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--Wamboin Bonfire and Fireworks for 2021 Cancelled

--Save the Date – Meet the Candidates .... Wamboin Hall, 7:30 pm, Tuesday,  
 August 10th for the QPRC Election on Saturday 4 September

--Curry Night – Wamboin Hall - 21<sup>st</sup> August 7:00 for 7:30 –To Book See Inside

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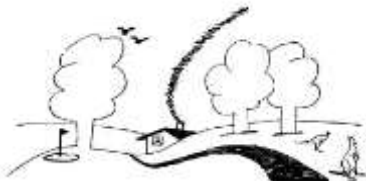



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	<b>Wamboin Community Association Presidents Paragraphs</b>  <b>“Bonfire and Fireworks Cancelled”</b>	
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At our last meeting we unfortunately had to cancel the fireworks and bonfire night. With the recent Covid outbreak and unknown situation moving forward, we could not reliably predict the situation when the end of August comes around. There was much discussion on the matter at our last general meeting and at the end of the day with the Covid-19 requirements for hosting a public event in an open and largely uncontrolled space, it simply became too hard to meet NSW Government compliance criteria with the proper tracking of attendees for contact tracing and the enforcement of Covid-19 distancing rules. We are very disappointed, as I know a lot of you will be, but we will have to wait another year. Sorry.

**Yless4U Public meeting** – Yless4U held a public consultation meeting in the Community Hall. It was reasonably well attended considering the cold winters night. Unfortunately for me it failed to answer many questions and in fact confused some issues even more. Is access up the greenway of via a neighbouring property (The presenter flipped around a few times on this point and in the end no one really knew the answer. Even more confusing was the neighbour in question after the meeting told me they had not even been consulted on this.) One of the best comments on the night I thought was “at Wamboin we really have not got much in the way of public facilities, the community Hall/Oval, greenways and Millpost Hill. We want to keep them”. If you have already sent submissions to the local members and telecommunications authorities it was advised by the NSW Government spokesperson on the night to send them again after the meeting to reinforce you still do not agree. By the way don’t forget to head up to Millpost Hill and enjoy a sunset on a crisp winter afternoon. Ah, the serenity.

**The 2021 Meet the Candidates Night** – Yes there is a NSW Local Government Election schedules for 4<sup>th</sup> September 2021. As per the WCA tradition we will host a Meet the Candidates evening on Tuesday August 10<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm in the Wamboin Community hall in Bingley Way. This is a night where you can come along and meet the candidates seeking your votes, hear their pitch to our community, ask questions on your local Council issues and decide who will best represent you. I am hoping very hard there will be a candidate or two from Wamboin and Bywong to represent us in the halls of power.

**Fireworks and Bonfire Night** – as per above, cancelled for 2021. **Home Produce Markets** – the markets are now in winter recess (have a great rest Merial you are a community champion) and will kick off again in September.

**Rain** – Well hasn’t it been a wet June (not the wettest on record, that was June 2016 with 178.25mm). So far at time of writing around 122mm has fallen (long term average for Wamboin in June is 54mm). No wonder it seems so wet. We have springs coming out of the hillside in places we have not seen them before. The parched aquifers are certainly charged and water table saturated. I’ve been donning gumboots of late to get around the paddocks. All good though, I would rather rain than drought. Now where did I put those plans for an ark?

**NSW Dine and Discover Vouchers** – Just a reminder that you can use your Dine NSW Vouchers 2 x \$25 vouchers per person have been extended to 31st July. Just go to the Dine & Discover NSW website to look for places to spend them locally and help our local businesses.

**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](mailto:pumpbnjc@westnet.com.au)

**QPRC Mobile Library:** – The Mobile Library will be at the Wamboin Hall in Bingley Way on Thursday July 1<sup>st</sup>, Thursday July 15<sup>th</sup> and Thursday July 29<sup>th</sup> from 10.30am to 11.30am and every fortnight from then on. If you are not a Library Member come along anyway, the Mobile Library staff can join you up on the day and you can borrow immediately. This service is provided to Wamboin residents each fortnight 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 13<sup>th</sup> July at the Wamboin Community Hall.

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### TRIVIA Night is Cancelled!

The dog in this picture is now wrong. The risks and complexities presented by holding an event in the current times have led to the decision to cancel the Trivia night.

- Mike Wilkins, President, Bywong Community Association,

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- Change the battery at least once every 12 months.
- Make sure you and your family know two safe ways out of every room in your home.
- Have a written home escape plan in case of fire and practice it regularly.
- Never ever leave cooking unattended
- If you have a fireplace in your home make sure the chimney is clean.
- If you have a fireplace always place a screen in front of it when in use.
- Check electric blankets for damage or frayed cords before placing on the bed.
- Take care to keep curtains, tablecloth's and bedding away from portable heaters.
- Keep wet clothing at least one metre from heaters or fireplaces and never leave unattended .
- If you use a clothes dryer make sure you clean the lint filter each and every time you use it.
- Only use one appliance per power point and switch off at the power point when not in use.
- Always extinguish candles or any other open flames before going to bed.
- Never have candles or any other open flames unattended.
- Store matches or lighters in a secure place not accessible to young children.
- Remember that smoke from a fire can make you confused and that it is very hard to see in smoke.
- When asleep you may not smell smoke and it can in fact put you into a deeper sleep.
- If you have escaped from a home fire, remember once you get out stay out and DIAL TRIPLE ZERO (000).
- For more information on making your home safer from house fire, visit the Fire + Rescue NSW Home Safety Website.

