ½ or ¼ shades of Grey Comfort or Christobel. These are all warm pale colours that look great with a white/off white trim.
10. Give your home a thorough clean – windows, cobwebs, dust skirting boards and architraves, and consider steam cleaning the carpet if you have indoor pets.

If you're looking to sell, and want some personal assistance and advice on what to do, and more importantly what NOT to do, call the team at Gilbert Real Estate. It is disheartening to go into a potential seller's house and see that they have either done work that won't really add value, or worse still, have done work where they have over capitalised. Call Gilbert Real Estate on 6238 1900 for a complimentary personal assessment of how to best present your property for sale.

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PREVENTION will be the key this summer, always consider the weather conditions if you are planning on doing any welding using power tools slashing or mowing. It is a good idea to inform any trades people who are working on your property of the risk of starting a fire.

You need to have a Bushfire Survival Plan. Templates for your Bushfire Survival Plan can be found at [www.rfs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au)

The NSW Rural Fire Service has a wealth of useful information on its website, including on how to prepare yourself and your property and how to keep yourself informed.

There is also a guide to help you Get Ready for a Bushfire ( 4 Simple steps to making your bushfire survival ) If you would like a member of the Wamboin Rural Fire Service Community Engagement team to visit you on your property to advise you on property preparation and to talk to you further about your Bushfire Survival Plan, please contact your brigade Captain (0409 991 340 or [wamboincaptain@gmail.com](mailto:wamboincaptain@gmail.com) ) to arrange a mutually convenient time for a visit from the team. Property visits typically take a little over an hour. There is no charge for this service. Members of the Community Engagement team will be available at the next Wamboin Home Produce Markets to discuss your plan or to arrange a visit to your property.

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### **Halloween Trick & Treat Hunt & Lunch Sunday 28th October**

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## Wamboin Golf – September 2018

Sunday, 2 September. A typical Wamboin Spring day: satyrs chasing nymphs through the woodland valleys; faeries dancing around mushrooms in the dells; unicorns gamboling in the bluebell woods; Frederick McCubbin painting *sylphides* frolicking in billabongs to the strains of music by Leo Delibes. In other words, the usual thing and just the day for the Spring Trophy, sponsored by Joan and Lofty Mason whom we thank for the sustaining fare – especially Joan’s famous Spring Rolls - and the floral prizes. The sponsors declared a three-club day determined by stroke play. And so, with Pan Pipes fluting gaily in the scented air, we mounted our iron centaurs and dashed into the fray.

Back at the Colorbond Castle we settled in for a good old gripe about The Great Steam-driven Fiasco which recently gummed up the workings of federal parliament. In case you missed it I’ll briefly summarise. The embittered and passion-fingered former PM, Tony Rabbit, “masterminded” an insurrection against that nice, mild-mannered Malcolm Turnbull, the Neville Chamberlain of Australian politics. It seems Mr Rabbit wanted to replace Mr Turnbull with a potato. (Don’t ask. I don’t know why and nor does anyone else.) It didn’t work. Spud didn’t get up but Turnbull resigned anyway (just like Chamberlain did in 1940 – you can’t appease a bully) and was replaced by someone called J-Lo or Flo-Jo or Mojo. But it’s OK, everything’s back to normal now. Furthermore it’s not true that Mr Rabbit is entirely useless as the left-leaning media assert. At least he can serve as a bad example. *Pictured: Lee Beaumont and Joan Mason*



The captain moved a vote of sympathy for Lofty who had succumbed to an upper respiratory tract infection. (We understand he is enjoying the **Very Best** of care.) He then welcomed our guests, Tim Nelson, Lee Beaumont, Chris Shaw and Adam and Irene Inerby from just outside Cooma. Ted Evans gave us a geography lesson about the Pakistani border. The googly ball went to Vicki Still who played with a pink ball and an orange ball and was able to lose both in the dense Wamboin rain forest. The dummy spit was again awarded to Tim Barter who had to be restrained for persistent sledging. The encouragement award went to Lee Beaumont playing her first game at Wamboin. NTP and LD ball winners were Dean Joy X 3, Pete Harrison X 2, Chris Shaw, Ken Gordon, Glen Crafter and Kyle Griffin. Winner of the junior nine hole comp was Alex Gordon with 53 strokes for a net 35 after adjustment for handicap. Runner-up was Phoebe Beckett 82/42. Senior nine hole comp winner was Deb Gordon 53/36 from Ken Gordon 43/39. Winner of the 18 hole comp was Paul Griffin 81/63 from Tim Barter 73/64. Congratulations to all who part.

