



Wamboin Home Produce Market presents May Horse Gear & Farm/Garden Equipment

Bring your used horse gear and farm/garden equipment to the May market. See market details page 22. Saturday 15 May 2021 9 - 12 Md

Life Threatening Emergencies Fire/Police/Ambulance - Dial Triple Zero (000) All Hours

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Wamboin Community Assn www.wamboincommunity.org.au

Bywong Community www.bywongcommunity.org.au

Fire Brigade <http://wamboin.rfsa.org.au>

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Creative Juices

11-14 June 2021

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Get your juices flowing with an exciting long weekend of creative arts, with beautiful local food & wines. Featuring performances from Australian Dance Party, Somebody's Aunt, Dianna Nixon, a kids workshop from Kulture Break, and a Sparkling Perfect long table lunch with The Street Theatre.



Friday 11 June

BOOK NOW

Australian Dance Party Dinner & Show

7pm Dinner & Show • \$120

Launching a weekend of events Australian Dance Party and Contentious Characters serve up a delectable degustation of food, wine and dance, squeezing juicy moves into an action-packed opening night, including spoken word/solo dance by Australian Dance Party founder and award winning dance artist, Allison Plevey, dinner party group dance and a social line/wine dance in the name of grapes to celebrate our hearts, taste buds and good company around us. It's a party! Be prepared to connect!

Party Artists include: Olivia Fyfe, Ryan Stone, Levente Szabo and Allison Plevey

AUSTRALIAN
DANCE
PARTY

Image: Loma Sim



BOOK NOW

Saturday 12 June

BOOK NOW

Kulture Break Kids Dance Workshop

11am – 1pm • \$40 per child including pizza

An engaging and inclusive workshop with Kulture Break dance coaches for children aged between 5-13 years old. Kulture Break celebrate creativity and empower young people to be themselves, so no dance experience required to participate. Enjoy an introductory hip hop workshop and some Contentious Character Pizzas. Kulture Break, founded by Francis Owusu, is committed to the mental health, well-being and transformation and empowerment of children and youth through performing arts and leadership programs.

KULTURE
BREAK

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A Gentleman's Companion Cabaret & Dinner with Dianna Nixon

7pm • \$140 with complimentary cocktail

Delicious, cosy, intimate, intoxicating fun. Singles invited to sit at Dianna's table! A solo gambol from musician and performer Dianna Nixon inspired by the delicious words of Charles Baker's collected exotic concoctions for imbibing and degusting. Dianna's copy of this pair of books, with tales of high adventure in the 30's and cocktail recipes from around the world, has been in her hands since childhood and now comes into a new show with a seasoning of male rock standards (from The Police, Cheap Trick, Cold Chisel, Bowie, Metallica, Queen and more), a glass in hand and a voice ready to rumble, soar and cry. With 40 years as pianist, singer, and actor, Dianna has launched Music Theatre Projects to develop new work in the ACT region.

Music
Theatre
Projects Ltd

Image: Roxie Robinson

Sunday 13 June

BOOK
NOW

Juice by Somebody's Aunt

11am – 1pm or 2pm – 4pm • \$80 with 2 course lunch

Created by Canberra ensemble Somebody's Aunt with musicians Nitya Bernard Parker and Andrew Purdam, JUICE is a dance performance inspired by the land, the grapevines and the transformative alchemy that brings wine into our lives! Filled with joy, pleasure and humour, the performance celebrates wine and the cycle of life. Led by Artistic director Jane Ingall, Somebody's Aunt is an audacious ensemble of older women who have created their own mix of dance, theatre, voice, music and humour in engaging their audiences.

Dancers: Anne Embry, Jane Ingall, Julie Rickwood, Nicola Pilkington, Prue Gieson, Sue Andrews, Suzannah Solojarvi

Musicians: Nitya Bernard Parker, Andrew Purdam, Andrew Stuart

Somebody's Aunt

Image: Kate Ovi



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Monday 14 June

BOOK
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Sparkling perfect! Arts, food & sparkling in one long lunch

11.30am – 2pm • \$170 pp incl. sparklings, lunch, entertainment

A long table lunch for lovers of Sparkling where ticket holders get to meet the Chefs, Wine-makers, Associate Artists from The Street Theatre and experience the perfect match! A fitting end to our Inaugural arts festival we celebrate all good things local - sparklings, food, and artists developing new theatre works and a strong and vibrant arts scene for all to enjoy in our region – and our first annual arts fundraiser supporting The Street Theatre Associate Artists program.

Chefs: Inkook Kim from Contentious Character & Guest Chefs: Daniel & Katrina Hiltbrunner from D&K Kitchen at Lark Hill Winery.

