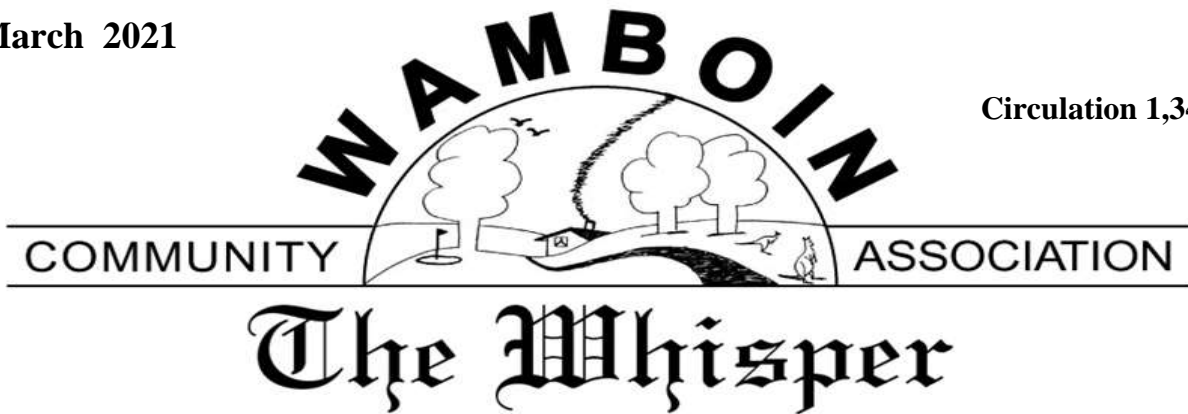


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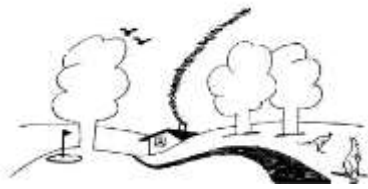


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## Wamboin Community Association Presidents Paragraphs

### “Happy New March?”



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It's March—Happy New Year, ancient Romans!

Welcome to the third month of the year—or, if you were born before 150 B.C., the first! According to the oldest Roman calendars, one year was ten months long, beginning in March and ending in December. It may sound a bit odd now days, but you can still see traces of this old system in our modern calendar: because December was the tenth month, it was named for the number ten in Latin (decem), just like September was named for seven (septem). So, what about January and February? They were just two nameless months called “winter for the northern hemisphere. Some good things about March to brighten your month.

**March 14** - is international Pi Day celebrates the annual occurrence of 3/14 (remember 3.14159265359 etc etc etc from school). Now who in Wamboin can recite Pi.

**March 15<sup>th</sup>** - The ides of March - On the Roman calendar, the midpoint of every month was known as the Ides. This day was supposed to correlate with the first full moon of the year and marked by religious ceremonies, but thanks to Shakespeare's Julius Caesar we know it for another reason. In 44 BC, a clairvoyant told Julius Caesar that his downfall would come no later than the Ides of March. Caesar ignored him, and when the fated day rolled around he joked with the clairvoyant, “The Ides of March have come.” The clairvoyant replied, “aye, Caesar; but not gone.” Caesar continued on to a senate meeting at the Theatre of Pompey and was murdered by as many as 60 conspirators.

**March 17:** Saint Patrick's Day, celebrating the patron saint of Ireland. The Irish have observed this day as a religious holiday for over 1,000 years. Born in Roman Britain in the late 4th century, he was kidnapped at the age of 16 and taken to Ireland as a slave. He later escaped, but returned to Ireland and was credited with bringing Christianity to its people. By the time of his death on March 17, 461, he had established monasteries, churches, and schools.

**March 20:** The sun shines on the equator for the Vernal Equinox, giving us a near 50-50 split of day and night.

**Wheels of Wamboin** – The date of Saturday 17 April has been set, so please pencil it in your calendars. Keep an eye on our Facebook page and the WCA website for any changes.

**Wamboin Markets** – The markets are still going strong thanks to Meriel and her team. The next market is Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> March at the Wamboin Community Hall. Come down to buy some local produce and fare and mingle with the local community. The April market will be in conjunction with the Wheels of Wamboin and is usually a bumper market. The May market will be a horse gear market. Bring down your disused rugs and horse gear and hopefully rehome some excess gear.

**Wamboin Social Drop-In Group**– Big news the drop in group is back on in the hall. See this issue for more details

**QPRC Mobile Library** - This month the Mobile Library will be at the Wamboin Hall on Thursday March 11th and Thursday March 25th from 10.30am to 11.30am and every fortnight from then on. The 2021 Calendar is available on the QPRC Library Website. If you are not a Library Member, don't worry, the Mobile Librarian can join you up on the day. It's amazing what you can find inside that little bus !! There is a great selection of books, DVDs, magazines, children's books, audio-books etc. As you would expect, the Mobile Library bus is COVID-19 Safe. Outside the bus there is a sanitising station and seating provided if you have to wait. This is a case of use-it-or-lose-it!

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There's sadly not much to report this month! The BCA Exec met to discuss whether to hold the Bywong Car Boot Sale around Easter as is traditional, or to revamp it or replace it with something completely different. A raft of great ideas were canvassed for a significantly modified event, but the continuing uncertainty over COVID restrictions on events means we will not schedule anything (outdoors) for at least a few months, which in effect means Spring! In the meantime, if you have suggestions for events (new/revamped) to "Bring Bywong Together", please email the address below and I'll get back to you to talk it through. Whatever community events we decide on, this small group will need your help - watch this space and the local social media groups for how/when you can pitch in!

Best wishes.

