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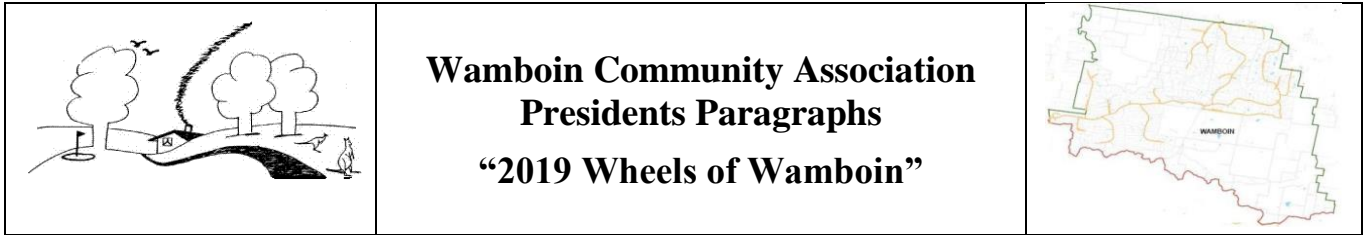
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Wheels of Wamboin Democracy Edition – The Wheels of Wamboin will be on Saturday 18th May this year the same day as the Federal election. The Wamboin Hall is a polling booth and the markets will move outdoors, weather permitting. So if this is the case bring down your beauty, cast your vote, have your barista coffee with a democracy egg and bacon roll and make it a great day. Get some value out of coming down to vote. As per last month’s announcement Shannon’s Insurance is the sponsor of the 2019 Wheels of Wamboin. Tell your friends and start preparing those sleeping beauties.

Neighbourhood watch - Now a little mention to the heroes who think it is entertaining to do burnouts on our local community roads. I assume they are not local residents as they put at risk the safety of our local road users, residents and panic livestock in the surrounding paddocks. Just as a note, in NSW if you are caught committing burnout offences, you can be fined up to \$1,100, lose 10 points for your first offence and Police can also seize and impound your car. Police also have the power to take any of the above actions if they reasonably believe you committed one of the above offences in the past 10 days, so you do not even have to get caught in the act.

2019 Federal Election - The Federal Meet the Candidates Night for the upcoming election will be held on **Thursday 2nd May at 7.30pm** and all candidates except two of the three independents, as these two have not provided contact details, have indicated they are attending. Please come along to hear what each candidate stands for and outline their policies that impact our piece of paradise. There will be a Q&A session for the audience to participate. This election is firming as a close competition and each candidate will be trying to secure your vote. It was a great attendance for the State election so come along and be informed before the election to decide who deserves your vote.

May Home Produce Markets - as mentioned above the May markets fall on the same day as the Federal election. The markets will still be on with tables either on the oval or in the fire shed weather depending. Looking forward to Lou’s coffee and those bacon and egg rolls.

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.

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.


WCA Monthly General Meeting –The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 21 May 2019 at 7.30 pm at the Wamboin Community Hall.

We are Wamboin! - Peter Evans - President.


New Thursday Evening Option for Families at the Wamboin Hall - Ping Pong 6-9 pm

From Thursday 9 May 19, the Wamboin social club will be trialling an evening session of table tennis, between 6 & 9 p.m., at the Wamboin Community Hall. The club has three competition-size tables available, so there will be plenty of opportunity to have ago. Individuals and families are welcome to come along for a hit-out. Light refreshments will be provided & a gold coin donation will help cover costs. Contact Mike on 0406 606 238, mikemuston@gmail.com, or just turn up on the night.

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Bywong Community Association News

“Electric Vehicles”: Thursday 16 May, 7.30pm at the Bywong Hall: All are welcome to attend a talk by Darryl Bourke, Bywong resident since 2000 and past President of BCA. Darryl is uniquely qualified to speak on this topic, as he:

- Owns petrol, diesel and electric vehicles.
- Has an Electrical Engineering background.
- Is Editor of the Southern Tablelands Historical Automobile Restoration Club (STHARC) monthly magazine.
- Is Treasurer for the Canberra branch of the Australian Electrical Vehicle Association (AEVA).
- Is Vice President of the Tesla Owners Club of Australia (TOCA).

Wamboin, Bywong and Sutton Region fibre optic network project

BCA hosted a community meeting on 23 April, at which members of the WBSR project team (Olaf, Glenn, Connie, Harold and John – all volunteers) provided an update and answered questions from the audience of around 25 interested locals.