Wine Makers: Jeremy Wilson from Contentious Character, David & Sue Carpenter from Lark Hill Winery, Frank and Heiga Pischoner from Enotria Wines and Ian and Susie Hendry from Affleck Wines



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Packages

BOOK
NOW

Binge Pass for 2

~~\$1020~~ • \$918 – 10% DISCOUNT

Includes:

- Opening Night Show & Dinner for two
- Two adult tickets for Somebody's Aunt performance of choice or Kulture Break Workshop tickets for 2 children
- One Cabaret performance of choice
- Two tickets to the Sparkling Perfect long table lunch

Please email

bookings@contentiouscharacter.com.au for a Binge Pass



Bookings

All event bookings can be made on line by visiting www.contentiouscharacter.com.au/Events

Bookings for additional tastings & lunch outside event ticket inclusions can be made www.contentiouscharacter.com.au/Book

Dietaries, requests for seating with other parties, Singles Table seating with Dianna for the cabaret, or other special requests can be made (please quote your name and booking reference) through Booking Enquiries – bookings@contentiouscharacter.com.au

Please arrive on time or early and enjoy a drink on the lawn or a tasting at Sunday's Pop-Up cellar door.

All sales are final and non-refundable, with tickets transferable to other parties. In the event of adverse weather affecting an event, a decision on proceeding with the specific event will be made 24 hours prior event start time, and if any event is postponed, a rain date will be scheduled or tickets will be credited towards tasting, dining, wines or retail produce & gifts, purchasable on site or on line.

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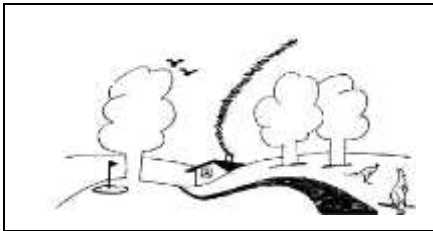
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“Bumper Wheels”



The Wheels of Wamboin – well what a great day it turned out to be. The weather gods helped out with a stunning autumn day only surpassed by the stunning line up of over 280 vehicles of all shapes, sizes and vintages. This was a lot more than I anticipated with a low key approach to advertising this year (I actually ran out of numbers again). The buzz of the day was electric, with the markets popular, the Landcare tree sale and the Wamboin RFS BBQ in full swing. The cars on display were many and varied as everyone bought along their special automotive marvel for the day. It was also heartening to see the diversity of the crowd (including many kids and families) to admire these great machines. Thank you to all involved including the Wamboin RFS, Meriel and all the stall holders.

Millpost Hill – Well another telecommunications company has letterbox dropped the surrounding land owners of the Millpost Hill Crown reserve (the area of land on top of the hill) to notify of their wish erect a fixed wireless tower. You may remember a few years ago Telstra reconsidered their proposal to erect (due to community concern) a tower on our most visible point in Wamboin and as part of a Federal funded blackspot program, they relocated the tower down the road to a visually less intrusive spot. Yes you can still see the tower from afar but is surrounded by established trees and was a great solution. Since then we also have an Optus tower over on Forest Road. I cannot understand why we need 3 when our taxpayers dollars already part paid for the Telstra one. I for one do not want to look and see a fixed wireless tower on our most prominent hill as a blight on the great natural amenity we live out here to enjoy. Surprisingly as part of the conversation I have now heard of Starlink and understand a number of locals and Canberrans have already signed up. This is a really interesting development for a global satellite network. There is a really good story on the ABC website and just type in Elon Musk Starlink. We also wait in anticipation for the Wamboin Communications Action Group tender outcomes that should be known later in the year. Round up the wagons folks!

Wamboin Markets – The May markets are held this month with an invitation to sellers for a used horse gear and farm/garden equipment to be set up on the oval. Please see further details in this edition of the Whisper.

Recycling Clothing – Just a reminder to bring down your recycled clothing to the may market. The stall offers donated recycled clothing and all profits are distributed to five local charities. This is a great initiative and is a win/win for everyone.

Performing Arts in Wamboin – I hear there is a creative arts festival about to launch here in Wamboin.

Greenways - Just a thumbs up to the good work on the Norton to Weeroona Greenway to enhance safety, undertaken by the Greenways s. 355 Cttee and the Bywong & Wamboin Greenways Renewal Working Group (GRoW)

Wamboin Social Drop-In Group – is in action every Thursday from 10am – 12 noon at the Wamboin Hall in Bingley Way. 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. If you have any questions, or want to ask about transport, please don't hesitate to contact Narelle Pumphrey on 0438 917 206 or pumpbnjc@westnet.com.au -

QPRC Mobile Library: – The Mobile Library will be at the Wamboin Hall in Bingley Way on Thursday May 6th and Thursday May 20th from 10.30am to 11.30am and every fortnight from then on. If you are not a Library Member, don't worry, the Mobile Library staff can join you up on the day and you can borrow immediately. Visit the QPRC Library Website for information on all services and activities in each of the Council's Libraries. This is a wonderful service provided to Wamboin residents by the QPRC for their enjoyment and convenience, please continue to use it.