**Wamboin Rural Fire Brigade:** <http://brigade.wamboincommunity.asn.au>

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**11 & 25 July, 15 & 29 August (Sundays) Chocolate & Wine Tastings** - Morning 11am or Afternoon 4 pm - **\$55** Bookings essential.

**24 July (Saturday) - Christmas in July Dinner** – Includes canapes, entrée, main & dessert. **\$115** Bookings essential.

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## Wamboin Golf – June 2021

Sunday 6 June. Welcome to Winter. My old mate, Chill Blains (he really loves Winter) reckons it'll be a ripper this year – low temperatures, biting frosts, blizzards and snows metres deep. Fortunately, it wasn't like that for the Wamboin Pre-Solstice Frolic when all golfers, except the ladies (bless 'em), play naked to the waist. Just a dusting of 10 - 15cm, hardly worth worrying about unless you'd forgotten your orange golf balls. The day was sponsored by the Urquhart family whom we thank for the sumptuous spread and prizes. The order of the day was an Ambrose Scramble with "the golden egg" – a yellow golf ball. We don't normally encourage yellow golf balls in Winter because of a past unfortunate misunderstanding. Regrettably, with our usual ADD we missed the significance of the golden egg, making the captain spit the dummy. Nevertheless, clutching our golden eggs (Deb Gordon had three! That woman must have been trained by Fagin) and suitably gluhweined, we strapped on the snow shoes, threw off the upper raiment and took to the piste.

Back in the chalet, as the captain worked the abacas with frost-bitten fingers, we discussed the federal budget. It was a short discussion. After watching the news on the ABC most of us turned over to "8 Out Of 10 Cats Does Countdown" on SBS. We thus missed the pearls that Rogan Josh Friesanburger cast before us. Obviously, there was no point watching Elbow the next night. So we unpicked the Sutton Road fiasco. Managers of major civil works are generally competent people. So how come it's taking them so long to work out that if you're mucking about with an arterial road for a long time the traffic into town in the morning generally equals the traffic leaving town in the afternoon. And why can't they set the traffic lights accordingly? We noted that 20 May was International Bidet. As none of us has a bidet (or is not game to admit it) we felt a bit left out and wondered if the UN was really a club for the wealthy, only pretending to be a sheltered workshop for shiny bums from banana republics, dictatorships and failed states. We then turned to Pooty Putin's efforts to put the band (i.e. the Soviet Union) back together. He's already got Crimea and may soon have Ukraine and Belarus under his belt. This led to a discussion of the good things about Russia, such as its famous composers. Can you name ten? Here's how we went: Tchaikovsky, Prokofiev, Borodin, Stravinsky, Rachmaninov, Mikoyan, Tupolev, Iluyshin, Sikorsky and Kalashnikov. We excluded T 34 on the ground that she was a painter. Next we tried to name the actors who played the original Magnificent Seven. The first two are easy: Yul Brynner and Steve McQueen. For the record, the rest were Butch Cassidy, Jack Daniels, Jim Beam, Akira Kurosawa and one of the Pickens brothers but we couldn't agree on whether it was Slim, Easy or Lousy. After that the six wives of Henry VIII were relatively easy: Catherine of Tarragon, Anne Berlin, Anne of Cloves, Anne Hathaway, Maid Marion and Bronnie of Karabar. And now they've discovered a new strain of COVID, the "peripatetic variant". All those who contract it feel compelled to travel widely interstate and even overseas, spreading the love wherever they go. Why can't the infected just stay at home? We rounded it off by discussing poultry princess, Zali Steggles', climate change bill in the federal parliament. If anyone asks you what it's about you can say it's about 10cm thick. It's like the road to hell: paved with good intentions but leaves the hard thinking to someone else. Fortunately, energy czar, Anguish Taylor, the Baldrick of climate change, has a "cunning plan" to reduce CO2 from using oil by using gas.

The captain then terminated the frivolity by introducing our guests, Dave and Michelle Cochrane and Val and Erik Haller. Ted's joke involving an ambidextrous golfer was told by Keith France. He also got the googly ball for directing a ball towards the Palerang mayor-in-perpetuity who narrowly avoided brutal emasculation. The dummy spit award was passed from the captain to Michelle Cochrane for interjections too numerous to list. LD and NTB ball winners were Glen Crafter 3, Pete Harrison, Dave Cochrane 2, Keith France, Colin Urquhart, Tim Barter and Lofty Mason. The winning team in the nine hole Ambrose was Lofty Mason and Deb and Ken Gordon with 29.85 strokes (yeah, that's what I said) after handicap. Runners up on 31.7 were the team of Dave Hubbard and Larry King. Winners of the 18 hole Ambrose were Pete Harrison and Paul Griffin 51.85 from Tim Barter, Vicki Still and Dave Cochrane 53.8. The captain said he'd explain the golden egg better next time.

Next month will feature the Ted Evans Memorial GST Handicap where 10% is added to your handicap and forwarded to the ATO. In case you don't know, ATO stands for the Australian Taxation Office. I hope that didn't sound condescending. I detest condescending people. 'Condescending', by the way, means displaying a patronisingly superior attitude. It comes from the Latin, descendere, to descend, but I don't expect you to know that.