Key ‘take-away messages’ are:

- Trenching/installation for the fibre network will commence once consultation with NSW Govt is complete and should be complete around 18 months later.
- The network will connect up to 1300 properties in the Wamboin, Bywong and Sutton area.
- Connection fees are estimated at around \$300 per premise.
- Internet service plans will be available through a range of competing providers, so will be similar in price to NBN plans available in Qbyn and ACT.
- A fibre optic connection will likely add 1-8% to your property value.

IF you are interested, you should sign up/register VERY SOON. Signing up/registering now does NOT commit you in any way but DOES mean that the project team can work with the preferred installer 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.

For more information and to sign up/register your interest, 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.

Bywong’s Got Talent! Jess Ferris is a 14-year old Bywongian who is passionate about music and has been singing and performing since she was very young. Jess particularly enjoys singing Country songs and recently applied for the Tamworth Country Music Junior Academy school holiday program where she would get to play and perform with other upcoming country musicians, and be taught and mentored by some of the biggest country music stars. Jess has been working hard to raise money, by busking at local events including the recent Bywong Car Boot Sale. BCA is pleased to donate \$200 towards Jess’ dream, and we look forward to hearing her sing again when she returns from Tamworth!.

Keep in touch via the **BCA website:** 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.

- Mike Wilkins, President, Bywong Community Association, 0417458320, Email: president@bywongcommunity.org.au

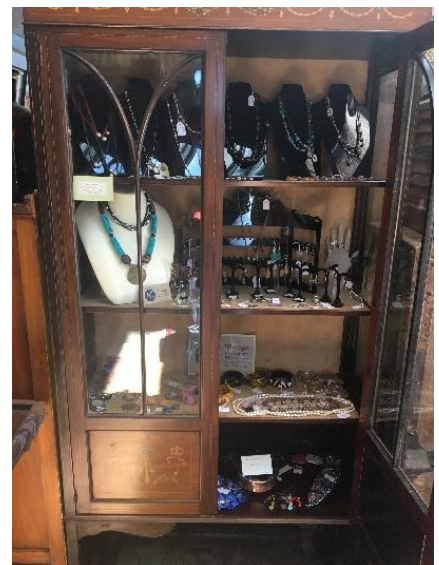


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Wheels of Wamboin 2019 - Saturday 18th May 2019

We still have a number of significant 2019 automotive anniversaries to celebrate.

Joux Anniversaire Mon Ami - 100 Years of Citroën. There is no example of Gallic ingenuity and innovation greater than that of Citroën, celebrating its centenary in 2019. Founded in Saint-Ouen way back in 1919 by one André-Gustave Citroën, the iconic French name has delivered legend after legend over the last 100 years – whether the farmer-friendly 2CV (meaning 2 horse power), the Traction Avant seen in Tintin, the seminal, stylish and self-levelling DS or the head-turning SM coupé. It is easy to forget that Citroën pioneered a number of firsts including being the first company to adopt Henry Ford's mass production techniques to Europe, the introduction of the "all-steel body", development of the front-wheel drive, the unitary body and of course, the world-first hydropneumatic self-leveling suspension system.

Un autre anniversaire -120 years of Renault. Another big marque, another big birthday: French staple Renault is also turning 120. Founded by three French brothers in 1899, the marque has given the world everything from the sit-up-and-beg 1899 Voiturette to the to the boxy rally legend that is the 5 Turbo – not to mention a host of Alpine-tuned machines, a fleet of Formula 1 cars (not currently at the top of their game just ask Daniel), the ubiquitous Clio. They also share a relationship with Nissan and sell models under the Romanian Dacia brand along with Renault Samsung in some markets.

Saluti - 120 years of Fiat (Fix It Again Tony). It's also a big cake for Fiat in 2019. Founded in Turin in 1899, the red-badged brand has delivered a host of well-known motors over the years – from the plucky 500 to the dashing Dino to the elegant 124 Spider. Whether getting sideways on rally stages, borrowing engines from Ferrari or getting half of Italy on the road, Fiat's done it all in its 12 decades of business and keeping many repair mechanics in business. Fiat is part of the Italian-American automaker Fiat Chrysler Automobiles,

Mad Max turns 40 – The original Mad Max was released in 1979 starring Mel Gibson as "Mad" Max Rockatansky. The film presents a tale of societal collapse, murder, and revenge set in a future Australia, in which an unhinged policeman takes on a savage motorcycle gang in his XB falcon coupe. Filming took place in and around Melbourne and lasted six weeks. Filmed on a budget of \$400,000, it earned more than US\$100 million worldwide in gross revenue. The success of Mad Max has been credited for further opening up the global market to Australian films. "She's the Last of the V8 interceptors".