WCA Meeting – Next Meeting will be held at 7.30 pm, Tuesday 18th May at the Wamboin Community Hall.
We are Wamboin **Peter Evans - President**.

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Teams of **SIX**, cost is **\$5/head** and includes **homemade soup and roll and prizes/trophies** for the minutiae-minded (starting with one for the punniest team name - you can send a team name in advance or argue over one on the night. Arrive at **6.30pm for a 7.00pm kickoff**. Estimated close of shenanigans will be around 10.00pm.

Seats are limited, so **register ASAP via the email address below** (a complete team of six, OR we can place individuals on a table with new friends!).

COVID-safe conditions will be strictly observed. Any changes to plans will be advertised as early as possible via the Whisper, the BCA website and BCA Facebook page.

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2. On the day before and on the day that you intend to burn off, check the weather conditions. Most importantly the wind and the wind speed. Calm conditions are what you need. Moderate or Strong winds will make your fire unpredictable and hard to manage.
3. Watch and monitor your fire while it is burning and ensure that you have the tools and water available so that you can control your burn off safely.
4. It is your responsibility to make sure that your burn off is completely out.

Wamboin Rural Fire Brigade: <http://brigade.wamboincommunity.asn.au> NSW Rural Fire Service: www.rfs.nsw.gov.au
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- POTATO WEDGES (V)**
Sour cream, sweet chilli sauce 16
- KOREAN FRIED CHICKEN LOLIPOPS**
Korean sweet chilli dipping sauce 16
- BEEF NACHOS (GF)**
Sour cream, guacamole, cheese, corn salsa 22
- FRIES**
6 LRG / 3 SML 6 LRG / 3 SML

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 BREAD 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
Garden salad, pan fried seasonal vegetables, creamy potato mash (GF), fries 21
- SAUCE**
Dianne, gravy, green peppercorn, mushroom, chimichurri, creamy garlic & parmesan 20
- TOP YOUR SCHNITZEL**
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| PARMIGIANA
Smoked ham, San Marzano sauce, mozzarella | 23 |
| MEXICANA
Tomato salsa, mozzarella, guacamole, sour cream | 25 |
| GODFATHER
San Marzano sauce, spicy sopressa, ham, mozzarella | 25 |
| EXTRA SAUCE | 3 |
- BANGERS & MASH (GF)**
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- PANKO CRUMBED LAMB CUTLETS**
With a choice of two sides and sauce 38
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- CHICKEN KIEV**
Creamy potato mash, asparagus, garlic butter 24
- BEEF SALTINBOCCA**
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- TRY ALL FLAVOURS - CREPE PLATTER FOR THE FAMILY** 30
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KIDS MENU

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

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EXTRAS

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Responsible Dog Ownership

Let me say up front that my view is that everyone (be they walkers, joggers, horse-riders, etc) should have the right to traverse along public roads and footpaths without being anxious for their safety.

I have been concerned for some time about a few dogs that often wander up and down our street, apparently uncontrolled and generally barking loudly for much of the day, menacing walkers and occasionally chasing the kangaroos. A couple of times I've had to fish drowned joeys out of a neighbouring dam ... I can only assume in their terror they've been driven in by dog(s). Many horse-riders used to frequent the nature-strip paths and road presumably to get to the adjacent greenway, and their absence now indicates that even that activity is likely to have been denied due to the potential for attack by uncontrolled dogs. Anyway, as a result of several bad experiences with a large dog on the loose by myself and others trying to enjoy an otherwise quiet walk along the road, I enquired of QPRC to find out what their policy is on the effective control of dogs.

They pointed me at their online pamphlet 'Responsible Dog Ownership' (see under <https://www.qprc.nsw.gov.au/Services/Animals/Your-responsibilities-as-a-Pet-Owner>) from which the following is paraphrased, and I thought it may be of interest to local dog owners and walkers alike. The fines and rules are taken from the *NSW Companion Animals Act 1998* and are standard across NSW.

Keeping your dog under effective control

- All dogs that are outside of an adequately fenced backyard are required to be on a leash and under effective control. **A fine of \$330 applies to the dog owner if the dog is off the lead in a public place**

- While you may be confident in your dog's ability to listen to your calls and directions, that is NOT considered effective control

- Council will be increasing patrols around local reserves and ovals to ensure all companion animals are on leads and are under effective control. Everyone has the right to walk freely within the local reserves and parks without being concerned for their safety

- Various off-leash dog areas are provided around Queanbeyan-Palerang ... the one on the corner of Turallo Terrace/McMahon Drive in Bungendore seems to be the nearest.