Join us for another bucolic golf day on Sunday, 7 October (clocks forward). We look forward to seeing you at the community hall in Bingley Way at 12.15pm for the customary 12.30 pm start. If you need someone to look after the kids give me a call and I’ll have a quiet word with my old mate Peter Tuber MP, Minister for Home Duties, who’ll have an *au pair* on a tourist visa around to your place quick smart. - Larry King, golfer

## Wamboin Community Carols Night

It might not feel it yet but the end of year is approaching faster than we might believe and so too is the annual Wamboin Community Carols Night! Put on by the Wamboin Community Association this is a wonderful way to celebrate the end of the year with a community get together. This is a nondenominational event and the emphasis is on the community enjoying themselves particularly the younger residents. Admission to the event is a gift under the Christmas tree for the Salvation Army people to take to some less fortunate.

The night features carol singing, the telling of the Christmas story (in its rather unique style), a BBQ (gold coin donation which also goes to the Salvo’s), and of course the arrival of Santa to distribute gift bags to the children. The date for this extravaganza is 7th December 2018 at 7:00 pm sharp at the Community Hall in Bingley Way. So please come along and enjoy yourselves. Parents of children wishing to perform in the Christmas Play are invited (PLEASE) to ring Jenny Richards on **6238 1329** as soon as possible to organize parts.

	<h3 style="margin: 0;">WAMBOIN COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CAROLS</h3> <p style="margin: 0;"><b>Friday, December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018 @7:00pm At Wamboin Community Hall, BingleyWay</b></p> <p style="margin: 0;"><b>Everyone is invited to come along and ...</b></p> <p style="margin: 0;">Join in the singing of Christmas Carols (both traditional and modern), ably led by our local musicians.</p> <p style="margin: 0;">Experience the Christmas Story, as presented by the children of Wamboin.</p> <p style="margin: 0;">Give generously to the Giving Tree (gifts and non-perishable food, preferably unwrapped or in a Christmas bag) for distribution by the Salvos.</p> <p style="margin: 0;">Say Hi to Santa when he arrives on his special transport, a FireTruck.</p> <p style="margin: 0;">Enjoy the traditional free sausage sizzle (There will be a donation box with all proceeds to be given to the Salvos) .</p> <p style="margin: 0;">Soothe your tired vocal chords with a cold drink.</p>
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**Wildcare training.** Wildcare’s basic macropod course is on 6 Oct at the Wamboin Community Hall, Bingley Way, Wamboin, between 9.00 a.m. (register) and 4.30 p.m. - contact Helen on 0433010318 for details. And a basic bird course is on 14 Oct, between 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. at the Karabar Community Centre, 183 Cooma St, Karabar – contact Maryanne 0411 422 897. New recruits are very welcome.

## Cancellation of Bonfire and Fireworks Night

For the record, it is the first time in 36 years that we have had to cancel the Bonfire and Fireworks Night. From 1982 until 2003 the night was held in July. Due to the very cold weather and small crowds we moved the night to late September. Then in 2005 we had to cancel the fireworks because of light showers however the bonfire and food stalls went ahead. At that time the fire works would have been a risk due to the method of operation. This year, unfortunately we have an early Fire Year and a Total Fire Ban on the day, so any decision was taken out of our hands.

Although our door raffle did not go ahead we would like to thank the businesses that offered prizes. These included: Meal Vouchers from Norton Road Wines (formerly Shepherds Run) and from Contentious Character; bottles of wine and a coffee pack from Inland Trading and a produce box from Geoff Foster. Also our thanks to all the stallholders who prepared their food but then (I understand) managed to off load perishable items. - Lofty Mason.

## The Hills of Wamboin and Bywong, no. 7: Smalley Hill and Trig

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 included in the local history pages on the Wamboin Community Association's website: <http://wamboincommunity.asn.au/thewhisper/index.php?op=localhistory>. Smalley Hill is the seventh, and last, hill in the series.

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.

### Smalley Hill and Smalley Trig, altitude 866 m (approx.)

*Geographic Names Board: GNB:* 'A hill on Lake George Range about 5 km ESE of Schofield Hill.' Trig: 'A minor trigonometrical station on lake (*sic*) George Range about 9.5 km north north west of Bungendore.' Located 600 m west of Lake Road on about the latitude of Glendale Lane, Bywong.

*Name origin:* Named after George Robarts (*sic*) Smalley, born Banbury, Oxfordshire, England 1822, died Sydney 1870, Government Astronomer at the Sydney Observatory. In the 1860s he initiated the first permanent trigonometric survey of NSW, establishing a baseline along the south-eastern shore of Lake George that was subsequently inundated by the lake.