There are a number of other significant celebrations, the Ford Capri turns 50. Tuning house Abarth turns 70, the big Austin-Healey 3000 turns 60 years and I would argue the ultimate muscle car shape the 1969 Mustang fastback is now 50 years young.

Key rules for Wheels of Wamboin. Turn up and have fun, talk about cars, have a coffee from Lou and egg and bacon roll from the RFS (don't forget to vote) and talk some more about cars. Enjoy the huge variety of automotive wonders and don't hesitate to ask an owner about their pride and joy. Hoping to see some of the above marques and you at Wheels of Wamboin.

– Peter Evans



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The Schools Of The Wamboin/Bywong Area

by David McDonald, email david [at] dnmcDonald.id.au

The March 2019 issue of the *Whisper* contained an article that I authored titled 'Wamboin's Wyanga School'. Wyanga was the colonial-era name for what was characterised as the wild country at the head of Brooks Creek, in the Lake George Ranges, i.e. the eastern side of present-day Wamboin, and the south-east part of Bywong. I have been asked to provide additional information on the schools that previously operated in and close to Wamboin and Bywong.

Prior to the early 1860s, the area was very sparsely populated by European settlers, and the traditional Aboriginal custodians were no longer present. The selector era commenced in the early 1860s, and within a decade most of the land that is now Wamboin and Bywong had been taken up by selectors. Their land holdings were small, 40 to 320 acres in size. Some families had more than one selection, to make their pastoral enterprises viable.

With a denser population, comprised largely of families, came the need for schools for the children. The first in the area was the Sutton school which was established in May 1871 and it is, of course, still operating. The Wyanga school opened later the same year. It was followed (in succession) by Felled Timber, Kowen, Brooks Creek, Creekborough, Woodfield and Bywong. The last of these to close was Brooks Creek, in 1935.

During this era there were various classifications of schools, including private schools, those on privately-held land that were subsidised by the colonial government, provisional schools that had too few pupils to be the full financial responsibility of the government, formal public schools, etc. All were what we call elementary or primary schools, catering for young pupils. Details of the school types are online (NSW Department of Education 2019). The schools are listed below in order of their commencement.

Sutton school commenced as a provisional school in May 1871 and is still functioning. It is located on Victoria Street, Sutton.

Wyanga school commenced as a private school in Aug 1871 and closed in Dec 1874. It was located between Reedy Creek and Weeroona Road, Wamboin, east from a point on Weeroona Road 3 km from Norton Road and 2 ½ km from Denley Drive.

Kowen school is confusing as the name refers to two different locations with three different school names! The first opened at Felled Timber (aka Fell Timber), close to George Sparrow's Hibernian Hotel, a few metres on the Queanbeyan side of the present roundabout on the King's Highway leading to the Australian Defence Force's Headquarters Joint Operations Command. The school opened at the 'Felled Timber' property as a provisional school in Feb 1875. The name was subsequently changed to Kohan school, and it closed in Nov 1878. It re-opened as a provisional school in Jul 1882, named Kowen school, at Glenburn, six kilometres to the north-west of Felled Timber. This school closed in 1913.

Brooks Creek school commenced as a provisional school in Jul 1884 and operated (with periods of closure) until 1935. It was location between the current Doust Road to the west and Brooks Creek to the east, approx. 500 m before the northern end of Doust Road. 'Established in July 1884 with Miss Margaret McGrath as teacher, the school functioned at first on the eastern side of the creek very close to the later Federal Highway crossing, and in 1893 a preferable (*sic*) site on which a new school was promptly built was secured immediately across the creek' (Lea-Scarlett 1972, p. 70). This was a gold rush area in the 1860s and 1870s. The name of the school is sometimes spelled 'Brook's Creek' (including on official parish maps), but this is wrong as the creek is named after Richard Brooks (c.1765–1833) who was the first recipient of a land grant in the Bungendore area.

Creekborough school commenced as a provisional school in Feb 1885 and closed in Jul 1897. The school was on William Moore's/John Walker's freehold property 'Creekborough', alongside Bungendore Road, Bywong. This property was one of the first land acquisitions in our area, purchased by Moore in 1838 and subsequently owned by Walker. The property was one square mile (640 acres) and its boundaries can still be seen as the old crown roads marked on today's maps. Morrison Road and Alchin Lane are on its original northern and western boundaries, respectively, and a line projected across Bungendore Road from Woolshed Lane would mark its original southern boundary. Snowgum Road runs through heart of the former station. Creekborough Road is more than two kilometres north of the former property's original northern boundary.

