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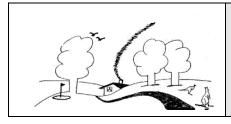
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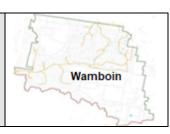
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## President's **Paragraphs**



May certainly has been a busy month for the WCA.

Meet The Candidates Night. On 13th May we held our Meet the Candidates Night for Candidates contesting the Federal Election. A large turn-out of candidates led to a successful and interesting evening. Although audience numbers were down those who did attend all seemed to enjoy themselves. Following our usual format each candidate spoke for 5 minutes and then afterwards a question and answer session with the audience followed. The evening finished with tea/coffee and snacks and the candidates mingling freely with the audience and getting to know people better. A great thank-you to WCA members Diana Boswell, David McDonald, Ian Donald and Keith France for all their assistance with the organisation of this event. A special thank you to Colleen Forster for helping out with the snacks on the night.

Mayor and Councillor Visit. The Community Association were pleased to have a visit from our local Mayor – Kenrick Winchester and Councillor Edwina Webster at our monthly meeting. An informal and friendly discussion on a number of issues took place with a good rapport all round. Several members of the Association followed up with this reaching out to rural communities on the Thursday (19th May) at the Council Meeting in Bungendore. This seems to be Council's way to become more inclusive within our Local Government Area. An excellent and friendly meeting with many opportunities to meet with 8 of the Councillors as well as the new CEO and Council staff of many different areas. A quick note to our Councillors - the Community Association welcomes the attendance of any Councillor at any of our monthly meetings. We are delighted to see you.

Wheels of Wamboin. To say that the Wheels of Wamboin held on the oval on Saturday 25th May was an outstanding success is frankly a gross understatement. Once again Pete Evans pulled off a spectacular event of cars, trucks and anything really that has wheels. At 10:00 am there were over 400 vehicles assembled and more were coming in. Pete will provide a proper write up of this event further in the Whisper but I just want to say well done Pete – it was amazing.

Markets and Federal Election. Coinciding with the Wheels of Wamboin on the 25th May were our monthly markets (held this time on the oval) and the Federal Election polling place (located in the Wamboin Hall). The turnout for these events was also a stunning success. Democracy sausages and hot dogs were very popular and Lou's coffee was always excellent. Together with the Wheels of Wamboin the atmosphere at the Hall and on the oval was one giant party. It was a great day out but as always thanks to Meriel and the dedicated group of workers who helped pull it all off. A final reminder that the Community Association is there for all the people of Wamboin, so please come along to the monthly meetings held every 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday at 7:30 pm in the Hall at Bingley

5. 2022 Bonfire and Fireworks Night - This year's Bonfire and Fireworks night will be held on Saturday 27 August., This very family oriented experience is one of the most anticipated community gatherings of the year. Don't miss out on the food & drink, the bonfire, the spectacular fireworks - the fun. Food and drinks from 5:30 pm at Wamboin Community Hall.

- Jenny Richards - President.