Dangerous dogs in Queanbeyan-Palerang

- Substantial penalties apply under the Companion Animals Act NSW 1998 should a dog be involved in an attack (defined as an offence where a dog attacks a person or animal). The owner of the dog, or any person above 16 who is in charge of the dog at the time of the offence, is guilty of an offence if the dog rushes at, attacks, bites, harasses or chases any person or animal (other than vermin), whether or not any injury is caused to the person or animal

- The 1998 Act states that a person can be permanently disqualified from owning a dog or from being in charge of a dog in a public place if they are convicted of an offence involving a dangerous dog.

Reporting a roaming dog or dog attack

- Residents who spot a roaming dog or are attacked by a dog are urged to **contact Council on 1300 735 025** where a report will be lodged and the matter investigated.

Cleaning up after your dogs

- If you are taking your dog for a walk in a public place, owners are required to collect any droppings. **A fine of \$275 applies to owners that don't clean up after their dog.**

Of course the vast majority of dog owners locally are totally responsible, but there are a few who are probably at work all day and may have no idea what their dogs are up to ... jumping fences, roaming around and barking loudly at anything that passes, in their boredom. I was lucky ... after a few instances of being menaced by the large dog roaming the road I was able to have a robust discussion with the owner over his fence and I'm pleased (and thankful) to say that no further trouble has been experienced with that particular dog. However, there are one or two other current habitual 'misbehavers', and I can only hope their owners will take heed of the public safety requirements as enacted by Council. As can be seen, penalties do apply but if the potential for even one minor injury, or worse, to a person or (protected) animal can be prevented as a result of writing this article, then it will have been well worthwhile.

(Kind permission obtained from QPRC to recreate referred pamphlet contents 22 Apr 21) - Gareth Jones, Wamboin

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Bird Of The Month

By Luke Downey

For May I chose the Golden Whistler, a fairly common winter migrant to Wamboin, with a beautiful call and a brightly coloured male.

Golden Whistler (*Pachycephala pectoralis*) Size: 16.5-18.5cm Status: Fairly common altitudinal winter migrant

The Golden Whistler is a medium-sized bird, with a pleasant whistling call. The male is very colourful, and has bright golden underparts and collar, with a black head and black bordered white throat, and olive-brown wings. The female is plain olive-brown all over, with paler underparts. Juveniles resemble females but have varying degrees of rusty rufous in their plumage; older birds usually have just rufous margins to wing feathers, young juveniles may be completely rufous overall. Even though females are less colourful than males, their song is not any less beautiful. Golden Whistlers exhibit a large variety of whistling calls. The most common calls include an ascending “see-cep”, a repeated “sweet-a-wit, sweet-a-wit” and a rising “dee-dee-dee-dee-ah-WHIT” with emphasis on the last syllable. Golden Whistlers are unusual in that they are a winter migrant to Wamboin. Most local migratory birds are summer migrants and they migrate to northern Australia in winter to escape the cold. However, Golden Whistlers are altitudinal winter migrants and this means that in winter they spread to the lower lying woodland areas, and in summer they retreat to the wetter forests in areas like Namadgi National Park. They do not migrate long distances. Golden Whistlers are similar to Rufous Whistlers (see Bird of the Month in the February 2021 Whisper) and there is a slight overlap where both species occur locally in spring and autumn. Male Rufous Whistlers are rufous (not golden) underneath, and female Rufous Whistlers are very similar to female Golden Whistlers, but have dark streaks on pale cream underparts (not plain brown). Their somewhat similar calls can be distinguished by the fact that Rufous Whistlers starts on the higher note and descends on the second note, whereas Golden Whistlers starts on the lower note and ascends on the second note.



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A First for the Wamboin Thursday Social Group

We generally get a good turn out and can run up to 3 Scrabble games at the Thursday morning social group, which is convened by Narelle Pumphrey, and attended by up to a dozen locals. But for the very first time, we have had an "all male" Scrabble table. Conversations are generally spirited and usually quite politically correct. Even if they sometimes get in the way of play, a wide range of opinions can be canvassed, and there are lots of interesting stories to tell and listen to. Please come along and join in. Now that some of us are back at work, we are rather missing babies and toddlers, so please don't think this group is only for the over 70's. We also take care of the over 90's. If you get there by 10:00am, you can fit in 2 games before lunch. Quite a few come just to chat - so do come, even if you don't want to play, and enjoy a cuppa with us. – **Rob Brunswick, Wamboin**



