

1. Bushfire Brigade

A meeting of the Wamboin Sub-Committee met at Dave Robertson's house on 17 Jun 81 and the following resulted:

- a. Selection of Saturday 10 Oct as the tentative Wamboin Training Exercise Date to commence at 12 o'clock at the Reserve at end of Canning Close Block 50.
- b. Membership drive to ensure all Wamboin residents are financial members of the Brigade Subscriptions for 81/82 year fall due in Oct (\$15). As the Sutton Brigade have invested some \$6,000 of Brigade funds in the Wamboin area it is only reasonable that all landowners and residents are financial members.
- c. John Laker was appointed to the Wamboin Sub-Committee to look after the interests of landowners in Norton Road/Bingley Way area.
- d. A rationalization of areas of responsibility for Sub-Committee members was carried out. These are now:

Dave Evans	Gallagher Place/Proud Place Blocks 2-10, 35-41
Denis Shaw	All blocks of Cooper Pd & Campbell Place Blocks 11-34, N18-N24
Barry Beames	Canning Close and Norton Road Blocks N39-N62
Ron Jeffrey	Poppet Road Blocks N25-N38, N63-N82
John Laker	Norton Road and Bingley Way Blocks N33-N107

John Finn and Dave Robertson as well as being the Wamboin Deputy Captains will also look after the Merino Vale area for the time being:

- e. A working bee to complete the fire shed in Cooper Rd was held on Sunday 21 Jun 81.

2. Concert

A family concert is to be held at Sutton Hall towards the end of Oct to raise funds for the Hall extensions. After the outstanding success of the Wamboin Country Players at last years concert Nancye Jeffery has been asked to re-activate this group. Any budding players are asked to contact Nancye for this years auditions.

3. Pony Club

A meeting at Ross Clay's on Friday 12 Jun 81 elected a committee to commence the activities of this club. Those elected were:

Ross Clay	Anne Marnie Fairburn
Alan Brian	Carley Finn (Treas)
Margo Fairburn	Sarah Gough
	Kate Gough (Sec)
	Lane Brian

The club have decided to hold meetings on the second and fourth Sundays of each month. During winter months times for these meetings will be 1.30pm - 3.30pm. The first meeting was a working bee at the temporary ground behind John and Helen Whites on Sunday 28 Jun. Prospective members were invited to attend and to bring along a car trailer or ute, shovels and rakes. This day was devoted to filling holes in the prepared area to make it suitable for the club activities. Any useful items which could be used in construction of jumps, etc, such as timber, tyres, 44 gal drums, ice cream containers, poly conduit should also be brought along to the area at future meetings.

4. Farewells

The Whites and the Veals will be leaving the Wamboin area in the near future. To wish them well it has been suggested that a bring your own B-B-Q be held at the Fire shed in Cooper Rd on Sunday 16 Aug commencing at 12 o'clock.

5. Letter Boxes

There have been reports of interference with mail in letter boxes and damage to letter boxes in the area. Could parents remind their children that letter boxes should not be interfered with in any way and the seriousness of this matter.

6. Bus Service

Some tentative enquiries have been made concerning a bus service for the area. At this stage it would not be feasible to establish a service, however, it has been advised that a service is available from Bushland Tours who operate

an ACT school bus service for those wishing to avail themselves of this service. Details are:

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7. Community Association

The next meeting of the Wamboin Community Association is planned for Wed 22 Jul. Any resident who has any points which need to be raised could they contact either Ray Pennay or John Finn.

8. Local Census

Derek Gough still awaits replies for a number of local census forms which were distributed some time ago.

9. Erection of Letter Box

To ease the effort involved in distributing notices of local interest all residents should have a letter box at either Gallagher Cres, Cooper Rd or Poppet Rd.

10. Wamboin Whisper

This first issue of the Wamboin Whisper is designed to notify residents of aspects of local interest. Residents wishing to avail themselves of this newsletter to advise others of activities, items for sale, hire of equipment, etc, should contact Derek Gough who has kindly offered to be the Editor of this publication.



The Whisper

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Bywong Community www.bywongcommunity.org.au

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

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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 September 2021 issue is 7 pm Sunday night, August 29, 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 the editor as above.

