

# The Whisper

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**Save the Date – Bywong's and Wamboin's Meet the Candidates .... Wamboin Hall, 7:30m, Thursday, May 2 for the upcoming Federal Election**

**Save The Date - Australia's Biggest Morning Tea. Polly Puts The Kettle On For 2019. On 23rd May 2019. Cheers Pauline Segeri [psegeri@bigpond.com](mailto:psegeri@bigpond.com)**

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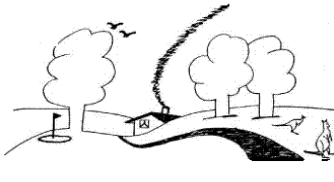



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	<p><b>Wamboin Community Association Presidents Paragraphs</b></p> <p><b>“I’ve been dying to suggest this”</b></p>	
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Last week I had to unfortunately duck out west to a small town called Yenda (yes where the beer is made) to attend a funeral. On the drive back, it got me thinking on the more morbid things of passing on and I wondered where do local people, who have spent many of their years in Wamboin or Bywong get laid to rest. Before becoming a dead end idea, I thought it was at least worthwhile to explore it a little further. Most country towns have their own small cemeteries (the dead centre of town no doubt) and since we are actually not a town we do not (although the population of Bywong and Wamboin exceeds Bungendore). These cemeteries are also a interesting source of local history. For the many residents that have made their life in Wamboin and Bywong and intend to age in place, where else would you want to be laid to rest? Bungendore is probably closest but do our residents really have a close tie to the village. Is Queanbeyan an option or is Canberra where most of us will end up (maybe they will close the border on this as well). I suppose it also opens the option for cremation. Is a bush grove option maybe with a marker plate to spread the ashes an option? Obviously higher up on the hills and ridges will present issues in digging in rock and lower down probably the water table. So what are the solutions, do we need a solution or is everything okay? I’m dying to hear some thoughts. Come on down to the next WCA meeting to discuss.

**NSW State Election** – Well one’s been run and we have a winner. Congratulations to our returning member John Barilaro who was returned as the member of Monaro with 61.4% of the votes on a two candidate basis and an 8.9% swing to the Nationals in the seat. Votes for the Wamboin Booth were as follows: from a total 619 votes cast - Holton (SFF) 38, Seymour (AJP) 24, Wilson (CLP) 153, Barilaro (NAT) 296, Marshall (GRN) 86 and Thaler (IND) 22. In the new NSW cabinet John has retained the Deputy Premier role, is the Minister for Regional NSW, and picks up the portfolios of Industry and Trade. Also a huge vote of thanks to our community members who contributed ot such a great night. Well done.

**The next Election** - We have pencilled in Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May for the Federal Meet the Candidates Night pending the announcement after next week’s budget. We have already canvassed to major candidates. It was great roll up to the State MTC night and the Federal election is sure to be interesting given the debates already started.

**Wheels of Wamboin** – pencil in the Wheels of Wamboin for Saturday 18th May this year (change to May due to Easter). Tell your friends and start preparing those sleeping beauties. Now, there is a fair chance the Federal Government may call this Saturday as the Federal election date. If this is the case then the Wheels of Wamboin will still be held. The hall will become a polling booth and the markets will move outdoors, weather permitting. So if this is the case bring down your beauty, cast your vote, have your barista coffee with an egg and bacon roll and make it a great day. Another great announcement is the sponsorship of the Wheels of Wamboin by Shannons Insurance. Shannons have come on board to sponsor the event and will be present on site on the day.


**Wamboin Social Drop-In Group** – the drop in group is now running 10 am – 12 noon every Thursday. Drop into the Wamboin Community Hall for morning tea and activities. Everyone is welcome.

**AGM** – 2019 Annual General Meeting of the Wamboin Community Association, Inc., will be held in the Wamboin Community Hall, 112 Bingley Way, Wamboin, at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 16 April. So once again I say, things like the Wheels of Wamboin, fireworks night, Christmas carols, meet the candidates, spring talks all do not happen by themselves. We need some new committee members. The commitment is not great with one meeting per month. Please if you are interested contact David McDonald as per the AGM notice in this month’s Whisper.

**New Members** – Be a part of your local community and help make Wamboin great. We welcome new members to our monthly meetings. It’s only one evening a month and you get to meet others in the local community.

**AGM/WCA Meeting** – next meeting is the AGM 7.30 pm, Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April at the Wamboin Community Hall.

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## **Bywong Community Association News**

**Bywong Car Boot Sale 2019:** The weather gods ignored our ‘rain dance’, sending just a few drops followed by pleasant sunshine. Otherwise the CBS ran along the ‘tried and tested’ lines of previous years: we had much the same numbers of buyers and sellers as last year, with a wide variety of treasures on offer, from vintage childrens’ toys to handmade garden tools.

The Bywong Community Association organises and runs many aspects of the Sale, but the day would not be the same without the Geary’s Gap Pony Club (dressage displays and scrumptious Morning Teas), the Tuggeranong Dog Flyball team (regular attendees—apparently the doggies love our country air!) and Landcare’s huge range of native plants.

BCA ran the coffee stall and the BBQ, which contributed to a record financial result for this, our major fundraising activity of the year. However, just as importantly, lots of locals and ‘regulars’ had the chance to get together, and non-locals got to experience the best of the Bywong community and environment.

Finally, a big “Thank You” to all of you wonderful, community-spirited locals who answered BCA’s calls for help and contributed to the success of this year’s CBS, and to local business O’Sullivan’s Waste for their support. Here’s an idea: how about we do it all again next year?!

**Come on Bywong, we’re trailing the field!:** Although the Wamboin, Bywong and Sutton Region fibre optic network project has been publicised for some time (by its organisers, the Wamboin Communications Action Group or WCAG), in a large chunk of Bywong only around 30% of residents have signed up/registered their interest in the project.

Signing up/registering now does NOT commit you in any way but DOES mean that the project team can work with their commercial provider to better design the network around demand and to include you on potential cable routes. Signing up also means that you will receive news updates.