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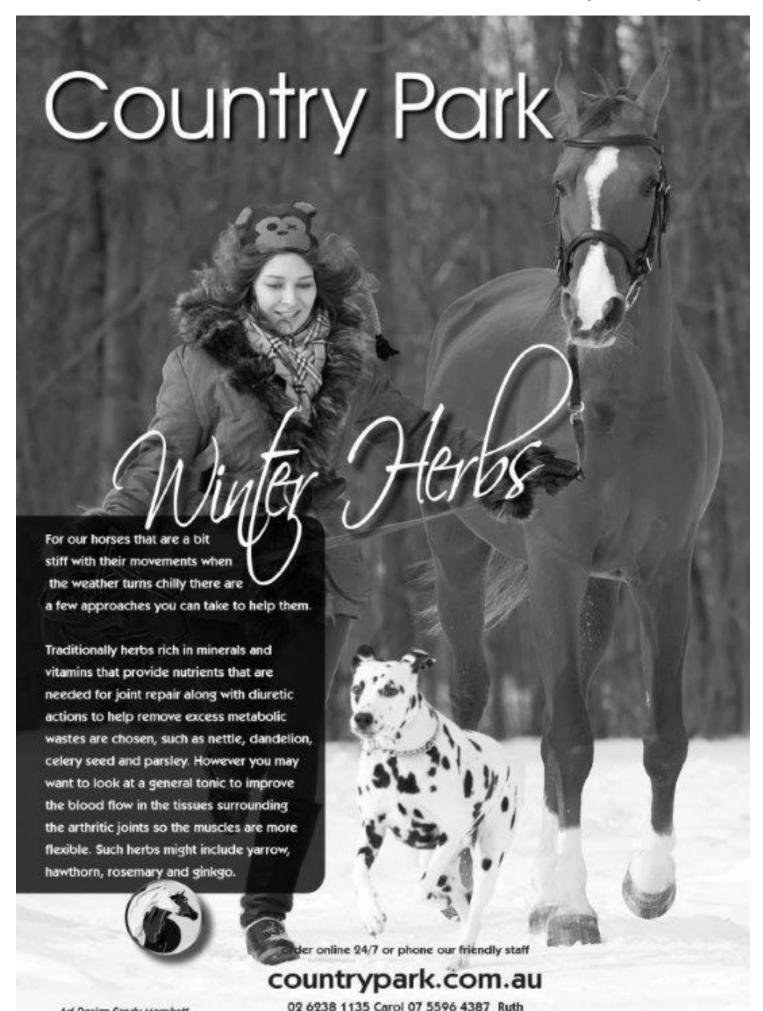
With the 110<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the sinking of the Titanic, the night will be <u>fancy dress</u> – life at sea. All pirates welcome. The best dressed table <u>will have 3 points added to their score</u>.

Living with Covid has changed the format of the night. There will only be 6 tables of 8, so get your bookings in quickly! To limit movement in the Bywong Hall, there will be a platter for each table instead of the soup line. Tea/coffee will be self-serve throughout the night.

Bookings can be made through <a href="mailto:president@bywongcommunity.org.au">president@bywongcommunity.org.au</a> For more information, please contact Thelma on 0401 782 379. - Mike Wilkins President BCA







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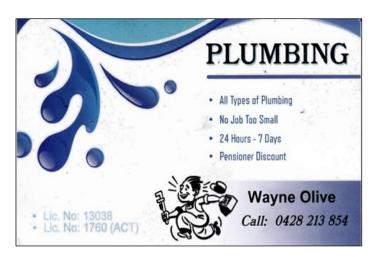
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The May market was huge! Combined with the Wheels and the Election, plus a Landcare plant sale; Pauline's Cancer Council fund raising; a very busy RFS BBQ and our coffee stall - we just managed to supply enough tables for stall holders and to squeeze onto the oval with the huge number of cars that turned up for our sunny Wamboin weather!!

The June market will be our last before our winter break. It will see the culmination of The Good Life - Wamboin, our art, photography and sculpture competition. Three local businesses have come on board to assist with costs and prizes - Contentious

Character (yes that's that terrific local vineyard with great food and wine), Inland Trading (great selection of Australian boutique wines) and my business LMS Consulting. Prizewinners will be announced during the morning and winning entries displayed afterwards at Contentious Character. Entries close 27 May but we will accept late entries. Please email me (see above) if you still would like to enter.

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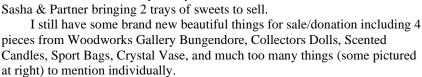
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fundraiser. Weather was certainly in favour for the wheels of Wamboin and market stalls and the crowds were huge. YOU have helped me raise \$3,000 and I could not have done it without my helpers. My sister Joan & my friend Heather walking the grounds all morning and sold \$500 worth of raffle tickets. (Raffle drawn and winner notified) My very special friends Marianne, Liz, John & Nancy, Frank & Stefka. Last but not least my hubby Stefan,





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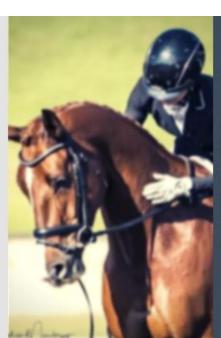
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#### Wheels of Wamboin 22

The sun was shining for a perfect autumn day which also really drew out the 400 plus vehicles of all shapes and sizes. This was our biggest event ever and with the added Federal Election Polling booth and Home Produce markets running on the oval we had run out of oval space by 10am. Many special machines were parked along Bingley Way just because we had no more room.