Woodfield/Amungula school commenced as a provisional school called Woodfield on the Bingley family's 'Woodfield' property in Sep 1888. The name was changed to Amungula school in Dec 1908 as the Woodfield Receiving Office (a type of post office) had its name changed then to Amungula Receiving Office. The school closed in Nov 1913. 'Woodfield' runs north and east from Sutton Road near when Amungula Creek passes beneath it. See the c. 1910 photograph of the pupils of the Woodfield school in Lea-Scarlett 1972, plate 82 between pages 162 & 163.

Bywong school commenced as a public school in Oct 1895 and closed in 1911. The school site was at the north-western corner of the former Village of Bywong, at the point where Donnelly Lane, Bywong, turns to the south. The Village of Bywong site was laid out in December 1895, after the most active period of gold mining in the area had ended. It is now private property, with no visiting permitted.

Confusingly, Lea-Scarlett (1972, p. 90) states that 'A public school known as "Bywong" also existed near Emu Flat until about 1940...it also helped to draw the name Bywong far from the old sheep-station.' Emu Flat Road runs off Bungendore Road. If any readers can shed light on Lea-Scarlett's statement about the Bywong school near Emu Flat, I will be delighted to hear from them.

Further information: The Hall School Museum & Heritage Centre has a skilfully-presented, information-packed display titled *Early Capital Region Government Schools and Teachers*, and an accompanying online data base documenting over 70 of the area's schools: <https://museum.hall.act.au/schools.html>. Highly recommended.

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Kowen Trail Run - Winter Trails Sunday 16th June, 2019

While lots of you are starting to think about your winter hibernation, the team at Wamboin Trail Runners are busy planning and organising for our next Kowen Trail Run. Our Winter Trails race kicks off at 7.00am on Sunday 16 June and, as always, we are offering something for every participant - with a marathon, half marathon and 12km trail walk/run to choose from. The courses wind through groomed native forest and wide fire trails, affording beautiful views over Canberra and, of course, we've thrown in some pretty challenging inclines.

Registrations for our Winter Trails event are open now (visit kowen-trail-run.com), it's worth noting that early bird registrations attract a discount, so jump on quick smart and you'll have some spare change to spend at the next Wamboin Markets. The Kowen Trail Runs are not-for-profit events and all proceeds go to our wonderful Wamboin Firies. We are proud to have donated over \$30,000 to our community to date and look forward to giving more in the future.

Race day is not just for runners. All of our events commence and conclude at the Wamboin Community Hall and we pride ourselves on creating a relaxed and welcoming atmosphere for our competitors and visitors. Why not come down and enjoy the spectacle of the racers setting out. Frank the Coffee Man will be on site from 6am with comforting hot drinks (caffeine!). We will have cosy fire pits outside and a roaring fire inside the hall where you can browse the Wildcare and Mont Adventure Equipment stalls, buy an egg and bacon roll or soup and have a chat. It's quite the social occasion and in the past our competitors have acknowledged that this relaxed sociability is one of the features that makes our events and Wamboin so special. We're proud of our locale and our locals, so come on down and show yourselves off.

As is always the case, events like these only happen due to the huge effort of our volunteers. We are lovely to our helpers (really we are, we give you a goody bag full of home cooked treats and local specialities), and we're always keen to meet more volunteers. If you would like to be involved in any way we would be happy to hear from you, please contact us via our email : kowentrailrun@gmail.com.

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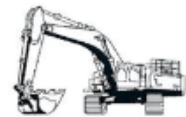
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Wamboin Golf – April 2019

Sunday, 7 April. Your correspondent has always wanted to be a Colourful Racing Identity. Not with the nasty bits like drugs, dead bodies and all that. Just the colourful bits. Winning horses, photo in the paper hugging Gai Waterhouse, loud clothes, night clubs and so on. My guilty desire has recently resurfaced because a colourful racing identity has come to live with us. Her name is Wilma and she's a greyhound. Formerly of the seedy *demi monde* of Victoria's dog tracks, she had seven wins and a string of seconds and thirds before her career was cut short by *pannus* (look it up you lazy bar steward). What's that got to do with golf, I hear you cry. Well, I've always wanted to win the Masters, too. Not that paltry show in the Deep South of the US. But the Wamboin Mini Masters famed in song, story, legend and myth. It works like this: you play six holes on Bingley Way then return to the Hall to see who's made the cut. (You can also do a bit of hydraulic lubrication, if necessary.) Out again to play the same six holes, then the novelty shots back at the Hall.