The more residents across the Wamboin, Bywong and Sutton Region who indicate their interest in the fibre optic network project in the future, the lower the final connection cost will likely be to each household—for this reason, please make sure your neighbours are also aware of the project. However, if you leave joining until later, when the cables are already in place, then you may not be able to be connected at all, or the connection cost will be far higher.

The more residents signed up in an area, the higher the priority that area will get when it comes to the commitment and construction phases. While some areas of Bywong have over 70% registration, by far the largest part of is under 30%, and so there is a risk that construction in that part is given a lower priority and is undertaken after other areas.

Therefore, you are encouraged to visit the WCAG’s website (see below) and make an informed decision whether to register your interest in the Project or not. In doing so, you should bear in mind that:

- There is a high likelihood of our current ADSL internet services ceasing to be available sometime after 2022 (see WCAG’s Broadband News Issue 5, page 2);
- From then on, in the absence of a Fibre network, our internet services will be a choice between the NBN Skymuster satellite, which is already overloaded and slow or a Wireless/4G service; Notwithstanding the issues of reliability and highly variable speeds, both of these options are subject to a limited data allowance;
- A fibre optic network will bring a much faster, more reliable internet service than either ADSL, NBN Skymuster satellite or wireless services, with unlimited data plans priced based on the connection speed chosen. WCAG have advised that they are aiming for prices to be similar to that charged for NBN plans currently available in Canberra/Queanbeyan;
- A fibre optic network connection is likely to cost significantly less than that of an NBN Skymuster connection;
- It is generally accepted that a fibre network connection acts to raise property values; and
- The fibre optic network project has received a significant boost via a \$5 million NSW Govt grant, which will allow work to begin sooner than anticipated.

For more details AND to join the project, go to the project website: <https://sites.google.com/site/wamboincommunications/home> (where you can also view a map showing the level of registration interest in the area, and request a map showing the status of properties surrounding your own (NO personal/address information is disclosed). OR, if you decide you are not interested in the project, please let the project team know why, as this is also very useful feedback.

**STOP PRESS: BCA will host a community meeting at the Bywong Hall on Tuesday 23 April at 7.30pm, at which members of the fibre optic network project team will be able to answer your questions.**

**Reducing food waste and tackling food insecurity in the region:** Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council, in partnership with OzHarvest, are trying to reduce food waste and tackle food insecurity in the region through increasing collections of surplus food in the area.

OzHarvest's vans are now heading out on Wednesdays to Bywong, Wamboin, Sutton, Bungendore, Hoskinstown, Carwoola and Googong in addition to regular pickups from the suburbs of Queanbeyan.

Premises with excess food are requested to contact OzHarvest on 6247 6173 to organise a collection from their premises. Alternatively, food can be dropped off Monday-Friday 9am-4pm at OzHarvests office in Fairbairn (behind the Canberra Airport). OzHarvest will collect almost anything suitable for human consumption as long as it is food safe – this includes foods that may be bruised/blemished/misshapen/reaching end of life, unopened food past best before dates, foods frozen before or on use-by dates, or food products that aren't able to be sold due to damage. Any food donated to OzHarvest goes directly to charities in the region which assist vulnerable, food-insecure people. The service provided by OzHarvest is free thanks to generous community donations.

To find out more, call Mikey Smith (Food Rescue Project Officer) at QPRC on 6285 6045 or 0429 204 518 (Mon, Tues, Wed).

**The next BCA meeting will be at the Bywong Community Hall at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 23rd April, when members of the Wamboin, Bywong and Sutton Region fibre optic network project team will be able to answer your questions on the project.**

Mike Wilkins, President, Bywong Community Association, 0417458320. Email: [president@bywongcommunity.org.au](mailto:president@bywongcommunity.org.au)  
Keep in touch via the **BCA website**: [www.bywongcommunity.org.au](http://www.bywongcommunity.org.au) and **BCA Facebook Page**, where we welcome YOU to contribute your ideas and/or get involved with any of our events.



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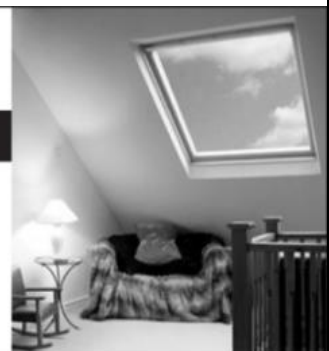
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## Bush Fire Danger Period extended

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The NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) has extended the statutory Bush Fire Danger Period in the Queanbeyan/ Palerang area due to continuing dry conditions.

NSW RFS Superintendent Paul Jones said the Bush Fire Danger Period usually ends on 31 March, but had been extended this year due to prevailing weather conditions in the Lake George area.

"The extension means anyone wishing to light a fire in the Queanbeyan Palerang Regional Council local government area will still require a permit," Superintendent Jones said.

"Fire permits are free and available from your local fire station or Fire Control Centre.

"Residents must also notify neighbouring land owners and their local fire authority 24 hours prior to burning."

Superintendent Jones said the decision to extend the Bush Fire Danger Period was made in consultation with Queanbeyan Palerang Regional council and local NSW RFS group captains.



