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President's Paragraphs

Well the weather is certainly colder now and of course it may seem like the WCA events are drawing to a well earned break. Not so the WCA members themselves who are actively planning things for the Community Interest or Entertainment.

- **Bonfire And Fireworks Night.** Our extremely popular Bonfire & Fireworks Night is fast approaching. On the last Saturday of this month (27th August) it gets underway. Please see ads further on in this edition of the Whisper for all information about the Night which has always been an outstanding success for the Wamboin Community Association ably supported by our local fire brigade and our local service groups. Also please check to see when the call for fuel for the Bonfire will no longer be needed. The Night is extremely popular so I would recommend people arrive at Bingley Way **early**. Arrival at **5 – 5:30 pm** is not unreasonable. Disabled parking will be available for those who require it. We hope to see you all there .
- **Council Forum.** The Queanbeyan- Palerang Local Government Council has approached the WCA to discuss the possibility of hosting a local Forum event. Please see the item further on in this issue of the Whisper which details this and most importantly calls for **your** input on local issues. Let us know what your concerns are.
- **CEO to Visit.** The Council's CEO – Ms Rebecca Ryan will be visiting us at our next monthly meeting at the Community Hall. She will be happy to answer questions of a local Council nature especially any to do with the proposed Forum mentioned above. Remember the WCA meets on the third Tuesday of each month at **7:30 pm** at the Hall on **Bingley Way**. All residents are welcome to attend.
- **Spring Talks.** We are delighted that our annual Spring Talks look to be going ahead this year. Ian Donald has been working hard to arrange these informative talks. Please see the item further on in the Whisper detailing who our guest speakers will be. The format will be a very short monthly meeting followed by our guest speaker's presentation. Naturally tea/coffee and biscuits and a chance to catch up with the speaker will follow. Our talks commence in September, going on in October and November. Once again – any interested person is invited to attend.
- **Wamboin Communications Action Group.** Glen Archer of the WCAG spoke at the last Community Meeting on the forward developments of getting a quick and reliable communications network running. This seems to be a reality at last and looks like moving by the end of this year or early January next year. We thank Glen and his associates for firstly never giving up on this idea and pursuing it with such diligence.
- **New President of Bywong Community.** I spent some time at the last meeting with Steve Walker of the Bywong Community group. Steve and I discussed many things and the WCA are delighted to have the Bywong Group come for a visit.. That's all from me now but I really hope to see as many of you as possible at the Bonfire and Fireworks Night.

- Jenny Richards – President.

20 Residents Give Their Time to Make the Wamboin Hall Nicer for The Rest of Us

Once again, the Wamboin community came together to clean up the area around the Wamboin hall. About 20 people turned up on the 30th of July with chain saws, loppers, brush cutters and a zero-turn mower to remove dead wood, low-hanging boughs, weeds and long grass. All the debris was thrown onto the burn pile in the middle of the oval and then Matt Hawke used his front-end loader to push the pile up into a compact area. We all worked hard for 2 hours and then had a sociable and relaxed morning tea. Thanks every one – a great community effort! - Vicki Still

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Bywong Community Association AGM

The Bywong Community Association held its AGM on Sun 17JUL. As expected a new committee was formed resulting in the following appointments President / Secretary - Steve Walker; Mike Wilkins - Treasurer; Ordinary Committee Members - Jean Pierre Favre, Sandra Favre, Bob Angel, Scott Davidson, Justin Jarvis, Thelma Oberdorf, and Greg Gougeon.

As the newly incumbent President of the BCA I would like to thank Mike for his efforts for the past few years in keeping things going in spite of the challenging circumstances. That said, Mike will not disappear, but instead will continue supporting the BCA as treasurer. Hopefully with sunnier skies ahead of us we will be able to continue to organise the usual events as expected and will endeavour to try new ones to mix things up. – **Cheerio, Steve. BCA President**

QPRC COUNCIL FORUMS

Recently, the QPR Council passed the following resolution:

In an initiative to recognise the importance that local Community Associations and Village Committees play in the surrounding rural areas of the LGA, it has been resolved to hold Community Forums. These will enable locals to have easy access to Council Staff to voice any concerns they may have.

As a result, the Bywong and Wamboin Communities are working to bring about a successful Forum. However we need the help of you, the residents. If you have an issue that you feel you'd like addressed, please contact either community association and let us know.. Examples of suitable issues for discussion with Council might include *repair of local roads, lack of good communication with Council staff, rates* or anything else that concerns the local Council of Queanbeyan – Palerang. Please contact us so that we can see what the residents' issues in Bywong and Wamboin are.

Once we have a good understanding of the wider local issues we can initiate an informal Forum event to see how we can successfully bring some issues to resolution.