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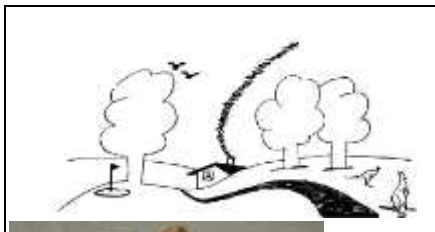
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Wamboin Community Association Presidents Paragraphs



“Whisper is 40 Years Young”

Our own newsletter, the mighty Whisper celebrates 40 years of informing the community about local happenings, relevant news and community information. Over the forty years there have been many people who have contributed to the production of the Whisper and one of note is Ned Noel, editor for 25 years. There are other long term contributors like the Wamboin Muse, Jill Gregory with her monthly message telling us “I wouldn’t live anywhere else” for over 15 years. We now have the next generation of contributors in Luke Downey with his Bird of the Month contribution. The Whisper goes to around 1341 mailboxes across Wamboin, Bywong and Sutton (on this side of the highway) as well as a few mail outs to former residents. To get into the mailboxes over 55 local residents deliver and distribute the monthly issue. The Whisper provides an important old school voice across the community in this age of Facebook and digital technology. It is truly a great community effort and I deeply thank all the current and past editors, contributors, deliverers and advertisers that have made this happen over the past 40 years. Give yourselves a huge pat on the back for making our community what it is today. In celebration at the WCA AGM on Tuesday August 17th, we will be putting on a birthday cake to celebrate this milestone (with all Covid-19 protocols in place). Please come along to share in the celebration, Covid permitting.

2021 Local Government Elections – The proposed elections scheduled for September have now been sensibly postponed to the 4 December 2021 due the current Covid-19 situation. I also understand that electronic voting will be in place for the first time in NSW local Government elections and an extension to the postal voting period.

2021 Meet the Candidates Night – obviously with the above announcement we will be rescheduling our MTC night accordingly. Details in the next Whisper.

AGM 17th August 2021 – The WCA AGM will be held on Tuesday 17th August at 7.30pm in the Community Hall in Bingley Way. If you would like to play a part in your local community please come along. Meetings are only once a month and you will play a part in shaping our community with our many events (if we can shake of Covid anytime soon) and activities. Our community is only what we make it. Our normal events include the Bonfire/Fireworks night, Wheels of Wamboin, Christmas Carols, monthly markets and much, much more. These things don’t just happen they need volunteers.

Macs Reef and Bungendore Road Intersection – you may not have noticed (as there is no changed traffic conditions ahead signs) but the intersection now has stop signs erected in lieu of the previous give way signs. Beware, I have been told the Police will start enforcing the signs shortly (line marking not completed as yet) and it is usual that locals will be caught, mainly because we are used to the old conditions. This is part of a motion put to Council in April 2021 item 12.2 asking for a report for all options to improve the safety of the intersection to be put back to Council by the July 21 Council meeting. The report asked for investigations into all options so we hope that the stop signs are only an interim measure until a more permanent solution can be found and funded such as a separated and offset left turn lane for this dangerous T intersection. The intersection has been the scene for a number of deaths over the years.

E4 vs R5 – Most residents have received the letter in their mailbox regarding the long running E4 vs R5 rezoning debate. Due to a number of complex issues in this matter the WCA does not endorse either side of the debate and fully encourage residents to make their own investigations. A starting point would be go to www.legislation.nsw.gov.au and type in Palerang Local Environmental Plan 2014 in the search box in top left hand corner it will bring up a page with an index on the left hand side. If you scroll to Land use table, you can click on the zone objectives for both E4 and R5, What we do object to is the letter being issued only 8 days prior to a Council meeting (meeting on Wednesday 28th July) where one of the staff’s recommendations is to slug our residents for the cost of the study (estimated at around \$200 each). By the time this Whisper goes to mailboxes the Council meeting will have been done and dusted and I do hope the Council staff’s recommendation for the 413 residents to pay is not adopted.

Yless4U Tower proposal – Some good news, after the well attended public meeting the NSW Telecommunications Authority have informed us that they heard the local residents concerns and will be seeking an alternative location. Great outcome and we look forward to a new proposal. In the mean time (when it stops raining long enough) make sure you trek up Millpost Hill to enjoy the view to the Brindabella’s snowline. Recently the snow has been very bright with the morning sun.

Fireworks and Bonfire Night – cancelled for 2021.

Produce Markets –in winter recess.