For more information contact the Lake George Fire Control Centre on 6128 0600  
For current incidents or major fire updates visit [www.rfs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au)

## WAMBOIN WEATHER: (rainfall and temperature records)

44 years from Cooper Road by Christine Rieber

### March Rainfall Stats

March rainfall to the 31<sup>st</sup> ..... 72.5mm  
2019 total rainfall to 31/3..... 167.25mm

### April Rainfall Stats

2018 April rainfall..... 21.25mm  
Wettest April..... 174.5mm in 1989  
Wettest day..... 70mm on 20/4/84  
Driest April..... 0.5mm in 1997

### April Temperature Stats

Hottest April day..... 31.3°C on 11/4/18  
Hottest April night..... 16.5°C on 13/4/18  
  
Average day temperature..... 17.6°C  
Warmest April..... 2018  
(Av. max day temp. 24.3°C & night 9.7°C)  
(warmest night temp. 11.0°C in 1989)

Average March rainfall..... 57.0mm  
2018 March rainfall..... 8.5mm  
2018 total rainfall to 31/3..... 125.75mm  
43yr Av. to end of March..... 175.8mm

Average April rainfall..... 45.4mm  
Average no. rain days in April..... 7.1  
Highest no. rain days..... 19 in 1989  
Lowest no. rain days..... 1 in 1997

Av. April temp.. 13.0°C (day+night comb.)  
Coldest April day..... 8°C (4 times) on  
13/4/94, 27/4/09, 26/4/12 & 22/4/15  
Coldest April night..... -1°C on 25/4/13  
Average night temperature..... 8.3°C  
Coldest April ..... 2011  
(Av. min day temp. 14.5°C & night 5.7°C)  
(coldest night temp. 3.5 °C in 2013)

Last month I presented data on the number of days per year for Wamboin. Some stats for March:

- (a) 1983 had the highest number of  $\geq 30^\circ\text{C}$  days with 12 (all before the 15<sup>th</sup>),
  - (b) other high years were 1998 (10 days) and 2017 (10 days) and,
  - (c) the 43-year average is 1.7 days.
  - (d) in 2019 we have had 5 days of  $\geq 30^\circ\text{C}$
- In April 2018 there were 5 days of  $\geq 30^\circ\text{C}$ ,  
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## Wamboin Postal Service

It's becoming a little clearer now with the sudden interest in drone registration and licensing throughout the country. Australia's aviation body CASA has deemed it necessary for all drones heavier/ larger than 250 gms to be registered and their owners (pilots in the eyes of CASA) to be licensed. At the same time Gungahlin is a test bed for drone delivery services and news flash: Wamboin will have its post delivered by drone. So in reality, they make it difficult for enthusiasts, hobbyists, photographers and anyone in general who has an interest in these things to enjoy themselves, while enterprises like food delivery services and now Wamboin Post will have clear skies.

After spending a great deal of time online, there is limited information as to how postal deliveries will be implemented in Wamboin/Bywong but what I have gleaned states:



That a white circle between two and three metres in diameter must be painted on your driveway no closer than 6 metres to any dwelling (and I'm assuming this includes garages, stables, workshops etc) and no closer than 30 metres to an access road or public thoroughfare.

The circle must contain the letter "D" for drone, not "H" as in helicopters, and it must also contain your postal number. The paint to be used is called Zergon 389, why this paint, it seems that this stuff was specifically designed to reflect a drones sensor systems so that the drones AI can calculate network paths ie shortest distances etc and I forgot to mention these things are autonomous, so theres no one standing on a street corner with a controller in their hands, its all precalculated by the Postmaster General in Sydney. The paint will be available from Australia Post stores.

Due to the food delivery testing in Canberra, noise will be limited to 84 decibels, which is similar to a motor bike at 10 metres and thus deemed OK. Now for me, package size is the issue as my mother in law sends me a slab of Xmas cake at the appropriate time each year but this thing weighs about 1.5 kg, far too big for the average delivery drone which is limited to 600gms. It seems you cant have your cake and a postal service at the same time. The current model drone identified to be used for the initial deliveries is called the DJI Bazoonga, an eight blade model which I'm sure will get close to its rated 84 decibel limit. A new model the DJI Big Bazoonga is already in the pipeline and will have capacity to lift a small child (about 30kg) so you could use one of these things to drop your child of at the grandparents or babysitters. It makes for a much more efficient world. I wouldn't live anywhere else,.....have a great April 1<sup>st</sup>.

PS This just the rambling thoughts of a grumpy twisted man, but I wouldn't put it past the buggers. If anyone has further information on the Big Bazoonga or even medium Bazoongas, pls publish in next month's Whisper.

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Fay Kelly	Norton Rd West Area from Cmpbl Pl	20	Christine Rieber	Cooper Rd	26
Cheryl and David Steele	Fernloff Rd	33	Jill & Richard Gregory	Canning Cl	17
Julie Veal	Poppet Rd (for all on road)	31	Alan Rope	Sutton Rd	40

### 180: CO-ORDINATED BY KATHY HANDEL: ph 6238 3596 khandel@bigpond.net.au

Joan Mason	Bingley Way	44	Margaret Hekeimin	Merino Vale Dr	19
Sue Ward	Norton Rd (Bingley to Weeroona)	32	Anne Gardner	Weeroona Dr (Norton to Majors)	31
Kathy Handel	Norton (Weerona to Hilltop+Wimdra)	23	Phil Leeson&Coleen Fogarty	Norton Rd (Campbell to Bingley)	32

### 232: CO-ORDINATED BY KERRIE FISHER: ph 6238 3489

Lesley Page	Valley View Ln	4	Deb Gordon	Yalana East	45
Colleen Foster	B'dore Rd to Nrtn Rd	22	Rob Henry	South end Clare Valley	41
Cassie Fisher	Clare Ln	12	Lyle Montesin	The Forest Rd area incl Joe Rcks	65
Dominica Lorima	North end Clare Valley	42			

### 270: CO-ORDINATED BY JOHN VAN DER STRAATEN: ph 6238 3590 jnpvds@bigpond.net.au

Robyn Elsom	Denley Dr (Sth End to 429)	15	Rhonda&Neville Parnell	Denley Dr (Birchmans to ½ way to end)	26
Don Malcolmson	Macs Reef Rd (Denley to Gum Flat)	7	Cheryl Warnock	Macs Reef Rd (Newington to Bankers)	11
Connie & Hans Bachor	Dnly Dr to Macs Rf Rd incl Bchm Gr	35	Daryl Bourke	Harriot Rd	28
Nora Stewart	Rovere Ln	7	Sandra Favre	Newwington Rd	20
Carol & Clive Boughton	Macs Reef Rd (Bankers to Fed Hwy)	33	Joan Milner	Birriwa Rd plus Macs Rf Rd to Harriott	31
Beth Hope	Gum Flat Ln	6	Tony Bond	HoganDr/OranaDr/Yuranga Dr	48
Miscellaneous		3			