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

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For further assist and information brigade members will be at the next Wamboin Market 20th March or contact Lake George District Office 0261280600

For help with making your bushfire survival plan, check [www.myfireplan.com.au](http://www.myfireplan.com.au)

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Lizards don't look like one's typical cuddly and lovable creature, but they have a special character. They are fascinating creatures and are extremely helpful in the garden by keeping slugs, snails, insects and even snakes at bay. Lizards are generally harmless – except for the larger goanna or monitor – and they are often mistaken for snakes. In our area we are lucky to see a large variety of lizard, including: common blue tongue, blotched blue tongue, armour-plated shingleback, the splendid bearded and water dragons, cunningham skinks, the larger

threatened rosenberg monitor and smaller common skinks.

Most of the injured lizards coming into care have been bitten by a dog or cat. If this happens, they will need attention immediately, as the bites are often fatal. Lizards are also affected by pesticides and other household substances, such as adhesives. Lawn mowers are another source of injury, as well as other gardening tools. And as we know, they like to sun themselves on the roadways. They are most active in the summer and then hibernate (brumate) for the winter. Lizards that come into care during the autumn often have to be kept in care over winter, as they will not have sufficient food reserves in their bodies to survive, and injuries can take a long time to heal.

There is much we can do to limit the accidental damage to lizards. Dogs and cats will be curious about a lizard, so please keep this in mind and keep them away from lizards when possible. If you want the pleasure of seeing lizards sunning themselves on your property it is important to take charge of dogs by limiting how far they can roam and keeping an eye on them – and ideally cats need to be inside to prevent them harming wildlife. Avoid the use of pesticides and be careful with toxic substances. Be vigilant when mowing and working outside.

Smaller lizards (not the larger goanna) can be picked up and moved to a safe area away from danger. They will often hiss at a rescuer, but this is false bravado. Distract the animal by waving a hand in front of its nose and with the other hand firmly grasp the animal behind its neck and over its shoulders, then support its body underneath, keep it horizontal and move it to a safe place. Another option is to throw a towel over the animal and scoop it up (a towel is a useful asset to pick up all manner of small wildlife). Do not pick up a lizard off the road unless it is absolutely safe to do so; if possible, let it move across on its own.

If a lizard is bitten by a domestic animal, or injured in another way, it will invariably need a dose of antibiotics, so take it to a local Vet – secure it in a cardboard box on a tea towel or similar material. Alternatively, contact Wildcare on 62991966 and seek advice.

- Philip Machin, for Wildcare *Photo: Feisty shingleback recovers from dog bite*

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2021 total rainfall to 28<sup>th</sup> .....159.5mm

Average February rainfall..... 58.2mm  
2020 February rainfall..... 79.75mm  
2020 total rainfall to 28/2..... 100.75mm  
45yr Av. to end of February..... 117.9mm

### March Rainfall Stats

2020 March rainfall..... 115.0mm  
Wettest March..... 303mm in 1989  
Wettest day..... 160mm on 15/3/89  
Driest March.. 3mm (2 times) 1986 & 1998

Average March rainfall..... 58.6mm  
Average no. rain days in March..... 8.2  
Highest no. rain days..... 17 in 2017  
Lowest no. rain days..... 3 (8 times)  
81, 86, 92, 98, 02, 06, 09 & 18

### March Temperature Stats

Hottest March day..... 35°C (2 times)  
on 9/3/83 & 4/3/19  
Hottest March night..... 26°C on 9/3/83  
Average day temperature..... 22.4°C  
Average night temperature..... 11.7°C  
Warmest March..... 1983  
(Av. max day temp. 25.5°C & night 15.2°C)  
(warmest day temp. 26.3°C in 1998)

Av. Mar. temp.. 17.1°C (day+night comb.)  
Coldest March day.... 13°C (3 times) on  
14/3/94 & 3-4/3/12  
Coldest March night..... 1.1°C on 31/3/19  
Coldest March ..... 2012  
(Av. min day temp. 17.3°C & night 8.6°C)  
(coldest night temp. 7.9°C in 2015)  
March 2020. Av. max 24.1°C & min 10.6°C

During the month of March daylight length will decrease by 1.1 hours from 12.7 hours on the 1<sup>st</sup> to 11.6 hours on the 31<sup>st</sup>.

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## Bird Of The Month

By Luke Downey

For March I chose the Australasian Grebe, a waterbird rarely seen out of the water and often found on larger dams.

### Australasian Grebe (*Tachybaptus novaehollandiae*)

Size: 23-26cm

Status: Fairly common breeding resident

The Australasian Grebe is a small bird that looks like a tiny duck, however, it is not a duck and it not related to ducks. Unlike ducks, Australasian grebes are more wary and often dive to avoid danger or people who venture too close. They are usually found in pairs on dams, lakes or other waterbodies, which are typically deep with open water. They are



almost never seen on land or flying, however recent information has shown that grebes do fly at night. Grebes are very clumsy on land as their legs are very far back on the body (great for swimming but terrible for walking). They are very strong and capable swimmers, diving to catch their food and staying underwater for several minutes. The male and female are similar. During summer these birds exhibit their more colourful breeding plumage, with a brown body, a black



head with rusty brown on the side of the neck and a yellow eye and gape (between bill and eye). During winter their non-breeding plumage is much less colourful, with a plain brown body, darker on the back and cap, with a paler neck and rump and the yellow eye.

Grebes are very unusual among swimming birds as they don't have webbed feet, instead they have very wide toes. They nest in spring, building a nest of weed and aquatic vegetation floating in the water, but it is often anchored to reeds or other support items. The

chicks are very small, with black and white striped plumage. They often ride on the parents back. The parents teach their young to swim by diving when the babies are on their back, forcing the youngsters to learn how to swim. Grebes also have the unique habit of eating feathers which helps to line and protect their organs from fish bones or sharp things they might swallow. (Photos from Google images)



Breeding adult (top left), Non-breeding adult (top right), juveniles (bottom)

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## Good Historical Reading

Recently I have been reading a few historical books from Australian authors and I can recommend three.

Firstly, 'The Ghost Empire' by Richard Fidler. The book tracks the history of the East Roman empire, centred around Constantinople through to its eventual conquest by the Ottoman Empire in 1453, which is around 900 years after the effective decline of the Western Roman Empire. Part of the research for the book was a holiday with Richards 16 year old son which gives a personal father son exploration side to the story.

