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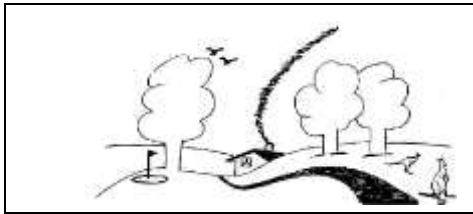
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“It’s been raining, for so long”



Well what a difference a little El Nina makes. Last year it was dust, this year its water, water everywhere (I wish I installed that extra water tank). What a fantastic spring, everywhere you look the green almost hurts your eyes. I hear that we have already reached our annual rainfall 2 months early.

I also hear that house prices have climbed out here as the city slickers begin to discover our little secret with many sold signs dotted around the local roads. For new residents moving to utopia check our website at <http://www.wamboincommunity.asn.au> for useful information about living locally. Our new residents guide is also available at the monthly markets.

Christmas gate competition – Yes only eight weeks from Christmas. Once again we will be supporting the Wonderful Women of Wamboin and the Christmas gate and letter box decorating competition. Now this is a great opportunity to put some spark back into 2020 and brighten up Wamboin and Bywong. I am sure this year has provided many themes for inspiration. Details of the completion in this issue of the Whisper.

Wheels of Wamboin - I am very happy to announce the date of Saturday April 17 has been claimed for the 2021 Wheels of Wamboin. Start your engines folks.

Wamboin Home Produce markets – The markets are back and running .Make sure you make it down to the November market on Saturday 17th. Grab a coffee and a bargain of local fare and products.

Christmas Carols Cancelled – Just a reminder that we have cancelled the Christmas Carols at the hall for 2020

Our local Businesses – Please take the time to support our local businesses this spring. The local wineries in particular are welcoming visitors this spring, so make it a point to support our locals by having a meal or buying some local wine. They are our local community and support many community events so let’s support them.

Thursday Drop in Group - The Thursday drop in group is back and running. The group meets every Thursday from 10am – 12 noon. Drop into the Wamboin Community Hall for morning tea and social activities and everyone is welcome. A Covid- 19 safety plan has been implemented.

The QPRC Mobile Library - will be at the Wamboin hall on November 5th and 19th and the 3rd December, this is the last visit to Wamboin for 2020. As you would expect, the Mobile Library bus is well set up and COVID-19 Safe. There is seating if you have to wait and a sanitising station provided outside the bus. This is a case of use-it-or-lose-it!

WCA Meetings –The WCA will resume monthly general meetings in the Wamboin Hall on 17 November 2020. A Covid-19 safety plan has been developed and will be implemented for the meeting.

We are still Wamboin !! **Peter Evans – Feeling a little bit normal President.**

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EXTENDED to 10 November: Bywong and Wamboin WHEELY

CHALLENGE: There are only a few days left to **enter** the **Bywong and Wamboin WHEELY CHALLENGE**. The brain-child of Bywong artist JP Favre, the competition has 3 x \$100 prizes for: Best Primary Student Sculpture; Best Secondary Student Sculpture and Best Local Sculpture. The rules are simple:

- Make a sculpture / montage that includes at least one old wheel (car, bike, trolley)
- Display your creation until 30 November on the boundary of your property where it is visible to passers-by.

To enter, send a photo of your sculpture along with your Name, Age, Address and Sculpture Title to: wheelsculpture@bywongcommunity.org.au AND jsfavre@gmail.com by **10 November**. If you don't receive an acknowledgement, please re-send your entry until we reply to you! Entries will be displayed on the BCA webpage. Winners will be announced in the December Whisper and local social media, with prizes presented at the BCA Christmas Gathering scheduled for Friday 4 December.

Come on, Bywong/Wamboin: if enough of us join in, we can turn the locality into a 'rural sculpture park' in November!

Bywong Community Association Committee. On 15

October 2020 the BCA Committee agreed to the following changes: President, Mike Wilkins; Secretary Steve Walker; Treasurer Jeanette Krah; Committee members: Attilio Sciannimanica, John-Pierre Favre.

BCA Christmas Gathering scheduled for Friday 4

December, from 6.30pm. Catch up with locals in a physically-distanced setting at the Bywong Hall. BCA provides the food, you just bring Festive Cheer of your choice. Check BCA website and FB page for confirmation nearer the date.

Possible Mining Exploration in the Bywong area: As

many locals are already aware, Aruma Resources has lodged several applications for mining Exploration Licence Applications (ELAs 5955, 5956 and 5987) that cover parts of Bywong and Gundaroo. For more info go to:

<https://www.arumaresources.com> and search for the **Capital Gold Project**, or to the NSW Government site **Common Ground** with its interactive maps. These ELAs could potentially lead to exploration and then mining at some time in the future, so you might like to learn more by checking out the **NSW Government Resources and Geoscience site, which includes Landholders' Rights – FAQs**. The non-profit **Environmental Defender's Office (EDO)** publishes a **NSW Factsheet: Mining and Coal Seam Gas**. It appears very difficult for an individual landowner to prevent exploration or mining once a licence has been granted by the NSW Govt. However,

mining cannot take place (on the surface at least) within 200 metres of a dwelling, which would rule out many properties in the Bywong/Wamboin area. Aruma Resources has undertaken to conduct any future public consultation required under the **NSW Exploration code of practice: community consultation** through the Bywong and Wamboin Community Associations (QPRC has advised it will not get involved). Watch this space for future updates.