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Peter Huckstepp	Federal HwSvcRd	22	Louise Baldwin	Wattle Flat Rd	11
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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Chris Fowler	Millyn Rd	20	David Featherston	B'doreRd frm SmHill to&nclgdCrkBRd	26
Sue Aunella	Brooks Rd	24	Leigh & Derek Morris	Wyoming & Doust Rds	36
Kerrie Gougeon	B'dore Rd (CreekB to Fed Hwy)	32			

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Diana Griffin	Majors Close	19	Judy Smith	Weeroona (254 – 400)	18
Diana Boswell	Donnelly Rd & Ln 29 & Grove Rd 7	37	Susie and Brad Edwards	Weeroona (417-512)	18
Attila & Cherry Hrgsi.	Snowgum Road	27	Murray Goodridge	B'dore Rd (MRR to & nclgd Smmrhill)	38
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## Fatal Bee Disease Detected In Wamboin & Geary's Gap Area

By Susan Granger, Hogan Drive

**American Foulbrood (Afb) Disease:** We have only had our hive for 6 months and following an inspection by a professional bee keeper only yesterday, it was discovered that our hive was infected with AFB ☹. We have noticed foreign bees hanging around our hive, so there must be other hives in the area that would almost certainly be infected. We have destroyed our hive and will start again in Spring. We have also alerted the DPI about this disease, which is an obligation we have as bee keepers under law. This is very sad and also a large financial cost – but there is no option.

AFB is the most serious bee disease in Australia and has now made its way to our own back yards and farms here in Wamboin and Geary's Gap. It is very difficult to diagnose by amateur bee keepers and if present, will eventually kill the hive(s) and spread to other hives within a few kilometres via other bees and the sharing of equipment. **If found, the infected hive must be killed immediately, the equipment either burned or sent to Sydney to be radiated and the Department of Primary Industries (DPI) notified within 12 hours.**

If you have a bee hive (even if you only have 1) or know of anyone with a bee hive, please organise a professional bee keeper to inspect it immediately for AFB (and other diseases). Once again, it is very hard to detect as only 1 or 2 brood cells may be infected. **Also, ensure your bee keeping licence is up to date with the DPI (even if you have only 1 hive).** We need everyone to work together to eradicate this serious biosecurity risk to our bee populations – otherwise there will be no bees, no honey and no pollination – I dread to think about this.

FOR MORE INFORMATION REFER OVER PAGE AND CONTACT

[HTTP://WWW.DPI.NSW.GOV.AU/ DATA/ASSETS/PDF FILE/0003/66216/AMERICAN-FOULBROOD.PDF](http://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/data/assets/pdf_file/0003/66216/American-Foulbrood.pdf)



# Notice of Temporary FOREST CLOSURE

(This does not apply to the area known as "Sparrow Hill")

## Kowen Forest will be CLOSED to the general public 6-7 April 2019

The ACT Government Parks and City Services has authorised the exclusive use of the forest for a motor sport event. For their own safety, walkers, runners, hikers, horse riders and bicycle riders are advised not to enter Kowen Forest from Friday 5<sup>th</sup> to Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2019.

Unlicensed motorcycle riders and unregistered motorcycles are not permitted to enter Kowen Forest at any time and it would be extremely dangerous for them to do so during the temporary forest closure.

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Late autumn and winter is a great time to take a look at our properties and have a good old tidy up, so you can see what is around (particularly to see venomous snakes). We can: plant more trees and native shrubs; set up a bird bath and water points at ground level, such as a pond; make and erect nesting boxes, which can be fun, to see what animals take up residence; use the right garden netting (if you can poke your finger through the holes, it will catch and trap animals), and take it off the ground to avoid trapping snakes and lizards; in rural areas try to remove or reduce barbed wire and loose wire that can snag an animal; leave dead and fallen trees – especially those with developing hollows, which provide useful habitat; and try to avoid using chemical products in the garden.

If you come across injured or orphaned animals, decide how you can help. Safety is paramount, both for you, and the animal, so don't rush in. It's good to keep pets away too. Obviously avoid approaching large, injured and mobile kangaroos and wombats; venomous snakes; monitors (they have a very nasty bite!); raptors; flying foxes, and bats. All these animals need to be attended by a trained volunteer. But, as many would have discovered, it is quite OK to pick up smaller animals and take them to the local Vet and/or contact Wildcare for advice. A towel (carry one in the car boot) is very useful to cover an animal, to both rescue and reduce stress; it is also good to scoop up a smaller animal if you would otherwise prefer not to. Place a rescued animal in a ventilated box or carrier, keep it in a quiet place and/or take to a Vet. Don't feed or attempt to water a rescued animal without seeking expert advice – birds are often drowned if water is given incorrectly. And do not be tempted to treat and raise an orphaned animal yourself. This is best done by a trained wildlife volunteer who will use techniques to give the animal the best chance of being returned to the wild. Echidnas can be very difficult to pick up, as they seemingly 'stick' themselves to the ground, but there are techniques that can be used.

Many incidents happen on the road, with kangaroos, wombats, turtles, echidnas and lizards being the main culprits. Most drivers are very conscientious and drive sensibly between dusk and dawn in wildlife-rich areas. It may well be that we need to travel at a much lower speed to increase our reaction time. Please stop and check injured animals, but be safe – pull well off the road, hazards on to warn others, and decide what to do. Often it is best to call Wildcare for advice on 6299 1966 (put this number in your Mobile for future reference) and, depending on the situation, the Police.