The variety was enormous with a wide range of vehicles (and machinery if you count the fantastic tracked beast with a turbo charged V8 engine and it seemed like Willy's jeep grille and the Mercedes Unimog truck) including many marques of all types and conditions. The event organiser, Peter Evans said "it absolutely astounds me the variety of cars we get to event. From Tony's Tesla to pre and post war classics, muscle cars and just those cars that we grew up with. This year we have a good selection of motorbikes and stallholders including sign and garage memorabilia to deck out the garage".

Of the many cars on show there were many standouts. The Torana club and Holden clubs bought a bevy of beauties and looked awesome in a line up of Holden history. The FJ and FX humpies arrived in numbers, The Falcon and GT's balanced the Holden offering along with a number of Valiant Chargers. A great rollup from the BMW and Porsche clubs made the day. As always, the Mustangs were out in force with a herd grazing at the far end of the oval. The British cars shone back to the golden era of British fine motoring with a number of magical E-Types, and a few modern versions and one of the cars of the show was a special Alvis 1965 Te21 Drophead Coupe. The muscle cars of Mustangs, Corvettes, Chevy's and pickup trucks scattered the oval. A Mercedes Benz Unimog Army truck stood above the field of cars and a purple 1920's Chevrolet camper truck drew lots on onlookers. Datsuns (including a Nissan Cedric, who picks car names?), Daihatsus Toyotas and Mazda's bought the Asian flavour to the line-up.

With only one award, The Presidents Pick) on the day due to Covid voting restrictions the choice was very difficult. After some covert consultation, the field was narrowed to the Alvis, a Vitamin C Charger, a Lime HQ Sandman Ute, a light blue and white Chevy Belair, a SLR 5000 Torana and a XY GT. The winner was a fantastic 1967 VW Camper converted in England by Canterbury-Pitt. The Camper still had all original woodwork and fixtures including some of the fabric cushions. The subject of many calendars, she is affectionately known as "Miss October" by her owners. This just shows that the Wheels of Wamboin is about variety.







It was a great crowd with record numbers which resulted in a record fundraising effort for the local Wamboin RFS. I would like to thank all the car clubs and individuals who ventured out with their automotive beauties, Dave Cochrane and the Wamboin

RFS for parking and traffic control and Meriel for organising the stalls and coordinating the markets.. Also special thanks to the very tolerant Polling Booth Official. A great day was had by all. If you would like to see more photos of the day just head to our Facebook page "Wheels of Wamboin" and there is a number of albums with extensive coverage of the day. – Peter Evans





#### **Fireworks Night Raffle Prizes**

The annual Wamboin Community Fireworks will be held on Saturday night, 27 August 2022. If you own a local business, please consider donating a prize for the traditional Fireworks Night Raffle to be drawn on the night. Recognition of each donor will be given in the Wamboin Whisper and on the Wamboin Community Association Website. We try to have a number of prizes so as to attract buyers of the raffle tickets. Proceeds go to the Wamboin Community Association. If you can help, please contact <a href="mailto:diana.boswell@wamboincommunity.asn.au">diana.boswell@wamboincommunity.asn.au</a> - Diana Boswell, Wamboin Community Association vice-president





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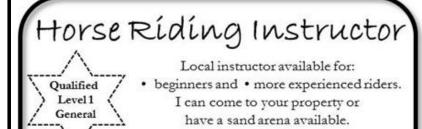
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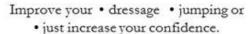
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#### **Bird of the Month**

#### By Luke Downey

For June I chose the Collared Sparrowhawk, a smaller bird of prey often encountered in woodlands, which nested on my neighbour's property this summer.

