

# The Whisper

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Well the big dry continues with just under half our average rainfall falling again from the skies for the month of October. It's a slow decline with month on month not reaching our averages. Interestingly in 1976 we received 161mm (month average is around 60mm) and the following year the driest with only 2.4mm. 2019 is currently the fifth driest year so far from local records. This year, we have had around 350mm, with our long term average to October being around 490mm. Interestingly we only had 280mm to this month in 2018. As I write there is a forecasted weekend of rain for the beginning of November with a hope of 20-30mm that will be very welcome on our parched landscape and water tanks. This week I bought our second truck load of water after being here in utopia for 11 years (first one was a water leak).

**Christmas Carols** – So from the date of publication of this issue, it will be just over 7 weeks until the big red guy makes a visit on the rooftops. So start rehearsing for the annual Wamboin Community Carols Night. This year it is on the 6th of December at 7:00 pm. More details are included in this month's Whisper and remember everyone sounds good singing a Christmas carol (and still no Mariah Carey songs please). For any children wanting to act in the play, this could be your first step to a part in Home and Away. Admission to the event is a gift under the Christmas tree for the Salvation Army people to take to someone less fortunate.

**Mailbox and Gate Decoration-** The Wonderful Women of Wamboin are back with the 2019 Christmas Gate and Mailbox Decorating Competition. There will two prizes, one for best mailbox and one for best entrance. Last year's winners were fantastic and we are looking forward to this year's submissions. The winners of each category will receive a \$150 hamper donated by the Wamboin Community Association and the Bywong Community Association. Winners will be announced at Wamboin Markets on the 21 December at 10.30am. Let's get that community spirit happening and those creative juices flowing. All households that receive a Whisper in the letterbox are eligible to enter. Further details in this edition of the Whisper.

**Home Produce Market** – is back in full swing. The next market is on Saturday 16 November 2019 in the Wamboin Community Hall, 9.00 am 'til noon. Come along to our market to enjoy a variety of stalls, including lots of fresh fruit & vegies, healthy juices, Lou's fabulous famous coffee, egg & bacon rolls, jewellery, cards, lollies, dried fruits & nuts, cakes, sausage rolls, quiches, craft, knitting, preserves, and more. You may even find that stocking filler for Christmas. The Fire Shed will also be open, and members of the Wamboin RFS will be in attendance to answer any questions you may have relating to preparing for the fire season.

**Spring Talks** – Our October talk was the always popular "Snake Talk" with Belinda Hogarth Boyd from Wildcare. A good crowd came along to hear myths busted, how to avoid being bitten and first aid if things happen to you or a pet that should not. A big thanks to Belinda and Wildcare for helping our residents learn about staying safe. The last of our Spring talks this month we will have Neville Plumb the QPRC Team Leader Biosecurity Weeds speaking on local weed identification and he will bring along examples to help you spot them on your piece of utopia. Even better bring some of your own in a plastic bag for identification. The Spring talk will be on Tuesday November 19<sup>th</sup> from 7.30pm.

**Wheels of Wamboin 2020** – pencil in the diaries for Saturday April 19<sup>th</sup> 2020.

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

**Bush dance** – As the drought gets worse we will be having a fundraising bush dance to raise funds to go to a number of drought and farmer assistance charities. It will held in March 2020 and we have booked the Paverty Bush band for the night. Keep your eye out for further details and how to book a ticket.

**Table Tennis** – Every Thursday evening table tennis is on at the Wamboin Community Hall between 6 & 8 p.m.

**WCA Monthly General Meeting** –The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 19 November 2019 at 7.30 pm at the Wamboin Community Hall. *We are Wamboin!* ~ Peter Evans - President.

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## Bywong Community Association News – November 2019

**Bywong Boffins** discussion, Thursday 21 November at 7.30 at the Bywong Hall. Do you want to learn how to reduce your electricity costs? We'll have tips on what to look for if you want to choose a new energy provider and how to reduce the amount of energy you use in your home. Come along to hear new ideas and contribute your own experiences to the discussion.

**Bywong Christmas Gathering:** Friday 6 December 2019, from 6pm at the Hall. ALL are welcome – come on your own or bring the family along. We'll provide finger food and soft drinks, BYO festive tipples. We hope you'll join us for this low-key opportunity to meet new and old acquaintances from the local area, to be part of *Bringing Bywong Together!*.

Show off your creativity with your entry for the Wamboin and Bywong **Christmas Decorating Competition** coordinated by the Wonderful Women of Wamboin. There are two prizes up for grabs: **Best mailbox and Best entrance**, with prize hampers provided by the Bywong and Wamboin Community Associations. Send a photo of your creation, along with your name, address and phone number to: [WWOW.XmasDecoratingComp@gmail.com](mailto:WWOW.XmasDecoratingComp@gmail.com) by the deadline of 8pm Sunday 15 December. Winners will be announced at the Wamboin Markets on 21 December at 10.30am.