NSW Dine and Discover Vouchers

– Just a reminder that the NSW Vouchers have been extended to 31st August. 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. 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

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We are an enthusiastic group but few in number, which limits our potential. So, if you have ideas for new/improved events or community activities and energy to help organise and participate in them, we invite you to join us! Membership is free, and you can also join the Committee. All Committee positions become vacant at the AGM. If you would like to find out more, please email president@bywongcommunity.org.au , or just come along to the AGM.

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WHEN: Sunday 12 September
WHAT TIME: 9.30am – 3.00pm (pop by any time or ring 0402 027 452 to book or discuss a time)
WHERE: Wamboin Bingley Way, Wamboin.

Our Community Engagement Team of experienced firefighters will be on hand to talk with individuals on a one-on-one basis, answer your questions and provide general advice on the preparation of a personal and family Bushfire Survival Plan. We can also help identify steps you could take to prepare your property as well as factors that influence when you should take certain decisions. We can't tell you what to do, but we can run through various scenarios for you to consider. We also offer free visits under our Resident Requested Property Visit Program.

Note: COVID restrictions applicable at the time of this event will be applied including limitation of people numbers, safe distancing rules, hygiene requirements, and registration of attendees for contact tracing.

Of course, there is no need for you to wait till September to begin your preparations for the bushfire season

USEFUL LINKS and CONTACT INFORMATION

Wamboin Rural Fire Brigade: <http://brigade.wamboincommunity.asn.au> NSW Rural Fire Service: <https://rfs.nsw.gov.au> and <https://myfireplan.com.au> Wamboin Rural Fire Brigade is on Facebook Lake George Fire Control Centre 6128 0600

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Wamboin Golf - July 2021

Mahogany Ridge, Sunday 4 July. That pesky pandemic deserves the green needle. Those other jobs are too good for it. We had to cancel the July comp because it's just too difficult to hit all the requirements to use the community hall. We could have played the game without the 19th afterwards, but as you know, golf is only played for the FLAs at the end. Be that as it may, your intrepid correspondent gathered a host of kindred spirits amongst his mates in the NRL - I won't name them for privacy reasons - to contest the Eastern Nine. It was bitterly cold so play was halted after a statistically significant proportion of the course was covered. We then repaired to a certain large green shed to warm the fingers by a large gas heater. This enabled us to remove the crown seals from several Fluid Loss Adjusters. In the captain's absence your correspondent introduced our guests, distributed the googly ball, the dummy spit award, the LD and NTP balls, told Ted's joke and awarded the major prizes. Again for privacy reasons, I cannot reveal the winner's name (we later found him hiding under a bed) but it gives me much pleasure to let you know that I came second. (Please pardon the obvious display of pride. I rarely appear on the podium.) In the course of replacing essential fluids we briefly lamented the plight of political cartoonists now that the deplorable Trump and his monkey house of sub-cretinous, misanthropic dropkicks have been turfed. Sure, he's had a few rallies where he's spread the same old manure, but it's not as exciting when the man in the clown suit no longer controls an arsenal of ICBMs. However, journos have all perked up since the return to the stage of steam-of-conscious novelist and family man, James "Barnaby" Joyce. Don't bother reading his masterpiece, "Ulysses". I got to page 30 before being admitted to a sanatorium. It reminds me of the first 30 pages of "Das Kapital" which I recommend as diversion therapy for all budding socialists. It's a pity these demagogues can't write for real people. While on the subject of ratbags, we expressed righteous anger at the shutting down of popular Hong Kong newspaper, Apple Daily, by the running dogs of PRC Czar, She Gin Sling. They did the same in Tibet years ago to the Daily Lama. Just let them try the same totalitarian nonsense with the Whisper! I'll be the first to take up my umbrella in protest.

Poor old ScoMotose can't take a trick at the moment. Elbow's got him on the ropes over the pandemic. It turns out he didn't take Elbow's advice on how to keep it out; what to do when it got in; how to control outbreaks; why hotel quarantine would never work; what would; how to force aged care workers and others to vaccinate; when to lock down; when to open up; how to keep the economy going; how much vax to order; where to get it; what to do when Italy reneged; when to open and close the border; how and when people trapped overseas should be allowed to return; why they shouldn't; blah, blah, blah. We should have been guided by Elbow. A person that smart ought to be Prime Minister. I'll bet he wouldn't have allowed Witness K to be tried behind a screen of secrecy (literally and figuratively). Just wait for next month's report in which I reveal how the QPRC have bugged the meetings of the Save the Mick Sherd Committee. I'll insist my trial be held in the Wamboin Hall with free admittance to all.