#### Collared Sparrowhawk (Accipiter cirrocephalus)

Size: 30-40cm (wingspan 76cm) Status: Fairly common breeding resident

The Collared Sparrowhawk is one of the smallest Australian raptors. Adults are grey-brown on the back, tail and head, with long bare yellow legs and feet, yellow eyes and bill, fine rufous and white barring on the underparts and around the neck, including a rufous collar separating the greyish head and back. Immature and juvenile birds have a brown back and brown-white mottling on the underparts. Male and female birds look similar, however males are markedly smaller in size. Another factor to note is the strong similarities to the Brown Goshawk (previously featured as the Bird of the Month, August 2020). Collared Sparrowhawks are differentiated by (a) being generally smaller (confusion occurs mostly between the larger female Sparrowhawk, and smaller male Goshawk), (a) having a square, often slightly forked tail (rounded and never forked in Goshawk) and (c) the facial expression is staring and wide-eyed (compared to a glaring, angry expression from Goshawks). When perched, their elongated middle toe, that is substantially longer than other toes, can also be a reliable identifier. Collared Sparrowhawks are a bird of prey and their diet consists of small mammals, birds, reptiles and occasionally insects and carrion. Their small size enables them to manoeuvre swiftly in flight though the trees in woodlands, unlike larger and bulkier eagles or falcons which tend to soar above trees, and prefer more open habitats, which Sparrowhawks tend to avoid. Collared Sparrowhawks live in pairs or sometimes singly and have a large territory of a few square kilometres, which they patrol and nest in. Their nest is a large platform of sticks in a tree. They have a distinctive "kikikikii" call which is repeated, especially when nesting. The young also give similar sounding begging calls; something I readily heard when they nested near our house. Whilst we never found an



actual nest, a pair were repeatedly present and calling for several months (including chick begging noises) in a particular stand of pine trees. Typically, they disperse widely and are only seen occasionally at any particular site. Keep an eye out for this species in woodland areas. Their presence can sometimes be highlighted by excessive loud screeching by Sulphur-crested Cockatoos who harass and chase Sparrowhawks away.







#### What the Heck (Chapter 2)

Last month I explained that in this area, SRMD is the two local churches. The first of these to be established was St Peter's at Sutton.

This church is deeply embedded in the settlement and establishment of the village of Sutton. Sutton was surveyed as a village in 1866 and was officially gazetted in July 1867. In accordance with regulations of the time, a location could neither be gazetted as a village nor named, until the district had a church building, so a search was made for a suitable building. The first church was a Methodist chapel, transported from the nearby Macs Reef goldfields, and placed on the Wesleyan Church Reserve, adjacent to the present-day Public School. This chapel was used as a place of worship until 1883, but in 1889 was totally derelict, so was destroyed.

Church services in Sutton were a little haphazard for ten years, but from 1893, regular Anglican services were held at Woodbury Homestead, a property owned then (and still owned) by the Cartwright family.

By 1907 a weatherboard church, dedicated to St Peter, had been built on the Anglican Church Reserve. It was used until 1924 when it was condemned due to a severe infestation of white ants. A rendered brick building was soon erected on the same site. The foundation stone was laid in September 1925 and the building consecrated in February 1926.

Regular services were held with clergy provided by St John the Baptist Church in Reid until 2012 when St Peters merged with St Andrews in Wamboin as the Sutton Road Mission District. Services still continue, led by local clergy and lay-ministers, on the second and fourth Sunday of each month.

Today's building is basically the same as when it was built, both inside and out, apart from a few minor alterations. In the 1950's electricity was connected to Sutton, so both lighting and heaters were installed to improve the comfort of the parishioners who had previously sat and shivered through Sutton winters.

1979 saw a major bushfire sweep through the village, destroying most of the church fencing and surrounding pine trees. The remains of the trees were collected and piled and in 1980, St Peters hosted its first community bonfire.

In 2003 the original pews, which are believed to be at least from the 1926 building, if not earlier, were renovated to allow more comfortable seating, the old original pews being declared a little uncomfortable for 21st century members. This work of modifying the pews was carried out by a member of the congregation.

In 2017 the roofing and guttering was replaced. In 2018, using grants from the Yass Valley Council, the ceiling was repaired and the interior repainted, and a new Portico and entry ramp and steps, with handrails, installed. Then in 2019, after many years of planning and consultation, plans to erect a community hall facility complimentary to the style and heritage value of the old building, were submitted to Council and approved.

This is the new building you see next to the church. But that is another story for a future edition.

Alan Rope





#### Golf Report Following the May Event

Had we been in the Northern Hemisphere we could have been celebrating May Day, the traditional celebration of spring and the resurrection of nature after the winter months. Despite being in the Southern hemisphere on May 1 we were blessed with an amazing Autumn day for the monthly Wamboin Golf competition.