BCA invites nominations for the inaugural **Bywong Young Community Supporter and Young Achiever Awards**, to be presented at the Christmas Gathering on Friday 6 December. See the BCA website for more details. Don't forget the **Littlish Library** next to the Bywong Hall. No membership required, just take home an interesting looking book and donate one of your own in return.

**Recycle Right.** To make sure your recycling can be fully used and not be rejected to landfill, follow the Recycle Right tips at <https://www.tccs.act.gov.au/recyclopaedia/recycle-right>

**National Recycling Week** runs from 11-17 November. With talks, tours, workshops and exhibitions there is plenty of inspiration for everyone this National Recycling Week. Visit the sustainable packaging exhibition, book an exclusive behind the scenes tour or up-skill with a workshop. Details at: <https://www.tccs.act.gov.au/recyclopaedia/national-recycling-week>

A reminder to register your interest in the **Wamboin, Bywong and Sutton Region (WBSR) fibre optic network project**. For more information and to sign up/register your interest, go to the WBSR fibre network project website: <https://sites.google.com/site/wamboincommunications/home>.

Keep in touch with BCA 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.

-Mike Wilkins, President, Bywong Community Association, 0417-458-320, Email: [president@bywongcommunity.org.au](mailto:president@bywongcommunity.org.au)



#Recycle Right is a new region-wide campaign asking us to make some simple changes to our recycling routines. It is essential that we have clean recyclables that can be sent off for remanufacturing in Australia and overseas. This information is taken from the #Recycle Right webpage at <https://www.tccs.act.gov.au/recyclopaedia/recycle-right>.

- ONLY recycle:**
  - Hard plastic bottles and containers with the symbols 1,2,3 or 5
  - Glass bottles and jars, Steel and aluminium cans, Paper and cardboard
- NO Soft Plastics**
  - NO soft plastics, including bags, plastic wrapping, chip packets and bread bags
  - NO degradable nor biodegradable plastic bags – these belong in the landfill bin
- NO Small ItemsL.** Put NOTHING smaller than a credit card into your recycling bin, this includes:
  - Drink bottle lids (including milk bottle lids) [Keep them for Lids 4 Kids collections]
  - Bread tags and Bottle Tops
- Keep it Safe**  
NO strapping line, hose, netting, wires, building materials, broken glass, chemicals and other hazardous materials.
- Keep it Clean:** Rinse or wipe out your containers of any excess food, drink etc.
  - NO food scraps, NO nappies, NO soiled paper or cardboard, NO general waste
- Keep it LooseL.** **DON'T** bag or box your recyclables.

Author Catherine Bird

# Key herbs for LAMINITIS support



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Copyright: Catherine Bird, who is also the author of a Healthy Horse the Natural Way, has been an equine natural therapist for 27 years working closely with Country Park Animal Herbs for over 13 years offering advice to their clients.

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## Apps - Which Ones Do I Use?



There are a number of apps available for your smart device. The RFS recommends Fires Near Me, but there are others also available. Remember any communication device or service is not 100% guaranteed especially when bushfires occur so you should use these only as a tool. Consider a portable AM/FM radio as part of your “tools” where you can generally get major fire updates from the ABC. Most “Apps” will show “out of control” once an incident is listed on the system. Until the incident is investigated and contained or managed, it will remain that way.

There may be slight delays in app information being updated especially if there are many incidents at once. “Under control” or “being controlled” means exactly that. Many incidents will remain listed like that for some time, even weeks. Due to weather conditions, it is possible that an incident will change back to the original alert level or even higher rating. The RFS website also shows active fires in NSW, so consider installing a shortcut on your home page so you can go directly to their site.

## USEFUL LINKS AND CONTACT INFORMATION:

- Wamboin Rural Fire Brigade**      <http://brigade.wamboincommunity.asn.au>
- NSW Rural Fire Service**      [www.rfs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au)
- Wamboin Brigade Captain**      [wamboincaptain@gmail.com](mailto:wamboincaptain@gmail.com) or 0409 991 340
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**The 2019 Christmas Decorating Competition**

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Deadline: 8pm Sunday 15 December

Winners announced:  
Wamboin Markets 21 December 10.30am

Prize hampers funded by both Bywong and Wamboin Community Associations

Coordinated by the Wonderful Women of Wamboin

## Wamboin Community Carols Night

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

The night features carol singing ably supported by local music group Poetry in Motion, the telling of the Christmas story (in its rather unique style), a BBQ (gold coin donation which also goes to the Salvos), and of course the arrival of Santa to distribute gift bags to the children. The date for this extravaganza is 6th December 2019 at 7:00 pm sharp at the Community Hall in Bingley Way. So please come along and enjoy yourselves. Parents of children wishing to perform in the Christmas Play are invited (PLEASE) to ring Jenny Richards on **6238 1329** as soon as possible to organize parts.