*Additional information:* 'In a long letter to the Chief Secretary in 1865, August 10, Smalley advocated, for purposes of geodetic surveying, the measurement of a baseline of an arc of the meridian and the establishment of a network of astronomically determined positions. This would "serve as a basis for the future operations of the surveyor is carrying out a new and complete triangulation of New South Wales." and afford "new and valuable data for the solution of the problem .... of the of the earth" (*sic*). Smalley was instructed in January 1868, to go ahead with measurement of a base line for triangulation and after conferring with the Surveyor General and obtaining reports from surveyors in various localities selected for it near Lake George' (Wood 2007).

'G. R. Smalley was appointed Government Astronomer in 1864 and one of his major accomplishments was the initiation of a permanent trigonometric survey of New South Wales. In 1867, Smalley and the Deputy Surveyor General, P. F. Adams, selected a baseline for this project on the shores of Lake George. Smalley's small team laid out the base line of 5 miles 64 chains and 72 links. These chains were measured against set standard measurements, such as this line bar' (Museum of Applied Arts & Sciences 2007).

'In 1865 Smalley successfully advocated for geodetic survey a network of astronomical stations and an arc of the meridian. About 1866 a base line at Lake George was proposed, but because of various problems Smalley could not complete the project and the line had to be moved to a higher level and later measured under the direction of the surveyor-general to whom the work was transferred' (Wood 1976).

The baselines ran from near Turallo Creek downstream from Bungendore, towards the north-east. An 1887 map showing the first two baselines has been reproduced in Clancy & Harcombe 2011, see pp. 8 & 131. Inundation of the area led to a third base line being established further upstream on the creeks entering Lake George (after Smalley had died) 5 ½ miles (8.8 km) long (Anon. 1874). For details of the remaining signs of the baseline, see Plowman 2009, item IS9.

The trig station is on the Trigonometrical Reserves 2,316 and 2,317, notified on 28 August 1886 (10 acres) (Cannon 2015, p. 325).

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## Wamboin Home Produce and Craft Market Saturday 20 October 2018 9am -12md

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I wasn't at the September market as I took a 'break' away for a skiing weekend which right near the end resulted in a different sort of 'break'. I am now suitably screwed back together again and have mastered the crutches so I will be there for the October market. Many thanks to Joan for managing the September one for me.

I hear the hall was full with some new stalls selling variously – pancakes, a home made cosmetic range and one advertising their home grown free range pork (the actual product will be ready for the next market). More customers are needed so PLEASE come and support your local market – even if it's a quick in-and-out before taking the kids to sport or other Saturday activities.

We continue to seek expressions of interest from new stall holders with regional produce such as poultry (live), chook/horse manure or other garden fertilisers, honey, cheese, locally cured bacon, meats or fish etc. This would add to the variety we have at the market at the moment. Please note that the Wamboin Community Association prefers to keep this market free from commercial goods bought in from outside the region and sold on (eg no Tupperware or imported goods). The emphasis is on home made/home grown or regional produce and craft.

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## Nature Notes September 2018

Jo Walker

The Silver Wattles (*Acacia dealbata*) and Red-leaf Wattles (*Acacia rubida*) are putting on a magnificent display of bright yellow flowers to welcome Spring. But, it's a bit like a glorious golden cloak covering poverty as we've had very little rain this month – with so many of the forecast 'possible showers' failing to eventuate – and the dry conditions are persuading many of the smaller plants to not make an appearance this year.

I've found three very small *Wurmbea dioica* (Early Nancy) flowering on my place whereas in past years of more plentiful rain these little white flowers with their central maroon circle could be found in their hundreds. And, even though the hardy little Bear's Ears (*Cymbonotus lawsonianus*) are beginning to flower, their bright yellow daisy flowers nestled at ground level amongst wide leaves are half their usual size. Surprisingly, after the 14mm of rain early in the month, a few patches of *Drosera peltata* (Pale Sundew) came up in drainage areas – although they seem to be waiting for a bit more rain before growing enough to flower.

An unusual bird visitor at the beginning of the month was a Lyrebird walking amongst the bushes down by the creek early one morning. Previously, I'd only ever seen one Lyrebird many years ago. But neighbours whose place backs onto Kowen forest see them more regularly – and there is an old nest held firmly low in a multi-stemmed tree in the reserve at the top of Poppet Hill. And these birds occur in Molonglo Gorge and the little gorge that runs off Sutton Road.