Stay well and stay connected to friends and acquaintances in the area.

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FACT: INCREASED GRASS GROWTH NOW CAN MEAN AN INCREASED RISK OF GRASS FIRES LATER

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The Wonderful Women of Wamboin

Gail Ritchie Knight


The Wonderful Women of Wamboin (WWOW) have been in hiatus for many months due to COVID-19. During that time however, several of us still kept in touch via a weekly phone-in. This worked well especially for those of us living alone. It helped to maintain a sense of community.

Now with the easing of restrictions we have resumed our weekly get-togethers but at this stage we are meeting out in the open. Ha, certainly not at the time of writing what with the many days of rain we are currently experiencing. However on fine days we are meeting alternatively at Sutton and Bungendore Ovals with the occasional outdoor but undercover visit to members' homes. 2020 has certainly been a year like no other. Between drought, bushfires, pandemic, floods and financial distress we have endured more than we could have predicted. Some could be forgiven for succumbing to feelings of despair but Whisper readers hang in there. WWOW will once again organise the Christmas Decorating Competition. So activate your creative talents and enter into this community event. See details elsewhere in this newsletter.


If you wish to join us, don't hesitate to contact me. Being isolated is tough but this is one way we can bring a little joy into our lives. All women are welcome. For more information contact Gail Ritchie Knight 0416 097 500 whirlwind1@argonite.com.au.

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Roo Rescue

At the end of August, on a Sunday walk in Kowen Forest, we were nearing the horse poles when Molly started barking. That's usually a sign she's found something interesting – she had – a very large kangaroo trapped in the fence bordering Kowen Forest. It was almost upside down with a leg caught between strands of barbed wire and clip lock fencing. From her hip to shoulder she could rest on the ground, roughened by her urgent attempts to free herself. Molly and Gretta cooperated fully and were soon back on their leads, morphing into calm, interested bystanders.

Diana and I had a closer look. As we approached, we realised it was a female – a (maybe 6 month old?) joey was trying so hard to get back into the safety of Mum's pouch. Mum had a band, maybe 8-10 cm wide, where the leg had been stripped almost to the bone.

Wildcare's phone number is in my contacts (thanks Phil for, over many years, reminding us to do that) so called for advice. The helpful volunteer, in Braidwood, recommended we not try to free Mum – that could do more damage and Mum was likely to be in shock and unable to fend for herself. She took my details and undertook to have an expert call us back. So that's how we 'met' Steve & Rosemary from Possumwood Wildlife.

They weren't put off by us being about 20 minutes' walk from the nearest place they could park their car. So while they got their rescue gear together, we walked back and secured the dogs while I waited to escort Steve & Rosemary to Mum and joey.

We approached in a way that meant if joey took off, any attempt to escape would be 'blocked' by the fence. Steve expertly trapped joey, Rosemary sedated Mum and I got my first chance to cuddle a kangaroo (technically a joey in a 'sleeping bag') – holding joey while Steve & Rosemary extricated Mum. Luckily her hip hadn't been dislocated but the wound was such that her recovery would be touch and go. She's a very big roo so carrying her back along the bush track wasn't going to be easy.

That's where Ava and her Dad & Mum joined the team. I remembered Ava's Dad has an all-terrain vehicle so called him in the hope he'd be willing to help. Indeed he was – yay! But he didn't think he could get his ATV up the track we'd walked. Hmmm... I headed back to show them another route (thanks Pam for advice). Ava and her Mum & Dad set off, managed to find the other route and then Rosemary, Steve, Mum roo and joey. Mum roo and joey were loaded onto the ATV – thankfully the back was just big enough to fit Mum roo. They slowly and carefully headed back to Steve & Rosemary's car, arriving just as the sedation started to wear off. Luckily Steve, Rosemary and I got back around the same time so the Mum roo (now named Amelia by Ava - thanks) and Lachie (my name for joey) were loaded into the car and Amelia and Lachie were relieved to be reunited.

The latest news is that Amelia is recovering slowly and Lachie is able to spend time with her and the other rescued wildlife at Possumwood.

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Bird Of The Month

By Luke Downey

For November I chose the Spotted Quail-Thrush, an uncommon ground-dwelling resident of woodlands, especially on ridges.

Spotted Quail-Thrush (*Cinclosoma punctatum*)

Size: 25-28cm

Status: Uncommon breeding resident

The Spotted Quail-Thrush is a medium-sized bird which occurs in woodland habitats, especially with understory vegetation. It is unique among birds in that it has a habitat preference for ridgelines. The Spotted Quail-Thrush is heavily patterned with a black spotted brown back, and brown tail and head. The chest is blue-grey and underneath is white with black spots. The

legs are pink. The wings have a distinct copper patch. Males are differentiated from females by having a black throat with a large white patch below the eye and a thin white eyebrow. The female has a white throat with an orange patch below the eye and also a white eyebrow. These birds often go unnoticed as they often forage silently on the ground. Additionally, they are very shy and they like to keep a good distance from people. They usually freeze when disturbed or run away fast on foot, and rarely fly.