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Wamboin Golf – April 2021

Sunday, 4 April. A beautiful sunny day for Easter Sunday. Not a breath of air, which was a shame. 28C feels like 32C without a breeze. Still, no one complained for fear of the embarrassment of the dummy spit award. It was, of course, the day of the Wamboin Mini Masters. This legendary competition goes back to 1893 when Rudyard Kipling donated the Great Grey-Green Greasy Limpopo Jacket to the club. 1893, by the way, was the year that women got the vote in New Zealand. And haven't they done well since! Unlike the US Masters, a drawn-out four day affair, the winner of the greenish coat is determined on the day, following two rounds of six holes on Bingley Way, the nerve centre of Wamboin. Those who make the cut after round one go on to vie for the afore-mentioned article of bespoke tailoring. Those of us who don't (including your correspondent) still play round two for the handicap honours. All players then compete in the NTP novelty shots: off the ramp; off the tyre; from the bunker. Got it? OK. The day was sponsored by the Wamboin Community Association whom we thank for the refreshments and prizes. And so with a song in our hearts, as Heaven opened its portals for us (thank you Messrs Rodgers and Hart) we sprang to the stirrups and galloped off into the countryside swathed in its mantle of green, courtesy of the recent rains.

Back in the jungle, as Brown Owl in the guise of Lofty Mason did the tally with the technical expertise of Akela, local ICT wizard, Nev Schroder, we pondered the roll out of the anti Covid jab. We thought that Ireland's early concerns about clots was an Irish joke until we realized they meant blood clots. The answer is childishly simple: lace the vaxx with Warfarin. Then there was the all Ordinaries Index. It started 2020 at over 7000 (whatever that means). And, roughly, that's where it started 2021. Sure, it dropped like a lead zeppelin in the interim but the general economy, measured by Gross Domestic Product, rocketed out of recession while full time employment increased. All this suggests that the gig economy – mainly the income earned by part timers in the hospitality industry – doesn't contribute much to the broader economy. And guess what? The calculation of GDP doesn't really take them into account. My mate the economics lecturer at QU tells me that the composition of GDP hasn't been revised since about 1937. It doesn't account for informal or unrecorded employment arrangements. Of course, the gig economy is a big deal for those who work in it and will feel the absence of JobKeeper which is just part of the \$200 billion the Feds have spent on pump priming and which will take about sixty years to repay.

News that police in Canberra had unearthed a haul of cannabis valued at \$500,000 evoked memories of the Wamboin Rural Fire Brigade President's smoking party of ten years ago. The brigade was called upon to burn a huge crop of the substance confiscated in the region. This was done under strict police supervision on the oval next to the hall. Some of the participating brigade members felt a mild euphoria while others wandered about saying things like "far out and solid, man".

The acting captain called us to order and introduced our guests, Philip Moran, Clint Pickin, Ben Hubbard (scion of a noble Wamboin family), Tony Dowdell and Lila Mason. Kathy Handel, representing the WCA, recited a poem about the shape of wombat poo. It brought tears to the eyes. The googly ball went to Rob Gorham for driving the course while a guy with a steel leg walked it (how lazy can you get?). Just for good measure we awarded Gorham the dummy spit. Novelty shot winners were: off the ramp, Tim Barter 2.9 metres; off the tyre, Steve Lambert 4.3 metres; from the bunker, David Bailey 7.2 metres. Handicap winner was Phil Moran 57/41 from runner-up Glen Crafter 52/42. Junior Master was Robert Thomson 39 for six holes. Runner-up in the senior Masters comp was Tim Barter 56. And as the band strikes up Elgar's Pomp and Circumstance March No.1 we can announce that the 2021 Wamboin Mini Master is Paul Griffin 52. Well played all one and all!

Whether or not you've had the jab, give serious consideration to joining us on Sunday, the 2nd of the Merrie Month of May for another joyous day of golfing pleasure. Be at the community hall at 12.15pm to sign in for the punctual 12.30pm shot gun start. While on the subject of shot guns, ASIO has identified a "nest of spies" operating in Australia. It has expelled some. Others have been "rendered inoperative". We wonder if they've been rendered inoperative "with extreme prejudice". - **Larry King, golfer**

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WAMBOIN WEATHER – rainfall and temperature records

(46 years from Cooper Road) by Christine Rieber

April Rainfall Stats

April rainfall to the 25th 6.0mm
2021 total rainfall to 25th 287.5mm

May Rainfall Stats

2020 May rainfall..... 14.5mm
Wettest May..... 171.0mm in 1995
Wettest day..... 52mm on 3/5/95
Driest May..... 0mm in 2001

May Temperature Stats

Hottest May day..... 24°C on 2/5/95
Hottest May night..... 14°C (4 times) on
2/5/88, & 1-2/5/95 & 3/5/19
Average day temperature..... 13.4°C
Warmest May..... 1980
(Av. max day temp. 14.2°C & night 7.5°C)
(highest 16.8°C in 2018 & 8.1°C in 1989)