There is also a large owl around somewhere – possibly the Powerful Owl that was in the area a year or two ago – as I found a Sugar Glider's tail up near the shadehouse where the bird must have perched to enjoy its meal.

The only bird nest I've seen here so far this Spring belongs to a pair of Magpies. I was watching one of them recently searching a grassy area for grubs, but it didn't seem to be having much luck. The smaller insect-eating birds are having a tough time too. There are far less small woodland birds here than there were even a few years ago. And, even though I moved a Bearded Dragon off the road a few days ago, lizard numbers are down too. This is almost certainly due to a continuing lack of insects, their main food source. It's still early in the season, but birds are nesting and will be looking for insects to feed their nestlings. At the moment, about the only insects around are honey-bees and a few small native bees.

The trees and shrubs look as if they are going to put on a glorious display this year, but beneath the riot of colour things may not be going so well with the possibility that climate change is beginning to affect the wildlife in our countryside.

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

Date of Meeting: 18 September 2018

Meeting chaired by: Peter Evans, President, WCA

Thirty five 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 said that the Wonderful Women of Wamboin (WWoW) wish to reinvigorate the Christmas Letterbox Decorating competition in 2018 with the support of the WCA and Bywong Community who will each donate a prize hamper valued at \$150 and assist with promotion. See the Whisper, WCA and Bywong Community social media sources.

**Secretary:** Assistant Secretary Jenny Warren reported on extensive correspondence and social media activities including regarding the bonfire/fireworks, Spring Talks, Christmas Letterbox Competition, submission to QPRC on the revised Draft Policy for the Engagement of Volunteers, from NSW Fair Trading regarding Reporting Changes for Associations, and with the Range Control Officer, Majura Training Area. She also encouraged Facebook users to view, like and/or follow the new WCA Facebook page.

**Council:** John van der Straaten reminded the meeting that the Community Satisfaction Survey is now available for anyone to complete, see QPRC website. President Peter Evans commented on his recent meeting with Mayor Tim Overall and that some local works had started such as new line-marking, tourist signage etc.

**Following the meeting, QPRC Animal Management Services Team Leader, Sheree Curwen, and Animal Management Officer, Jacqueline Wormald, outlined the responsibilities of the Animal Management Team and answered numerous questions from the floor.**

*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 16 October which will be followed by a presentation and Q&A session with Bungendore Police. All welcome.* Jenny Warren, Assistant Secretary, Wamboin Community Association, Inc.

### Can You Write Something for the November Wamboin Whisper?

Many residents work to write articles or information for each issue of the Wamboin Whisper. They spend time and effort producing words that add something for hundreds of readers. Writing can be hard, as you may remember from an attempt of your own. If you appreciate the efforts of any one or more of them, think about thanking her or him. It's the only pay they will ever get. Also, if you are a resident of Bywong or Wamboin and can write something about living out here that could enlighten or entertain other residents, please think about writing it up for the November Whisper. – Ned Noel, volunteer editor, [whisper@wamboincommunity.asn.au](mailto:whisper@wamboincommunity.asn.au) or [nednoel@optusnet.com.au](mailto:nednoel@optusnet.com.au) or 6238 3484.

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and if your not already a QPRC library member you can join on the day. Entry via gold coin donation. Refreshments will be available for a gold coin donation too. For further information please contact us via the news item on our website.

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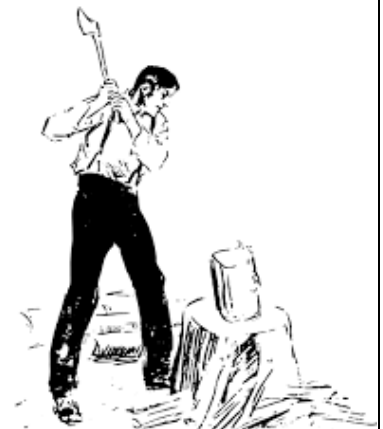
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## Wildcare: Wrapping Up 2017–18

Recent statistics for Wildcare show that over the past year we responded to over 4000 calls about wildlife needing help. Almost half of all calls (1902) related to eastern grey kangaroos– as well as some wallabies and a red kangaroo. Road collisions were the primary reason for more than half of kangaroo calls (58%). Other animals commonly hit on roads include wombats, turtles and birds (eg cockatoos, rosellas, kookaburras). Reports involving kangaroos were also for orphaned or abandoned joeys (often related to road deaths of mother), those caught in fencing, and dog attacks.