Their call is a loud high-pitched “seep” and also loud piping similar to an Eastern Yellow Robin. These birds are quite localised and uncommon throughout their range, but the Wamboin area seems to be a good place to see them.

Male (photos from Google images) Female



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WAMBOIN WEATHER – Rainfall and Temperature Records

(45 years from Cooper Road) by Christine Rieber

October Rainfall Stats

October rainfall to the 25th 91.5mm
 2020 total rainfall to 25th 684.5mm

Average October rainfall..... 57.5mm
 2019 October rainfall..... 21.75mm
 2019 total rainfall to 25/10..... 324.25mm
 44yr Av. to end of October 544.4mm

November Rainfall Stats

2019 November rainfall..... 19.6mm
 Wettest November..... 175.5mm in 2010
 Wettest day..... 77mm on 19/11/86
 Driest November..... 0mm in 1982

Average November rainfall..... 76.2mm
 Average no. rain days in November... 9.5
 Highest no. rain days..... 19 in 1992
 Lowest no. rain days..... 0 in 1982

November Temperature Stats

Hottest November day... 39°C (2 times) on
 27/11/97 & 21/11/19
 Hottest November night.... 22°C 26/11/02
 Average day temperature..... 22.2°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)

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 6.5°C in 13)
 Nov. 2019. Av. max 26.5°C & min 9.5°C

Rainfall to the 25th October was 140mm above the 44-year average to the same date. The rainfall total of 684.5mm is similar to the 44-year average for an entire year of 683.7mm. If we receive average rainfall for November and December, the 2020 total could be 825mm, which would be the 11th wettest year.

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It might appear as a stationary rock on the road, but on closer inspection a living, breathing reptile could be sitting there on the bitumen. The lives of these long-necked turtles on our roads in the warm months can be spared, with driver awareness. While they have hard shells that provide great protection, these will crack if driven over by a vehicle.

Why turtles move around is a bit of a mystery, but we do know they tend to move around more following rainfall and that they travel long distances between water sources. Feeding mostly on small fish, tadpoles, frogs, worms and insects, their long neck can be used like a snake's to rapidly strike at passing prey (they're also known as 'snake-necked' turtles).

Turtles will be on the move after warming up – usually mid-morning to mid-afternoon, depending on the day's temperature. If you spot one on the road, it could be injured after having been run over, or it may be unharmed. Removing it from the road, if possible to do so safely, will hopefully save its life. Yes, turtles can stink – but just think, you could be saving a life that could go on for another 50 years. (Long lived, they don't reach maturity until around 10 years old).

If a turtle, found on the road, looks fine and intact, place it on the ground well away from passing cars; if it was clearly moving in one direction, place it on that side. If injured, call Wildcare 6299 1966. Vets are another option if it is in a very bad way.

With a little awareness, many turtle deaths can be prevented if we simply look and wonder what that small, dark lump on the road is.

Recently a turtle in care, recovering from an injury, laid eggs - much to the surprise of her Wildcare carer. Magrit said, "it hadn't been eating before laying, which is unusual, as they love their food. The egg-laying took place in the early hours of the of 19 September. I walked past the turtle tank and saw what I thought were white pebbles in the bottom of the tank. A bit confused, I checked again and realised they were eggs! 17 of them and I had missed the birth – I could have kicked myself. Realising they needed to come out of the water straight away, I ran to wake my husband before I took a photo. He swept them up gently and placed them in the gravel at the top of the tank.

This turtle had been in care with a large hole in its shell and came into care in April. Prior to the egg-laying, she had stopped eating for a month. I was worried and took her to a Vet. The Vet checked her, but didn't x-ray: gave her a booster injection and sent her home with me to keep an eye on her. I mentioned to my husband that she seemed bloated, thinking she was unwell. But lo and behold she was full of eggs. No wonder she was looking bloated!

On 16 October, I walked past the turtle tank and saw a single egg at the bottom of the tank. I saved this one too, but I'm not sure if this egg was from the same turtle or maybe the other one in care, whose sex I wasn't sure about. And guess what? I've just walked past the tank again and there's another egg!"

If you are squeamish about picking up a turtle on the road (fingers at the front and back of the shell, hold it upright and away from the body), or indeed any other small native animal (obviously avoid snakes), then use a towel to drape over it, then scoop it up and move to safety. Carry a towel in the boot of your car. - Merran Laver, Wildcare *Photo caption: Magrit's egg-laying turtle*




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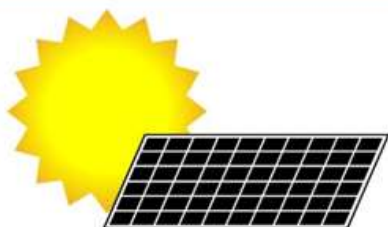
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Nature Notes October 2020

Jo Walker

Showers, steady rain and the occasional storm have continued throughout the month – the dam is full and overflowing, there are ponds along the trickling creek, and water is still running over the surface of the land in some places. In fact, the landscape is so green and lush that it is beginning to look more like the coast than Wamboin.