Average April rainfall..... 45.6mm
2020 April rainfall..... 99.0mm
2020 total rainfall to 25/4..... 276.0mm
45yr Av. to end of April..... 222.1mm

Average May rainfall..... 44.8mm
Average no. rain days in May..... 8.3
Highest no. rain days..... 20 in 1989
Lowest no. rain days..... 0 in 2001

Av. May temp.... 9.3°C (day+night comb.)
Coldest May day..... 3°C on 29/5/00
Coldest May night..... -6°C on 31/5/01
Average night temperature..... 5.2°C
Coldest May 2012
(Av. min day temp. 10.1°C & night 0.8°C)

May 2020. Av. max 15.1°C & min 3.9°C

The record for the coldest April night temperature of -1 °C was broken twice
in April 2021 with -1.4°C on the 12th April and -1.6°C on the 22nd April.

During May the daylight length will decrease by 42 minutes from 10.5 to 9.8 hours

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www.wamboincommunity.asn.au. Any proceeds from advertisements in The Whisper after printing costs go to the Wamboin Community Association.

Contributions to the Whisper: Contributions from all residents are encouraged, valued and the main content of the newsletter. The current editor is Ned Noel, 17 Reedy Creek Place, Wamboin, 2620, phone 0409 997 082. Paul Downey of Cooper Road also shares in doing the editing. Please email contributions to either whisper@wamboincommunity.asn.au or to nednoel@optusnet.com.au or mail them or drop them off. On contentious matters the Wamboin Community Association will strive to maintain a balanced view, by seeking advice from the editorial team and by seeking alternative views to be published in the same edition. The deadline for each issue is the last Sunday night of the month before, so the **deadline for the June 2021 issue is 7 pm Sunday night, May 30, 2021.** Advertising prices, per issue, based on rough fraction of inside the margins A4 area: 1/8 \$24 1/6 \$29 ¼ \$35 1/3 \$44 ½ \$70 2/3 \$87 Full Page \$140. email or phone inquiries to the editor as above.

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Can you assist in documenting a historical timeline – a chronology – of Wamboin and district?

Over the last couple of years I have been compiling a historical timeline of Wamboin and district, that I now title 'A Chronology of Wamboin and District'. A dictionary definition of a chronology is 'the arrangement of events or dates in the order of their occurrence' You can access the chronology at the Wamboin Community Association's website. It is at the local history page there: <https://www.wamboincommunity.asn.au/localhistory/>. At that page, please navigate through the left-hand-side menu Wamboin Locality | Chronology. The version there is a draft. If you have an interest in the history of our area, and/or have some knowledge of it, I invite you to have a look at the draft, and pass on to me any suggestions for additional entries, or topics, or comments on what I have already drafted. One caveat: in terms of quality control, generally items can only be included if a source for them is provided, rather than just a recollection. That said, if you know of something that would make a sound addition to the chronology, but do not have a source for it, please let me know and I will do my best to find a

corroborating source. Please contact me at phone 0416 231 890, or email david [at] dnmcdonald.id.au. And, by the way, have you seen the wonderful book Gallagher, NJ & Lee, BR 2020, *Bungendore - a chronology*, [Neville Gallagher], n.p.. Highly recommended. Looking forward to hearing from you! - **David McDonald**

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Joey Season is Here

Around this time of year, as winter approaches, many female eastern grey kangaroos are carrying a growing joey in their pouches. Unfortunately, this is also when road strikes increase in numbers, due to shorter days and busier traffic at dawn and dusk when kangaroos are more active. Many are killed or badly injured every winter, often requiring euthanasia. When you are out driving, and you see or hit a kangaroo on the road, keep in mind that a live joey could be inside the dead or dying mother's pouch.

If you come across a kangaroo that has been killed, and if safe to do so, please check its pouch (if female) for a joey. It might be a tiny pink one without fur (a 'pinkie') or larger and furred. Ideally an experienced wildlife rescuer (e.g. Wildcare) should remove the joey for transfer to care. Contact Wildcare on

6299 1966 to get advice. However, if you are out of range for Mobile, here are some tips:

- be aware the joey will be highly stressed, so keep noise and disturbance to a minimum
- the joey may be injured, especially if the dead mother has sustained injuries to her body; care must always be taken, as it is removed
- a kangaroo's pouch is quite flexible and can be readily 'opened' to gain access
- if the joey is attached to a teat, ideally cut the teat with scissors and leave teat in joey's mouth while transporting
- to remove a joey, try to cup the body and gently pull from the pouch – not by the legs or tail but from its torso/body – and wrap in a towel (keep one in the car) or jumper (keep warm, dark and quiet)
- if the joey is bigger and out of the pouch, it will probably remain near its mother; call Wildcare for advice and rescue
- a joey can be thrown from its mother's pouch, so if she appears to have a recently occupied pouch, have a look around to see if a joey is nearby
- there is always the option of taking the whole animal to Wildcare, or a Vet, to have a joey safely removed.