## Final WCA Spring Talk for 2019 Tuesday 19 Nov 7.30pm Wamboin Hall: WEEDS

Neville Plumb, Team Leader Biosecurity Weeds, Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council, will talk about problematic plants that we may find flourishing on our land. He will bring along some pest plants to help us identify what we have growing that could be a problem, and will briefly talk about the Biosecurity Act. Come along and ask questions and hear what we need to know about responsibly managing our land. Afterward catch up with neighbours, old and new, over nibbles etc. Further details contact Kathy Handel on 6238-3596.



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## The Wonderful Women of Wamboin

Gail Ritchie Knight

No, we haven't run away. The Wonderful Women of Wamboin (WWOW) still get together once a week over a cuppa, catching up with friends, sharing news, listening to the tales of our intrepid travellers. Some of us live alone, others care for elderly and/or invalid family members. Some of us have volunteer commitments in town. Whatever is happening in our lives, often the one constant is WWOW, week in week out.

Last month we had the chance to listen to Elaine Lollback, Co-ordinator, St Benedicts Community Centre in Queanbeyan. She spoke of a Sleep Bus she plans to purchase through donations. Since June this year she has already raised about \$80,000 of the \$100,000 required.

A Sleep Bus provides a safe sleeping place for the homeless. At 8pm every night the bus will arrive at a designated spot and on a first come, first served basis will house up to 20 people. At 8am everyone departs and the bus is taken away for cleaning. Sleeping pods are installed with lockable doors, toilets and bed linen. They can provide space for single people, couples, families, even pets. The bus will have a caretaker throughout the entire night and security guards will patrol regularly.

Elaine first heard of sleep buses operating in Melbourne and has been working closely with the founder to set up one in the Queanbeyan/Palerang region. For more information go to [sleepbus.org](http://sleepbus.org) or Sleep Bus Queanbeyan on Facebook.

Once again WWOW will organise the Christmas Decorating Competition. It's a great community activity and we look forward to seeing many residents in the region participate. For more information see the notice elsewhere in this edition of the Whisper.

All women are welcome. We meet at St Andrew's church, corner of Norton and Poppet Roads, Wamboin on Mondays 10 am-noon. For more information contact Gail Ritchie Knight 0416 097 500 [whirlwind1@argonite.com.au](mailto:whirlwind1@argonite.com.au).

### WAMBOIN WEATHER: (rainfall and temperature records)

#### 44 years from Cooper Road by Christine Rieber

##### October Rainfall Stats

October rainfall to the 27<sup>th</sup> ..... 21.75mm  
 2019 total rainfall to 27/10 ..... 324.25mm

##### November Rainfall Stats

2018 November rainfall..... 78.25mm  
 Wettest November..... 175.5mm in 2010  
 Wettest day..... 77mm on 19/11/86  
 Driest November..... 0mm in 1982

##### November Temperature Stats

Hottest November day... 39°C on 27/11/97  
 Hottest November night.... 22°C 26/11/02

Average day temperature..... 22.1°C  
 Warmest November ..... 1982 and 2009  
 82 (Av. day temp. 26.8°C & night 12.5°C)  
 09 (Av. day temp. 26.2°C & night 12.7°C)

Rainfall totals for the eight driest years (<500mm) and, subtotals to the end of October as well as the totals for November and December, and 2019 for comparison. The totals for the previous and following years are also provided.



Average October rainfall..... 58.3mm  
 2018 October rainfall..... 25.75mm  
 2018 total rainfall to 27/10..... 293.0mm  
 43yr Av. to end of October ..... 549.5mm

Average November rainfall..... 77.5mm  
 Average no. rain days in November... 9.7  
 Highest no. rain days..... 19 in 1992  
 Lowest no. rain days..... 0 in 1982

Av. Nov temp... 16.1°C (day+night comb.)  
 Coldest November day..... 9°C (2 times)  
 on 11 & 12/11/13  
 Coldest Nov. night..... -1°C on 1/11/16  
 Average night temperature..... 10.1°C  
 Coldest November ..... 1992  
 Av. day temp. 18.8°C & nights 8.5°C  
 (lowest) (lowest 6.5°C in 13)  
 Nov. 2018. Av. max 24.6°C & min 9.5°C

	Year (decreasing rainfall to the right)							
	1979	1994	2018	2002	2006	2004	1982	2019
End Oct.	401	348.5	293	412.5	402.75	286.5	326.5	<b>324</b>
Nov & Dec	98	125.5	174.5	47.5	56.25	149.5	37.5	
Total (year)	499	474	467.5	460	459	436	364	
Prev. year	(78)961	(93)776	(17)522	(01)520	(05)675	(03)584	(81)893	(18)468
Follow. year	(80)564	(95)870	<b>(19)324*</b>	(03)584	(07)585	(05)675	(83)958	