Around 900 calls about birds came in, making this the second most-reported animal type needing assistance. The diversity of species called in ranged from common magpies, cockatoos and rosellas etc., to several raptors, waterbirds, such as swans, an emu and a pelican. The main reasons for calls also varied and included orphaned juveniles, car or other collisions (eg flying into windows), cat attacks, disease, entanglement and others. In many cases injured birds are found with cause unknown. Unfortunately we had a cluster of calls (12) relating to sulphur crested cockatoos that had been poisoned in the same area; some other species of bird were also poisoned.

Reptiles also made up a large bulk of calls (532) to Wildcare, including lizards, the eastern long-necked turtle and snakes. Dog attacks were a major cause of injury for blue tongue lizards (42% of calls). Most turtles called in were found injured on roads (64% of calls). As for all species a fair number of reptiles (34) had become entangled in netting or similar materials, or trapped somehow. Snake calls (345) are quite different to those for other reptiles, as people tend to report sightings in their gardens or on their properties. Brown snakes were the most common type reported (58%), as well as tiger (29%) and red bellied snakes (12%). Outcomes were: 176 snakes disappeared or were left and observed; 84 relocated by snake handlers, and 23 taken into care. A few frogs and monitors were called in, and this year we had a legless lizard called in – a rarely-seen species – and one funnel web spider call, as well as a few calls about wasps and bees.

Small mammals included possums, bats, echidnas and native rats (antechinus), a few koalas – a total of 224 calls for a range of reasons. For example, 24 echidnas were called in due to concerns about them being in an unsuitable environment. There were several calls about gliders over the year – mainly for sugar gliders, and one about a squirrel glider. 35 microbat calls were received, and there

were 20 calls about flying foxes, more than half due to entanglement in fences or netting.

Of the wombats called in over the year (213 in total), many were due to the skin disease, mange (74), car collision (49), being orphaned (28), or in an unsuitable environment (17).

So, what is the outcome for all of these calls about wildlife in strife? Our statistics for all wildlife called in during 2017–18 show that: unfortunately 311 died and 881 were euthanased; 958 were taken into care; 201 were released or relocated, and 214 were left alone and observed.

By the way, last month we asked for the community's help with a special fundraising effort to cover a significant increase in Vet fees and other expenses. This is largely due to the drought with animals, such as wombat and kangaroo, gathering on the verges for the best pick of grass and then being hit. There has been a huge increase in orphaned animals coming into care – twice the annual average. But your response has been great – thank you! Tax-deductible donations can still be made, simply visit [wildcare.com.au](http://wildcare.com.au), or pay into BSB 062-593, account 10216803 and then email, [treasurer@wildcare.com.au](mailto:treasurer@wildcare.com.au) to get a receipt.  
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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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## Kowen Moonlighter

For a man oitf more than three score years I was characterised as crazy when I said I was entering the Kowen Moonlight run. Crazy is such a subjective term. However, I thought those who weren't able to find a headlight that would sustain them through the run might enjoy an insight into the first Kowen Moonlighter.

I had signed up for the single loop of 7.55kms with a start time of 6.30pm. Running 12 hours is the definition of crazy. Registration was complete, and I was checked for my mandatory gear. At this point you just want to get going. Unfortunately, I was 45 minutes ahead of the start time and there were the usual briefings to go through.

After the briefing there is a universal desire to start. The temperature is dropping and you just want to go. Pam counts us down and we are off. A congested group heads up the Community Hall driveway and on to Bingley way. At this stage the group is bunched together with a plethora of headlights lighting the road. I don't need my light yet. I do need some clear air, so with a stretch of the legs I moved out to the left, free of the crowd and then past a few runners to get into some open space. My legs felt good, breathing had settled, and the air wasn't too cold in my lungs; pretty good so far. I passed a couple more including a guy in a tutu. What is the aerodynamic impact of running in a tutu I wondered.

The run climbed up Bingley Way and then a right hand turn on to a dirt road. Initially a gentle slope quickly became a steep climb and the pace of many runners became a brisk walk. A very slight downhill provided the opportunity to get back into a running pace and then another right-hand turn into the bush. The track is now a single width bush track.

I can hear groups of runners coming up behind but passing on these narrow tracks is not easy, and it's dark. The track widens and there is a rush of four runners taking the opportunity to pass. They all say hello as they pass. Suddenly I have a line of lights in front of me lighting my way. This track twists and turns so much; there are logs to jump over, low hanging trees to duck under and the constant search for rocks that want to twist your ankle.