- Larry King, golfer



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## Wamboin Pony Club



came together, the day Wamboin and other pony clubs in the area were at Bungendore Showground competing in our annual competition. Mounted Games involves teams of 4 riders competing against each other and the clock in different events with riders and horses being put through various challenging tasks. It can be fast and furious, riders are on and off their mounts and horse and riders are set some tasks that mean both have to work together to succeed. The successful teams can then progress to the Zone and State events later in the year. The day started as a usual Autumn day, with a little fog and low temperature but the sun soon shone and, jumpers were stripped off and riders took advantage to wear t-shirts even if only for a few hours. We had a great turnout from not only within the Zone but also surrounding Zones. We had around 100 riders competing in 10 different races. Many of the teams were made up of younger riders who were able to get used to the different games in a friendly fun environment. Wamboin had the youngest rider at the age of 2 and the oldest at the age of 24. Mounted games is a all inclusive competition for riders of all levels. The Zone mounted games will be held on 1<sup>st</sup> August 2021 at the Bungendore Show grounds.

Thanks to all riders who competed and all the helpers who made the day a success.

We also held a rally on Sunday 20th June. Our next rally will be on 11 July sharing the day with Queanbeyan Pony Club, with a number of activities planned including introduction in Stockman's Challenge skills.

So remember your local Wamboin Pony Club has riders aged from 2 – 25 and we have a group of dedicated and experienced instructors. Our Pony Club ground at the end of Canning Close has fenced arenas and clubhouse facilities that we have built up over the years to create a safe riding environment. You just need access to your own horse and can even come along and try for a day to see what goes on. Rally days are a great social day out. Wamboin Pony club try to meet twice a month on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday's at our grounds from 9am gear check to 1pm. If you would like some more information about Wamboin Pony Club and our upcoming rally days email our Secretary Stacey at [wamboinpcsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:wamboinpcsecretary@gmail.com) check our website [www.wamboinponyclub.org.au](http://www.wamboinponyclub.org.au) or find us on Facebook. We hope we will see you soon.

It's been a busy few months at Wamboin Pony Club. May was the month for Mother's Day and as it fell on a rally Wamboin Pony Club had their usual rally day as well as traditional special Mother's Day lunch of pumpkin soup and roast lamb rolls. That was all preceded by a busy morning spent preparing for our clubs Mounted Games competition. Our riders practiced in their teams the different games of skill which test horse and rider. Sunday 28th May it all

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The June market finished up on a good note with a full hall and reasonable number of visitors, despite the very chilly weather. The markets will start up again in September so save the date!!

- \* Lots of ideas afoot for future markets: \* A dog morning and exhibition flyball
- \* An art/photography show featuring Wamboin/Bywong art works \* Return of the "Wheels of Wamboin"
- \* More 'bring and buy' events Watch this space for news on these and if you have other good ideas for events to run in conjunction with the market – LET ME KNOW. *Stay safe over winter!*

## The Wonderful Women of Wamboin

Under the shadow of COVID-19 the Wonderful Women of Wamboin (WWOW) have continued to meet every Monday at 10am catching up with old friends and welcoming new members. We enjoy a relaxed, friendly couple of hours over a cuppa, solving the problems of the world or perhaps how to get beyond one plain, one pearl.

All women are welcome. Members come from Bywong, Queanbeyan, Sutton and Wamboin as well as Bungendore. We previously met at St Andrew's Church in Wamboin, however for the past year or so we've been meeting in members' homes. But, due to the new COVID-19 restrictions, gatherings in homes are reduced to just five visitors. So we are suspending our meetings until conditions have eased. If you would like to join us when we resume meetings, please contact Gail Ritchie Knight (0416 097 500 or [whirlwind1@argonite.com.au](mailto:whirlwind1@argonite.com.au)) to learn where the next meeting will take place. It will be somewhere between Sutton, Wamboin and Bungendore. - Gail Ritchie Knight

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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 NACHOS (GF)**  
Sour cream, guacamole, cheese, corn salsa 22

**FRIES** 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 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

- CRUMBED CHICKEN BREAST SCHNITZEL** 21
- SERVED WITH A CHOICE OF TWO SIDES**  
Garden salad, pan fried seasonal vegetables, creamy potato mash (GF), fries
- SAUCE**  
Dianne, gravy, green peppercorn, mushroom, chimichurri, creamy garlic & parmesan

### 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

## PUB CLASSICS

- BANGERS & MASH (GF)** 22  
Hand made pork sausages, creamy potato mash, peas, sweet onion gravy
- PANKO CRUMBED LAMB CUTLETS** 38  
With a choice of two sides and sauce
- VEGGIE LASAGNA (V)** 20  
Mushroom, zucchini, eggplant, mozzarella
- CHICKEN KIEV** 24  
Creamy potato mash, asparagus, garlic butter
- BEEF SALTINBOCCA** 26  
Pancetta, prawns, shallots, creamy garlic & parmesan sauce, creamy garlic mash
- LEO'S NASI GORENG** 21  
Indonesian fried rice, satay chicken, pickles, egg, prawn crackers
- TEXAN BBQ PORK RIBS 500G** 42  
Charred corn cob, coleslaw, fries

## SWEET

- ALL OUR SWEETS ARE MADE IN HOUSE**
- 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
- FISH & CHIPS** 12
- CHICKEN NUGGETS & FRIES** 12
- PASTA & CHEESE (V)** 2.50
- 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

<b>APEROL SPRITZ</b> Aperol, prosecco, soda, orange	14
<b>MARTINI</b> Bombay, dry vermouth, olive	16
<b>HENDRICKS</b> Tonic, cucumber	11
<b>FOUR PILLARS RARE DRY GIN</b> Tonic, lime	12
<b>FOUR PILLARS SPICED NEGROMI GIN</b> Tonic, orange	14