Note The 43 year average for November and December combined is 142mm.  
 December 1979 and November 1982 both had zero rainfall.  
 \* 2019 to the end of October

## Wamboin Golf – October 2019

Sunday, 6 October. By now even the sceptics reckon there's something in the IPCC's call on climate change. (Cynics think it's a scam to sell more windmills and photo voltaic cells at the expense of our peerless fossil fuels.) The kids are convinced. Under the leadership of Ms Greta Thunberg they're all giving up school, concerned that their childhood's been stolen and they have no future. Your correspondent predicts a glittering future for Ms Thunberg in public life. Probably not in the performing arts – she appears to be a chronic over-actor and clearly unsuitable for those *Scandi Noir* movies pioneered by another famous Swede, Ingmar Bergman, where the cast stands around for 120 minutes gazing soulfully over windswept fjords and not saying much. Anyway, climate was very much on the minds of the region's golfers as they saddled up on a hot – one might say unseasonably hot - day to contest the Oktoberfest Medal sponsored by Sir Kenneth and Lady Deborah Gordon to whom we direct prodigious thanks for the prizes and the eats (all cooked by Madz). The sponsors having declared the comp would be determined on stroke play, we loaded extra water and rations in the Bushmasters, ASLAVs and half-tracks and set off across the burning sands into the blue, thinking of T E Lawrence and his seven pillars of wisdom.

Back at Wadi 19 as the captain checked the cards, we asked ourselves whether scientists, in alerting us to the climate problem, had done only half the job. What about giving us the solution? And don't just say "reduce greenhouse gas". Tell us how to do it. Surely the people who gave us penicillin, the atom bomb, WD 40 and Post-it notes can find the answer? Here's a few suggestions from the 19<sup>th</sup> hole: 1. an aerosol spray that returns carbon dioxide to its constituent parts. We breathe the oxygen and the carbon precipitates out as toasted marshmallows, rocky road and chocolate-coated peanuts. Note: avoid the use of CFCs as propellant; 2. All ocean-going vessels to drag sacrificial anodes which attract and eat plastics and burp oxygen; 3. Special Water Pills which produce H<sub>2</sub>O molecules in inverse proportion to their mass (just add water). Simple! It's a wonder the pointy heads haven't sorted this out. What's the CSIRO for?

The captain introduced our guest, local pyro technician, Stan Wellback. Ted Evans sent his best wishes from Queanbeyan. The googly ball was awarded to Joan Mason for providing the protective milk crates on the six tees at the Masonic Lodge. The dummy spit went to serial complainant, Vicki Still. The encouragement award was claimed by Karen Thompson – to encourage her to learn to score properly. The junior nine hole comp winner was Robert Thompson with 47 strokes off the stick for a net 32. LD and NTP ball winners were Tim Barter 3, Vicki Still 3, Joan Mason, Paul Griffin and Pete Harrison. The senior nine hole comp winner was Joan Mason 41/29 from David Thompson 63/31 and Larry King 3<sup>rd</sup> OCB 47/35. The senior 18 hole comp winner was Pete Harrison 87/60 from Vicki Still 83/61 and Tim Barter 3<sup>rd</sup> 71/63. Well done all players!

Next month is November, but those who went to school know that. The November comp is a special day in the Wamboin golfing calendar – it's the Wamboin Open. Join us at the community hall in Bingley Way at 12.15pm on Sunday, 3 November to see if you can get your name on the honour board. Play will start at 12.30pm sharp. - Larry King, golfer

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## Nature Notes October 2019

Jo Walker

With temperatures above average for most of the month, very little rain and a few extremely windy days, the landscape is continuing to dry out. It feels more like mid-summer than spring some days, doesn't it?

There's not a lot in flower, but large bushes of *Pomaderris angustifolia* along Sutton Road towards Queanbeyan are bearing lots of cream flowers. They have an attractive scent but it may not last for long because of the dryness and heat. I have several of the local species of *Pomaderris* planted here, as well as a large patch of *P. angustifolia* growing here naturally and their flowering period has been very short this year.

So far there have been very few of the small herbaceous plants flowering. I've only seen about twenty *Wurmbea dioica* (Early Nancy) flowering on my place and the Creamy Candles (*Stackhousia monogyna*) haven't flowered at all. Daisies are doing a bit better. The white *Leucochrysum albicans* are flowering well along several roadsides in Wamboin and the tiny yellow button flowers of *Triptilodiscus pygmaeus* are visible in grassy areas. One plant that has done very well is *Comesperma volubile* (Love Vine). This is a delicate twining plant that can cover quite large shrubs sometimes. It has small but profuse bright blue flowers. I had one appear here a few years ago and there are eight of them now dispersed amongst bushes at the top of the hill.