At the 19th, as the captain did the tote to see who would wear the greenish jacket, we discussed matters political. When I asked who had won the NSW poll I swear the response was "a pair o' jiklions". Now, I wouldn't recognize a jiklion if it popped up in the porridge. Nor did I know they came in pairs. All I know is that the Deadly Serious candidate – my first preference - didn't poll enough to regain her deposit. What a travesty! The captain introduced our guest-of-honour, Peter Evans, President of the Wamboin Community Association which sponsored the day. Thanks WCA for the prizes and finger food. Golfing guests included former member, David Bailey, who hasn't lost his touch (see below) and Dave Hubbard who interrupted his work as a laboratory rat for medical science. Ted Evans warmed up the crowd before the googly ball was given to Steve Lambert for sharpening his tee under the misapprehension that it was a pencil (should have gone to Spec Savers). The dummy spit went to Nev Schroder for complaining that the ground staff had moved one of the greens. Novelty pitching comp winners were: ramp, Nev Schroder 5.2m; tyre, Steve Lambert 4.3m; one hand, David Bailey 4.1m; bunker, Vicki Still 0.3m; best overall Ken Gordon (four inside the circle).

Winner of the handicap comp was David Bailey 46.3 ahead of runner-up Glen Crafter 46.7. Nine players made the cut but since your correspondent was not among them he feels no responsibility to pander to their egos. The Masters place getters were: Junior master, Alex Gordon 76 strokes; senior Masters runner-up Nev Schroder 53. As a hush descends on the crowd it can be revealed that the 2019 Wamboin Master is Ken Gordon on 51 strokes. Congratulations Ken. The grey/green jacket suits you well. Well done all competitors and many thanks to Nev, Lofty, Vicki and Tim for faultlessly organizing play and technology.

According to the Gregorian calendar, next month is the Merrie Month of May. Do feel free to join us at 12.15pm on Sunday, 19 May (moved from 1st Sunday of month to avoid clash with Mother's day and other events) for the standard 12.30 pm starting signal. Meanwhile, I'm thinking of joining the vegans next time they chain themselves to an abattoir. Seems like a great opportunity to quietly nick a carcass or two to feed the hordes descending on us at Easter. - Larry King, golfer.



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The Easter market was busy with several new stalls including Tracy's delicious cupcakes and Jack's carefully potted succulents. I really enjoyed learning how to make an origami paper heart from Jack's younger brother. He was much better at the folding than I was!!! But I did get a bunny sticker on mine as a reward for trying.

Marita ran a raffle in aid of Cancer Research, raising over \$200 and Denise went home with a lovely basket of wines, coffees and chocolate.

We will have a May market, even though it will be polling day. This means we can't use the hall itself. Look for stalls on the oval next to the Wheels of Wamboin. The firies will have a sausage sizzle and Lou will be there with her coffee. Hopefully it will be good weather.

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Saturday 1 June - Que Syrah Syrah - A night of Shiraz, exploring vintages old and new, paired perfectly to five courses, \$120 per all inclusive.

Friday 7 June - Happy Friday Korean Night - we give Cookie and Elena our Sous Chefs, their head to prepare dishes from their homeland, this will be a night we all learn about Korean food!

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Saturday 22 June - Truffle Dog Hunt n Lunch; Truffle season arrives in Wamboin

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- Avoid lighting up on warm and windy days. Have water and hand tools nearby to extinguish when necessary.
- Never leave a fire unattended. If leaving your property make sure the fire is fully extinguished.

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Saturday 18th May 2019 (The Democracy Edition)

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There will be freshly brewed coffee and the local Wamboin RFS will also be running a BBQ. If you are interested in displaying your automotive treasure please just turn up on the day and don't forget to vote (the hall is a polling booth)

Display entry is a gold coin donation and swap tables (if you have any old parts lying around) are \$5 (remember to bring your cash as there is no EFTPOS). There is only one trophy for the day "People's Choice" sponsored by Contentious Character. The event is also proudly supported by Shannon's Insurance.

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Bird Of The Month

By Luke Downey

For May I chose the White-browed Scrubwren, a small, shy bird who likes our garden.

White-browed Scrubwren (*Sericornis frontalis*)

Size: 11-13cm

Status: Common breeding resident

The White-browed Scrubwren is a small bird that is mainly brown, with a white eyebrow and throat. It is darker above and pale underneath. These birds are often in mixed flocks with other small birds including fairywrens and thornbills. They are usually seen on the ground or low down in foliage. White-browed Scrubwrens can be a bit secretive, tending to stay in well vegetated areas and often hanging out in dense bushes. Their diet consists mainly of insects. Their call is a series of harsh chirping noises and they respond especially well to "pishing" noises or if you get too close to them. They turn up at our house from time to time, sometimes with months between visits, and then all of a sudden they're back again.