Secondly 'Saga Land' on the history of Iceland told through the historical Sagas. It is co-authored by Richard Fidler and Kari Gisliason who was born and lived in Iceland until around 12 and has PhD in medieval literature and languages. In their trip to Iceland Kari is on a quest to find his family roots and eventually puts together the pieces of his genealogical history. Another great read.

And thirdly I'm currently reading 'Breaker Morant' by Peter Fitzsimons. A well researched book that explores the myths about this bush poet, conman, horse breaker and eventually his untimely death.

At right is a poem written by 'The Breaker', around 1899 and first published in 'The Queensland'. Our many local horse enthusiasts may find the contents a window into the past practices of bush horsemanship. I hope you enjoy it.

- Peter Cartwright, Sutton Road

## Old Harlequin

Oh do you remember the first time I rode you,  
The same day I roped you in Dufferem's yard ?  
One foot in the stirrup, I'd hardly bestrode you.  
When down went your head bucking uncommon  
hard—  
Old fashioned buckjumping, no "pig jump," nor  
"rooting ;"  
Your tail was jammed tight 'tween your muscular  
thighs;  
Your back in an arch. Lord! how you went shooting,  
Snorting, and squealing up up to the skies!  
The day that we had you run in to be broken,  
The stockmen all dubbed you "as handsome as paint;"  
You laid your ears back, and your eye was the token  
The temper you owned was not that of a saint.  
Five years ago now since all hands on the station  
Swore roundly they never had seen such a fall  
As you gave me that day, when, without hesitation,  
You got clear of your rider, your saddle, and all.  
Hard and often you bucked, before you grew steady,  
Or suffered your rider his stockwhip to crack ;  
And now after a spell you're uncommon ready  
To shift any new chum who gets on your back.  
There, easy, old man! let me slip on your bridle.  
And stroke your slim neck, so glossy and brown ;  
Three whole months' spelt, it's too long to be idle,  
You may carry me quietly into the town.  
THE HORSEBREAKER.  
Muttaborra.



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# DINING MENU

## STARTERS TO SHARE

- SALT & PEPPER SQUID**  
Salad leaves, aioli 16
- POTATO WEDGES (V)**  
Sour cream, sweet chilli sauce 16
- KOREAN FRIED CHICKEN LOLIPOPS**  
Korean sweet chilli dipping sauce 16
- BEEF MACHOS (GF)**  
Sour cream, guacamole, cheese, corn salsa 22
- FRIES**  
6 LRG / 3 SML 6

## BREADS FROM THE WOOD FIRED OVEN

- CLASSIC GARLIC & ROSEMARY FOCACCIA (V)**  
Garlic, olive oil, rosemary 8
- GARLIC & CHEESE FOCACCIA (V)**  
Garlic oil, mozzarella 10
- GARLIC, CHEESE & BACON FOCACCIA**  
Garlic oil, mozzarella, bacon 12
- BRUSCHETTA (V)**  
Fresh tomato, mozzarella, basil, balsamic dressing 15

## BURGERS

- ALL BURGERS SERVED WITH FRIES**
- THE EAGLE HAWK (GFA)**  
Double beef patties, cheese, bacon, caramelised onion, lettuce, tomato, beetroot, egg 25
- CHICKEN BREAST BURGER (GFA)**  
Lettuce, tomato, bacon, smashed avocado, chilli mayo 20
- BBO PULLED PORK BURGER (GFA)**  
Slow cooked shredded pork, Asian slaw 22
- STEAK SANDWICH (GFA)**  
On sourdough, lettuce, tomato, caramelised onion, fetta, mayo 23

## PUB CLASSICS

- CRUMBED CHICKEN BREAST SCHNITZEL**  
Served with a choice of two sides 21
- SERVED WITH A CHOICE OF TWO SIDES**  
Garden salad, pan fried seasonal vegetables, creamy potato mash (GF), fries 21
- SAUCE**
- DIANNE**, gravy, green peppercorn, mushroom, chimichurri, creamy garlic & parmesan 20
- VEGGIE LASAGNA (V)**  
Mushroom, zucchini, eggplant, mozzarella 20
- CHICKEN KIEV**  
Creamy potato mash, asparagus, garlic butter 24
- BEEF SALTINBOCCA**  
Pancetta, prawns, shallots, creamy garlic & parmesan sauce, creamy garlic mash 26
- LEO'S NASI GORENG**  
Indonesian fried rice, satay chicken, pickles, egg, prawn crackers 21
- TEXAN BBO PORK RIBS 500G**  
Charred corn cob, coleslaw, fries 42

### TOP YOUR SCHNITZEL

- PARMIGIANA** 23  
Smoked ham, San Marzano sauce, mozzarella
- MEXICANA** 25  
Tomato salsa, mozzarella, guacamole, sour cream
- GODFATHER** 25  
San Marzano sauce, spicy sopressa, ham, mozzarella
- EXTRA SAUCE** 3

## FROM THE OCEAN

- FISH N CHIPS** 21  
Beer battered flathead, tartare sauce, lemon, fries
- 1KG MUSSELS (GF) (DFA)** 25  
Garlic cream and white wine sauce, crusty bread
- PRAWN LINGUINI** 18  
Creamy garlic & chilli sauce
- PAN FRIED SALMON (GF)** 32  
Pea mash, blistered cherry tomatoes, broccolini, bearnaise sauce

## FROM THE GARDEN

- GRILLED PRAWN & SMOKED SALMON SALAD (GF)** 26  
Lettuce, tomato, cucumber, red onion, creamy avocado dressing
- CHICKEN SCHNITZEL CAESAR SALAD** 19  
Cos lettuce, bacon, parmesan, croutons, Caesar dressing
- GARDEN SIDE SALAD (V) (VG)** 3