## WINE

	GLASS	BOTTLE
<b>SPARKLING</b>		
PICCOLO HENKELL TROCKEN GERMANY		8.5
PICCOLO CALABRIA PROSECCO		8.5
<b>WHITE</b>		
UNDER & OVER PINOT GRIS	7.50	28
MARKVIEW CHARDONNAY	6	25
JULIET MOSCATO	6	25
MARKVIEW SAUVIGNON BLANC	6	25
CATCHING THIEVES SEMILLION SAUVIGNON BLANC	7.50	28
<b>RED</b>		
ALTERNIS TEMPRANILLO		30
LINDEMANS HENRY SONS SHIRAZ CABERNET	6	25
MARKVIEW CABERNET MERLOT	6	25
UNDER & OVER SHIRAZ	7.50	28
BARWANG CABERNET SAUVIGNON	7.50	28

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	PIZZA BIANCA (WHITE BASE)	
<b>SALSICCIA</b> Flor di latte, Italian sausage, caramelised onion, rosemary		24
<b>PATATA &amp; PROSCIUTTO</b> Flor di latte, wood roasted potato, prosciutto, rosemary, gorgonzola		25
<b>PROSCIUTTO &amp; ROCKET</b> Flor di latte, prosciutto, rocket, cherry tomato, shaved parmesan		25
<b>PIZZA ROSSO (RED BASE)</b>		
<b>MARGHERITA (V)</b> San Marzano tomato, fior di latte, basil		22
<b>FUNGHI (V)</b> San Marzano tomato, fior di latte, portobello mushroom, parsley, truffle oil		24
<b>TROPICALE</b> San Marzano tomato, mozzarella, ham, pineapple		24
<b>CAPRICCIOSA</b> San Marzano tomato, fior di latte, ham, artichoke, portobello mushroom, olives		24
<b>DIAVOLA</b> San Marzano tomato, fior di latte, spicy salami, roasted capsicum, chilli		24
<b>MASSIMO</b> San Marzano tomato, fior di latte, spicy salami, portobello mushroom, anchovy, olives		24
<b>VEGETARIANA (V)</b> San Marzano tomato, fior di latte, zucchini, roasted capsicum, Portobello mushroom, caramelised onion, olives, garlic oil		24
<b>GAMBERETTI</b> San Marzano tomato, fior di latte, prawns, zucchini, parsley, garlic		26
<b>LORENZO</b> San Marzano tomato, mozzarella, salami, ham, roasted capsicum, caramelised onion, portobello mushroom, olives, pineapple		26
<b>MEATLOVER</b> San Marzano tomato, mozzarella, salami, ham, Italian sausage		26
<b>EXTRAS</b>		
Make it gluten free		4
Add vegetables, mozzarella, fior di latte, anchovy		3
Add meat		4
Add prawns		5

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

## TOP YOUR STEAK

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

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

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

## Bird Of The Month

By Luke Downey

For July, I chose the Brown Falcon, a bird of prey that I have seen a lot in the local area recently.

### Brown Falcon (*Falco berigora*)

Size: 40-50cm (wingspan 120cm)

Status: Uncommon breeding resident

The Brown Falcon is a medium-sized bird of prey (raptor), that is distributed throughout Australia. They are quite variable in plumage, with many colour morphs. Pale morph birds are mainly white on the underparts, with pale tawny-brown upperparts. The darkest birds can be very dark brown (nearly black) all over, with a few pale “teardrop” markings on the face. Many birds occur which show characteristics intermediate between light and dark, with varying amounts of darker and paler brown and white in the plumage. Males and females look the same. Brown Falcons have fairly long, pointed wings which typically distinguish them from other raptors that are not Falcons. Light morph Brown Falcons are somewhat similar to Nankeen Kestrels (another common bird of prey), but Kestrels are smaller. Brown Falcons also have brown feathered “trousers” (feathers at the base of the legs) contrasting in pale morph birds which have white underparts, whereas Kestrels have white feathered “trousers” and underparts. Male Kestrels also have a grey head, and Kestrels of all ages have buff/tan-coloured upperparts (rather than buff-brown in Falcons) and black flight feathers on the end of the wings which contrast with the tan-coloured wings and back. Brown Falcons can only hover very weakly, unlike Kestrels (and Black-shouldered Kites) which can hover very well. Very dark morph Brown Falcons are similar to Black Falcons (quite a rare species locally) but can be distinguished by the front-on view in flight, where Brown Falcons have upwardly swept wings, and Black Falcons have bowed, flat or slightly decurved wings. Black Falcons are also dark on the underside of the wings and tail, whereas Brown Falcons always have at least some pale barring in these areas. Black Falcons typically lack pale teardrop markings on the face (except in worn birds) that are present in Brown Falcons. Brown Falcons are nomadic and more common in areas with suitable prey such as rodents, and have locally been quite more noticeable. I have seen several pairs along Sutton Road recently. They occur in grasslands, farmlands and open woodlands, and are often seen, singly or in pairs, sitting on fence posts, powerline poles or other high points in open areas, where they can see from a high vantage point.



(photos from Google images ) In flight



Dark Morph



Light Morph

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### The Wamboin/Bungendore Book Club ...