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 2019 total rainfall to 28/4..... 170.50mm

May Rainfall Stats

2018 May rainfall..... 12.75mm
 Wettest May..... 171.0mm in 1995
 Wettest day..... 52mm on 3/5/95
 Driest May..... 0mm in 2001

May Temperature Stats

Hottest May day..... 24°C on 2/5/95
 Hottest May night..... 14°C (3 times) on
 2/5/88, & 1-2/5/95
 Average day temperature..... 13.3°C
 Warmest May..... 1980
 (Av. max day temp. 14.2°C & night 7.5°C)
 (highest 16.8°C in 2018 & 8.1°C in 1989)

Average April rainfall..... 45.4mm
 2018 April rainfall..... 21.25mm
 2018 total rainfall to 29/4..... 143.25mm
 43yr Av. to end of April..... 221.1mm

Average May rainfall..... 45.5mm
 Average no. rain days in May..... 8.1
 Highest no. rain days..... 20 in 1989
 Lowest no. rain days..... 0 in 2001

Av. May temp.... 9.2°C (day+night comb.)
 Coldest May day..... 0°C on 17/5/15
 Coldest May night..... -6°C on 31/5/01
 Average night temperature..... 5.2°C
 Coldest May 2012
 (Av. min day temp. 10.1°C & night 0.8°C)
 (coldest day temp. 10.0°C in 2015)
 May 2018. Av. max 16.8°C & min 3.6°C

April 2018 had 3 days over 30°C, with the highest being 31.5°C.
 Over the past 42 years there was only one April day of 30°C, being 5th April 1986.
 To the 28th April 2019 the average maximum day temperature was 22.8°C
 (2nd hottest after 2018 and 5°C above the long-term average) and
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Wamboin Community Association Inc. (WCA)

16 April 2019 General Meeting



The meeting was chaired by Vice-President, Jenny Richards, as the President was unable to attend the meeting.

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

Outline of topics discussed

The secretary reported that Council has now adopted its **Stakeholder and Community Engagement Policy Framework**. The WCA made a submission on the draft Framework.

Home Produce Market: the WCA's new policy on advocacy activities at the markets is being implemented effectively by the market co-ordinators, Meriel and Lance Schultz. The meeting noted that the 18 May market will be held outside the hall as the Federal Election will be running then. Wheels of Wamboin will be held on the oval on the same day.

Council: Cllr Pete Harrison advised that Council held an in-camera workshop to discuss the consultants' reports on the review of the E4 zoning of Wamboin and Bywong. A QPRC staff report to Council on the matter should be made public soon, in Council meeting papers.

Hall Management Committee and Fire Brigade: Peter Greenwood reported on road works and drainage works that should commence soon, enhancing the amenity of the hall and the operations of the Fire Brigade.

Wamboin Whisper: Thank you to each of the 100+ people provided the April issue by delivering it, running ads pato pay for its printing, or writing things to make it worth opening.

MTC: Diana Boswell reported that the arrangements for the **Federal Election Meet the Candidates** night are in hand, most if not all candidates will be present, all Wamboin & Bywong people welcome: Thursday 2 May, 7.30 pm, Wamboin Community Hall.

The WCA meets on the 3rd Tuesday of each month (except January) at 7:30 pm at the Wamboin Community Hall, 112 Bingley Way, Wamboin. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 21 May 2019. All welcome.

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

16 April 2019 Annual General Meeting

The AGM was chaired by Vice-President, Jenny Richards, as the President was unable to attend the meeting. She provided a comprehensive report on the WCA's and broader Wamboin community's activities and achievements throughout the year past.

The meeting agreed to *Whisper* editor, Ned Noel's, proposal (that had the endorsement of the WCA Committee) for increases in *Whisper* advertising fees, the first such increase in five years.

Lofty Mason conducted the election of the WCA's office bearers and general committee members. In his opening remarks, Lofty indicated that this will probably be the last time he fills the Returning Officer role. The meeting thanked him for his many years of outstanding service to the Association, and broader community, in many different capacities.

Elected were Peter Evans (President), Jenny Richards (Vice-president), Keith France (Treasurer), David McDonald (Secretary) and Diana Boswell & Samantha Urquhart (general members).

The meeting expressed its thanks to John van der Straaten for his many years of service on the Committee, including as the WCA's long-term secretary. The chairperson pointed out that the Committee needs additional general members, and called for Wamboin community members to volunteer for this role. - David McDonald, Hon. Secretary, Wamboin Community Association, Inc.