## SWEET

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- STICKY DATE PUDDING** 12  
Caramel sauce, walnuts, vanilla bean ice cream
- CHOCOLATE BROWNIE** 12  
With flavoured sorbet
- NUTELLA PIZZA** 14  
Nutella, hazelnuts, icing sugar
- VANILLA BEAN ICE CREAM** 10  
3 scoops
- CREPES (PALACINKE)** 9  
NUTELLA / BERRY JAM / CARAMEL / LEMON & SUGAR  
Cream or vanilla bean ice cream
- TRY ALL FLAVOURS - CREPE PLATTER FOR THE FAMILY** 30  
Cream and vanilla bean ice cream

## KIDS MENU

- SAUSAGE & FRIES** 12
- CHEESEBURGER & FRIES** 12
- CHICKEN NUGGETS & FRIES** 12
- PASTA & CHEESE (V)** 12
- FISH & CHIPS** 12
- Kids Activity Pack** 2.50

GF - Gluten free DF - Dairy free V - Vegetarian VG - Vegan GFA - Gluten free available DFA - Dairy free available





# DRINKS

## COCKTAILS & GINS

- APEROL SPRITZ** 14  
Aperol, prosecco, soda, orange
- MARTINI** 16  
Bombay, dry vermouth, olive
- HENDRICKS** 11  
Tonic, cucumber
- FOUR PILLARS DARE DRY GIN** 12  
Tonic, lime
- FOUR PILLARS SPICED NEGRONI GIN** 14  
Tonic, orange

## WINE

- |  | GLASS | BOTTLE |
|--|-------|--------|
| <b>SPARKLING</b>                           |       |        |
| PICCOLO HENKELL TROCKEN GERMANY            | 6     | 8.5    |
| PICCOLO CALABRIA PROSECCO                  | 6     | 8.5    |
| <b>WHITE</b>                               |       |        |
| UNDER & OVER PINOT GRIS                    | 6     | 7.50   |
| MARKVIEW CHARDONNAY                        | 6     | 6      |
| JULIET MOSCATO                             | 6     | 6      |
| MARKVIEW SAUVIGNON BLANC                   | 6     | 6      |
| CATCHING THIEVES SEMILLION SAUVIGNON BLANC | 6     | 7.50   |
| <b>RED</b>                                 |       |        |
| ALTERNIS TEMPRANILLO                       | 6     | 30     |
| LINDEMANS HENRY SONS SHIRAZ CABERNET       | 6     | 25     |
| MARKVIEW CABERNET MERLOT                   | 6     | 25     |
| UNDER & OVER SHIRAZ                        | 6     | 7.50   |
| BARWANG CABERNET SAUVIGNON                 | 6     | 7.50   |

Please feel free to purchase a bottle of wine from our cellar!  
CORKAGE 5

## LORENZO'S WOOD FIRED PIZZAS

- PIZZA BIANCA (WHITE BASE)** 24  
SALSICCIA  
Fior di latte, Italian sausage, caramelised onion, rosemary
- PATATA & PROSCIUTTO** 25  
Fior di latte, wood roasted potato, prosciutto, rosemary, gorgonzola
- PROSCIUTTO & ROCKET** 25  
Fior di latte, prosciutto, rocket, cherry tomato, shaved parmesan
- PIZZA ROSSO (RED BASE)** 22  
MARGHERITA (V)  
San Marzano tomato, fior di latte, basil
- FUNGI (V)** 24  
San Marzano tomato, fior di latte, portobello mushroom, parsley, truffle oil
- TROPICALE** 24  
San Marzano tomato, mozzarella, ham, pineapple
- CAPRICCIOSA** 24  
San Marzano tomato, fior di latte, ham, artichoke, portobello mushroom, olives
- DIAVOLA** 24  
San Marzano tomato, fior di latte, spicy salami, roasted capsicum, chilli
- MASSIMO** 24  
San Marzano tomato, fior di latte, spicy salami, portobello mushroom, anchovy, olives
- VEGETARIANA (V)** 24  
San Marzano tomato, fior di latte, zucchini, roasted capsicum, portobello mushroom, caramelised onion, olives, garlic oil
- GAMBERETTI** 26  
San Marzano tomato, fior di latte, prawns, zucchini, parsley, garlic
- LORENZO** 26  
San Marzano tomato, mozzarella, salami, ham, roasted capsicum, caramelised onion, portobello mushroom, olives, pineapple
- MEATLOVER** 26  
San Marzano tomato, mozzarella, salami, ham, Italian sausage

### EXTRAS

- Make it gluten free 4
- Add vegetables, mozzarella, fior di latte, anchovy 3
- Add meat 4
- Add prawns 5

Disclaimer: Although our gluten-free dough is made and cooked using dedicated kitchen utensils and trays, they are prepared in the same facility and ovens as our regular, flour-based pizzas. We cannot guarantee that our pizzas and other menu items are 100% free of gluten and traces of nuts or soy as there is always a possibility of trace amounts crossing over from other kitchen areas. Please consider this when ordering from our menu.

## STEAK HOUSE

### STONE GRILL / CHARGRILLED

- 300G SCOTCH FILLET** 35/40  
Black Angus, 120 days, pasture, Watervale, Cowra
- 300G EYE FILLET** 40/45  
Black Angus, 120 days, pasture, Watervale, Cowra
- 300G WAGYU RUMP MBS7 RANGERS VALLEY** 42/47  
Pure Blood Wagyu, Marble Score 7, 350 days grain
- 400G WAGYU RUMP MBS5 RANGERS VALLEY** 40/45  
Pure blood Wagyu, Marble Score 5, 270 days grain
- 400G RUMP** 33/37  
Black Angus, 120 days, pasture, Watervale, Cowra
- 400G RIB EYE** 45/49  
Black Angus, 120 days, pasture, Watervale, Cowra
- 600G TOMAHAWK - Grill Only - Pre Order, 3 days notice** 90  
British Angus, grass fed, Red Gum Creek, SA. Complimentary Garlic Bread
- 1.2KG TOMAHAWK - Grill Only - Pre Order, 3 days notice** 95  
Full blood Black Angus, MS2+, Black Tyde, Rangers Valley, 170 day grain fed. Complimentary Garlic Bread
- 300G LAMB BACKSTRAP** 35/39  
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### TOP YOUR STEAK