The eucalypts, like most of the other plants, have put on an immense amount of new growth with different tree species displaying various distinctive colours ranging from the reddish new leaves of *Eucalyptus gonioicalyx* (Bundy) to the delicate yellowish green foliage of *E. melliodora* (Yellow Box).

Some of the yellow- and orange-flowered peas are showing their colours at the moment, mostly the bushy Leafy Bitter-pea (*Daviesia mimosoides*) and the lower-growing Showy Parrot-pea (*Dillwynia sericea*).

Bright yellow Common Buttercups (*Ranunculus lappaceus*) and Bulbine Lilies (*Bulbine bulbosa*) along with Creamy Candles (*Stackhousia monogyna*) are still flowering. But, most of the noticeable colour is provided by the daisies.

Lots of golden Billy Buttons (*Craspedia variabilis*) are still visible on their long stems. And the little white-flowered *Leucochrysum albicans* (Hoary Sunray) is still extending its range along several of the Wamboin roadsides. Blue flowers, tiny but profuse, are provided by the Narrow-leaved New Holland Daisy (*Vittadinia muelleri*). This small and dainty plant often covers whole hillsides here, and the Crimson Rosellas sometimes feed on the seeds. A much larger daisy bush that is in flower at the moment is *Olearia lirata*. A plant on my place is over a metre tall and equally wide and is covered in dense clusters of white flowers. It is local to this area although not very common.

The conditions this spring have obviously been perfect for one little plant that is common locally – but usually only in small patches beside watercourses or bogs. Because water is running everywhere at the moment, masses of little *Lythrum hyssopifolium* (Hyssop Loosestrife) have appeared over wide areas. Its stems are less than 30 cm tall and covered in neatly arranged small glossy round leaves. The small flowers are pale mauve.

The grasses seem to be doing well too, especially the small Wallaby Grasses (*Rytidosperma* spp.) many of which are developing lots of seed-heads.

It's getting warm enough now for lizards to begin making an appearance. There was a Cunningham's Skink sunning itself on a log here recently and a few days ago a rather lethargic Eastern Blue-tongued Lizard sat by my gate for over an hour before it felt warm enough to move on.

There doesn't seem to have been a lot of nesting activity by the birds at my place so far – just a Grey Fantail nest and one built by a pair of Magpies – although it's possible that, with all this rampant growth of the vegetation, nests are just more difficult to see. Some of the Grevillea bushes here are in full flower and are attracting a lot of Honeyeaters – Eastern Spinebills, White-eared Honeyeaters and the more combative Red Wattlebirds who seem to spend as much time in disputes with other birds as they do in feeding.

With rain set to continue for most of next week (and possibly beyond) it looks as if the landscape will be green for a while yet.

Wheels of Wamboin 2021



Claiming the Day

Saturday 17th April 2020

9.00am to 1.00pm

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Wamboin

Hopefully the current Covid-19 restrictions will allow the 2021 Wheels of Wamboin to proceed. Please set aside this date in your calendar for a great day out at Wamboin.

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Can You Write Something for the combined December 2020 / January 2021 Whisper?

The Wamboin Community Association, with help from the Bywong Community Association, produces the Whisper as one more way for residents to communicate with each other. If you can add to the pages of the next issue, please feel invited. If you know a good story about life in Bywong or Wamboin, many of the adults and children in around 1300 homes could appreciate you telling it. The content is meant to be written by residents and to inform, entertain or challenge in a productive way. If it could increase your income, please know that your contribution would still be welcome, but consider running it as an ad. – Ned Noel, volunteer editor

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Wamboin Strawberry Thief Released Without Charge

Jenny Warren

Last year we installed “temporary” fencing around our small vege patch to deter the never-before-troublesome kangaroos, who were so hungry, they were eating the only surviving veges, spring onions. Now that the kangaroos have many other food choices, “Take temporary fence down” is on our TO-DO list. It’s just been given top priority.

This beautiful Cunningham Skink thought it time to check the ripening alpine strawberry crop. When I spotted it from the kitchen, the poor creature was so tightly stuck, in situ I couldn’t get even the daintiest wire cutting tool in the right place without potentially also cutting the lizard. So with a tutu of wire, we were off to the workshop where release from the encircling wire was achieved. After a stern talking to (yeah, right) I returned it to its home ground amidst the thyme flowers and rock walls. And our TO-DO list has a new, high priority item - “Install snake-wire fence around alpine strawberry patch”.

1 Caught in the act

2 Wire tutu

3 That feels better

4 Home



Wamboin Home Produce and Craft Market

Saturday 21 November 2020 - 9-12md

Contact: Meriel Schultz 62383309 or 042 261 4304 Email: lmsconsulting@bigpond.com

The October market went very well with more than 120 people coming through. As usual coffee and scones or egg and bacon rolls outside in the sun proved a popular activity – we were very lucky the rain held off. Many thanks to everyone for following the Covid requirements and making it an easy, safe and happy market morning. Thanks to the WCA for helping people follow Covid regulations.