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Over a hundred Bywong and Wamboin residents work together each month to add one more feature to life out here. The 50+ individuals and families listed below donate time to drive, bicycle, run or walk down roads to put a Whisper in each mailbox. Another 30 or 40 business owners, most of them local, pay real money to run an ad in it. And 30 or so individuals take time to come up with worthwhile words to fill its pages with articles or invitations of interest to residents. So, for one more month, we did it again, thanks to 100 or so people.

As of the June 2018 issue, after almost 5 years, Instant Colour Press raised printing costs for the Whisper by about 10%. For example, to print 1,319 copies, for a 28 page, Whisper costs, went \$1,319 up from to \$1,441. The Wamboin Community Association, which owns the Whisper, tries to price ads at a level which is as low as possible. This is to be available to local and other businesses serving the community, but high enough to cover printing costs. Hopefully with a little leftover to use for used for community projects which are generally discussed and voted on at the monthly community meetings. The price rise has made it fairly clear that even to cover printing costs, ad prices have to go up by about 10%. So, in two months, as of the July 2018 Whisper, prices for a 1/8 A4 page ad will go up from \$22 to \$24, for 1/6 page from \$27 to \$29, for 1/4 page from \$33 to \$35, for 1/3 page \$44 to \$47, for 1/2 from from \$65 to \$70, and for a full A4 page from \$130 to \$140. The only way to pay for printing is ad revenue, so every paid ad is appreciated. Hopefully residents will look favorably toward the advertisers offerings.

The third generous set of contributing residents, along with deliverers and advertisers, are those who spend time to write the articles, announcements and invitations that complete making this a community owned and produced newspaper. If you enjoy what one of them writes, think about thanking her or him, as it is the only pay he or she will ever receive for this work. They add one more experience to life out here. Remember also that all residents are urged to come up with content for the Whisper, as your thoughts will make it more complete. What you write should relate to living in Wamboin or Bywong. If it promotes your own business, think of running it as a paid ad. But mainly, know that you are invited. – Ned Noel, volunteer editor on behalf of the Wamboin Community Assn.

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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

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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 (Weeroona to Hilltop+Wirndra)	23	Phil Leeson&Coleen Fogarty	Norton Rd (Campbell to Bingley)	32

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Lesley Page	Valley View Ln	4	Deb Gordon	Yalana East	45
Colleen Foster	B'dore Rd to Nrtn Rd	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			

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Robyn Elsom	Denley Dr (Sth End to 429)	15	Rhonda&Neville Parnell	Denley Dr (Birchmans to 1/2 way to end)	26
Don Malcolmson	Macs Reef Rd (Denley to Gum Flat)	7	Cheryl Warnock	Macs Reef Rd (Newington to Bankers)	11
Connie & Hans Bachor	Dnly Dr to Macs Rf Rd incl Bchm Gr	35	Daryl Bourke	Harriot Rd	28
Nora Stewart	Rovere Ln	7	Sandra Favre	Newington Rd	20
Carol & Clive Boughton	Macs Reef Rd (Bankers to Fed Hwy)	33	Joan Milner	Birriwa Rd plus Macs Rf Rd to Harriott	31
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			

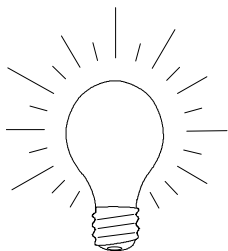
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Chris Fowler	Millyn Rd	20	David Featherston	B'doreRd frm SmHill to&nclgdCrkBRd	26
Sue Aunella	Brooks Rd	24	Leigh & Derek Morris	Wyoming & Doust Rds	36
Kerrie Gougeon	B'dore Rd (CreekB to Fed Hwy)	32			

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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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From the Corner

Permissible Land Uses—Well, I did say that the subject of ancillary land uses could become confusing at times. Based on some of the feedback I received in relation to last month’s piece, it was no exception, so let’s take a step back and look at the bigger picture of permissible land uses.

A few months back, I discussed the role of local government in land use planning. With the introduction of Planning Scheme Ordinances (PSOs) in 1945, and more recently Local Environmental Plans (LEPs) under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979, the activities that can be carried out on any particular piece of land have generally been controlled by local councils. Land uses, however, are not arbitrarily defined in individual LEPs. The Standard Instrument (SI), the template upon which all NSW LEPs are based, includes a dictionary that defines the specific land uses that may be referred to in any LEP.

As with any plan, there are advantages and disadvantages in providing an explicit list from which items must be selected. A significant motivation in the present case is the standardisation of descriptions across all LEPs, to facilitate their higher-level administration. One of the disadvantages, however, is that such a dictionary can create difficulties and lead to confusion in dealing with ‘more unusual’ land uses.