The sponsors for the month were Tim, Vicki and Paul (with the great support of Dianne) who provided eats and prizes. As is customary the sponsors select the competition to be contested, and this month it was to be Stableford.

An even dozen players set about the 18-hole competition and as the cards were being returned the scorer was starting to wonder if the course rating needed to be adjusted and where the infamous Ned Kelly trophy would find a new home.

A regular trio went out to enjoy the 9-hole competition played on the Western course. The course continues to be green and with the continuing rain over previous months, the green was apparently creeping onto the actual golf greens on some parts of the course.

Pam Muston sent an apology to the club for not being able to manicure the two holes on her property this month, but there were no complaints from any players as they were still in great condition. Adding to this is that many of us tend not to get to appreciate the wonderful fairways as we navigate our way through the trees and shrubs (and occasionally returning to visit other fairways) on our way to the green.

After successfully completing either 9 or 18 holes the fifteen golfers gathered at the 19th hole for the obligatory celebrations and to share stories on what may have been and were joined by a good number of family and friends to enjoy the festivities.

No-one was able to replicate the hole in one achieved by Keith France in March, although when processing the cards the scorer was definitely kept busy and was thankful the laptop was able to crunch the numbers in a hotly contested event. In recognition of his amazing score in March, Keith was belatedly awarded the Ned Kelly trophy which tradition has it is to be displayed in public view, generally the front gatepost until another player manages a 'get-out-of-town' score. (See photo in the 11 May edition of the Regional Independent.)

The spit the dummy this month was awarded to Sam Urquhart for audibly casting doubts on support to be provided by close relatives as the sponsor of the June event.

No stories were forthcoming regarding occurrences during play so the googly ball went to Vicki Still for what effectively was no apparent reason. Larry King bestowed upon us the Ted Evans joke which had something to do with two Irish pigs.

The 18-hole competition was taken out by Clint PIckin with 44 stableford points (if you play to your handicap you should score 36 points). For this 'get-out-of-town effort Clint was presented with the Ned Kelly trophy after the formal presentation to Keith. Keith was not heard uttering any words of disappointment at only having the pleasure of Ned's company for minute or two. The runner-up was Rob Gorham with 41 points, closely followed by John Whitney with 40 points. Honourable mention as well to Vicki Still with a creditable 39 points. The 9-hole competition was taken out by Ken Gordon (21 points) from Joan Mason and Deb Gordon. Recipients of golf balls as Nearest the pin and longest drive winners were: Dave Hubbard, John Whitney, Vicki Still, Ken Gordon, Colin

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#### A Chronology of Wamboin and District, Part 5: 1888-1900 – by David McDonald

I am pleased to advise that the third edition of an historical timeline of our local area, titled 'A Chronology of Wamboin and District, NSW', is now available at the Wamboin Community Association's (WCA's) website. Visit <a href="https://www.wamboincommunity.asn.au/localhistory/">https://www.wamboincommunity.asn.au/localhistory/</a> and navigate through the left-hand-side menus Wamboin Locality | Chronology.

If you have an interest in the history of our area, you are invited to peruse the document, and pass on to me any suggestions for additional entries, additional topics, or other comments on its contents. I can be contacted at phone 0416 231 890, or email david [at] dnmcdonald.id.au.

This is the fifth article presenting some items from the Chronology that focus specifically on Wamboin and district, rather than the broader, contextual happenings. It covers the period 1888 to 1900, and future issues will continue the series. The full version of the Chronology at the WCA website provides the documentary sources (including URLs where appropriate) underpinning these contents and, in some cases, additional information, as well as other entries for the time period covered below.