Come along to the next market and remember we now have Wildcare and ARF calendars on sale and a wide range of other stalls that provide great options for Christmas gifts.

ALERT! “HANG IT ON THE COMMUNITY CLOTHES LINE”

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Weeds of Wamboin – interim list

Paul Downey and Luke Downey

We have been compiling a list of the weed species that have naturalised and/or invaded the local area. The table below is an interim list of 96 species as a starting point, which is based on observations made across the Wamboin-Bywong area. Also see the Canberra Nature Map field guide which has photos of these species (<https://canberra.naturemapr.org/Locations/Guide/1005/431?l=1>). We encourage you to photograph and load any additional species on Canberra Nature Map, especially given the number of weeds which have come up following after recent rains.

Common Name	Scientific Name	Plant type	Common Name	Scientific Name	Plant type
Capeweed	<i>Arctotheca calendula</i>	Herb	Black-berry Nightshade	<i>Solanum nigrum</i>	Herb
Asparagus	<i>Asparagus officinalis</i>	Herb	Three-flowered Nightshade	<i>Solanum triflorum</i>	Herb
Shepherd's Purse	<i>Capsella bursa-pastoris</i>	Herb	Chickweed	<i>Stellaria media</i>	Herb
Common Centaury	<i>Centaureum erythraea</i>	Herb	Dandelion	<i>Taraxacum officinale</i>	Herb
Branched Centaury	<i>Centaureum tenuiflorum</i>	Herb	Yellow Hawkweed	<i>Tolpis barbata</i>	Herb
Mouse-ear Chickweed	<i>Cerastium glomeratum</i>	Herb	Wandering Jew	<i>Tradescantia fluminensis</i>	Herb
Chamomile Daisy	<i>Chamaemelum nobile</i>	Herb	Oyster Plant	<i>Tragopogon porrifolius</i>	Herb
Fat Hen	<i>Chenopodium album</i>	Herb	Haresfoot Clover	<i>Trifolium arvense</i>	Herb
Lance-leaf Coreopsis	<i>Coreopsis lanceolata</i>	Herb	Hop Clover	<i>Trifolium campestre</i>	Herb
Common Thornapple	<i>Datura stramonium</i>	Herb	Yellow Suckling Clover	<i>Trifolium dubium</i>	Herb
Stinkwort	<i>Dittrichia graveolens</i>	Herb	Clustered Clover	<i>Trifolium glomeratum</i>	Herb
Paterson's Curse	<i>Echium plantagineum</i>	Herb	White Clover	<i>Trifolium repens</i>	Herb
Viper's Bugloss	<i>Echium vulgare</i>	Herb	Subterranean Clover	<i>Trifolium subterraneum</i>	Herb
Fleabane	<i>Erigeron bilbaoanus</i>	Herb	Giant Mullein	<i>Verbascum thapsus</i>	Herb
Flaxleaf Fleabane	<i>Erigeron bonariensis</i>	Herb	Green Mullein	<i>Verbascum virgatum</i>	Herb
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Petty Spurge	<i>Euphorbia pepus</i>	Herb	Spear Thistle	<i>Cirsium vulgare</i>	Thistle
Wall Fumitory	<i>Fumaria muralis</i>	Herb	Scotch Thistle	<i>Onopordum acanthium</i>	Thistle
Cleavers	<i>Galium aparine</i>	Herb	Prickly Sowthistle	<i>Sonchus asper</i>	Thistle
Cudweed	<i>Gamochaeta calviceps</i>	Herb	Common Sowthistle	<i>Sonchus oleraceus</i>	Thistle
Cranesbill Geranium	<i>Geranium molle</i>	Herb	Delicate Hairgrass	<i>Aira elegantissima</i>	Grass
St John's Wort	<i>Hypericum perforatum</i>	Herb	Quaking Grass	<i>Briza maxima</i>	Grass
Smooth Catsear	<i>Hypochaeris glabra</i>	Herb	Shivering Grass	<i>Briza minor</i>	Grass
Catsear	<i>Hypochaeris radicata</i>	Herb	Soft Brome	<i>Bromus hordeaceus</i>	Grass
Prickly Lettuce	<i>Lactuca seriola</i>	Herb	Panic Veldtgrass	<i>Ehrharta erecta</i>	Grass
Henbit	<i>Lamium amplexicaule</i>	Herb	African Lovegrass	<i>Eragrostis curvula</i>	Grass
Common Peppergrass	<i>Lepidium africanum</i>	Herb	Yorkshire Fog	<i>Holcus lanatus</i>	Grass
Corn Toadflax	<i>Linaria arvensis</i>	Herb	Perennial Ryegrass	<i>Lolium perenne</i>	Grass
Pelisser's Toadflax	<i>Linaria pelisseriana</i>	Herb	Annual Ryegrass	<i>Lolium rigidum</i>	Grass
Scarlet Pimpernel	<i>Lysimachia arvensis</i>	Herb	Serrated Tussock	<i>Nassella trichotoma</i>	Grass
Dwarf Mallow	<i>Malva neglecta</i>	Herb	Common Wheat	<i>Triticum aestivum</i>	Grass
Horehound	<i>Marrubium vulgare</i>	Herb	Squirrel Tail Fescue	<i>Vulpia bromoides</i>	Grass
Red-flowered Mallow	<i>Modiola caroliniana</i>	Herb	Umbrella Sedge	<i>Cyperus eragrostis</i>	(sedge)
Yellow-and-Blue Forget-me-not	<i>Myosotis discolor</i>	Herb	Spanish Lavender	<i>Lavandula stoechas</i>	(small)
Nemesia	<i>Nemesia strumosa</i>	Herb	Buddleja	<i>Buddleja davidii</i>	Shrub
Lesser Broomrape	<i>Orobanche minor</i>	Herb	Cotoneaster	<i>Cotoneaster glaucophyllus</i>	Shrub
Rough Poppy	<i>Papaver hybridum</i>	Herb	Scotch Broom	<i>Cytisus scoparius</i>	shrub
Red Bartsia	<i>Parentucellia latifolia</i>	Herb	Cape Broom	<i>Genista monspessulana</i>	Shrub
Proliferous Pink	<i>Petrorhagia nantueilii</i>	Herb	Kohuhu	<i>Pittosporum tenuiflorum</i>	Shrub
Ribwort Plantain	<i>Plantago lanceolata</i>	Herb	Sweet Briar	<i>Rosa rubiginosa</i>	Shrub
Wireweed	<i>Polygonum aviculare</i>	Herb	Blackberry	<i>Rubus anglocandicans</i>	Scrambler
Sheep Sorrel	<i>Rumex acetosella</i>	Herb	Japanese Honeysuckle	<i>Lonicera japonica</i>	Vine
Wild Sage	<i>Salvia verbenaca</i>	Herb	Honey Locust	<i>Gleditsia triacanthos</i>	Tree
Field Madder	<i>Sherardia arvensis</i>	Herb	Apple / Crab Apple	<i>Malus pumila</i>	Tree
Tomato	<i>Solanum lycopersicum</i>	Herb	Radiata Pine	<i>Pinus radiata</i>	Tree