My lights are working well and now I am all alone with no runners ahead; it's dark. The one advantage of running at night is you can't see the hills in front, just the little bit of track your head lights illuminate. I seem to be slowing and the track has become a little tougher. It's Poppet Hill I am running up and it's getting steep. There are more runners bunching up on this hill. They are slowing down and I think I have more in my legs. The track widens just a little and I think if I go wide I could almost sprint past these guys; I'm off. I go wide watching my foot placement because I am right on the edge of the track. Is that the guy in the tutu I just passed? Training on the hills of Fernloff has helped.

I am at the top of the hill and suddenly the track drops down, I am off. Now trying to brake as gravity takes over. A few more twists and turns and there is light ahead. It's the halfway point and I must open up my reflective vest so the chip is recorded as I cross the timing cable. I don't want any water or snakes to munch. I can't breathe and eat at the same time; must breathe.

More twists and turns and then a bright light in my face. It's a marshal at a tight turn. There goes the night vision. The marshal quickly drops their beam and my eyes adjust.

Suddenly there is a line of lights above me. This means I have a climb in front of me. No, the track makes another turn away from the lights and I am heading down a dry creek bed. I have been here before in the daylight runs. Feeling good on a nice bit of open track. Where is the next marker? Am I on the right track? There is no one in front of me. It's ok there is the next arrow; I'm not lost. There is the old CSIRO dam which means only one thing. A quick left turn and it's UP, very UP. The track is very narrow but I finally get up where those lights were a few minutes earlier. I look over my shoulder and there's a line of lights down where I had been a few minutes earlier.

My app tells me I have run 5kms. I think now the road section is about 2 km long so I have only about a half km left on this track. No looking ahead to see a road it's too dark. There is a marshal ahead and what looks like hand rails on either side of a steep little spoon drain. Not hand rails they are only tapes, don't grab them for support as I run down the dip or I will be seriously AoverT.

I'm back on the road, the challenge now is there are runners coming toward me with their beams of light in my face. I dip my head and try to adjust my beams. In the process I dislodge the power lead and it is blackness, no light. I stop, no good running and breaking my neck in the dark. A few blundering attempts to put the plug into the socket on my head light and suddenly I can see.

This is the best part of the run. It's all downhill to the finish line, well almost. Lots of people running towards me as I hit Bingley way. Now how far is the Community Hall? Am I past Lofty's place? It's hard to get your bearings on such a dark night. I have passed a few runners and am determined not to be passed on this last section. I pass a couple more. I have opened my stride and increased my pace. It all feels good. Is that someone coming up behind me? I pick up more speed, I'm not competitive oh no, I just don't want to be passed in these last few 100 metres of the run.

Is that the lights of the hall in the distance? Am I hearing foot pads behind me. How far is it to the end? More pace. I don't want to do a John Landy and turn around to check. I wave at the firey as I turn into the Community hall entrance. Now do I turn left or right to the finish line. I'll turn right, through the corral where we started and over the finish line. Done. Lots of people and flood lights everywhere, a bit disorientating after the dark of the tack.

Immediate reaction; I could have done two loops. Of course you always think that after a run but I do feel ok. Now a quick look at the clock, what was my time and how do I get this damn bib off.

My time was 54:58 and I was 17 out of 61 runners. I'm happy with that time. As for those foot pads behind me in the last sprint; the next person was only 4 seconds behind me so maybe I wasn't hearing things after all.

A great event and a credit to Pam and her crew. The track is very well marked with lots of reflective arrows and tapes. The marshals did a great job directing at some critical turns. The RFS also did a fantastic job with the parking and directing incoming and outgoing traffic. My sense is there will be even more runners next year. I would like to do it again next year and maybe two laps will be the 2019 challenge.

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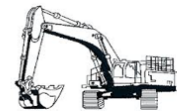
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Connie & Hans Bachor	Dnly Dr to Macs Rf Rd incl Bchm Gr	35	Daryl Bourke	Harriot Rd	28
Nora Stewart	Rovere Ln	7	Sandra Favre	Newwington Rd	20
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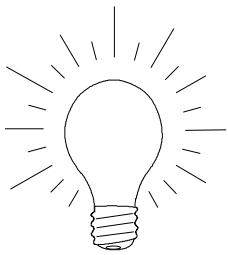
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2018 total rainfall to 30/9 ..... 267.25mm

Average September rainfall..... 63.8mm  
2017 September rainfall..... 18.75mm  
2017 total rainfall to 30/9..... 297.5mm

### October Rainfall Stats

2017 October rainfall..... 61.75mm  
Wettest October..... 198.5mm in 1976  
Wettest October day.. 59mm on 17/10/76  
Driest October..... 4.5mm in 2006