- FRIED EGG 3
- SALT & PEPPER SQUID 6
- SURF & TURF 6  
Grilled prawns, béarnaise sauce
- THE LOT 13  
Grilled prawns, salt & pepper squid, béarnaise sauce
- TEXAN BBQ PORK RIBS 250g 15

### SERVED WITH CHOICE OF TWO SIDES & SAUCE OR BUTTER

- SIDES**  
Garden salad, pan fried seasonal vegetables, creamy potato mash (GF), fries
- SAUCE**  
Dianne, gravy, green peppercorn, mushroom, chimichurri, creamy garlic & parmesan
- BUTTER**  
Chilli, pink peppercorn & horseradish, nori seaweed, garlic
- Extra Sauces/ Extra Butter** 3  
Complimentary Hot English Mustard, horseradish, sriracha

### The Thursday Morning Social Drop-In Group ...

... would like extend an invitation to residents of Wamboin and the surrounding areas to come along to our informal get togethers. The group meets every Thursday from 10am – 12 noon and operates at the Wamboin Hall in Bingley Way.

This group has been operating for a number of years in Wamboin and offers a social drop-in to those who wish to fill in a few hours on a Thursday morning, as well as meeting other people who live in the area. It is an informal get together, morning tea is provided and participants can stay for a chat or have a game of scrabble, table tennis, or play cards.

There is a wide cross-section of men and women attending, varying in ages. Participants can attend each week, fortnightly, monthly or as they wish. There is no requirement to come on a regular basis, although many come along weekly.

The group is very welcoming and now that COVID restrictions have eased, we are able to have more people attend. Everyone is welcome to come along for a morning and then make a decision about whether you want to come back.

Wamboin Hall has good access for anyone with a disability, walking stick or frame and there are no steps to be negotiated. For anyone who has difficulties with transport, it may be possible to organise for someone close to pick you up.

The timing of the Thursday morning drop-in group coincides with the Queanbeyan Palerang Council mobile library bus and its fortnightly visits to Wamboin Hall. If you visit the mobile library be sure to pop in and say hi to the social club group members.

The group has put together a COVID safety plan which is available to everyone who attends. Using this plan, the group meets all requirements and ensures that the group operates within the COVID safety plan.

We look forward to seeing some new people come along to the social drop-in group. If you have any questions, or want to ask about transport, please don't hesitate to contact me on 0438 917 206 or [pumpbnjc@westnet.com.au](mailto:pumpbnjc@westnet.com.au) - Narelle Pumphrey

### Can You Write Something For the April Wamboin Whisper to Entertain, Inform or Provoke Thought?

The Whisper is only as good as residents like you make it. Can you come up with an article related to living out her that people like or unlike you might appreciate reading? Write it in a way that respects other residents who see the world like you do or who don't. If it could increase your income, write it, but think about running it as an ad so we can afford to print another issue. Deadline is 7 pm March 31. Thanks for anything you can come up with. – Ned Noel, volunteer editor, ph 0409 997 082, [nednoel@optusnet.com.au](mailto:nednoel@optusnet.com.au) or [whisper@wamboincommunity.org.au](mailto:whisper@wamboincommunity.org.au)

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Fri 2 Apr Good Friday Fish n Chips	Sat May 29 Harvest 2021 Dinner - explore behind the scenes!
Sun 4 Apr Kids Easter Egg Hunt & Paint	Thurs May 20 Riedel Workshop & Dinner
Sat Apr 24, Sun Apr 25 & Mon Apr 26 Mother's Day Shopping Fair	June 12, 13, 14 & 15 Long Weekend Creative Juices Festival
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The February market was lively with more than 140 people attending. It was lovely to meet some families who are new to Wamboin. Restrictions on numbers in the hall have been eased now but we still need to follow COVID safety guidelines.

**WHAT'S ON OFFER:** We have an interesting mix of craft stalls now with woodwork, tie dye clothing, jewellery, photos, art work, knitted items, hand stitched cards, lovely handmade quilts. Then there are jams and preserves, plants aplenty at great prices - and a new stall with Maria's very yummy Italian doughnuts and cannoli. Jon was back with apples, smoked trout, cheeses and more. Pauline and Stefan's garden is delivering 'in spades' and there was a lot of good quality seasonal produce to choose, from a number of stallholders. Don't forget there is great coffee and always those mouthwatering egg and bacon rolls.

**LANDCARE: THE MARCH MARKET WILL FEATURE A HUGE SALE OF NATIVE TUBESTOCK FROM LANDCARE.** Timing is right for early autumn planting so assess those empty spots on your property or in your garden and come along to fill them up!

**CLIMATE CHANGE:** CANSign Inc. is a Gundaroo based, not-for-profit organisation created in response to the Black Summer Bushfires of 2019/20. Many people on the NSW coastline started painting their fences with "We Want Climate Action" signs. CANSign now provides quality signs to those that want to support the campaign. For more information, and to see what the signs look like, please visit <https://cansign.org.au/>. You can get your signs from David at the market to show support for action on climate change NOW. You will have noticed these yellow and black signs popping up along Norton Road and other Wamboin/Bywong locations. Do your bit. Learn what CANSign is all about.

**"HANG IT ON THE COMMUNITY CLOTHES LINE":** This stall continues to be popular. So far we have donated over \$100 on each occasion to Cancer Council NSW, St Andrew's Church, Wamboin, Possum Wildlife Sanctuary and St Benedicts Community Centre in Queanbeyan. The proceeds from the sales will go to a different charity each month. Unsold items will be passed on to local charity shops. *All items are \$5.00. Hanging racks and coat hangers are provided. We encourage you to sort out your cupboards and bring along clean and useable items of clothing.*

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## St Peters Candlelight BBQ and Bonfire

St Peters is having a Candlelight BBQ and Bonfire to raise funds for the final fit out of our new church hall. Music and Entertainment for all the family!