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## Proposed YLESS4U Millpost Hill tower and the Fibre network project for Wamboin, Bywong and Sutton

Members of the Wamboin Communications Action Group (WCAG) committee attended the presentation from YLess4U at the Community Hall on Monday 21st June, in which they outlined their proposal to install a 12m tower on Millpost Hill. This proposed tower is positioned as part of the Connecting Country Communities project for which YLess4U have been given a grant. The NSW Government's Telco Authority is responsible for over-sighting this grant program and representatives of this agency attended and spoke to the meeting. That program is aimed at delivering a wireless based broadband service to a number of communities in the Monaro region, including Bungendore. It does not include the communities of Wamboin, Bywong and Sutton, as these are to be supported through the Fibre network project (being coordinated through the NSW Department of Regional NSW). As previously advised by WCAG, the construction of our Fibre network represents the first project under the NSW Gig State program. The Request-for-Tender (RFT) to support the construction and operation of this fibre network closed 3 months ago and responses are currently being evaluated by the government project team.

At the meeting on the 21st of June, YLess4U stated that the primary purpose of the Millpost Hill tower was to provide increased network capacity to support their customers in the Bungendore region - with the new tower delivering better connectivity back to Canberra.

During the meeting WCAG raised a number of concerns about the proposal, including that the establishment of such a tower was redundant given that the future fibre network would provide the backhaul connectivity that YLESS4U stated was the primary purpose for the tower. WCAG noted that, not only would this provide a superior technical solution, it would entirely avoid the need to establish this tower in our community for the purposes expressed. As some residents may recall, the significant opposition to communications towers being located in our community was one of the reasons that WCAG originally pursued a fibre network solution.

WCAG has contacted a senior officer in the NSW Government responsible for our fibre project and expressed the concern that there is an overlap between these two government funded initiatives. We have been advised that they will get back to us to discuss this concern in the next week.

WCAG has also made contact with the NSW Government Telco Authority (responsible for monitoring and oversight of the YLESS4U project) and expressed similar concerns. We understand that this team will look to make contact with the fibre project team.

WCAG would like to reiterate that this wireless project is completely separate from the Gig State project that we are currently involved in. WCAG is currently waiting on the outcome of the NSW Government Tender evaluation and will update the Community as soon as we have any further information. – WCAG Committee, [wamboincommunications@gmail.com](mailto:wamboincommunications@gmail.com)



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Platypus and rakali can also experience fishing-related injuries, swallowing hooks or lures. They can also drown if they become tangled in discarded fishing line or yabby traps. A recent study by the Australian Platypus Conservancy found that at any one time 4% of platypus are entangled in one or more items of rubbish, including elastic hair ties, fishing line and plastic rings from bottles and jars.

Responsible fishing requires that all rubbish and discarded fishing equipment - including lines, lures and hooks - are safely disposed of. Remember that the use of opera house yabby traps is now illegal in NSW (as of 30 April 2021). If you come across sick injured or orphaned wildlife, please phone Wildcare Queanbeyan on 6299 1966 at any time. – Bec Quinn, for Wildcare

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Do you or someone you know have Parkinson's and live in the Queanbeyan/ Bungendore Region? Parkinson's ACT (PACT) with the support of the Bungendore Medical Centre have established a support group which meets in Bungendore Medical Centre Meeting Room on the fourth Thursday of the month from 10.30am until 12.00 noon. This is an informal gathering of locals who are living with a Parkinson's diagnosis and their carers. Come along and have a cuppa, a chat and meet others who are living with Parkinson's. Catch up with current programs offered by Parkinson's ACT and other providers. Share some of the wisdom you have gathered as you learn to live with Parkinson's. The group is coordinated by members who have a diagnosis themselves or are carers for a family member who has Parkinson's, so have a first-hand understanding of the challenges the diagnosis presents. **Next meeting: Thursday June 24 at 10.30am.** **ENQUIRIES: Anne at Bungendore Medical Centre 6238 1417 or Margaret Day 6238 2474,** who submitted this item

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## The Kettle At Polly's Has Boiled Over . Thank You Everyone

The final figure for my Cancer Morning Tea Fundraiser has risen to an overwhelming **\$14,564.45**. I wish to express my gratitude to Phil's Emporium in Bungendore, in particular to Chloe for the initiative to donate all proceeds from the wonderful day of the Queen's Birthday Celebrations. A huge thank you also goes to her wonderful volunteers. I witnessed the busyness of the place and the decorations to make the day a great success. Thanks again Everyone, Looking forward to the challenge in 2022. – Pauline

### WAMBOIN WEATHER – rainfall and temperature records

(46 years from Cooper Road) by Christine Rieber

#### June Rainfall Stats

June rainfall to the 27<sup>th</sup> ..... 122.25mm  
2021 total rainfall to 27<sup>th</sup>..... 480.25mm

Average June rainfall..... 54.3mm  
2020 June rainfall..... 49.25mm  
2020 total rainfall to 27/6..... 378.5mm  
45yr Av. to end of June..... 321.2mm

#### July Rainfall Stats

2020 July rainfall..... 33.75mm  
Wettest July..... 142mm in 1993  
Wettest July day..... 50.5mm on 10/7/91  
Driest July..... 4.5mm in 1982

Average July rainfall..... 51.4mm  
Average no. rain days in July.... 10.7  
Highest no. rain days..... 17 in 1980  
Lowest no. rain days. 4 in 1982 & 1994