Having got all that off our chests we packed up and left in an orderly fashion. There was no need for the police to untangle the traffic in Wirreanda Road. Let us hope that our Glad's (bless her) contact tracers turn up a whole pile of negatives so that the August golf day can proceed. You may then wish to join us at the Wamboin community hall on 1 August at 12.15pm to sign up for the 12.30pm start. Dress warm.

- Larry King, golfer



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Garlic oil, mozzarella
- 12 **GARLIC, CHEESE & BACON FOCACCIA**
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Fresh tomato, mozzarella, basil, balsamic dressing

BURGERS

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

PUB CLASSICS

- 21 **CRUMBED CHICKEN BREAST SCHNITZEL**
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
- 23 **PARMIGIANA**
Smoked ham, San Marzano sauce, mozzarella
- 25 **MEXICANA**
Tomato salsa, mozzarella, guacamole, sour cream
- 25 **GODFATHER**
San Marzano sauce, spicy sopressa, ham, mozzarella
- 3 **EXTRA SAUCE**
- 22 **TOP YOUR SCHNITZEL**
- 16 **SALT & PEPPER SQUID**
Sai-lad leaves, aioli
- 16 **POTATO WEDGES (V)**
Sour cream, sweet chilli sauce
- 16 **KOREAN FRIED CHICKEN LOUPOPS**
Korean sweet chilli dipping sauce
- 22 **BEEF NACHOS (GF)**
Sour cream, guacamole, cheese, corn salsa
- FRIES**
6 LRG / 3 SML
- 22 **BANGERS & MASH (GF)**
Hand made pork sausages, creamy potato mash, peas, sweet onion gravy
- 38 **PANKO CRUMBED LAMB CUTLETS**
With a choice of two sides and sauce
- 20 **VEGGIE LASAGNA (V)**
Mushroom, zucchini, eggplant, mozzarella
- 24 **CHICKEN KIEV**
Creamy potato mash, asparagus, garlic butter
- 26 **BEEF SALTINBOCCA**
Pancetta, prawns, shallots, creamy garlic & parmesan sauce, creamy garlic mash
- 21 **LEO'S NASI GORENG**
Indonesian fried rice, satay chicken, pickles, egg, prawn crackers
- 42 **TEXAN BBQ PORK RIBS 500G**
Charred corn cob, coleslaw, fries

FROM THE OCEAN

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

FROM THE GARDEN

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

SWEET

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

KIDS MENU

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



STEAK HOUSE

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

TOP YOUR STEAK

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

SERVED WITH CHOICE OF TWO SIDES & SAUCE OR BUTTER

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

Complimentary Hot English Mustard, horseradish, sriacha

LORENZO'S WOOD FIRED PIZZAS

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

EXTRAS

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

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FOUR PILLARS SPICED NEGRONI GIN Tonic, orange	14

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JULIET MOSCATO	6	25
MARKVIEW SAUVIGNON BLANC	6	25
CATCHING THIEVES SEMILLION SAUVIGNON BLANC	7.50	28
RED		
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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CORKAGE



2021 Curry Night Lost into the Coronaverse

Sad news for all of the Curry Lovers out there; the 2021 curry night has had to be cancelled due to the restrictions placed on us all from the Covid 19 outbreak in Sydney, so I thought I might give a brief history of the Curry Night before my grey cell gives up the ghost completely!! Cast the memory bank back to 1986, the fledgling Wamboin community was developing at a rate of knots and with the influx of so many people who were, in the majority, busy establishing their slice of heaven. The Fire Brigade was in its 3rd year of independent life (after seceding from Sutton), the Pony Club was up and running and we even (2nd go around) had a community Hall. To break the ice amongst community members we had the Firemen's Ball for the 2nd time and our very own R & A (Rural and Agricultural) Golf Club. One of the members of the Golf Club, an ex Royal Navy type by the name of Peter Flynn, came up with the notion to have a Curry Night, being a lover of Curries that he was (especially Ring Burners) as means to raise funds for the golf club and also to create an opportunity for the community to get together with others that they may not have encountered. The date of the 3rd Saturday in August was selected and has gone on at that date (except for 2020 and now 2021) since. When Peter became ill in 1993 (passing away in April 1994) I took the bull by the horns and have organised the night (with much valued assistance from the like minded) (except for 2 years when on a sick bed, thanks Nev et al) the night. Hopefully it will continue for many years to come. To commemorate the event you are invited to have your own personal Curry get together in your own residence and/or with friends and if you like send me your recipes and I will create a Wamboin Curry Cookbook (3rd time lucky). Regards Dave at dave.hubbard@bigpond.com