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From the Corner

Weeds—What better subject for discussion this month. I don't know about you, but not having had to take the lawn mower out of the shed (I have one of the manually motivated variety—I don't have a scythe though, I'm not that manual) for the last two years, I've now had to mow three times in almost as many weeks! And that's just the stuff I'd like to have growing—the stuff I don't want seems to be growing even faster!

And what's all this got to do with local government? Well, maybe not my lawn but council does have something to say about some of the weeds. When I last wrote on this subject back in 2015, weed management fell under the control of the Noxious Weeds Act. Since then, however, this act has been repealed and the relevant pieces of legislation in NSW are now the Biosecurity Act (2015) and Regulation (2017), not to be confused with the Biodiversity Conservation Act (2016), which replaced the Native Vegetation Act at around the same time.

The narrative accompanying the new legislation notes that “biosecurity is the protection of our economy, environment and community from the negative impacts of pests, diseases, weeds and contaminants”, so the Biosecurity Act is about much more than just weeds—it also includes, for example, the National Livestock Identification System (NLIS) that is used to keep track of livestock via the Property Identification Codes (PIC) that many of us have.

Amongst other things, the Act identifies control authorities for weeds and this is where local government and our local council come in. Councils are responsible for implementing and enforcing compliance with the Act on all lands within their areas of operation. Given that councils have always borne this responsibility, however, nothing has really changed on this front. The general responsibilities for landholders are also similar under the new legislation, but some of the names have changed to reflect a change in focus of the control process.

We no longer talk about noxious weeds, we are now dealing with *priority weeds* and priorities can vary with location. Gone are the previous five *control classes*. We now simply talk about State, Regional or Local priority weeds, although we still manage weeds with respect to the relative impact they have on priority assets such as productive agricultural land and the habitat of threatened species.

If there's a key change in the new legislation it is an explicit recognition that the most cost effective means of weed management is to focus on controlling new weeds early in the infestation cycle. As a consequence, and given that we will never have the resources to completely eradicate most weeds, the primary focus at the weed management level is now on preventing the introduction of new invasive species into an area. This doesn't let us landholders off the hook though. We still have our responsibility to control any priority weeds on our properties and the priority weeds in our area remain Serrated tussock, Scotch broom and St John's Wort. And, of course, the good old Blackberry.

With regard to new species though, council is particularly alert to the spread of a number of isolated infestations within the LGA. Outbreaks of Fireweed, Silver-leaf nightshade and Spanish broom have all appeared recently within or near our rural residential areas. Some such outbreaks have been traced to externally sourced feed, so if you have had to bring in feed during the recent drought, be particularly alert for any unwanted passengers that might have hitched a ride. Also, while Gorse has been established along the Yass River for many years, there is an ongoing program to reduce numbers and ultimately eradicate this particular weed.