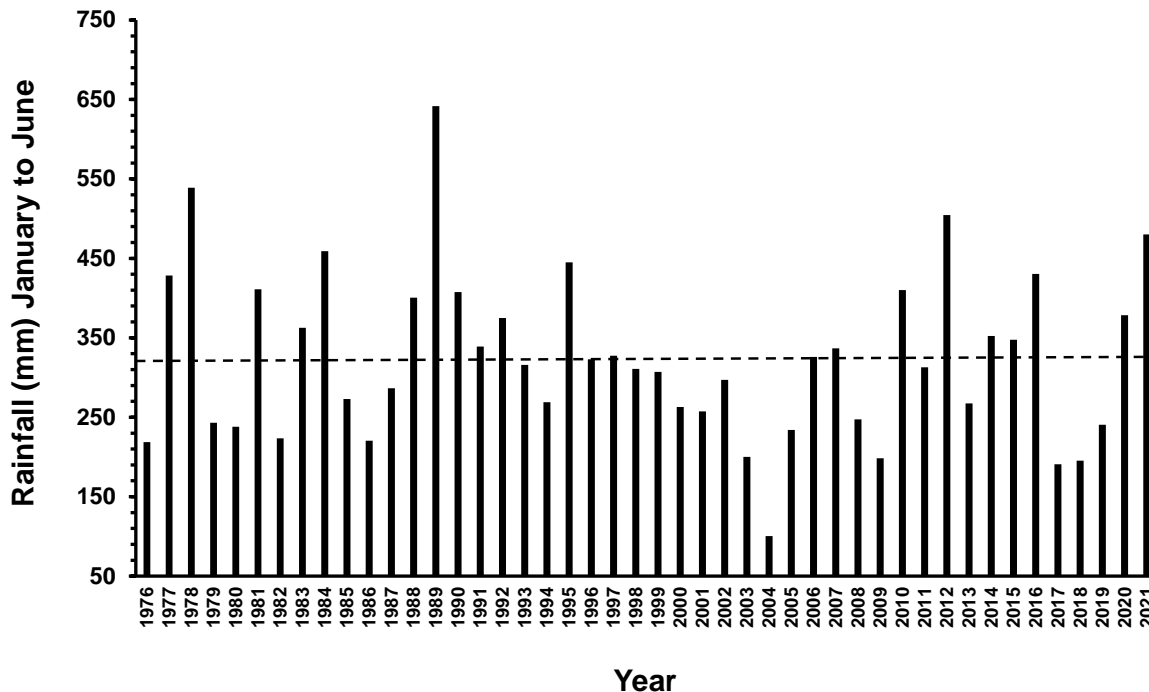
#### July Temperature Stats

Hottest July day..... 18.3°C on 10/7/20  
Hottest July night..... 9°C (5 times)  
1988 (3 times), 24/7/90 & 8/7/93  
Average day temp. .... 9.0°C  
Warmest July..... 1993  
Av. day temp. 10.8°C & nights 5.1°C  
(highest day 13.8°C in 2020)

Av. June temp. 5.3°C (day+night comb.)  
Coldest July day..... 1°C on 14/7/16  
Coldest July night..... -5°C (7 times)  
10/96, 12/11, 3 & 5/15, 22/17, 16 & 22/18  
Average night temp. .... 1.7°C  
Coldest July..... 2015  
Av. day temp. 5.5°C & nights -1.5°C  
July 2020. Av. max 13.8°C & min 2.4°C

Daylight hours in July increase by 30 minutes from 9.7 to 10.2 hours.

The graph below shows rainfall for the period January to June for each of the 46 years. The first 6 months of 2021 is the 4<sup>th</sup> wettest. The dotted line is the 45 year average 321mm.



Can you write something for the August Wamboin Whisper? Deadline is 7 pm, last Sunday of July. The Whisper is meant to be one more way that Bywong and Wamboin Residents can communicate with each other. What you write can inform or entertain. To fit into the Whisper, it should be about living in this area. Show respect for the variety of lifestyles and opinions out here. If what you write could aid your own income, think about running it as an ad. Thank you to everyone who has written something for this issue, paid for an ad in it, or helped distribute it to the rest of us. Your effort, along with that of many others, created this issue, like each one before. – Ned, Noel, volunteer editor on behalf of the Wamboin Community Association, which owns the Whisper.

## Kowen Trail Run: Winter Trails 2021

by Jenny Kruse for Wamboin Trail Runners

This year our Winter Trails event, organised by the Wamboin Trail Runners Incorporated, was held on Sunday 20 June. It was great to be able to hold all 3 of our races – marathon, half marathon and 12 km. COVID-19 restrictions had reduced last year's event to only the marathon, so returning to our full set of races was heartening.

There's a huge amount of work which goes into preparing for and conducting the event. We're really fortunate to have, as one entrant wrote, a "Race Director Extraordinaire". She's assembled a team who look after course preparation, catering, parking and competitor support.

In terms of course preparation, we had 10 volunteers across 3 vehicles and 3 days to mark the 72kms of trails, mostly in Kowen Forest. Thankfully, rain only interrupted us once but the wind was piercing in a few spots, especially Mountain Break. The drivers enjoyed the opportunity to hone their 4 wheel driving skills although there are a couple of sections which are beyond the vehicles so some hardy 'foot soldiers' scaled Mt Doom and descended into 'the creek' and up to Western Break.

Hall set up starts on Saturday afternoon when half a dozen volunteers arrange tables, signage etc to ensure that registration goes smoothly and in accordance with our COVID-19 Safety Plan.

A dozen or so arrive at the Hall around 4:30am on the race day to erect marquees, set up stalls & fire pits and put race timing equipment in place. Luckily our Coffee Van Man arrives early too!!!!

There's around a dozen volunteers who work on the 'race matters' at the Hall – registration and finishing desk folk, COVID marshals, a first aid officer, merchandise sales, fire pit marshal, cleaners, etc. They start around 6am and work through to mid afternoon.