Land use zoning is one of the tools provided within an LEP to help define areas with common land use or amenity characteristics. Within the Standard Instrument, the characteristics of any particular area are defined broadly through the [largely standardised] objectives defined for a predefined set of individual land use zones. These predefined land use zones can then be ‘customised’ within any particular LEP to include those land uses, selected from the SI dictionary, that are considered appropriate in any given area. The Land Use Table within a zone definition lists land uses as either permitted or prohibited, and in the former category either permitted with or without consent, depending on whether or not an activity is subject to formal council approval.

Several issues arise as a result of this process. One is the need to identify prospective land uses with one of the predefined entries in the dictionary. If there’s no specific definition for a particular land use, a decision must ultimately be made with respect to which description within the dictionary most closely describes the intended land use, and then whether or not this land use would be permitted in the area in question. The observant reader will note the opportunity this approach might provide for ‘creative interpretation’ of permitted land uses.

As a general example, consider the description of a “dwelling”—“a room or suite of rooms occupied or used or so constructed or adapted as to be capable of being occupied or used as a separate domicile”. Accepting the legal nature of an LEP, this might seem pretty straightforward, but the question of when a building might be considered a “dwelling”, “dwelling house”, “bed and breakfast accommodation”, “farm stay accommodation”, a “group home”, or a “rural worker’s dwelling”, amongst other options, or might accommodate “home-based child care” a “home business”, “home industry” or “home occupations” (all individual entries in the SI dictionary) might not be immediately obvious.

The issue of ancillary uses is related to the different uses to which an individual development could be put. The distinction is perhaps a little more subtle in rural areas such as ours, where the principal use of the land is generally residential in nature, but the amenity of the area is more related to the various rural uses to which the majority of the land area is put. Given the relatively small (in a rural context) size of the properties involved, there will invariably be a range of rural land uses practiced in any given area—generally the various forms of plant and animal agriculture, however they might be described—although they will not generally be practiced on a commercial scale, whether or not they actually generate income.

The issue then is really more a question of when a particular use crosses the boundary from being an ancillary, or secondary use—a genuine hobby-scale exercise that is more related to the existence of a residence than any formal business—and thus does not require formal council approval, to being a so-called dominant use or commercial venture in its own right that must then independently conform to formal planning controls.

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

Permissible Land Uses (April 2019) Ancillary Land Uses (March, 2019) Development Applications (August, 2015)

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Wamboin Muse

Jill Gregory

School holidays, Easter and ANZAC day are behind us and it almost feels as if it is time to pull up the drawbridge, light the fire and settle into a comfy chair with a pile of books at your elbow to face winter. But there's precious little water in the moat and it still looks like autumn outside.

Many Easters ago after a very wet February when we'd had so much rain that I gave up checking the rain gauge, we dug a hole in the softened ground for a fish pond and planted two tiny Chinese pistachios. I was very much into planting anything with the prefix "Chinese" at that time because they seemed especially hardy. The fish pond became a reality and for a long time, until the pump expired, we had the soothing sound of falling water, and four frenetic fish to spark our interest. We even had frogs and tadpoles in residence.....and kangaroos, birds and lizards shared the water. Every autumn the pond was carpeted with golden leaves and those not scooped out fell to the bottom and "sludged". I never needed to feed the fish. The pistachio trees survived but with scant enthusiasm. However, with each autumn there were a few more scarlet leaves. This year they have outdone themselves. They have not only grown but held on to their leaves and are nothing short of stunning; a brash, bold statement against the soft grey green of the bush. My garden, and beyond, never ceases to amaze me. Some plants just hang on, while a few flourish and others curl up their toes without ceremony.

I was obviously not alone in thinking about winter hibernation. With the first frost a pair of mice decided that it was time to come inside. They thought they had the guest room to themselves, but were mistaken. They weren't the only Easter visitors. Sadly, for them, that nest won't come to fruition. My lone pumpkin has reached the end of its road, and my two tomato plants, self sown and planted out far too late, have yielded a handful of flavour but that will be all. The birds are still beautiful, varied and abundant....but hungry.... and they're not impressed. The bird seed ran out before I had time to replace it and I've offered hulled sunflower seeds, pearl barley, popping corn and even flaxseeds....an Omega 3 superfood.... but they are clearly insulted. They've gone back to the chook yard.

And while I'm looking at autumn leaves and slowing down with the season, the outside world is trying to generate excitement over election promises made with broad smiles and disingenuous handshakes, opinion polls that become meaningless overnight, endless babble, and questions that are answered with, "The reality is.....".

I think I'll just stick with my reality for the moment.....I wouldn't live anywhere else.

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