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If you are not a Library Member please still come, the Mobile Library staff can join you up on the day and you can borrow immediately. The bus is well set up, has a great choice of books [including large print books], DVDs, magazines, children's books and audio-books. Members are able to reserve items from Bungendore, Braidwood and Queanbeyan libraries and collect these from the mobile library when it visits. The Mobile Library bus is COVID-19 Safe. Outside the bus there is a sanitising station and seating provided if you have to wait. The QPRC Library staff look forward to welcoming you.

As a bonus the QPRC Mobile Library will also attend the 18 September Wamboin Market.

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WAMBOIN WEATHER – rainfall and temperature records

(46 years from Cooper Road) by Christine Rieber

July Rainfall Stats

July rainfall to the 25th..... 67.25mm
2021 total rainfall to 25th..... 547.5mm

August Rainfall Stats

2020 August rainfall..... 136.5mm
Wettest August..... 170.5mm in 1985
Wettest August day..... 58mm on 8/8/20
Driest August..... 5.5mm in 1994

August Temperature Stats

Hottest August day..... 20°C (3 times) on
31/8/82, 31/8/19 & 29/8/20
Hottest August night..... 13°C on 26/8/95
Average day temperature..... 10.6°C
Warmest August..... 1982
Av. day temp. 13.8°C & nights 4.2°C
(highest night 4.5°C in 1995)

Average July rainfall..... 51.4mm
2020 July rainfall..... 33.75mm
2020 total rainfall to 25/7..... 399.5mm
45yr Av. to end of July..... 372.6mm

Average August rainfall..... 54.8mm
Average no. rain days in August..... 10.1
Highest no. rain days..... 17 in 1981
Lowest no. rain days. 3 in 1994 & 1995

Av. Aug. temp. 6.5°C (day+night comb.)
Coldest August day..... 3°C on 5/8/15
Coldest August night..... -5°C (6 times)
18/8/10, 2014 (4 times), 4/8/15
Average night temperature..... 2.3°C
Coldest August..... 2012
Av. day temp. 8.0°C & nights -1.0°C
Aug. 2020. Av. max 12.6°C & min 1.8°C

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Bird Of The Month

By Luke Downey

For August I chose the Barn Owl, a cosmopolitan species, that preys on rodents, and has been seen quite a few times in the local area recently.

Barn Owl (*Tyto alba*)

Size: 30-40cm (wingspan 70-90cm)

Status: Rare breeding visitor

The Barn Owl is the most widely distributed owl, found on all continents except Antarctica. Throughout its range, it is generally uncommon, and tends to occur around human settlements, especially farms, where it preys on rodents. They tend to occur in fairly open areas, and are rarely found in dense forests, where other owls occur. Their habitat preference corresponds with their main prey. Barn Owls are quite a rare visitor to South-eastern Australia, usually only present in very small numbers. However, they are very nomadic and irruptive in response to mouse plagues, like what is happening currently in South-eastern Australia. There have been many birds seen in the Canberra region recently, including one I saw near the Dickson Shops on the 19th

of July. They roost in barns and open buildings, or trees with dense foliage, during the day. Their roosting location can often be revealed by the alarm calls of other birds (e.g. Currawongs, Magpies, Ravens, Noisy Miners) who mob owls if they find them roosting; often chasing them away. Barn Owls are very distinctive, with their large, white, heart-shaped disc face, white underparts, and pale creamy-brown and grey mottled upperparts being unmistakable. The sexes are the same in appearance. Elsewhere in Australia, the Australasian Grass-Owl (*Tyto longimembris*) and Australian Masked-Owl (*Tyto novaehollandiae*) are similar in appearance. Barn Owls are renowned hunters, and have long legs equipped with big talons (claws) to grasp and kill rodents. They have an immaculate sense of hearing, which they use to hunt at night, and can detect the movement of mice in grass and strike very accurately. Their disk-shaped face also helps funnel sound to their ears. Keep an eye out over the next little while, as there are likely to be more around while there is a sufficient food source for them.