- Philip Machin, for Wildcare *Photo: Brown snake being cut from bird netting*



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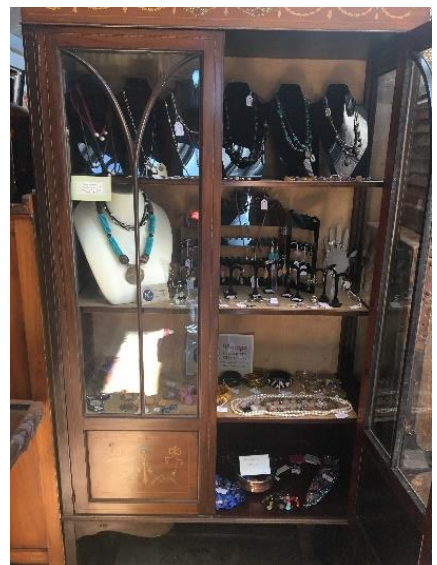


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## Wamboin Home Produce and Craft Market - Easter Saturday 20 April 2019 9am -12md

Contact: Meriel Schultz 02 62383309: 0422614304 [lmsconsulting@bigpond.com](mailto:lmsconsulting@bigpond.com).

The March market attracted some new stall holders so the hall was very full. There were some very beautiful crocheted 'creatures' for sale which attracted a lot of attention and some good sales. It was lovely to have Poetry in Motion back to play for us.

Remember this is your once-a-month-chance where you can support your local community and buy:

- garden produce (especially good at this time of year!)
- native tube stock
- craft and knitting of all kinds
- jewellery,
- jams, preserves, pickles
- strudels and pastries
- eggs
- pasta and bread
- local art work,
- hand printed tea towels and book bags
- recycled furniture
- locally made creams and cosmetics
- local meat (pork)

and more.....

Come and visit the café and sit down with neighbours for a while – enjoy Lou's coffee and Kathleen's scones while you catch up on local news. The WCA have a stall every month, and if you are new to the neighbourhood, make sure you come and get a Wamboin 'pack' that tells you everything you need to know about the local area. Want advice about fire control on your property?



– then talk to the firies about that too. Everything you need, in one place, at the hall, once a month!

**SEE YOU AT THE EASTER MARKET!**

## Citizen Science in Action

**How you too can contribute to the Canberra Nature Map.** Sutton Landcare Group will next meet at Sutton Public School on Tuesday 9 April 2019 at 7.30pm. Our guest speaker will be Dr Michael Mulvaney, who will provide an overview and update of the Canberra Nature Map (CNM). Michael will talk about the beginnings of CNM when founder Aaron Clausen clumsily rode his mountain bike straight over of one of the last remaining colonies of the critically endangered Canberra Spider Orchid. Aaron then approached Michael to consider his citizen science idea. Thus was the beginning of the Canberra Nature Map.

The building of CNM is a remarkable feat of cooperative effort, given the number of people involved, the volume of photos and other data, and the number of species it caters for. Membership is growing quickly. Currently there are about 1900 members and 80 moderators. The number of people using the website continues to grow as well. As citizen science in action, it shows the value of a volunteer local website run by local people with local knowledge as part of a strong interactive community. From its very simple beginnings CNM has become a highly sophisticated and valuable wildlife mapping website and is a leader in this field. CNM now map the location and abundance of most types of wildlife in the Canberra region, in a way that is useful to science and researchers as well as easy and enjoyable for members. This is CNM's basic purpose. Following the presentation, supper will be provided with an opportunity to talk further with Dr Mulvaney. For further information on Sutton Landcare Group, please contact our secretary on [sutton.landcare@gmail.com](mailto:sutton.landcare@gmail.com). - Arnold Dekker, Coordinator Sutton Landcare

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## Bird Of The Month

By Luke Downey

For April I chose the Silvereye, a pretty little bird that loves fruit.

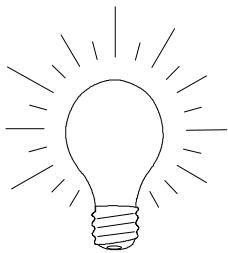
**Silvereye (*Zosterops lateralis*)**

Size: 10-12.5cm

Status: Common breeding resident

The Silvereye is one of the many small birds found in Wamboin. It is the only member of the white-eye family found in NSW. It can easily be distinguished from other birds by its silvery-white eye ring, yellowy-olive head and vent (under the tail). It also has grey wings and tail and is pale underneath. Silvereyes mainly eat nectar and fruit, and can become pests in orchards where they devour fruit. At our house they especially like the figs and

nectarines! They occasionally eat insects. These birds can be found in flocks of up to 30 birds but are usually seen in flocks of about 10. They have a distinctive repetitive call, being a high mournful “tee-ooow”, which they quite often make when flying in a flock. (Photo from Google images)



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**JENT '101' 6 April 2019**  
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**Anne Montgomery – Ride with Our Mind**  
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## Fibre Broadband Network – Wamboin, Bywong and Sutton Region



The Wamboin Communications Action Group (WCAG) held a Community “Update” meeting on the evening of 28 February 2019 to provide local residents with some preliminary information on the proposed Fibre broadband network to cover the Wamboin, Bywong and Sutton Region (WBSR) following the recent announcement by the NSW Government of a \$5 million grant to support this important initiative. The meeting was extremely well attended ... it was standing room only.

WCAG Committee members provided residents with a short background on the project, the current state of planning and outlined some of the critical issues currently being worked through with potential network providers. This included some of the options considered in relation to network construction, access to premises and community engagement.

Mr Chris Hanger, Executive Director, Regional Infrastructure and Networks, NSW Department of Premier and Cabinet spoke to the meeting about the Government’s investment into improving regional digital connectivity, in particular through the Regional Growth Fund and the Snowy Hydro Legacy Fund, and how the Wamboin project fits within those connectivity programs.

Mr John Barilaro, MP, also spoke briefly to the meeting about some of the thinking behind the NSW Government’s decision to support the WBSR community’s aspirations for faster and more reliable internet services and how this will assist the economic and social development of our community. A lively Q&A session followed which covered a very large number of issues and areas of interest of attendees.