Perhaps the most obvious flourish this year, with the flooding rains following the recent drought have been Capeweed and Patterson's Curse. Neither of these, however, is currently considered to be a priority weed in our area. The latter, in particular, often appears under the sorts of conditions we have experienced recently but tends to die down again within a couple of years, largely thanks to 'biological agents', which you can apparently see on the plants if you look closely.

More generally, there is a range of resources available to assist residents in both identifying and dealing with unwanted weeds. The Department of Primary Industries WeedWise website (<https://weeds.dpi.nsw.gov.au/>) is a good place to start, or you can download the WeedWise app for your smartphone or tablet

QPRC has also produced a number of informative short videos to help property owners identify local priority weeds (see <https://www.qprc.nsw.gov.au>, enter “weeds” into the search box and follow the link to Weeds-that-must-be-controlled).

Finally, as I have mentioned previously, while many people only meet Council's weeds men during inspections, they are available for consultation, free of charge, to assist residents with the identification and control of invasive species—just call Council (Ph 1300 735 025) during business hours to arrange a suitable time.

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

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The roads of Wamboin, part 8: Bingley Way, Birchmans Grove, Campbell Place & Canning Close

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Introduction This is the eighth in a series of articles on the origins of the names of Wamboin's roads. (The Bywong Community's website has corresponding information on the Bywong roads.) It commences coverage of the eight roads that are named after the early settler families of the Wamboin area, during the 19th century. As always, readers are invited to contact me, or the Editor, with any additional information, or corrections.

Bingley Way: Named after the prominent local family, the Bingleys, who were the landowners immediately prior to subdivision of the area. The locality was first selected by AW Hyles in 1893 (a 495 ac./200 ha. selection). It was acquired by James Canning in 1920, reverted to the Hyles family in 1926, and sold by Frank Hyles to the Bingley family and Ernest Stanley (Ernie) Armour in 1951. In the early 1950s the Bingleys acquired adjacent blocks from Robert Campbell Close and James Scroggie (joint owners) to enlarge their land holdings in what became central Wamboin.

An obituary for the late Stan Bingley ('Vale ...' 2018/2019) reads (in part) as follows: 'The Bingley's came from Yorkshire, UK to the "Colony of New South Wales", prior to 1844: then to the Queanbeyan area. William Bingley (1817-1893) Stan's great grandfather, selected land along the roadside creek close to Sutton Road [in 1862, 1873, 1877 & 1883], where the family eventually built "Amungula" homestead. Stan's grandfather Thomas (1849-1937) and his wife Victoria Alberta Australia Rowley (1850-1941) later built their home further east near the Yass River and named it "Woodfield". Stan's father, Edwin Ewen Gordon Bingley (1896-1947) and then Stan, grew up on their farm. Stan and Daphne built their present house nearby, from their own hand made blocks, in 1950.'

Birchmans Grove: This road was presumably named after the Hyles family's 'Birchmans Gully' block, which would have been named from the nearby Birchams Creek which, in turn, was named after an 1830s aspiring land purchaser, Stephen Burcher (1796–1838). 'Guise's blocks in the high country were first applied for in 1837 by Stephen Burcher of Liverpool who, although unsuccessful in his bid, is commemorated in "Bircham's Creek" which, with Kowan Creek, forms the source of the Yass River' (Lea-Scarlett 1972, p. 14). 'Guise' is William Guise (1796–1850) who established the 'Bywong' property near Sutton in the 1820s. Burcher's biography is available online (Purnell 2020)

The Yass River rises near the ACT border in the high country south of Wirreanda Road: the Kowan Gully, not Kowan Creek. It is an overstatement that Birchams Creek forms one of the two sources of the Yass River. Many creeks drain into the head of the river, and Birchams is not particularly prominent. Kowan Gully is the main headwater of the Yass River.

'Birchman's Gully' was part of the 'Murryong' property owned by Frank Hyles in the early part of the 20th century: 'Back in the 1920's, my grandfather Frank Hyles was building up his sheep numbers and land holdings in the Wamboin area. He owned land in central Wamboin that was called Cannings, Merino Vale, Birchmans Gully, Brooks and Leahys ... Birchmans Gully was owned by Bob Denley, a shearer, and his family was based on the Sutton Road, apparently' (Watson 1997, pp. 11, 13).

Birchams Creek (*sic*), named after Stephen Burcher (*sic*), flows through Birchmans Estate (*sic*). Confusing spellings! The name of the western extension of Birchmans Grove was gazetted on 25 September 2009. Note that 'grove' normally means a small group of trees. Does the road's name reference a grove of trees in the area, or is 'grove' being used here as a synonym for 'road'?