A large issue for owls in current times is rodenticides. Owls unknowingly ingest poisoned rodents, and then die from the poison. Thankfully, the APVMA rejected allowing the use of the highly toxic poison bromadiolone in the recent mouse plague. However, other mouse poisons still cause harm to predatory animals including owls, so please consider not using poison to kill mice, as it detrimentally effects the predators of the mice. (Photo from Google images)

Reporting Injured Wildlife

Imagine this scenario: you are driving home after work, and you see an animal on the grass verge next to the road. You are unsure if it is injured, but you don't often see animals lying so close to the road. You stop the car and go to have a quick look at the animal. It doesn't get up or run away as you approach, but you don't want to get too close, just in case. You can't see any obvious injuries, but something just doesn't seem right. What do you do now? You think about calling Wildcare, but what if there's nothing wrong and someone comes out unnecessarily? You decide to call Wildcare. What happens next?

When you make a phone call to Wildcare, the call is answered by a Helpline volunteer. The phone line is staffed 24/7. The Helpline volunteer will collect information from you, including your name and phone number, the specific location of the animal and any visible landmarks, the type of animal, the approximate size or age of the animal and the nature of any visible injuries. All these questions help the roster volunteer determine the most suitable rescuer to send to assist the animal. Some rescues need specific training, such as snakes, or vaccinated rescuers, in the case of bats. Occasionally, members of the public are asked if they can safely bring the animal to a rescuer or take it to a vet. These decisions are made to ensure an injured or orphaned animal gets the assistance it needs, as quickly as possible. You may also be asked if you can remain nearby the animal until a rescuer arrives. If you are unable to do so, it is helpful if you can mark the animal's location with something, such as a plastic shopping bag tied to a fence post.

When the rescuer arrives at the animal's location, they begin to make an assessment of the animals' injuries or circumstances in order to make a determination on whether the animal should be brought into care, left in place and monitored regularly, or euthanised. If the animal is being brought into care, the rescuer will start planning for this to happen, including how to safely transport the animal. Once in care, the animal will be given a thorough assessment and a care plan will be devised to assist the successful rehabilitation, and ultimately the release of the animal back to the wild. If the decision is made to monitor an animal in place, the rescuer will visit the animal regularly to ensure its condition is not deteriorating. This is often done to minimise the serious effects that stress of capture places on the animal. If the animal is too severely injured or will be unreleasable, and the rescuer determines that it is unlikely to survive, the decision may be made to humanely euthanise the animal. This is a decision that must be left to an experienced person who has a sound understanding of what is realistically achievable. Members of the public should not attempt to euthanise an animal themselves. Not only is this illegal, but it can also cause unnecessary suffering and cruelty.

If you come across sick, injured, or orphaned wildlife, or an animal that just doesn't seem to be behaving normally and could need assistance, please phone Wildcare on 6299 1966. We would much rather you call us so that we can make an informed assessment to ensure the best outcome for the animal.

This kangaroo was found in a suburban backyard in Queanbeyan. There were no injuries apparent to the member of the public who called the Wildcare Helpline. After it was assessed by a Rescue Volunteer, it was brought into care due to its overall condition and some less obvious injuries. – **Bec Quinn, for Wildcare**



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Let's Shout About The Whisper

By Lofty Mason and Ned Noel

Congratulations to all involved in The Whisper celebrating 40 years in print and still going strong. The early Wamboin Whispers were typed on a negative flimsy and run off with a Gestetner. This very messy process was replaced with a Telex 2000 and photocopier.

Our later copies of course are computerised and we thank Pete Harrison for the time consuming work he has been doing to scan older copies of the Whisper for easy access at www.wamboincommunity.org.au/theWhisper/. July 84 featured our first paid ad which was for Oregon Traders. Because of the numbers (less than 200) the early Whispers were financed (unknowingly) by various Government departments. They were collated and distributed by the editor. The numbers of copies today (over 1300) require a more professional and approach, with many residents lending a hand.

The success of The Whisper relies firstly on the input of contributors, who often spend considerable time writing things for us to read. Because of the cost of printing we benefit from all the advertisers who pay for it. Next in line is the editor who prepares the material for printing. After printing there would still be no Whisper each month. Except for over the now 7 "distributors" who deal with boxes of 200 or so. And there still would be no Whisper for each home each month except for the now over 50 people, listed in each issue, who drive, cycle, walk or run down each road to put one in each mailbox.