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Date	Occurrence/comment
1888	First official, government-published map of the County of Murray issued: <a href="http://nla.gov.au/nla.obj-233902109">http://nla.gov.au/nla.obj-233902109</a>
1888	1888 drought.
1888, 13 Jan	Ten conditional purchases—selections—were resumed by the NSW Government for the building of the road from the Queanbeyan/Bungendore Road (now Kings Highway) to the Gundaroo/Bungendore Road (now Bungendore Road) at Creekborough. The selections involved were those of John Leahy, Blenner P Leahy, and Martin Campbell. The current Kowen Road, running north-east from near the southern end of Sutton Road, is what remains of this old road. It joined Bungendore Road near where Reedy Creek crosses it.
1888, 02 Jun	Millpost Trig reserve notified. It has line-of-sight to Smalley trig and Purrorumba trig, both on Lake George Range, and to Schofield trig. Both the Smalley & Purrorumba trigs have line of sight to the trigonometrical baseline of NSW near the south-eastern part of Lake George.
1888, Sep	The Amungula school commenced as a provisional school called Woodfield on the Bingley family's 'Woodfield' property. The name was changed to Amungula school in December 1908. The school closed in Nov 1913.
1890s	Alexander Johnston's gold battery commenced operating at what is now Schofield Road, Bywong in mid-1890. Part of the battery, and the associated dam, can still be seen there today.
1890s	The 1890s Depression, and the accompanying financial crisis, was described (in 2001) as 'the most severe in Australia's history'.
1890	Thomas Bingley used his thrashing machine ' to saw timber for Schofield's bridge at Emu Flat on the Bungendore-road'.
1891	Second edition of the Parish of Wamboin map published.
1893, 7 Oct	Poppet Trig reserve notified, number 18,762, 10 acres. At an altitude of 918 metres, it is the highest hill in the locality of Wamboin.
1894, 1 Jan	Bywong Receiving Office opened at the Village of Bywong, Thomas Earnshaw was the receiving office-keeper. 'The main function of a Receiving Office was the acceptance and delivery of correspondence for residents in the locality, the receipt and despatch of mail bags to the nominated Post Offices, and the sale of postage stamps.' The receiving office-keeper was paid a small allowance.
1895	Bywong gold rush.
1895, 27 Feb	Village of Bywong 'reserved from sale for gold-mining purposes'. ' containing an area of about 60 acres'.
1895, Dec	'Surveyor Goodrich laid out a village of Bywong (commonly called "Bywong Reefs") with 4 streets – Burbong, Bungendore, Burra and Gundaroo'.
1895-1902	Federation drought.
1896, Jan	Bushfires across the 'lake ranges' extending to the outskirts of Bungendore, and beyond: 'On Monday heavy fires burst out at the back of the lake ranges, and on account of the fierce wind blowing the flames soon came over the range and down towards the lake Another fire broke out yesterday near Bingley's battery and has done a deal of havoc. The wind makes it almost impossible to battle with the flames. In some cases men were hardly able to get away on horseback out of the road of the flames.' (Bingley's battery was at Emu Creek, Bywong.)
1897	'By 1897 Bywong [mining settlement] was reported as almost deserted.'
1897, 13 Feb	Gambles Travelling Stock Reserve notified, 'about 140 acres', i.e. 56 ha, seven times larger than it is now. On Amungula Creek (formerly known as Roadside/Road Side Creek and Doughboy Creek), about 2 km south of the Sutton Road/Gambell Road intersection.
1897 - 1898	Grasshopper plague: 'The plague of grasshoppers is still active in the Goulburn district On the western shores of Lake George dead grasshoppers are piled to a height of 2ft. The stench is so bad that stock will not go to water.'
1899, 20 Jun	Constitutional referendum in NSW to approve the revised draft constitution for the Commonwealth of Australia: the referendum was carried. Only male British subjects aged 21 years or older were eligible to vote in the referendum. The 'Queanbeyan electorate' voted against the proposal: Yes 623 and No 770. These included the following polling places: Bungendore: Yes 63, No 112; Bywong Yes 5, No 16; Sutton Yes 7, No 17; Queanbeyan Yes 169, No 119. Sydney also voted against the Federation proposal. A central issue was that of Free Trade.
11Oct1899-	War in South Africa (Boer War). The Bungendore and District War Memorial shows the names of 21 men from the
31May1902 c. 1900	local district who served in this war, including one who was killed in action, and one who died of disease.  Pastures in the area ' were first affected by mounting rabbit populations about 1900'. The first shipment of rabbits from Bungendore railway station, weighing 12 tons, occurred in 1908. A photograph of the event is at <a href="http://nla.gov.au/nla.obj-137337785">http://nla.gov.au/nla.obj-137337785</a> .