Wombats killed on roads can also have a joey in their pouch. Note that (unlike the kangaroo pouch) the wombat's pouch faces backwards between the legs. Removing joey wombats can be difficult and they may need to be cut from a dead mother's pouch. However, try to cup the body of the joey and ease it out – the joey may resist!

Don't be tempted to try to care for a joey yourself. Wildcare volunteers are specially trained and start off with a buddy mentor to guide them, as there are many specific requirements related to rescue, feeding, toileting, bedding, interaction with other joeys and animals etc. And every joey is different!

If you are interested in caring for joeys, consider joining Wildcare (6299 1966) and get involved.

- Merran Laver & Phil Machin for Wildcare – 6299 1966

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Azolla

This year, you may have noticed many dams throughout NSW with a film of red covering the surface. The plant is known as Azolla, a native Australian fern that is found in many waterways and also commonly used as a decorative feature in garden ponds. It is not a noxious weed and does not, under the NSW biosecurity laws constitute a biosecurity risk. It is a free floating surface plant. In warm weather it can quickly spread to cover open areas of water and builds up quite substantially in stationary water bodies such as dams, especially in times of heavy rain after drought. See photo in colour at www.wamboincommunity.org.au

In Wamboin, it is likely that in these recent times of plentiful rain, the fronds are washed downstream from gardens where people have ornamental ponds and supported by excess fertilizer washed downstream. Azolla produces spores and spreads by fragments. It does die back in winter especially if there are harsh frosts. Ducks and wildlife also help its spread.

From experience, it's extremely hard to eradicate. Biosecurity NSW classifies this as a native plant and control methods are limited. There are herbicide options, but these are difficult to safely apply to large dams and basically kill everything in the dam, including fish, frogs and turtles. Withholding periods mean removing stock from the adjacent area. Of the herbicide products available, none are recommended for use by Queanbeyan/Palarang Council nor by the several water experts we have consulted. The resistance risk (ie ineffectiveness) with use of the herbicides is high. In other words the herbicides don't work particularly well, especially on large bodies of water.

Queanbeyan/Palarang biosecurity officer I have spoken with, agrees the best approach is to try and regularly reduce the amount of weed on the dam by manual methods, aerate the water and enhance water quality. Best methods are to try and manually remove the weed, using pond skimmers or similar. Following removal, installation of an aeration system is important (we have installed a solar panel, air pump and two aeration modules to aerate our dam). There are various products that help enhance the quality of the water. These need to be added to the dam regularly and are expensive. We have been testing our water to see if quality is improving and it is great to see that oxygenation and overall quality and turbidity has improved considerably.

Once the weed is removed it can be used as a natural fertilizer but take care to spread it in areas where it will not be carried back to the dam or waterway next time it rains.

Using the above methods, we managed to clear the dam of a mat of weed about 100mm deep. We now have regrowth but it is much less dense. Hopefully with winter frosts and ongoing water quality monitoring and maintenance we will obtain a more balanced water ecology.

If anyone would like any further information about management of this native plant or needs to borrow a skimmer or hire someone with heavy equipment to move away the resulting debris, I am happy to point you in the right direction/ **Meriel Schultz 0422614304 Meriel**

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In conjunction with the monthly Wamboin Home Produce and Craft Market, there will be a grand sale of second hand horse gear, farm and garden equipment. *On the Oval, Community Hall, Bingley Way, Wamboin* Clean out your stables, tack rooms and sheds and maybe your trash will become someone else's treasure!! A fee of \$5 will be charged for each seller. Tables can be supplied and an ATM will be on site. All unsold items MUST be removed at the end of the market. Contact: Meriel Schultz for tables or more information.

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Writing this the day after the April market – and am in recovery (as, I'm sure, are many stallholders and helpers). The morning was combined with the Wheels of Wamboin, the RFS sausage sizzle and the Landcare Plant Sale. We had wonderful weather and a HUGE attendance. A very happy morning for everyone.

Many thanks to Ned and Diana for managing the crowd logistics and getting COVID sign-in to the hall completed. We checked numbers up to about 11am and then lost count of the number who used the Covid app to enter. Pete Evans' guestimate is about 1000 people overall.....

It was great to have music back again and to see we had 33 tables allocated for stall holders – some inside/some outside. The logistics of fitting everyone in was a bit of a headache, but it worked ok on the day.

Food stalls all did exceptionally well and mostly sold out. Landcare had very little left at the end. Lou, Georgia and the coffee were a key draw card. I hope the two of them are still alive today!