A list of all involved over the years would include many of you, however the following is a list showing the dates, the number of Whispers we wrote, produced and delivered over the last 40 years, and the editors.

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July 1993 (325 Copies) - 2021 (1341 copies in July) Ned Noel

The Wamboin Whisper has remained 'the official organ' of The Wamboin Community Association. The original purpose was to concentrate on news, ideas, stories and events of concern in the community and this continues today.

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From the Corner

Council Elections (Part 3) — Following on from last month's piece, these were to be my final words on voting in the upcoming [4 September] Council election. Then, feeling quite comfortable that I'd met the editor's deadline, I received the advice that the elections had been postponed, yet again (to 4 December, for anyone who hasn't yet heard). But rather than break the flow of our discussion of the election process, and just as much because I didn't really have anything else immediately at hand to write about, let's carry on regardless.

Let me say up front that I am not seeking re-election in the upcoming elections, whenever they ultimately happen to be held, so none of my comments have anything to do with improving my chances of election. Also, these words now will probably not be my final words on the elections—I may have to run something similar in three months time, just so that the whole process is fresh in everyone's mind.

There are two observations that come out of an analysis of previous elections that are worthy of consideration. These two observations may appear to be contradictory but one is actually a direct consequence of the other.

The first is as follows. In the first two Palerang elections, 2004 and 2008, eight of the nine candidates elected have been those with the most votes after the first preference count, and any distribution of surplus votes. Put another way, the first eight candidates have been effectively elected based on the first two preferences identified on ballot papers. The subsequent distribution of preferences did, however, determine the last candidate elected, although that race for 9th was still only between the candidates that were 9th and 10th after the first preference count.

More to the point, however, in the 2012 Palerang Council election, the 2008 and 2012 Queanbeyan City Council elections and the 2017 QPRC election, the distribution of preferences made no difference at all to the final result. The candidates that were ultimately elected were exactly those that were ahead after only first preference votes were counted.

The upshot of this observation is that when casting your vote, you should take care to identify candidates in the order you would like to see them elected. Don't, for example, just casually mark 11 candidates that you think might make up a well-balanced Council, as some have confessed to have done in the past.

The second observation is the fact that in the 2017 QPRC election, for example, and this is not unusual, 2545 votes exhausted—they ran out of preferences before all candidates were elected. The last four successful candidates in that election were elected without making quota—they were the last candidates standing when all but 11 candidates had been eliminated from the count. None of them amassed more than 2500 votes. Put another way, "No Choice" actually made quota and would thus have been elected at position 8 if it had been an actual candidate!

What does that mean? Well, it means that 2545 voters did not mark enough preferences on their ballot paper for their vote to count. Their higher preferences will have gone to candidates who were eliminated at some point in the count, and any subsequent preferences, if any existed, did not identify anyone who was still in the count.

So here's the second point. While 79% of the votes in the 2017 QPRC election effectively rested with their first preference, and a further 12.5% was distributed through preferences (although with no impact on the ultimate result), around 8.5% of the vote could have had a significant impact on the final result, had the voters in question nominated preferences deeply enough.

To summarise the above discussion then, to be sure that your vote counts on December 4 (or whenever the Council elections end up being held):

1. **Place the number "1" against the name of the candidate, or Group if voting above-the-line, that you would most like to see on Council, and allocate your preferences in a similar fashion. For around 79% of the votes, the first two preferences are all that will count;**
2. **Allocate preferences to every candidate, or Group if voting above-the-line, that you would be happy to see on Council, not just the minimum number. For the remaining 21% of the votes, in a field of, say, 40 candidates vying for 11 seats, their twenty ninth preference could help determine the makeup of the new Council.**

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

Council Elections (Mar 2021) Council Elections (Part 2) (Jun 2021) Council Elections (Part 3) (Jul 2021)

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Nature Notes - July 2021

Jo Walker

There are tiny snowflakes drifting past the window as I write this – and the temperature outside was just 3degrees about midday. With several snowfalls, a few really white frosts and rain and strong winds with a real bite in them, the weather this month has lived up to mid-winter expectations. Rain has fallen ever few days towards the end of the month and dams are full and creeks still running. My creek has pools along the length of it and frogs are already calling from many of them.