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Six weeks ago, a young eastern grey kangaroo was taken to a vet in Wildcare's area of operation. The joey had been found alone by a member of the public who thought they would raise the joey as it would be nice for their children to have a kangaroo to play with. They took the joey to the vet a week later as it was not eating or drinking and had become very lethargic. Assessment by the vets found the joey to be severely dehydrated, malnourished, and it had a broken femur, or thigh bone. The vet then called Wildcare to organise someone to care for the joey, but, sadly the joey died before it could be helped.

This scenario is all too familiar, with wildlife groups around the country reporting similar incidents. Well meaning people, thinking they can raise an orphaned animal; that their children will enjoy the experience, but not thinking at all about the outcome for the animal. The joey in the story above suffered terrible stress and horrendous pain from the fractured femur, while it slowly starved to death. Native wildlife should not be pets because:

- Caring for native wildlife without an authority is illegal under the Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016.
- Animals coming into care require thorough assessment by an appropriately trained person. This is to identify health issues including fractures and internal injuries, which are common if the animal is coming into care as the result of a motor vehicle accident.
- Injured animals may require pain relief and veterinary care. Vets are unable to release native wildlife into the care of a person who is not a member of a licenced wildlife rehabilitation group.
- Wildlife requires species and age specific formula. Feeding incorrect milk will result in the animal suffering diarrhoea and developing gut issues, which in severe cases results in death. Animals fed incorrect quantities and varieties of food become malnourished.
- Animals need to be properly hydrated. Dehydrated animals do not feed properly.
- Animals need to be kept at an appropriate temperature for the species and age. This varies considerably. Cold or overheated animals do not feed properly either.



- Wildlife needs to be kept in a quiet area away from children and pets. Animals housed incorrectly can become stressed. Stress kills native wildlife.
- Animals need appropriate opportunities for exercise to ensure adequate muscle development and mental wellbeing.
  - 9. Animals need to be able to socialise with their own species. A kangaroo needs to know it is a kangaroo. Many species such as bats, macropods and some possum and gliders need to be released in a group.

To care for native animals, you need to be a member of a wildlife rehabilitation group and have undertaken the required training. If you are interested in becoming a Wildlife rehabilitator, or you have found sick, injured, or orphaned native wildlife, please contact Wildcare Queanbeyan Inc on 6299 1966, or your local wildlife rehabilitation group. - Bec Quinn, for Wildcare Photo: Sam Shotto Watkins / Travelling Jewel Photography

# FREE COMMUNITY LEAD Building Community AND MENTORING PROG







The Bywong and Wamboin Community Resilience Program will be running a FREE community leadership and mentoring program to support people that are interested in helping out in their community (but maybe weren't sure how) and those currently volunteering and looking to learn new skills. Volunteering can make a difference in your life and the lives of others. Our region is home to a broad range of groups led by dedicated volunteers and this program will help you understand the opportunities available in your community, take the mystery away from what volunteering involves, show how you can use your skills to participate, and teach you new skills that would support volunteering and/or your work or study!

The leadership and mentoring program is open to Bywong and Wamboin residents including those who are new to the region. We want to help you and our community to build capacity and resilience. While the program is currently being finalised, it will include facilitated small group discussions and mentoring to a) build confidence; b)develop practical strategies for working in, communicating with and managing a group; c) understand administrative elements of not-for-profit organisations.

Tailored skills development will also focus on coaching and support for people who would like to become Greenway walk organisers and/or FireWise conveners including a) roles and responsibilities b) the administrative and procedural elements of these roles (user friendly 'tip sheets'); c) development of conversational podcasts with current walk leaders and FireWise convenors to assist participants and the wider community.

Opportunities to join. We would like to hear your ideas and registering your interest would support us in finalising the program. Delivery will be flexible with events proposed for September 2022 and February 2023. You can register at www.resilientbywongwamboin.net/join. For further information please contact Amanda Jones ajones.advisor@gmail.com