If you weren’t able to make the meeting and would like to know more about what was discussed, a copy of the slides and a summary of the meeting and Q&A session is available on the WCAG web site at: <https://sites.google.com/site/wamboincommunications/project-updates/communitymeeting28thfeb2019>

**All Residents of Wamboin, Bywong and Sutton Region are being asked to register their interest in the network to assist with network planning and construction.**

### Register Now !

Just visit our website and click on the  
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## Nature Notes - March 2019

Jo Walker

After a rather dry month, the last few days of March provided us with some good falls of rain – enough to liven up the grasses and small plants if the weather stays warm for a while.

The only colour in the landscape at the moment is still the *Cassinia quinquefaria* bushes. Their greenish-yellow flower-heads adorn the countryside for quite a long time. They seemed to be in full flush last month, but haven't changed much by the end of this month. Although less prominent, the many different shades of green exhibited by the local eucalypts and wattles provide an attractive backdrop too.

Although the small bird numbers seem to be diminishing here, the Grey Fantails seem to be doing all right. There were five here a few days ago swooping and diving to feed on a flight of termites. A friend recently told me that last spring one of these active little birds removed a tuft of wiry grey hair from his head for its nest. Birds do sometimes make use of mammals to provide nest-building material. I've seen White-eared Honeyeaters taking beakfuls of fur from Kangaroos, often returning to the same animal several times. And someone I know had a fluffy little dog that was similarly bothered.

I hadn't seen a snake here this summer apart from one half-grown Brown Snake crossing Poppet Road towards my place. Then, a few mornings ago, I was walking up from below the dam and stepped over a log to find myself less than a metre away from a very large Red-bellied Black Snake. It was fairly early and the snake had found a patch of sunlight in which to warm up. I moved back and the snake uncoiled itself and slid away down towards the creek. It looked a bit thin. These snakes feed on frogs, other reptiles and small mammals, most of which are insectivorous or partly so – possibly another indication of the effects of lower insect numbers. There was a recent report in the Canberra Times about a Platypus appearing in Lake Burley Griffin, not a usual habitat for this animal – it usually inhabits flowing rivers and creeks. One of the causes was believed to be a drop in the number of 'water bugs' (presumably an inclusive term for any six-legged creatures in the water) in waterways studied by Waterwatch in over two thousand assessments in 2018.

Although butterflies, moths, flies and beetles seem to be less numerous, ants and wasps seem to be doing well. I now have seven elaborately constructed nests of Mud-wasps (*Sceliphron laetum*) on the walls of my house. And Meat Ants are constructing additional nests providing more food for the Echidnas judging by their diggings in the mounds.



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## Notice of the WCA Annual General Meeting - Tuesday 16 April 2019

The 2018 Annual General Meeting of the Wamboin Community Association, Inc., will be held in the Wamboin Community Hall, 112 Bingley Way, Wamboin, at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 16 April 2019.

The main business of the AGM will be the election of a new Committee for 2019-20.

Nominations for the election of Committee members should be made in writing, signed by two Association members, and contain the candidate's written consent. A person nominated as a candidate for election as an office-bearer (other than the president or vice-president) or as another committee member, must have been a member of the Association for at least one year. A person nominated as a candidate for election as president or vice-president must have been a member of the Association for at least two years, which should include at least one year as an office bearer or as another committee member.

Nomination forms can be obtained from the Secretary or downloaded from the WCA's website:


<https://wamboincommunity.asn.au/communitygroups/index.php?op=wcadocuments> .

The Committee is keen to have some new members, so please consider nominating as an office-bearer or as an ordinary Committee member. The WCA and the events it has promoted have been well managed for many years, and the Committee would benefit greatly from some new members to help maintain this momentum.

Should any member have any business to be dealt with at the AGM, please advise the Secretary more than 14 days before the meeting, or more than 21 days before if it requires a special resolution.

Agenda: Opening; Acknowledgement of Country; Apologies for non-attendance; Adoption of the minutes of the 2018 AGM; Presentation and adoption of the President's, Treasurer's and other reports; Election of the office-bearers of the Association (the president, one or two vice-presidents, the treasurer & the secretary) and at least three other committee members; other matters for which notice has been given; Close of meeting.

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## Wheels of Wamboin 2019 - Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2019

Continuing on with 2019 automotive anniversaries.

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In 1983, the Toyota chairman issued a challenge to build the world's best car. The project, code-named F1 ("Flagship One") developed the Lexus LS 400. As the first model developed by Lexus, the LS 400 debuted in January 1989 making it 30 years old this year. LS actually stands for Luxury Sedan (the practical Japanese). Toyota's long time advertising agency Saatchi & Saatchi formed a specialized unit, Team One, to handle marketing for the new brand. A list of 219 prospective names was developed including shortlisting Vectre, Verone, Chaparel, Calibre and Alexis. While Alexis quickly became the front runner, concerns were raised that the name applied to people more than cars (being associated with the Alexis Carrington character on the popular 1980s prime time drama Dynasty). As a result, the first letter was removed and the "i" replaced with a "u" to morph the name to Lexus.

The trusted old oiler the Landrover Discovery turns a fine 30 this year as well and is still well and truly in production with the new fifth generation. So far over 1.7 million cars have been sold worldwide to date with the popular boxy and rugged good looks. It looked like a 4WD should. Prior to the Discovery launch in 1989 the LR dealers had just two products to sell: the farmer-friendly Land Rover Defender and the swanky Range Rover, the pair positioned so far apart as to be almost comical. The lifestyle 4x4 was now here. Generation 1 and 2 Discoveries are still seen regularly on local roads.