Although the number of lizards seems to have declined here over the last few years, I've moved a few off the road recently. A large Bearded Dragon often tempts fate by sitting at the edge of our road – or sometimes on it. And a large Blue-tongued Lizard was on the track down to the road last week, the same day that I saw a Brown Snake crossing the road. There were two large Cunningham's Skinks sunning themselves side by side on a log here recently and a young one spent the day under the carport.

I haven't seen any bird nests here this year or any young birds so far. There was one noisy young Sulphur-crested Cockatoo begging for food from one of its parents, but it was as large as the adult bird.

Insects are still scarce, but there were some small moths dead on the surface of the dam recently and a male Leaden Flycatcher was flitting over the dam and dropping low enough to just skim the water to retrieve a food morsel.

The Meat Ants are continuing to do well and their large nests have all been visited by hungry Echidnas – some ending up with cavernous diggings in them.

I hadn't seen a Wombat here for some time, but a healthy-looking one trundled across the hill opposite the house a few weeks ago – not sure if it was the one that was here last year but it was good to see it.



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## Bird Of The Month

By Luke Downey

For November, I chose the Brown Thornbill, a common species that has nested in our garden this year.

### Brown Thornbill (*Acanthiza pusilla*)

Size: 10cm

Status: Common breeding resident

The Brown Thornbill is a small bird that is mainly brown in colouration, but is paler underneath, with dark streaks on the chest and forehead. Brown Thornbills tend to be found singly or in pairs and not associate with mixed species flocks, foraging in low vegetation for small insects and sometimes fruit. The Brown Thornbills at our place have nested in our garden and had 3 babies which they have raised successfully. Their nest is a small dome with a hole on the side for the entrance, typically built inside a dense shrub. Unfortunately in previous years their nest has been destroyed by the Pied Currawongs which like to eat eggs and other baby birds. This year they remained safe within the rosemary bush. Brown Thornbills often make harsh chirping noises and their alarm call is a harsh “zit-zit-zit-zit” repeated many times.

They are very common in most gardens with shrubs and frequent bird baths.

The Striated Thornbill (*Acanthiza lineata*) is similar to the Brown Thornbill in size, but have a rufous-brown rump, brown back (not olive), and reddish head and Striated Thornbills are found in flocks in the treetops. (Photo from Google images)




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## A Short Story Picturing What Life is Like for Many Farmers Now

By Karyn Thompson, Norton Road

### Chapter 2 (Chapter 1 is in the October 2019 Wamboin Whisper)

I hear him stir, but pretend to be asleep. I know he is worried about us, the farm, money, stock, but he won't talk to me. The drought has got to him.

He gets up out of bed and walks towards the door and opens it. I really don't know what to do.

He scared me the other morning – he took the gun. I thought he was going to shoot a cow so we could eat, but he walked straight past them and kept on going. I watched him until he was no longer in sight. All day I was listening for that noise - my ears on high alert.

I kept busy during the day cleaning, but boy it's hard with the dust – it just gets everywhere. It's a never ending battle. It was dusk and Pete still wasn't home.

I fed the kids dinner and left Pete's in the fridge. I try and bulk up the meals now but it's hard – we haven't grown our own vegies as there is no water, and what we do have doesn't last long.

I cleared the table and the kids asked were dad was. I told him out looking after the cows – what else can I tell them? The kids went to bed and Pete still wasn't home. I wanted to scream. I looked over at the pile of letters on the table – mostly bills, and shook my head – nobody understands - I grabbed them and threw them against the wall. I sat there and just cried.

I composed myself and headed for bed. I undressed and slide under the cold sheets and reached for Pete. I laid there, and the deep dark thoughts started to come. It seemed like hours with these thoughts, tears streaming down my face.

Then I heard the door open and then shut. I quickly wiped away my tears. Pete climbs into bed and gives me a quick hug. I wrap my arms around him not wanting to let him go. He kisses my face and my lips – his face is wet and I can tell he has been crying. I'm not a religious person, but I thanked god that night.

I hop out of bed and put my dressing gown on. I've lost weight. I tell the kids I'm not hungry, but really, I could eat for a week. I always make sure Pete and the kids are fed. I have what's left.

I walk through the house and wonder if the kids are awake. I often hear them talking to each other, but don't want to interrupt – they only have each other out here.

I open the door and see Pete on the porch. I walk up to him and put my arms around him. He has lost weight too. His hands move on mine.

He takes a deep breath in – I can tell he has been crying. "You alright love" I ask him. "Yeah" he says

I know he is lying.

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## Wamboin and Bywong's 'Wallaby Drives'

By David McDonald

During the 1880s, and subsequently, it seems that 'Wallaby Drives' were a popular sport among some of the leading men of the district. I imagine that most readers of *The Whisper* would recoil at the thought of shooting kangaroos and wallabies for sport, but it seems that people did so then, mimicking the cruel traditions of the fox hunt in the Colony's mother country.