Not much is flowering yet, but there is a beautiful tapestry of different colours in the foliage and new growth on eucalypts and wattles and other local plants. The Silver Wattles (*Acacia dealbata*) are still a few weeks away from flowering – except for the single one across the creek that I mentioned last month. It is still adorned with a mass of bright yellow flowers. Red-stemmed Wattles (*Acacia rubida*) growing along Sutton Road are almost in flower, with one or two of them showing a few tiny spots of yellow.

Amongst the smaller plants, *Leucochrysum albicans* (Hoary Sunray) have been sporting a few white flowers for most of the winter. And, last week, I found a lone yellow daisy flower in a patch of *Leptorhynchos squamatus* (Scaly Buttons).

I recently saw a single Wedge-tailed Eagle soaring and gliding around far above for a while. There used to be a pair of Eagles that visited quite frequently, but I haven't seen them here for a while. Over the years, the vegetation here has grown denser so they may have shifted to more open country where they can see prey more easily.

Another bird that I haven't seen for a while is a White-faced Heron that used to spend time searching for aquatic insects at the edge of the dam. The dam did completely dry out during the last long dry period – now it's full and overflowing again I hope the Heron will return. There were two of them at the edge of a dam along Norton Road recently, so they are still in the area.

A few Honeyeaters are passing through the garden most days. There was a White-eared Honeyeater feeding on some Grevillea flowers and several Eastern Spinebills have discovered the few flowers that are already opening on the Correas. Seed-eaters are finding plenty to eat. Several Crimson Rosellas have been perching on the *Kunzea ericoides* (Burgan) bushes feeding on the tiny seed capsules. And yesterday there were two Gang-gang Cockatoos on a young Red Stringybark (*Eucalyptus macrorhyncha*) breaking open the tough seed capsules to feed on the tiny seed inside.

It was good to see the Gang-gangs as the Federal Environment Department is considering putting them on the endangered species list. The Department has opened up submissions as to whether they should be so listed with a final decision to be made in April next year. Evidently the population of this species has declined 69 per cent in the last 21 years and has lost a lot of its habitat during the 2019-2020 summer bushfires. (Information from The Canberra Times, 24 July 2021, page 19)

A few Kangaroo joeys are peering from their mothers' pouches, but none have emerged yet. There was a large group of 'roos standing near my verandah a few mornings ago. They had a dusting of white frost on their fur and the sun was just rising over the hill. When the sunlight reached them, it was warm enough to melt the frost – and the 'roos stood there with clouds of white steam rising from them. Wamboin is always coming up with lovely pictures like this, isn't it.

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Bywong and Wamboin Awarded \$80,000 Grant

The **Greenways Renewal Working (GRoW) group**, has been successful in attracting grant funding from Resilience NSW of \$80,000 to deliver a community resilience program for the combined populations of Bywong & Wamboin.

The Program - **Building Community Resilience**, aims to improve our resilience against future disaster, and is centred on extending the reach and effectiveness of two existing voluntary community initiatives – Bywong & Wamboin GRoW public walks program & the Community FireWise Groups.

The Program includes:

1. **Walk, Talk and Connect** – public walks on the Greenways and other events to allow residents to meet, connect and share experiences about what might be needed for individuals and the community to become more resilient, in the face of a more turbulent and uncertain future.
2. **Community FireWise Groups** – working with current FireWise group convenors to support their efforts, and to find more local neighbourhood areas that see benefit in establishing a FireWise group.
3. **Step Up and Step out: Community Leadership program**- offering free training, coaching and support to enable more people to become walk leaders and to potentially take on other leadership roles in the community, to help build community capacity.

The Program is being lead by a local Steering Group of volunteers, whose members are Nora Stewart, Carol Boughton and Tony Cotton. A number of paid positions to implement the Program will be advertised in the near future.

More details about the Program are on our interim webpage - <https://www.BywongCommunity.org.au/Community-Resilience>

Engaging with the community

We plan to have a **community information event** very soon (COVID permitting) to provide more information about the Program, and also to find out how you, as part of the community, would like to be involved. We want your feedback and suggestions about what you would like or prefer.

The successful grant application was supported by the:

- Bywong Community Association
- Wamboin Community Association
- Wamboin Rural Fire Brigade
- s.355 Greenways Management Committee
- Geary's Gap Landcare Group

GRoW very much appreciates their support.

We look forward to working with everyone in the community.

Contact Us

We'd love to hear from you - questions & suggestions to ResilientBywongWamboin@gmail.com

Nora Stewart

GRoW Co-ordinator on behalf of the Steering Group

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