Average October rainfall..... 59.1mm  
Average no. rain days in October..... 9.2  
Highest no. rain days..... 22 in 1976  
Lowest no. rain days..... 2 in 2006

### October Temperature Stats

Hottest October day.... 31°C on 28/10/97  
Coldest October day.... 6°C on 11/10/12  
(snowed)  
Average day temperature..... 18.4°C  
Warmest October ..... 2017  
Av. day temp. 22.8°C & nights 8.0°C  
(highest) (highest.. 9.4°C in 1977)

Av. Oct temp... 12.9°C (day+night comb.)  
Hottest October night.... 17°C 29/10/77  
Coldest Oct. night..... -2°C (2 times)  
on 18/10/13, 14/10/14  
Average night temperature..... 7.3°C  
Coldest October ..... 2012  
Av. day temp. 16.9°C & nights 3.2°C  
(lowest... 15.8°C in 2009) (lowest)

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– Ned Noel, volunteer editor on behalf of the Wamboin Community Association, which owns the Whisper.

## St Andrews, Wamboin and St Peters, Sutton -- Church Notices

Like everyone else in the community and beyond, we were all disappointed that the annual big calendar event, the Fireworks at Wamboin, was cancelled due to the windy weather. The Fire brigade and so many community groups always put so much effort into this special occasion, and the church, as usual, was one of those groups. However, the car boot sale at Sutton's Spring Fling went well and the egg and bacon rolls hit the right spot.

To celebrate the change of seasons and acknowledge that we live in such a lovely place, everyone is welcome to help us dress the church at St Andrews on the afternoon of [October 20](#). We will gather [at 1.30pm](#) and arrange flowers, branches, whatever everyone brings to festoon the church with arrangements. We can guarantee good fun, tea and coffee and whatever anyone brings will be gratefully received. If the roos and rabbits have reduced your garden to wasteland feel free to join us anyway.

[On the 21st October at 9am](#) at St Andrews we will hold our Flower Festival service. This is a lovely celebration. If you have a favourite flower, a reminder of someone or something special in your life bring the flower along. During the service flowers are brought to the front of the church and you are invited, if you wish, to share your memory.

[On October 28](#), at St Peter's Sutton, our annual Blessing of the Animals service will be celebrated. Everyone is welcome to bring their pet or photo of their pet to church for a blessing. It is always amazing to see how well a menagerie of animals behave so well together in church. If you want to put your loved pet to the test please join us.

How time flies. [October 28](#) will also be the 110th anniversary of the first service held at the first St Peter's Church Sutton.

St Benedicts has expressed its gratitude for our food and monetary donations over winter. To go into the warm, cheery building at lunch time and see so many tucking in to a hearty meal warms the heart. Life is not kind to all of us. Keep those donations coming.

Services are held on the first and third Sunday of each month at St Andrews, Poppet Road, and the second and fourth Sunday at the charming and historic St Peters, Sutton. All services start at 9am, and are followed by a delicious morning tea and a chance to catch up with people in the community. This month, the fifth Sunday, there will be a service at Gundaroo. Please contact any of the numbers listed below for the time of service. If you have any questions or would like to come along to a service but feel reluctant to come alone, please contact any of the people listed below. We can assure you of a warm welcome. - Pastor Ven Dr Royce Thompson 0416265600, Dr David McCarthy 0409383620 Yvonne Barrett 0409951388, Bronwyn Elliott 62383359, Gai Donald 0438400364



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## Bird Of The Month

By Luke Downey

For October, I chose the Red Wattlebird, a large honeyeater that is loving the flowering gum trees at our place.

### Red Wattlebird (*Anthochaera carunculata*)

Size: 33-37cm

Status: Common breeding resident

The Red Wattlebird is the second largest member of the honeyeater family, only slightly smaller than the Yellow Wattlebird of Tasmania. Its name refers to the red fleshy “wattle” on the sides of its head, similar to chickens. It also has a reddish eye, black forehead and a white cheek. These birds are pale grey and black/brown with a yellow belly and pink legs. Being in the honeyeater family, they eat mainly nectar, but sometimes also take insects. They have recently been feasting on all the flowering gum trees and other plants including grevillias and bottlebrushes. They can get very aggressive, chasing away any other birds. Sometimes, I see these birds plunging into the dam from the trees and bathing in the dam. They are usually found in pairs, and they have a very strange call, a range of squawks, cackles and whistles.

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**Planning Legislation**—Picking up where we left off last month, the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act (EPAA) of 1979 was the first piece of legislation that was directed purely at the management of land use planning in NSW. Prior to this, land use had generally been managed through Planning Scheme Ordinances created under Part X11A (Town and Country Planning Schemes) of the Local Government Act.