Our catering crew consisted of 15 volunteers, mostly from our local fire brigade. Some were involved with planning and set up in advance of the event and then everyone was involved in preparing and serving of food on the day. It's an early start at 5:00 am with clean up finishing about 3:00 pm. The crew member who claims to have had the hardest job was the one who collected 650 freshly baked rolls and had to endure the tempting aroma all the way back to the Fire Shed!

On the day, 19 furies volunteered their time to manage car parking and traffic management. Most started at around 4:30am to set up all the traffic signs, mark out the parking areas and manage parking in the volunteers' car park. Reinforcements arrived at 5:30am to help manage competitor parking – the first competitors arrived just before 6:00am and the last arrivals were around 8:40am. We had around 350 cars on the oval, 20 4x4s behind the fire shed and around 50 volunteer and spectator cars in the northern car park. Thanks to a huge effort by all involved we had most of the cars safely back out onto Bingley Way and heading home by around 2:30pm, and everything was packed up and put away by a little after 3:00pm.

Out on the courses there were around 25 volunteers – marshalling on Bingley Way, supporting runners at 8 drink stations, providing support cars in case of emergencies, taking photographs...

As you can tell, this event is run by volunteers and it wouldn't be possible without everyone's support. It definitely is a huge team effort!

Our sponsors provide prizes and are on hand for last minute sales of mandatory gear required for all competitors – runners and walkers.

Luckily the weather spirits were kind and it was a good day for running – cool, fine and not too windy. Dogs ran in all three events, offering enthusiasm and inspiration to their owners. The marathon had 85 competitors ranging in age from 20 to 74. The first two females smashed the race record. 5 people have run in each of the Kowen Trail Run Winter marathons over the years. 192 competitors completed the half marathon, with the first male across the line breaking the record. The half marathoners ranged in age from 16 to 74. Runners as young as 7 and as mature as 76 were in the field of 243 who completed the 12km course.

It's gratifying to be involved in the event – the runners are so appreciative of all our efforts as evidenced by them thanking volunteers as they run passed and the extra donations they make to the Wamboin Fire Brigade as they register for the event. All proceeds from the Kowen Trail Run series are donated to the Wamboin Fire Brigade.

Thanks so very much to all our wonderful organisers and volunteers. You help make the day memorable for all involved. Hope to see you next event!!!

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This year it is on for the night of 21st August, 7-00 for 7-30 at the Community hall, covid limit of 80 people in the hall so numbers will be obviously limited; first in best dressed to my email please; ie. [dave.hubbard@bigpond.com](mailto:dave.hubbard@bigpond.com) with booking name and number of guests at the table. Gold coin donation to get in per person, prizes for best Mild, Warm and Ring burner curry. – Dave Hubbard

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Thank you to Judy Smith, who delivered Whispers to her section of Weeroona Drive for several years, and to Sophie Davis who has generously now taken on that task. Also thank to Gareth Jones, who put up his hand to distribute batches of Whispers to 5 more deliverers on top of the 6 he has been distributing for a couple years now. If you could do this, please email me at [nednoel@optusnet.com.au](mailto:nednoel@optusnet.com.au) or phone me on 0409 997 082.

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## Church Building Confusion

Last month I raved on about the St Andrew's building being used once again by outside groups, as was intended. How wrong I was! My sincere apologies go out to any who were inconvenienced by my erroneous statement. I had the whole story the wrong way round. Neither the WWOW's nor the Book Club has returned, and the current events in NSW may delay even further their return. If you are looking for information on where these groups meet, please use the contact information shown on the front page of this edition.

As a matter of interest, June 12 was the twentieth anniversary of the passing of the church benefactor, David Robertson, one of the first residents of Wamboin, and well known to many of you.

Since the last Whisper we have lost our beloved Norma, and these rotten Covid restrictions make it very difficult for us to celebrate her full and glorious life. However she will never be forgotten by her church family. However life must go on, so the group of believers who make up the SRMD will continue to offer whatever they can to the community. On the third and fourth Sundays each month a printed service is emailed to be used at home at your convenience. These services are prepared by the local Lay Ministers, David and Alan.

On the first Sunday each month a printed Communion Service prepared by Pastor Royce is emailed for use at home, and is also presented as an actual service at St Andrews commencing at 0930. All are welcome, subject to Covid limits and conditions. On the second Sunday of each month it is Sutton's turn to host the Communion service. These are of course subject to change at short notice due to Covid rules, so for up to date details, contact one of us as shown below.

To receive these emailed services, please contact [peterandandrew2010@gmail.com](mailto:peterandandrew2010@gmail.com), or for Pastoral care, or service details, call Pastor Royce on 0416 265 600, Alan 0429 434 944, or Gai 0438 400 634.

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## From the Corner

**Council Elections (Part 2)** — Following from my earlier piece on candidate nominations (The Whisper, April 2021), I thought it would be useful to cover some of the details of the vote counting process.

This will be, by necessity, a simplified overview. The interested reader should consult Schedule 5 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005 (<https://legislation.nsw.gov.au/view/html/inforce/current/sl-2005-0487#sch.5>) for a formal account of the process involved.

The first thing to bear in mind is that, while the Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council (QPRC) election is for eleven (11) councillors, and you will be asked to vote for at least six (6) candidates, you really only get one vote. The process by which that one vote finds its way to a particular candidate is the potentially complicated part of any proportional or preferential voting system.

The second thing is to note that nominating the minimum number of candidates—in the case of the Queanbeyan-Palerang LGA, with eleven councillors, that will be six individual candidates if voting Below-the-Line, or one Group if voting Above-the-Line—may not necessarily be enough to make your vote count, even though it would otherwise be a perfectly valid and legal vote.