**Saturday 1 May 2020 at 5pm. St Peters Church Grounds, 33 Camp Street Sutton. Bookings Essential for this COVID Safe Event Entry Fee: Adults \$10 Children \$5**

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/st-peters-candlelight-bbq-and-bonfire-tickets-143409408401>

## Wamboin Church life under Covid

Just as your life has been changed by Covid, so has our church life. We are restricted in numbers, we can't use our hymn books or read from our prayer book in case the bug is transmitted from the book to the next user. Even if we could use the hymn book or know the lyrics to the hymn, we can't sing anyway. Apparently spittle droplets are substantially larger from singing than when speaking, so we need to be much further away from each other. We can sing if we wear a mask and meet the four square metres per person limit. That may be okay in a large city cathedral, but not in our little building in Wamboin. We would need to ask half the congregation to step outside whilst others remained inside to sing. Singing while wearing a mask has been rejected by the congregation. It just doesn't feel right. You try it!

Singing songs has been a way of life forever. News was spread by songs for centuries because though many were illiterate they could memorise the words and tunes and get the message spread. Christian churches were no different and the tradition has continued through the ages, well at least till 2020. Maybe later in 2021 we can sing and raise the roof of St Andrews.

Services have returned to the Wamboin church on the first, third and fifth Sundays of each month, but we are not able to re-open the Sutton church at this stage. However rules are constantly changing, so check the noticeboard regularly to see where and when a service is being held. To contact us phone Pastor Royce 0416 265 600 or [peterandandrew2012@gmail.com](mailto:peterandandrew2012@gmail.com). – Alan Rope

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## Wamboin Golf – February 2021

Sunday, 7 February, the day of the Great Wamboin Liver Transplant Medal. And what a superb day it was. Thank you Mother Nature. You may be under pressure at the moment but you can still roll out a purler! The day was sponsored by the Schroder and Whitney families whom we thank for the prizes and refreshments. The clemency of the weather attracted a large field which included, we were happy to note, the incredibly life-like Dave Hubbard. As we walked around the course we discussed such things as how we spent Invasion Day. Your correspondent eschewed the traditional burnt protein overload for a 4pm get together over finger food and a few fluid loss adjusters to remember our late friend in whose honour we now include the telling of a joke in the formal 19<sup>th</sup> hole programme. Invasion day sends a frisson of pride down every spine as we recall the glorious battle between the British Army and the National Eora Army of Central and East coast tribes. Who couldn't thrill to the vision of the invading troops landing at Kurnell in a manoeuvre copied by Eisenhower 256 years later? Who couldn't marvel at the nulla nulla emplacements of the indigenous army raining spears upon those on the beach as the returning boomerangs – the home-grown secret weapon - attacked from the rear? We straighten our shoulders in pride and admiration as we recall the chivalry shown by each side to the other during and after hostilities. And finally the signing of the treaty which recognized the prior occupancy of the defenders of this great southern land.

I wish it had been like that: a clean and fair fight, (allowing for the superiority of the invaders' weapons), followed by an honourable peace. It wasn't but we can still repair the damage if we have the will.

Back on sacred ground, as the captain fiddled with the abacas to calculate the scores, we bemoaned the fate of poor old Burma – or as they call it these days, Myanmar (why do I think of mum?). Having spent years trying to get the military junta to step aside for the elegant and well-loved Unsung Sushi (unless you're a Rohingya) civilians watched in dismay as the army took it all back again. The new despot is Min Aung Hiaing who looks about 40 but, based on the decorations on his chest, saw action in every war since Joshua fought the battle of Jericho. They go down the left side of his shirt, under his belt and down his leg. Everything's there including the Order of the Ingrown Toenail. The rumour is that China doesn't want a budding democracy on its doorstep. Your correspondent suggests that if you enjoy living in our democracy you work to keep it strong. Like making sure those pesky foreign tennis players stick to our COVID rules. Tennis is an appalling game played by the likes of Pentacostal sky pilots and angry guys with funny haircuts and lots of spare racquets. Now, golf is a decidedly more agreeable game requiring guile, cunning and good hand/eye coordination as exemplified by the former President of the US. The captain called us to order and introduced our guests, Tom Roberts, Mia Cullen and Trish and Michael Zebel. The Ted Evans memorial joke was told. Tom Roberts got the googly ball for twice over-shooting the green on

Lamberts Leap. Karen Thompson was awarded the dummy spit on the grounds that she hadn't got it before. The junior comp was won by Tim Nelson. All other juniors were given encouragement awards (thus encouraging the golfers of tomorrow). No LDs or NTPs because no one has worked out how to get the markers onto the Eastern course. We're working on it. Winner of the crowded nine hole comp was Trish Zebel 46/28 OCB from sponsor John Whitney (too bad, John). Under the rules runner-up was Deb Gordon 54/31 (sorry, sponsor Nev) with Ken Gordon 3<sup>rd</sup> 37/33 (don't you love handicaps?). Winner of the 18 hole comp was Paul Griffin 86/71 from Pete Harrison 2<sup>nd</sup> or last depending on your perspective.



Next month we battle it out for the Mad Hatter's Teapot, so don your silly hat and join us at the community hall 12.15pm on Sunday 7 March for the usual 12.30pm start. Meanwhile, may I point out that the rumours of my death have been greatly exaggerated by the American media, those purveyors of fake news. - Larry King, live golfer

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## The roads of Wamboin, part 11: Finn Place, Robertson Road, Kestral Place & Proud Place

By David McDonald, ph. 0416 231 890, email david [at] dnmcdonald.id.au

**Introduction:** This is the 11<sup>th</sup> contribution in a series of articles on the origins of the names of Wamboin's 31 roads. (The Bywong Community's website has corresponding information on the Bywong roads.) It covers two roads that are named after 20<sup>th</sup> century people, and two for which I do not have clear evidence as to the roads names' origins. As always, readers are invited to contact me, or the Editor, with any additional information, or corrections. In that context, I point out my typographical error in the text covering Hogan Drive in *The Whisper*, January 2021, p. 22: Alan Robert Denley took up his selection on the western side of the Yass River in 1927, not 1827. The Denley family have kindly confirmed that he was known as Bob Denley.