Campbell Place: This is a tiny road—just 90 metres in length—with four two-hectare blocks. I have no documentary evidence as to the name's origin, and invite readers to let me know if they have details. That said, the 1882 first edition of the Parish of Goorooyarroo map shows that a Martin Campbell made two selections there: a Conditional Purchase in 1878 and an Additional Conditional Purchase the following year, abutting the first block. Subsequent editions of the Parish map give George Campbell as the landholder, though he died in 1881. Gillespie (1999) records that, 'On 3 May 1881 Fredrick Campbell J.P. lodged an application for the establishment of a school at "Glenburn" near Kowen. Those who undertook to send children to the school were ... Martin Campbell ... The application resulted in the opening of Kowen Provisional School in July 1882' ... (p. 55). The school site is about 300 metres north-west of the Glenburn homestead in the Kowen Forest area (McAlister, 2007, p. 21), some 7 km from Campbell Place. McAlister, the authority on the history of the Glenburn area, advises that 'I have not been able to track down anything about Martin Campbell, particularly whether he was related to the Campbells of Duntroon' (*op. cit.*, p. 40). Robert Campbell (1769–1846) established the 'Duntroon' property in the 1840s. George Palmer Campbell (1818-1881), mentioned above, was one of his sons who took over the 'Duntroon' property. The family's landholding extended up into what is now Wamboin. Many selections were taken up by various Campbells in what is now Wamboin and environs.

Canning Close: 'Cannings' was an 800 acre (324 ha) block, part of the Hyles' family's 'Murryong Estate'. The block was centred on what is now Bingley Way. The locality was first selected by AW Hyles in 1893 (a 495 ac./200 ha. selection). It was acquired by James Canning in 1920, reverted to the Hyles family in 1926, and sold by Frank Hyles to the Bingley family and Ernest Stanley (Ernie) Armour in 1951.

'Cannings was purchased by Ernie Armour and run by his son Ian Armour before he sold it to a land developer in about 1972. Ian Armour had good sheep and wool and was also a wool classer ... The Armour's homestead was on the Sutton Road towards Queanbeyan near Norton Road' (Watson 1997, p. 13).

In 1920 Canning purchased another block from AW Hyles, 213 acres, located a short distance to the south-west, in the Parish of Amungula. I have no additional information on James Canning and his family, so will be grateful for any contributions about this from readers. The Oxford English Dictionary defines a 'close' as 'a short street closed at one end, a cul-de-sac.'

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Wamboin Golf – October 2020

Sunday, 4 October. As I sit here in the beer hall reading my copy of 'Mein Kampf' and waiting for the putsch to begin my thoughts turn to the great dictators of our time. There's Hitler, of course, the daddy of them all, only matched for body count by Stalin and Mao Zedong (no, not a salad dressing). Then we have Robert Mugabe, Idi Amin VC KCMG VSOP, Vlad the Poisoner, She Gin Sling and that popular chap in Belarus (judging by his election results – eat your heart out Donald). And we shouldn't forget the home-grown despots such as the hard-hearted Annerstackia Palaskerzuck, Commissar of Queensland, a hermit state much like North Korea where Fat Boy Fat reigns supreme. Such are the thoughts that run through your correspondent's alleged mind as he prepares to tee off in the Wamboin Oktoberfest Medal sponsored by Paul Griffin (airman), Tim Barter (sailor) and providores, Diana Griffin and Vicki Still whom we thank for the prizes and eats. Unfortunately they spoil the day by scoring play on the diabolical Stableford system. Nevertheless it was a superb Spring afternoon enabling one to don shorts for the first time since June.

Back in the beer hall while the captain did the tally we all marveled at the ineptitude of the various Rum Corps running some of the former colonies. Who decided to pay \$27 million for a paddock near Penrith worth \$3 million? Who decided to hire those top class private security guards to supervise Melbourne's plague-ridden hordes? It can't be too hard to find the culprits (unless you don't want to). A wise friend said: "just follow the money". Who signed the cheques and who authorized them to do so? Simples! Of course, the answer lies in parenthesis (ibid). But the good news was that it looks like top churchman, George Pell, was given back his old gig in Rome by Pope Frank. You can't keep a good man down. The pity is that it came at the expense of poor old Cardinal Becciu, head of the Vatican's canonization bureau, reportedly sacked for corruption. And I was so looking forward to becoming a saint! It is said he was directing work to his family. The Medici would be laughing their heads off.

The captain introduced our guests, Rachel and Phil Moran and Unkle Kel. Libby King told the memorial Ted Evans joke. The googly ball went to Nev Schroder for printing score cards giving two holes the same index (I don't understand it either). The dummy spit was passed round those who complained about the absence of LDs and NTBS on the Eastern nine and the captain for his cranky response. Lucky Western nine ball winners were Glen Crafter 2, Tim Barter 2 and Vicki Still. Young Robert Thompson again won the junior nine hole event with Madison Gordon runner-up. Senior nine hole winner was Ken Gordon, 21 Stableford points OCB from Lofty Mason also 21. Victorious in the 18 hole event was Pete Harrison 40 from David Bailey 31.

In November we will be holding the year's marquee event, the 35th Wamboin Open. Join us in a physically distanced way at the community hall at 12.15pm on Sunday, 1 November for the 12.30pm shotgun start. Meanwhile spare a thought for those poor deluded supporters of President Donald S Trumpet trying to come to terms with the reality that their hero has caught the disease that didn't exist or was "fake news" or was under control or could be cured by taking malaria pills or drinking Drano. - Larry King, golfer





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