Hoping to see some of the above marques featured at next months Wheels of Wamboin. – Peter Evans

### Black Falcon Sighting

On 3 March 2019, I was looking out the window when a large raptor alighted on a small table on my porch. It was as big as the little table. It was not a wedgetailed eagle, (not as) it had the body the size of a chook, it was a dappled brown colour, but it was longer than a chook. My book identified it as a Black big Falcon, size 54cm, and uncommon to the Canberra area. It is called a Black Falcon to distinguish it from the smaller Brown Falcon, and the colours in its range do vary from brown to black. It apparently is the largest falcon in Australia, and is generally an inland bird, but does occasionally venture down to the coast. I am



very curious if these birds have been sighted in the Wamboin/Bywong area before and where? Would anybody who has sighted them let me know through Ned at the Whisper? We are in the valley end of The Mountain Road, on the headwaters of Brooks Creek. The impressive bird did not land on my little table for long, it looked around, and then soared off. It made an impressive passing presence though. (I subsequently found the picture by searching internet for "Black Falcon – Images) - Angie Angel

### Can you write something to add interest to the May 2019 Wamboin Whisper?

The hope is that those of us who live out here can come up each month with interesting and constructive items about living in Wamboin or Bywong that make life out here a little fuller.

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## Wamboin Golf – March 2019

Sunday, 3 March. Do we need rain or what? Up here in the foothills of the Alps we could do with chamber pots full of it. So send it down, Huey! But not as much as poor old Townsville if you don't mind. Funny name, Townsville. Must be an outpost of Quebec where all place names are in English and French. Never mind. Keep calm and play golf. This month, in a departure from tradition, we held the GST Anniversary Ambrose (when you have to add 10% to your handicap) because the sponsors, Keith France and Kathy Handel, will be travelling at the time of the EOFY. We thank them deeply for the prizes and edible refreshments. And so, dressed like Bedouins to ward off the sun's nuclear scimitars we mounted our iron camels and struck out into shimmering heat of the limitless Wamboin desert.

Back at the oasis, as fluid loss was enthusiastically replaced (some replaced more than they lost), we analysed the perturbing news that the computer systems of the major political parties – Liberal Labor, National and Deadly Serious – had all been hacked. According to ASIO it was done by a “sophisticated state actor”. We considered the options: first we excluded anyone who'd won an Oscar, BAFTA, ARIA or whatever; then we ruled out SloMo – a chronic over-actor – on the ground he's federal; we eliminated those other political thespians, the state Premier and her deputy, for diminished sophistication (unless you take the cynical view that all politicians are practiced in the art of sophistry); we excused the Bungendore Players – all damn fine actors but short-suited from an IT point of view; and we knocked out the cast of *Married at First Sight* just for the hell of it. That left Russia or China so we tossed a coin and, sorry China, you're in the frame. And that's where you'll stay until you rescind the ban on our new, clean, gentle-to-the-environment coal.

The captain called for order, introduced our guest, Murray Goodridge, back for the second time. Ted Evans showed us why the one-liner is still amusing. The googly ball went to Steve Lambert for a humorous but tactless remark at his team mate's expense. The dummy spit was taken out by Lofty Mason who, when accused by his wife of not trying, declared that he was trying his best. Juniors comp winners were sweet little Deb Gordon, Madz Gordon and Phoebe Beckett, all on 31. NTP and LD ball winners were Tim Barter X 2, Colin Urquhart X 2, Murray Goodridge, Glen Crafter, John Whitney and Steve Lambert. Winners of the nine hole comp were the team of Steve Lambert and Larry King 26.5 from Ken and Alex Gordon 26.7. Winners of the 18 hole comp were Tim Barter and Murray Goodridge 60 from Colin Urquhart and Glen Crafter 2<sup>nd</sup> on appeal 64 followed by Samuel Urquhart and Paul Griffin 3<sup>rd</sup> 68. Well done all players!

Next month is April and by now we all know what local meteorologist, T S Eliot, says about April so I won't repeat it. Join us at the Hall at 12.15pm for the normal 12.30 pm start. Don't forget to vote in the election to see which group of “sophisticated state actors” will run the Rum Corps for the next four years. Will it be that nasty John Macarthur or that nice Captain Bligh? Only time will tell. - Larry King, golfer



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In the past we have requested that the kitchen switch in the main board is left on. This enables the use of the kitchen power during the day without going to the main power board when the rest of the Hall power is not in use. However the 'leave the kitchen on' label in the main power board has caused confusion with ALL the power in the kitchen being left on, including water heating and refrigeration. This instruction label is now removed.

Additionally, by **only** pressing both white press buttons without turning all switches off, can mean that the next user may inadvertently cause unwanted power use.

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

Date of Meeting: 19 March 2019. Meeting chaired by Pete Evans, President WCA

### Outline of topics discussed:

**WCA President:** Pete Evans remarked on the recent Meet the Candidates Night hosted by the WCA at the Hall and ably assisted by the Bywong Community President Mike Wilkens. Mike and Pete jointly chaired the session which saw all 6 of the NSW Election candidates attend. Between 90-100 people attended this meeting to hear the candidates and to ask questions relating to local issues. It was an excellent night and well received by both candidates and community members. Pete also informed the meeting that the upcoming Wheels of Wamboin would for the first time have a sponsor. Shannons have agreed to not only have a stall at the event but to sponsor the event with a donation of \$500 which will go towards the organizing costs.

**Hall Management Committee:** Peter Greenwood reported on a number of projects being undertaken by the Hall Management Committee either for the improvement of the Hall or its surrounds.

**General Business:** 3 items of interest were in general business during the February meeting.

**a) Meet the Candidates -Federal Election.** Having completed the NSW election planning was well underway to host an identical evening for the upcoming Federal election. The format will be similar the NSW election event. Keep a look out for this event on the WCA web page, the Whisper and other media.

**b) Wamboin Chalk Boards.** The issue was raised that the chalkboards around Wamboin are in need of repainting. It was agreed to purchase a tin of appropriate paint and the boards will slowly be repainted over the next few months.

**c) A Cemetery in Wamboin.** An unexpected but lively discussion came about when the President suggested looking into a possible site for a cemetery in Wamboin. Nothing has been resolved on this issue (indeed) for some it is the first time it has even been considered. However it did lead to some interesting thoughts on the subject. Perhaps more on this will come to light at a later date.