The *Goulburn Evening Penny Post*, Tuesday 25 October 1881, page 4, <https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/102821762#> has a typical report. It first dealt with a hunt at the Mulloon: 'GRAND WALLABY HUNT—On last Saturday one of the most successful day's raid against marsupials that ever took place in this part of the country came off at the Mulloon, Messrs. John Chinnery and Wm. Scott being the promoters of the sport; the place where all were to meet being at our old veteran friend's, Mr. Mc Fadgen, and at 9.30. a general move was made by both drivers and shooters to the hunting grounds; the drivers being under the able management of Messrs Scott and Chinnery, whilst the shooters were placed in position by Master C. Scott, and each drive was so well managed that not the slightest bungling occurred. Each shooter having plenty of sport, and all being cautioned as to the manner in which they should fire, not the slightest approach of accident happened. The early part of the morning was very cold, but towards midday the weather was delightful. There were 17 guns and about 40 drivers. The total number of wallabies and kangaroos shot reached the high figure of 476, or exactly an average of 28 to each shooter. At one o'clock all were invited by our worthy hosts to lunch...At the conclusion of the sport, Mr. N. Powell said that this was without doubt the best day's hunt he had had, and on behalf of those present thanked Messrs. Scott and Chinnery for the sport given them, and now called for three cheers for them, which were given with a right good will. A general move was then made for home, everybody being delighted with the day's outing.'


The article went on to describe another hunt held at 'Creekborough', the property that spraddled the Macs Reef/Bungendore Road intersection:

'Another wallaby drive took place on the same day at Mr. Walkers', over the range near Bungendore, and resulted in 700 marsupials being destroyed. There were 20 shooters and about the same number of drivers, the former being captained by master John Leahy, Mr. Frank Smith doing a similar duty for the drivers. Mr. Richard Walker was top scorer with 22, Mr. Wm. Sparrow coming next with 13. There were only 4 breech-loaders amongst them, which, no doubt, accounted for the moderate score. We hear that Mr. Walker provided a capital spread, and nearly 50 persons partook of his hospitality.'


Sometimes, things did not go according to plans. The 7 August 1883 issue of the same paper, page 4, reports on a hunt in the south-eastern part of Wamboin/Bywong:

'WALLABY DRIVE—On last Saturday Messrs. Burke and Powell had a drive on their ground over the range. There were ten guns and twelve drivers, but the number of wallabies destroyed were very small; only 31 scalps having been secured. Mr. J. Leahy, Junr., being highest scorer with nine. Although the wallabies were pretty numerous still the drivers could not hunt them towards the shooters, as they kept constantly breaking back past the drivers. An excellent spread was prepared for all, which was most acceptable. During one of the drives Master B. Leahy had the misfortune of being struck with a grain of shot on the third finger, which went in a good distance, and still remains embedded in the flesh.' (Source: <https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/110071338#>)

Many other, similar, articles can be accessed via the National Library's Trove, from that era, referring to our area. All describe the 'wallaby drives' in terms of sport, not culling as a tool for macropod population management, nor for obtaining skins or meat for use or sale. Although today kangaroo shooting remains controversial, at least (with rare and abhorrent exceptions) people no longer boast about killing our wildlife for sport.



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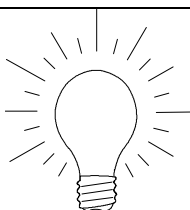
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## Wamboin Community Association – Snake Talk

A big thank you to the WCA for hosting a snake talk – just in time for the first sightings of the season! Some great questions and genuine care for our scaly critters – I am always heartened with the good will of people towards these misunderstood creatures. After the presentation, there were many great questions and discussions and I wanted to share the this with everyone including people who were not able to attend.

### Q. I understand the need to manage vermin, but don't baits poison other things?

A. To manage vermin, rather than baits remove the food source for the mice. You can do this by:

- Storing animal feed in metal rubbish bins – to stop the mice eating into the feed bag.
- Regularly shovelling out the chook shed to remove uneaten seed which attracts mice.
- Using a chicken feeder – check out:
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  - <https://www.backyardchickencoops.com.au/>
  - <https://www.greeningofgavin.com/2013/05/new-chicken-feeders.html>
  - These are all great ways to stop poisoning of other critters.

### Q. I have a snake (or two) living in my retaining wall. Should I pull it down?

A. I encourage people to take a risk-based approach to resident snakes. Firstly, do you have kids or pets? What is the actual risk? I encourage people to discuss Snake Safety with their children – they need to know what to do as this takes away the fear. The key point is, if kids get bitten to sit and wait – mum will come looking for you when you don't come home for dinner. The First Aid Technique is 'Pressure and Immobilise' – if you don't have a bandage press on the wound and immobilise – sit and wait. If the risks can be reasonably managed, then there isn't a need to pull down the retaining wall. Manage the risks by ensuring that everyone in the household knows Snake Safety – and if you all know where it usually lives then we know to take care.