**Finn Place:** In 1982, John Finn (along with David Robertson) became one of the two initial Deputy Fire Captains of the Sutton Bushfire Brigade responsible for the Wamboin area, and over the period 1984-1989 he was the first Captain of the Wamboin Bushfire Brigade. Long term local resident Lofty Mason wrote (pers. comm.) 'John Finn was an early resident of Wamboin who took part in all of the Community activities. He had a leading role in the formation of the Wamboin Fire Brigade and was the first Brigade Captain. He worked tirelessly to build the professionalism of Brigade members and to ensure the equipment and building requirements of the brigade.'

Don Evans (2007) wrote: 'The late John Finn, originally owned the block on the corner of Bingley Way and Norton Road. The block which is only 2.1 acres, was zoned for a shop and residence. After being sold twice, I think, it was finally sold again and a shop was built. The shop ran for a few years before the old Yarrawlumla Council approved it to be rezoned for a "dual occupancy". Sadly the Community was not informed of this and we no longer have a block in the area zoned for a shop'.

He lived on Poppet Road, and died in October 1996. In c. 2001 land off Fernloff Road was subdivided, creating Finn Place and Robertson Road. His service is commemorated at the Memorial Grove adjacent to the Wamboin Brigade fire station.

**Robertson Road:** Named after David Gerard Robertson OBE., Captain (retired) Royal Navy, who was one of the first residents of Wamboin (on Cooper Road) following the creation of the first rural residential subdivision that was subsequently named Wamboin. His OBE (Military Division) was awarded in the British honours list of 14 June 1975. He was one of the two initial Deputy Fire Captains of the Sutton Bushfire Brigade responsible for the Wamboin area, and the first President of the Wamboin Bushfire Brigade, 1984-1986. *The Whisper* ('Memorial for David Robertson', October 2003, p. 8) records that 'David came to live in Wamboin in 1975 when he retired from the Royal Navy, and was a very active worker for the new community until his death in June, 2001. The [St Andrew's, Wamboin] Church building was his gift to the community'. He was also the first Wamboin resident to be a Councillor of Yarrawlumla Shire Council, and had a prominent role in our locality being named Wamboin (McDonald 2018).

In c. 2001 land off Fernloff Road was subdivided, creating Robertson Road and Finn Place. His service is commemorated at the Memorial Grove adjacent to the Wamboin Brigade fire station.

**Kestral Place:** I have yet to ascertain the origin of this small road's name, and invite readers to contact me if you have information on it. Perhaps named after the Nankeen Kestrel, a small falcon common in the Wamboin area. The road's name is spelled 'Kestral' not 'kestrel', a not-uncommon spelling error. Alternatively, it is possibly named after a ship—many civilian and naval vessels have been named 'Kestrel'/'Kestral' over the years—or a shore-based naval station:

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**Proud Place:** As with Kestral Place, I have yet to ascertain the origin of this small road's name, and invite readers to contact me if you have information on it.

This short road was built as part of the first sub-division (Canberra Country Estate) that eventually became Wamboin. The first advertisement for land sales in the Canberra Country Estate that I have located was published in *The Canberra Times* on 2 December 1972, page 31.

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The sad demise of automotive manufacturing in Australia with the closure of Holden in 2020 (and local manufacturing in 2017) it seems Australian made car prices are now shooting through the roof. It might be time to check Uncle Bob's garage that has not been opened for 30 years, to reveal a barn find inside.

Just flicking through my monthly unique car magazine it is astonishing to see some of the prices for some of our home grown hero products. In this month's issue there is a XC Cobra No.31 (remember the white two door falcon with two go fast blue stripes over the top) offered for a mind boggling \$550,000. Sure this is a limited edition and pretty rare car (but

there is still another 30 of these super limited edition Bathurst specials floating around ) with a total production run of a total of 400 . There has also been a number of sales of the XY GT HO 1971 Falcons for over \$1M and a standard Ford XY GT is around \$250,000. The old Holden's get some dizzy numbers with A9X Torana hatchbacks around \$500,000 and the old HT 350 Monaro's around \$300,000 plus. A hero model E49 Valiant Charger is for sale at \$395,000. Anything with badges such as GT, HDT, Peter Brock, Sandman, John Goss is getting to be the best investment this side of Bitcoin (and probably a whole lot less risky and you can actually drive around in it rather than keeping in your electronic wallet).

Even the family cars are finding value with old Kingswood's and Premiers fetching \$30,000 plus, old falcons and Fairlane's are regulars at the \$30,000 plus valiant pacers above \$50,000. I saw a 1965 XP Fairmont for sale \$32,000 albeit very well restored. What amazes me is the number of old cars I regularly see on the roads around Wamboin. You need to take a second look sometimes at the old Corolla's, Lasers, Commodores and Falcons that still seem to get around. These are fast becoming the collector pieces of the future while still being driven. The web has made restoring and keeping going or finding an old car much easier than the old days of yellow pages and classified ad's like the Trading Post. The world is also a smaller place and I often get parts for my Mustang from the USA and sometimes with air freight it can be quicker than getting parts from right here in Australia.

So make sure you come along to the Wheels of Wamboin to marvel at the vast array of automotive time pieces that the current custodian is keeping in care for the next generation to remember a time when Australia actually made cars (and bloody good ones at that). What is the next collectable and is it in your shed, or maybe Uncle Bob's? - Peter Evans

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## From the Corner

**Resulting Lots**—This one is a little bit technical. It follows from one of my pieces last year on minimum lot sizes and lot size averaging, and draws on a recent Land and Environment Court (LEC) ruling on an appeal against QPRC’s refusal to allow the subdivision of what is known as a ‘resulting lot’.