*The WCA meets on the 3rd Tuesday of each month (except January) at 7:30pm at the Wamboin Community Hall, 112 Bingley Way, Wamboin. The next meeting will be on 16th April 2019. All are welcome to attend. Jenny Richards Vice-President Wamboin Community Association Inc.*

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## *From the Corner*

**Ancillary Land Uses**—I made a sideways reference to this subject in last month's column. While discussion on this subject can become confusing, the fact is that often it is not so much the nature of a particular land use but the relationship of that land use to other uses practiced on the same land that determines whether or not it might be an ancillary use.

Why might this be important? Quite simply, because land uses that are ancillary to a dominant use do not require development approval in their own right. Of course, the legality of an ancillary use may still be dependent on the legality of the dominant use. Development is considered to be for a particular purpose if that purpose is the dominant purpose of the development. The purpose in question is the reason for which the development is to be undertaken or the end to which the development serves.

The concept of an ancillary use comes into play when a development involves multiple components and one or more of these components is considered to be subordinate or subservient to the dominant purpose. If a component serves the dominant purpose, it is ancillary to that dominant purpose. If a component serves its own purpose, it is not a component of the identified dominant purpose but an independent use on the same land, a dominant use in its own right. Note that, in the present context, there may be several dominant uses, each requiring independent approval, on the same piece of land.

A component of a development may have features that are both ancillary and independent. If this is the case, consider the following guiding, but not necessarily determinative factors:

- Is the component going to serve the dominant purpose of the development or is it independent?
- What is the amount of land to be used for a certain component, relative to the amount of land proposed to be used for other purposes? If the amount of land is relatively small, it is more likely to be ancillary although this may be less relevant in rural areas.
- Evidence of a purpose that is inconsistent with the dominant purpose is likely to undermine a claim that a component is ancillary.
- If the component is temporary, it is more likely to be ancillary; if it is regular (that is, will constitute an ongoing use), it is more likely to be an independent use.
- If the component goes beyond what is reasonably required in the circumstances for the development to implement the dominant purpose, it is likely to be an independent use (regardless of whether it has ancillary qualities).
- Related components of a development are likely to have an ancillary relationship, although this is not necessarily determinative of such a relationship.
- Physical proximity of the component to the rest of the development is likely to be evidence of an ancillary relationship, although again not necessarily determinative.

If an ancillary use expands to the extent it is no longer subordinate or subservient to the dominant purpose, development consent may be required for the change (expansion) of use.

To provide some examples that are closer to home for most of us, approval for the construction of a dwelling carries with it certain implicit ancillary elements. In a rural environment such as ours, non-commercial agricultural activities would generally be considered ancillary to a dwelling approval. Uses that support hobbies, self-funding or otherwise, will generally be OK, but you should give careful consideration to anything that might become a business or a dominant use in its own right.

As always, if you are considering doing something new on your property, and you are not sure whether or not development consent might be required, contact council's planning staff. It doesn't cost anything to ask.

The interested reader is referred to the Department of Planning and Environment Planning Circular PS 13-001, *How to characterise development*, for further discussion and more specific examples.

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## Wamboin Muse

Jill Gregory

Two weeks ago I left a hot, dry autumn garden where my time had been spent with endless watering, removing dead bits and keeping the bird baths filled. I arrived home in the dark, and it was cold. My first job was to light the fire. Fortunately I'd removed the Christmas tinsel and baubles from the fire box before I'd locked the door, but I'd left the decorative pine cones; tinder and instant warmth.

Not quite knowing what I'd find, I wandered around the garden in the morning light. What a joy! Most of the scattered succulents had been nibbled, some rather vigorously, a few young bushes, left uncaged, had been severely pruned and I suspect the cockatoos had been doing a bit of tip pruning as well in the eucalypts, but overall it looked good.....very good for a Wamboin garden at this time of the year. I found the wheel barrow full of rocks that had been abandoned before I left being too heavy to move, now filled with rocks.... and water! It may become a permanent fixture! My pumpkin vine with one lonely pumpkin was still intact and there was a faint green tinge on the "rabbit lawn". Magical rain.

Instead of our usual trek north, this time we went on a real holiday, heading south. We took the train, a leisurely way to travel with everyone wearing uniform grey hair, and read, dozed and watched the countryside slide by. We would have grazed, too, but the buffet car ran out of food just after we got off the bounding bus and joined the train at "Coota". It was a case of, "Sorry luv, food's off!" I might be exaggerating, though. Perhaps the "sorry" wasn't there! However, it was the countryside that took most of my attention. The Wamboin I left might have been dry, but the farmlands we passed were desolate; grey, dusty and lifeless.

Melbourne was a bit of a shock, too. Now I'm not a city person, but a city can be an interesting place and a novelty for a couple of days. Staying in an old, inner city suburb it was quite fun to walk a few minutes to a supermarket and have a special lunch on the table within an hour. There were restaurants and cafes on your doorstep and there was always a train or tram when needed. Everything was at your fingertips. There were even trees and shrubs, exotic faces on the train, and occasionally I heard my native tongue.

But the CBD was something else. I saw it from the air and I saw it from the ground. From the air it was a jungle of needles reaching skywards. From the ground it was a jumbled mess; office buildings overwhelmed by high rise apartments, and the few remaining significant old buildings standing proud, but overshadowed, with those, old and less significant, cowering, waiting for the wreckers to move in. At night the apartment towers were eerie, empty and unlit, waiting for their owners to return, owners, who I suspect, living elsewhere. Where have I been while all this has been happening.

After almost two weeks without a newspaper or the radio beside me, I tuned in briefly to the world. I heard familiar words...."Brexit," "terrorism".....nothing had changed! Then I picked up my land line phone. For the first time in 8 weeks since an end of summer thunderstorm had split the sky open, I heard that old, familiar dial tone. Not only had it rained in our absence, but finally someone had removed the gremlins from our telephone line! Progress. I guess it isn't all bad.

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