As mentioned in my previous article, the proportional representation voting system used in Local Government elections includes the option to vote either Above or Below-the-Line. With the 2016 electoral reforms that introduced optional preferential Above-the-Line voting for Australian Senate elections, all three levels of government now operate under a similar system, the only difference being the number of voting squares, Above or Below-the-Line, that must be marked to cast a valid vote.

For Local Government elections, when voting Above-the-Line, only a single (Above-the-Line) voting box needs to be marked to cast a valid vote. A valid Below-the-Line vote requires the voter to place numbers against at least half the number of candidates to be elected—in the case of QPRC that's six (6). Given the requirement for any Group with an Above-the-Line voting square to comprise at least half the number of candidates to be elected, the two methods of voting amount to the same thing—casting votes for at least six candidates. Apart from the relative simplicity of Above-the-Line voting, the difference is that, when voting Above-the-Line, preferences are fixed according to the order in which candidates are listed within the Group, whereas, when voting Below-the-Line, preferences are identified explicitly by individual voters.

Moving on to the process of actually counting the vote, under the proportional voting system employed in NSW Local Government elections, a candidate will be elected if and when they accumulate a *quota* of votes, a *quota* being equal to the number of formal votes cast, divided by one more than the number of candidates to be elected, plus 1 (e.g. if there are 11 candidates to be elected, and 12000 formal votes cast, then a *quota* will be 1001 votes). In most elections under the proportional voting system, there will be candidates who are elected without 'reaching *quota*', but we'll look at how this comes about in a moment.

When the ballot papers are first counted, they are 'allocated' to the first preference candidate (i.e. the candidate with the number "1" against their name for Below-the-Line votes, or the first member of the relevant Group for votes cast Above-the-Line). Any candidate with a *quota* or more of votes at this point is declared elected. Any over-*quota* votes, known as *surplus* votes, are then distributed to the nominated second preference candidates. The way in which the number of surplus votes distributed to another candidate is calculated is probably the most complicated piece of this particular puzzle and the interested reader is directed to the Regulation (referenced above) for the gory details. Suffice it to say that *surplus* vote preferences are passed on to the remaining candidates in appropriate proportions.

When all *surplus* votes have been distributed, the candidate lowest on the poll is excluded from the count. That candidate's votes are then distributed according to the next preference nominated on the respective voting papers. If this results in another candidate's achieving quota, that candidate is declared elected and any *surplus* votes are distributed. The cycle continues until only the number of candidates to be elected remain in the count and, at that point, any candidates that have not yet reached quota are declared elected regardless.

Next month, in the lead up to election day and with the above details in mind, I'll look at some of the less obvious ways in which your vote can influence the election result.

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## Nature Notes June 2021

Jo Walker

The winter solstice has been celebrated, and now the days are starting to get – very slightly – longer. We still have quite a lot of winter to get through, but, so far, haven't had very cold nights – and the dam certainly hasn't been covered in ice yet.

We've had some heavy rainfalls towards the end of the month. I got nearly 40 mm in the rain gauge last week and could hear the water hurtling down the creek from the house. The ground has been moist most of winter so far and most of the shrubs here are bearing lots of buds – so it should be a lovely spring.

Not much is flowering at the moment – just a few of the early Wattles. The prickly *Acacia genistifolia* shrubs are covered in cream flowers. And I have one Silver Wattle (*A. dealbata*) on the hillside across the creek that is covered in bright yellow flowers – while all of the other Silver Wattles here are still in bud and will be that way for a few more weeks yet before they flower.

The damp soils seem to have stimulated the Bluebells (*Wahlenbergia stricta* and *W communis* are the most common species in this area), and lots of their leaf clusters are making an appearance.

*Melichrus urceolatus* (Urn Heath) is still bearing lots of its tubular cream flowers – which are attractive to some of the Honeyeaters. The short, suckering Peach Heath (*Lissanthe strigosa*), which can extend across a metre or more of suitable ground, is covered in clusters of small dark pink buds – and the Daphne Heath (*Brachyloma daphnoides*) is producing larger and paler pink buds.

Lizards are usually tucked away from the cold and hibernating by now, but towards the end of the month I found a Shingleback Lizard by the roadside. Unfortunately, it had been injured slightly, but partly eaten and had to be euthanased.

Perhaps because of the cold weather, several large Huntsman Spiders have decided to seek refuge inside. I used to be an arachnophobe, but since spending over thirty years in Wamboin have come to tolerate one or two eight-legged visitors.

There are still lots of the little black millipedes around, including indoors. These are not native but are Portuguese Millipedes (*Ommatoilus moreletii*) which first made an appearance in the vicinity of a South Australian port, so probably came into the country by ship. They are not eaten by anything as the produce a chemical deterrent.

Yesterday, just as I was about to write the Nature Notes, I noticed a Wombat lying in an unusual position in the open area down from the house. Investigating, I found it had a large shallow wound on the back of its neck and head. It was a young male Wombat, so had probably had a fight with another male. After arranging for it to be picked up and taken into care, I was surprised to hear the large flock of Sulphur-crested Cockatoos perched in a nearby tree begin to screech deafeningly at it. They often do this if they see a predator such as a fox or a dog, but I'm not sure why they picked on an injured native animal. The Wombat eventually took shelter amongst some bushes which made the late afternoon rescue rather more difficult in the fading light. But, the Wombat is safe now and being treated for its injuries. Wamboin is the source of so many interesting happenings!

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