The key reforms introduced by the Act were cited as: a greater prominence for environmental considerations in land use planning; greater public participation in the planning process; and greater emphasis on coordinating planning and development by government and private interests.

While a key element of the Act was that councils were required to develop a Local Environmental Plan (LEP) for land use management, it also prescribed a formal planning hierarchy that included Regional Environmental Plans (REPs) and State Environmental Planning Policies (SEPPs). SEPPs are environmental planning instruments that address planning issues that are considered to have overarching significance—*e.g.* Hazardous and Offensive Development, Exempt and Complying Development Codes, Rural Lands. The practical effect of a SEPP is often to take power away from local councils in order to prohibit certain types of development in an area or to allow certain types of development even where local controls prohibit it. REPs operated in a similar fashion at a regional level.

While planning legislation has been progressively refined since the introduction of the EPAA for various reasons, not least the potential for corruption, these refinements have generally served to more tightly control the way in which local councils apply the legislation.

Of particular note, the 2005 amendment to the Act introduced the Standard Instrument template for LEPs. Prior to this, the format of an LEP was only loosely guided by the Act with the result that there was little consistency between individual LEPs. While the introduction of a mandatory template guaranteed a degree of consistency, it was also criticised in some quarters for stifling local creativity.

In 2009, Joint Regional Planning Panels (JRPPs) were introduced to relieve Councils of the responsibility for assessing a range of significant, generally high value, developments, and with the introduction of mandatory Independent Hearing and Assessment Panels (IHAPs) for all metropolitan councils on 1 March 2018, elected members of these Councils are no longer responsible for the assessment of any Development Applications. Panel members with relevant professional experience are appointed from a pool established by the Department of Planning and Environment, while each Council is responsible for the appointment of a community member to provide a local perspective. Councillors, property developers and real estate agents are ineligible to be Panel members.

The most recent amendments to the Local Government Act reinforce the diminishing role of Councils (the elected body) in the development assessment process, focusing their attention on strategic planning—the identification of longer-term development objectives—rather than on the assessment of individual development applications.

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

Planning Legislation (September 2018) Land Use Planning (August 2018) Local Government (July 2018)

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## Wamboin Muse

Jill Gregory

If you've never known grief and sorrow, you'll never really value pure joy and happiness. And if you've never known a bleak, bone chilling, grey and interminable winter you'll never truly appreciate the exhilaration of spring. What a difference a few degrees, blue skies and longer days make; how quickly it changes. Pink and white blossoms alive with bees, masses of yellow wattle, buds and tiny fresh new leaves and a "host of golden daffodils"..... if only the featherbrained cockies would leave them alone. For most of the year I enjoy their presence but come spring they seem hell bent on blotting their copybooks!! My first rule of spring gardening: Never admire anything, for the next day it will be gone.

Several years ago we stumbled across the Dinosaur Stampede, a fossil relic at Lark Quarry in far western Queensland. We were enthralled, as was an elderly couple standing beside us. But there was something about them that stirred a distant memory. Then they spoke and suddenly the years fell away. The "boys" had started primary school together in a little Queensland country town in the 1940s! A few years have passed and now they are with us again, this time in our part of the world, to see the spring festival of Floriade. But Floriade wasn't the highlight of the visit. Reliving old times and sharing our stories was more important.

There were recollections of old characters in the town, local landmarks and "boys' own adventures". They were the days when every red blooded country lad had an air rifle, at least, and pigeons on the Convent roof were fair game especially if they had the prospect of tumbling dead into the gutters which fed into the water tank. There was a healthy protestant/catholic divide in those far off days, unimaginable today. There were exploits in dams and near drownings, and bike rides at break neck speeds which nearly did exactly that. But it was all good fun, especially in hindsight. It was interesting, however, to compare our adult lives. They took very different paths. Our friends stayed in the town where they and their parents had been born and where they had deep connections. They continued the family business and prospered. They were involved in every aspect of a thriving community. They knew everyone and everyone knew them. They had a place and were part of local history. Their roots went deep. We on the other hand had led the life of gypsies, moving from place to place, living in different parts of the world, fascinating, but always skimming over the surface without an anchor. We'd left our heritage behind.....and although I tried to absorb different cultures I learned what it was like to be an outsider looking in, never quite belonging. There are many in our society, both old hands and new chums who know this feeling. You won't know what it's like to be isolated if you've never questioned your own inclusion, and you won't appreciate the brilliance of spring if you've never known a dismal winter.....

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