### Q. Are the snakes suffering in the drought? (I loved this question!)

A. Yes, snakes can go weeks without food but they still need water. You can help them out by putting out a shallow dish of water away from the house – terracotta plants saucers are great as they don't tip over when they drink. Putting out water will also reduce the need for snakes to come close to the house looking for it. 😊

Thanks again for the wonderful WCA welcome!

- Belinda Hogarth-Boyd, Snake Coordinator - Wildcare



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These same volunteers plus others including some of our RFS volunteers were responsible for the planting in the Firefighters' Memorial Grove, the correas surrounding the playground and the grasses in the drain on the edge of the carpark. These plants were well-watered initially but once established, were left on their own with only an occasional watering. The fact that these plants have survived and most are thriving despite the current drought is proof that planting the right plants in the right position leads to success.

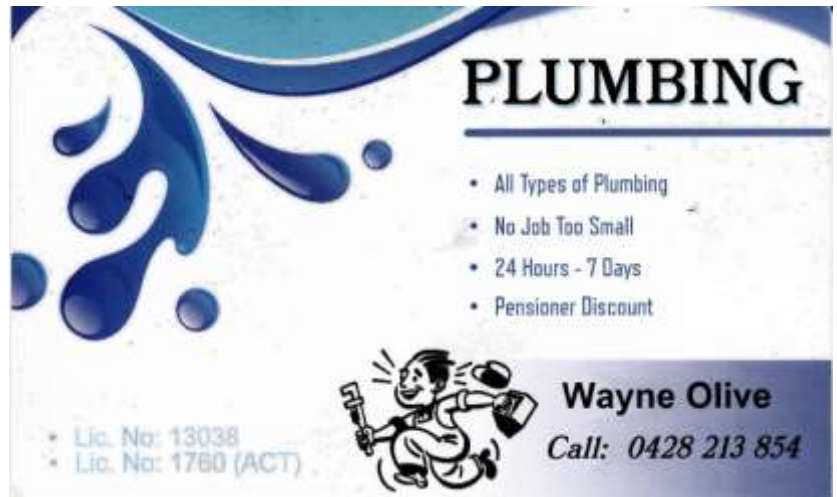
If you want to learn how to achieve similar results you can join our local Landcare Group. We meet monthly for propagation activities and do occasional plantings such as the one described above. Please contact the secretary, Noela McDonald on ggw.landcare@gmail.com if you are interested. – Vicki Still

### Blood

by Helen Righton

We were heartbroken and shocked the other afternoon to come upon a mother roo and joey who had been hit on Norton Road and just left there, in the middle of the road - the joey still alive. This short poem is all I can say, except I hope there is a special place in Heaven for those wonderful Wildcare volunteers.

Your blood stains the road  
Where someone ran you down and left you to die  
Your joey lying terrified beside you.  
Her blood stains my shirt  
Where I held her as we went to find help.  
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## Wamboin Rural Golf Club. The Good News

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Par 4s	7	9	+ 2
Par 5s	-	2	+ 2
Total Par	61	67	+ 6

course layout for the 2019 November Open.

Our intention is that at times the 9 Holers will occasionally play (the 'other 9').

Golf is a funny game. If the course is too easy it is a joke, not a challenge. If it is too hard the design is terrible, plus many other whinges. To cap it all off: the person who plays the least golf is the winner on the day. - **Lofty Mason.**

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## From the Corner

**More on Rates**—Picking up where we left off last month in our discussion of rating categories, the definition of rural residential land that is provided in the Local Government Act 1993 (the Act), the explicit size requirement in particular, presents a bit of a problem in the present context. The former Palerang LGA was somewhat of an anomaly in that it was the only LGA in NSW where the majority of the population did not reside in an ‘urban’ environment—the villages and towns accounted for only around one third of the population, with the majority residing in ‘rural residential’ areas along the ACT border.

In the eastern part of our LGA, there are also a significant number of lots in excess of 40 hectares in area that are used primarily for residential purposes and would be rated accordingly. Under the Act, however, these are not defined as rural residential lots (because they are larger than 40 hectares in area) and so cannot be included in a rural residential rating category.

The former Palerang rating system avoided this problem by using the same rating formula for all residential properties—i.e. it did not use subcategories at all. Because the rural residential population was the dominant population, and the towns and villages were relatively much smaller, this was a workable arrangement.

Adding a significant urban population into the mix, where infrastructure, and thus expenditure, is very much more focused on the urban population, creates a little more of a problem. There is a significant difference, between urban and rural ratepayers, in the benefit to be derived from this infrastructure and this will invariably have a bearing on how the ‘benefit principle’ is applied within any applicable rating system. The new QPRC residential rating structure will invariably involve the use of subcategories (different rating structures) based on appropriate population centres, but the ‘rural residential’ subcategory [as defined by the Act] is unlikely to find a place in the new order of things. That’s not to say there won’t functionally be a rural residential subcategory, it just won’t carry that name.