#### WAMBOIN WEATHER – rainfall and temperature records

(47 years from Cooper Road) by Christine Rieber

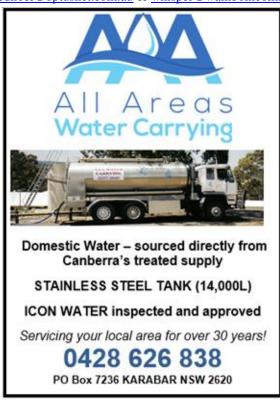
May Rainfall Stats  May rainfall to the 29 <sup>th</sup>	Average May rainfall
<u>June Rainfall Stats</u> 2021 June rainfall122.25mm	Average June rainfall 55.8mm
Wettest June 178.25mm in 2016	Average no. rain days in June 10.0
Wettest June day 84.75mm on 6/6/16	Highest no. rain days 22 in 1978
Driest June 0mm in 2017	Lowest no. rain days 0 in 2017
June Temperature Stats  2021 June maximum	2021 June minimum2.7°C June 2021. Av. max 13.0°C & min 2.6°C Hottest June night 11°C (7 times) 1991 (5 times) & 1995 (2 times) Coldest June night6°C on 9/6/96 Average night temp

The six coldest weeks occur after the winter solstice which is on 21 June. Whilst June 21 is the shortest day it does not have the latest sunrise and earliest sunset. The earliest sunset occurs about 1 week before the 21st and the latest sunrise about 1 week afterwards. This phenomenon is due of the tilt of the Earth and that the Earth's path around the Sun is not a circle, but more like an oval.

#### Can You Add Interest to the July Whisper?

Thank you to everyone who delivered, wrote something for, or ran an ad in this June issue. Without you .... it would not exist. The Whisper is one of the many ways we residents can invite, inform, amuse, or challenge each other. Deadline for the July issue is the last Sunday of June, 7 pm, so that's Sunday June 26. It should be at least linked to living out here, and should respect the variety of views that our 1,300 homes contain. If it would increase your income, run it, but think about paying for it as an ad. We only live once, so, if you could come up with some words that might add something to some residents' cold winter day, please do. You live out here. Your life is as good as anyone else's. Tell us a story.

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#### Nature Notes - May 2022

#### Jo Walker

With sporadic showers and some heavier falls of rain during May, the ground is still moist and my creek running gently – and the local vegetation is green and flourishing. We've had a few cool days so far but nothing really cold yet - although there has been one morning here when there was a dusting of white frost and the Kangaroos stood in the warmth of the morning sunshine with steam rising from their fur.

It isn't the season for lots of bright colours, but, at the moment, the landscape is a tapestry of so many different shades of green – enough to satisfy our need for some beauty around us. These colours range from the brownish new growth on *Eucalyptus goniocalyx* (Bundy) through many shades of green to the soft grey-green foliage of the Silver Wattles (*Acacia dealbata*) – and the buds covering the Silver Wattles are already beginning to take on a yellowish hue.

There are a few signs of colour scattered amongst the greenery. The prickly-leaved Early Wattles (*Acacia genistifolia*) are already producing clouds of soft cream flowers. A few blue flowers of the Leafy Daisy (*Brachyscome rigidula*) are evident in the groundcover – and the Bluebells (mostly *Wahlenbergia stricta* and *W. communis* here) are continuing to open a few flowers.

A pair of Wedge-tailed Eagles used to hover and glide over my place fairly regularly for years, but I hadn't seen them for quite some time – but last week there was one doing a survey along Norton Road. Their absence here might be due to the fact that a lot of vegetation has grown back and they can no longer get a clear view of the ground that might harbour prey or carrion.

A flock of (very noisy!) Noisy Miners also returned recently after a short absence. Although many of the birds I see here are around all the time, some seem to come and go over the years. Years ago, after several pairs of Red-browed Finches built nests in the

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two large old Briar Rose bushes near the house I decided to leave the thorny introduced plants there for them. A while later, after I hadn't seen the Finches for a year or two, I was going to remove the exotic shrubs. But they got a sudden reprieve when a few Finches appeared again. There is now a little flock of about twenty birds visiting regularly and feeding on seeds amongst the grasses and other plants near the house.

Crimson Rosella numbers seem to have dropped a bit over the years too, but last week there were six of these lovely birds feeding on the seed-heads of the little New Holland Daisies (*Vittadinia muelleri*).

The Eastern Grey Kangaroos, Swamp Wallabies and Red-necked Wallabies are all grazing contentedly on the abundance of grass and other greenery while gangly little Kangaroo joeys are just beginning to flop out of their mothers' pouches to tentatively explore their new surroundings in our lovely part of the country.

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