There were three charity stalls – for Cancer Council, Motor Neurone Disease Research and for the local churches of St Andrew's and St Peter's. All did very well thanks to the generosity of people on the day.

Next month, at WCA request, we will have another special market day with *a horse gear, farm and garden equipment sale on the oval*. Hopefully this will also attract people to come out to Wamboin. *See notice below* and start clearing those sheds! *Also please note we will have the ATM on site again – it proved popular yesterday. Who knows, you might want to buy a tractor or two.....*

Every year on 'Wheels' day, in discussion with the WCA and stallholders, we run the market for the longer timeline of 9-1pm. Please note, unless the stallholders ask for something different, we will now revert to the usual 9-12md until Wheels 2022!

See you at the May market



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Despite a good attempt by the worshippers, we were unable to dislodge the roof of St Andrews with our singing last month. This is probably a good thing as we don't want to go into winter roofless. It may get a bit chilly and damp if we do. The Covid rules have been relaxed, we can sing, be closer to each other, and do so more often, in more places. This means we have now re-opened both the Wamboin and Sutton churches. We have made changes to the 'where and when', meaning that for the time-being services will be held at Wamboin on the first Sunday of each month and at Sutton on the second Sunday. The start time has been changed to 0930 to give you an extra 30 minutes in bed. Services on the third and fourth Sundays will resume in the not too distant future.

Our Candlelight Dinner and Bonfire at Sutton has been and gone, I hope you enjoyed it. Keep an eye out for more events throughout the year, including sports day, flower festival, and whatever else we can think of to entertain locals. We are grateful to all who have contributed to our fundraising for the fit out of the new Sutton building. On the third and fourth Sundays of the month, a service is emailed out for your use at home. If you would like to be added to the list contact peterandandrew2012@gmail.com or phone Pastor Royce on 0416 265 600, Alan 0429 434 944, or Gai 0438 400 634. – Alan Rope

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Nature Notes April 2021

Jo Walker

We haven't had much rain this month but moisture provided by previous rainfalls, along with continuing warm weather, has resulted in good enough conditions to encourage local shrubs and trees to keep on growing. But, we did have the first white frost this month to remind us that winter is on the horizon.

There are still a few hardy little plants in flower. *Xerochrysum viscosum* (Sticky Everlasting Daisy) is still brightening the landscape with a few golden flowers, and *Goodenia hederacea* (Ivy Goodenia) is still bearing quite a few ground-level yellow flowers. And the Hoary Sunray (*Leucochrysum albicans*) seems to be having another surge of white flowers.

The most noticeable feature of *Vittadinia muelleri* (Narrow-leaved New Holland Daisy) at the moment is the masses of fluffy pale seed-heads that are blanketing several hillsides at my place.- but they do still have a few tiny blue flowers on show.

A few years ago, there must have been the perfect conditions for two species of *Solanum* to move here. I have quite a few of the tall Mountain Kangaroo Apple (*Solanum linearifolium*) but even more *Solanum cinereum* (Narrawa Burr) which is only half a metre or less in height. The latter species has quite long spines (about 0.5 cm) on both the upper and lower surfaces of its dark green leaves. Both species eventually bear tomato-like orange or yellowish fruit (they are in the same plant family as tomatoes and potatoes). Both plants have attractive bright purple flowers, with fused petals forming a disc shape, and bright yellow stamens.

A welcome surprise was the appearance of *Ottelia ovalifolia*, a native Water-lily, on the surface of the dam. There was a small patch of this plant a few years ago before the dam completely dried out during the last long period of dry weather. But, it must have produced seed which spread around the dam before it became completely parched. There are now several patches of leaves floating on the surface of the dam in the shallow water at the edges. Right now, they are producing flower-buds so there should be a good display in spring – if the ducks don't find them! The floating, oval leaves are dark green and about 10 cm long. The three-petalled white flowers are borne at water level and have maroon centres.

The Yellow-tailed Black Cockatoos have continued to appear most mornings, mostly flying over to one of the pine forests. But occasionally a few stay here for a while, pulling a few pieces off the trees.

The local Wombat has finally found an ideal place for a burrow – an expanding excavation alongside a large pipe that was placed in the creek to funnel water under a narrow road to the top of the hill when I acquired this land. Fortunately, the road is no longer in use and has been taken over by vegetation.

Another part of the local wildlife seemingly intent on destroying my infrastructure is a group of Meat Ants, the ones that produce those huge gravel-topped nests. They are attempting to build a nest under the pavers in front of the garage. I don't use insecticides – and, anyway, the Ants are an integral part of the scheme of things – but applying talcum powder to the holes they are making doesn't kill them but does seem to persuade them to move on after a while.

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