Subcategories can also be used within the other three rating categories—farmland, business and mining—although locally they have never been used in either the farmland or mining categories.

One other point to note is that, regardless of how rating subcategories may or may not be used, the actual amount of money that any council can raise through rates in NSW is fixed by the State government through a system of rate capping. The use of rating categories and subcategories has no impact on the rate cap or the overall size of the rates pool, it is simply a mechanism that is used to distribute the rates burden within a council area.

Apart from the annual rate cap or special rate increases approved by the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART), however, the rates pool can also increase in line with property development. This is, in effect, a retrospective increase because such increases are annual and relate to development that has occurred in the previous year. Unfortunately, this is no great windfall for council or relief for existing ratepayers. The increase is simply the amount that new properties would have contributed in the last year under the system in place at that time.

The attentive reader will recall our earlier discussion on the subject of Unimproved Value (UV) vs Capital Improved Value (CIV) as the basis for levying rates. In high growth areas, the use of CIV rather than UV will have a significant impact on a council’s ability to increase the value of the rates pool. When using CIV, increases resulting from new development will be directly tied to the value of the new development, not just the land involved. Once again, this is especially relevant in the case of medium and high density residential development.

Unfortunately, however you dice it under the current system, local government rates and charges don’t cover the associated operating expenses, particularly in rural areas. Obviously, infrastructure in new development areas will be new, but the broader cost of supporting increased population numbers simply can’t be covered by the additional rates that councils are allowed to collect—25-30% of a typical regional council’s annual budget consistently comes from grants and funding from higher levels of government. Put another way, while new development contributes to the council purse, the resulting increase in operating costs is 25-30% more than any increase in associated revenue. It’s a sobering thought and, just quietly, the deficit would be a lot more obvious locally if we weren’t fortunate enough to live in a marginal electorate...

This is a big part of the reason why there is a constant push to reform the funding model for local government in NSW, particularly in the rural areas, but I’ll leave that discussion for another day.

**The QPR Blog**—New or related entries in my Blog

(<http://peteharrison.id.au/blog>) include:

More on Rates (Oct 2019) Rating Categories (Sep 2019) Rating Season (Aug 2019)

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## Wamboin Muse

Jill Gregory

I had begun to wonder if spring would ever come to my garden this year. The soil was warming but it was powdery dry, and I was getting up at first light to water, ever conscious of the dwindling levels in the dam. I needed to mulch, I needed to fertilise, I needed to prune and I needed to protect the plants from the night raiders, and on top of this everything was crying out for water. There was too much to do! Then I realised that I was failing to see the wood for the trees. The mornings themselves were a gift, cool, calm, dewy, exquisite, and there were new shoots to discover, soft green foliage, may bushes and viburnums covered with white lace, bees alive in the blue rosemary and irises swelling with buds. I had to put down my bucket, lean on my rake and give myself time to marvel at the miracle of spring.

My spring garden may be a bit sad, thin and scrappy, with bare spots and holes, but the irises have decided that now is their time in the sun! As I walk around, irises that haven't stirred for years are flowering, and some of those irises are from friends' gardens. That makes them even more special. A garden can be a treasured archive of memories.

But spring is far from a benign season. Driving west along Sutton Road in the old ute late afternoon last Friday, I could almost picture that the end of the world was nigh. It was apocalyptic weather! The clouds were a threatening grey, tinged with pink; red dust whipped up from the bowels of the outback splattered wet on the windscreen. The fierce, gusting winds buffeted the old ute as I clutched the wheel to stay on the road. I felt exposed and vulnerable; a long way from the cocoon of a modern car. However, as night fell, the wind eased and we went into the theatre.

When we emerged it was a different world. There was nature's "son e Lumiere" and heavy rain to greet us. With shoes off we ran through the puddles and rain to the car park, and didn't mind getting wet as I fumbled with a real key in a real lock. The rain put a smile on my face and the conversation with my grand daughter, as I picked our way home in the glare of oncoming headlights, had me smiling again. We talked at first about music and theatre. Then we discussed the ongoing protests at the lack of action by governments and the general population to take climate change issues more seriously. She felt greater confidence in the power of young people to influence change for good at an individual, government and world wide level. Modern society, with a burgeoning world population is extravagant, wasteful, short sighted, yet we all desire it... but is it sustainable. She believes, however, that there is still hope for the future.

In my own garden nature has forced me to change and accept a much altered environment. To quote a wise woman from 'A Woman's Hardy Garden', in 1903, "The watering of a garden requires nearly as much judgement as the seasoning of a soup." I think I'll need all that judgement and more as spring turns to summer in a parched Wamboin. But...I wouldn't live anywhere else.....



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