The reader may recall that lot size averaging is a scheme that may be used in our rural and rural residential areas to provide a degree of flexibility when creating a new subdivision without compromising the amenity and overall integrity of these areas. In general, the minimum lot size in our rural residential areas, the focus of this discussion, is 6ha. There are, however, two situations when lots can be smaller: when creating a community title subdivision, when lots as small as 1ha can be created, or when applying lot size averaging provisions, when lots down to 2ha can be created.

In both of these latter cases, of course, conditions apply, and in the present context the relevant condition is that you can’t cut and come again—once a subdivision has been created under one of these ‘concessional’ provisions, none of the lots so created, the so-called ‘resulting lots’, can be further subdivided, no matter what their size. When creating a community title subdivision or when taking advantage of lot size averaging provisions, the subdivision is effectively assessed as an integrated unit within which lots larger than the applicable minimum will generally have been created to offset any smaller lots in the subdivision. Thereafter, the entire unit must effectively remain intact to retain the integrity of the original subdivision.

Note that this restriction does not apply to lots, created by ‘conventional’ subdivision, that simply respect the prevailing minimum lot size. In these situations, lots can be subdivided as many times as one likes, provided that, in the end, no lot is smaller than 6ha.

To provide a little more background to the case at point, community title schemes, in addition to being subject to controls under the prevailing Local Environmental Plan (LEP), fall under the remit of the Community Land Development (CLD) Act.

The applicant in the present case had sought approval for the subdivision of a lot that had been created through a previous subdivision. There were several factors at play here, but the application was rejected by Council on the basis that the proposal constituted the subdivision of a ‘resulting lot’.

The applicant, however, argued that the original subdivision, as a neighbourhood scheme under the CLD Act, was not constrained by either the Yarrowlumla Local Environmental Plan (YLEP), which was in force at the time of the original subdivision, or the Palerang LEP (PLEP), under which the present application was being considered. Specifically, the lot in question was not a ‘resulting lot’ because it was created under the CLD Act, which made no mention of ‘resulting lots’.

The interesting part of the ruling was the Commissioner’s assessment that, if a proposal created a situation from which an obvious absurdity would naturally follow, that proposal must fail. The Commissioner drew this conclusion, amongst others, in a 28 page ruling, but I’ll spare you further detail here.

The ruling concluded that the applicant’s proposal, that the lot in question could not be considered a ‘resulting lot’ under the YLEP or PLEP because it had been created under the CLD Act, must fail. The Commissioner observed that, if the logic of that argument were to be followed through, one would have to conclude that no minimum lot size restriction existed for any community title subdivision, which it was noted would be absurd, since an LEP seeks to explicitly identify minimum lot sizes for all subdivisions.

Another factor that the Commissioner drew into her ruling was what she considered to be the clear intent of the LEP in relation to the matter at hand, regardless of arguments surrounding the meaning and/or application of individual clauses within the various pieces of applicable legislation.

When debating the validity of development assessments, applicants often focus on the ‘nut and bolts’ of their specific situation without stepping back and giving due consideration to the broader objectives of the prevailing planning legislation. They often base their case on why their situation is ‘special’, without fully appreciating how the interpretation they are seeking might undermine the more fundamental objectives of the planning system.

Of course, there are those who feel they should not be constrained at all by a planning system, but that’s more a political debate and one that we might leave for another time and place...

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## Nature Notes February 2021

Jo Walker

Enough rain fell during the month to keep the landscape green and everything growing to the end of summer. But it hardly feels autumnal with a temperature of 30 degrees on the last day of February.

The most noticeable flowers this month were the heavy masses of cream flowers on the tall Hickory Wattles (*Acacia implexa*). There are some growing along Sutton Road and nearby on Norton Road. They are very slow-growing but can grow into large trees. A dead one here had a trunk 60 centimetres in diameter so must have been an very ancient tree.

Quite a few daisies are still showing a bit of colour. The Sticky Everlasting Daisies (*Xerochrysum viscosum*) are still bearing a few golden flowers and the Hoary Sunray (*Leucochrysum albicans*) seem to be having a second flush of their plentiful white flowers. And of course the Narrow-leaved New Holland Daisy (*Vittadinia muelleri*) will be covered in tiny pale blue flowers and fluffy seed-heads well into autumn.

While walking around my place recently, I've seen quite a few little seedlings of *Exocarpos cupressiformis* (Cherry Ballart) growing on the hillsides. This lovely tree is semi-parasitic and usually grows near eucalypt trees, but some of these seedlings are a bit distant from trees so it will be interesting to see how they go.

A flock of over thirty Yellow-tailed Black Cockatoos flew over here a few days ago. They used to be regular visitors here, often staying for a few hours to laboriously chew open the woody Hakea fruit to retrieve the presumably tasty seed - or to dig chunks of wood out of tree-trunks to find some insect larvae. I hadn't seen many here for quite a long time so it was good to hear their loud calls again. The two Wedge-tailed Eagles that also used to be regularly seen hovering over the hillsides here or catching wind currents to drift high into the sky had also been absent for a while, but recently a neighbour saw them nearby. Possibly, after the rampant growth of all the vegetation here, they decided to spend their time in more open country where they could see their prey more easily.

It was good to see a few more Cunningham's Skinks around this summer, scuttling along beside the house wall or basking in the sunshine on a favourite log. Not so good to see another Brown Snake recently slithering across the path - but they too have a part in the scheme of things.

There seem to be a few more insects around now - food for the spiders that seem to delight in constructing their intricate webs across pathways! Most of them here are the brightly coloured (black, white and yellow) little Spiny Spiders (*Gasteracantha* sp.), but I've also had quite a few large Huntsman Spiders scuttling over the walls inside the house. And the Wolf Spider holes in the ground are still open. These spiders construct a neat little round lid from soil and web which they seem to cover their hole with during winter (the lid can often be seen lying close to the hole entrance).

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