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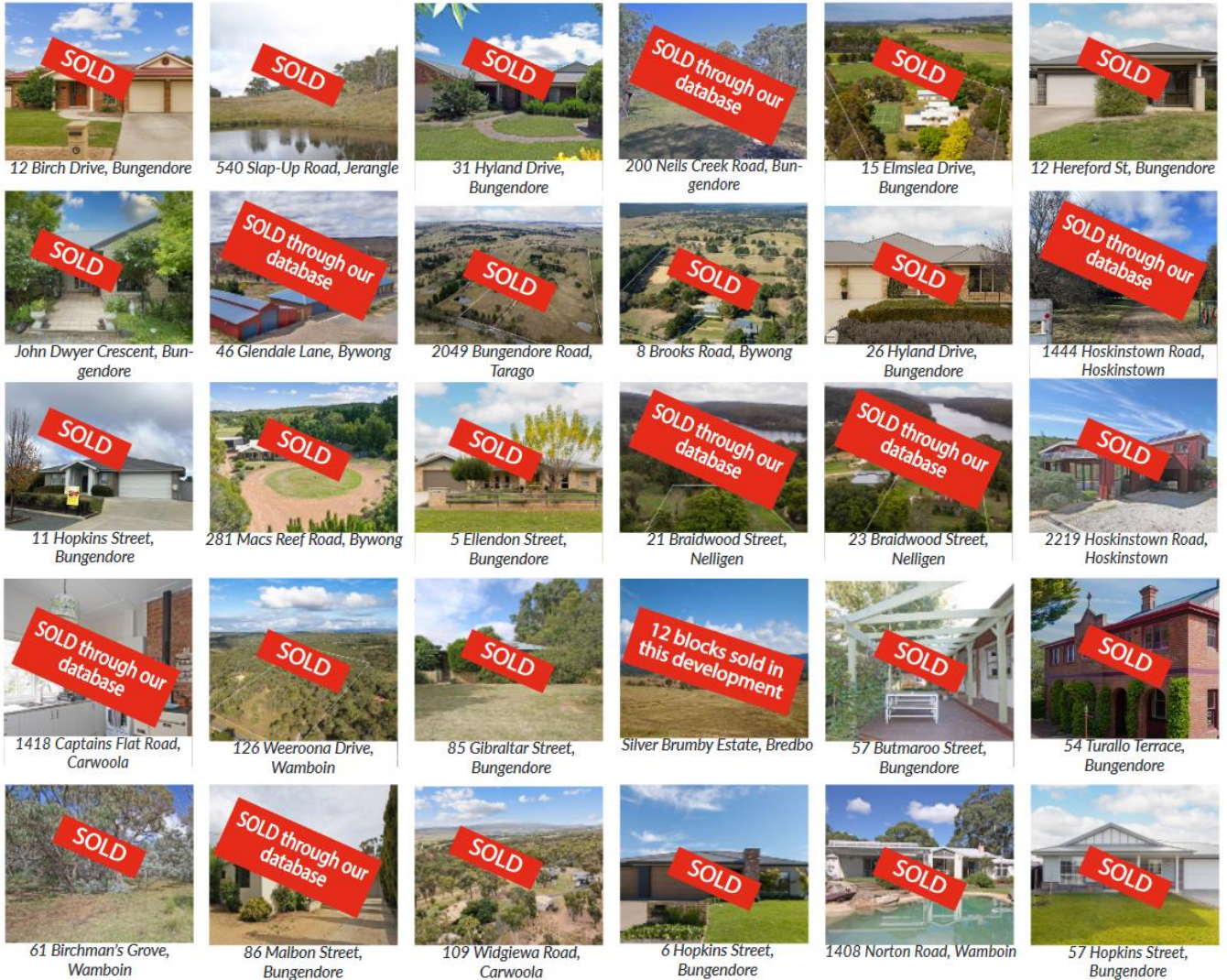
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Dave Argæet

Dave Argæet, of Bungendore and previously of Wamboin, a stonemason, musician, artist, and beloved father and grandfather has died peacefully after a long illness. He was farewelled this week by many friends at Bungendore cemetery. Dave was born in Murrumburrah in 1952 and met his wife Joanne when he was 16 and she was 14. In the traditional style, Dave announced his romantic intentions by throwing a firecracker at Joanne, and thus started their passionate adventure together.

The couple bought property in Wamboin in the early 80s and camped there for a few years to determine the best site to build on. When they first arrived, the grass was waist-high and they had to push it down with their car to get anywhere. They lived for years in a breezy timber and tin shed while they built their dream home which would eventually be a grand stone cottage with a cathedral ceiling held aloft by a central tree trunk post that Dave felled and hewed by hand with an adze and which needed a barn-raising style party to install.

Dave was great at hosting parties and many remember his famous Australia Day Weekend parties that would go on for days with many friends camping or coming and going from the event with its live music and warm conversation. Dave loved the Wamboin lifestyle, particularly enjoying the closeness of the local community. He was an active member of the Wamboin golf club with his paddocks part of the course, and a regular at the Wamboin markets coffee social scene and bonfire and curry nights. The Argæets moved to Bungendore in 2011 giving their grown kids greater access to town services, and Dave loved being able to enjoy the pubs and social scene there and for the first time ever, the urban advantage of being able to walk home after a great night out. As a musician, Dave loved performing in local pubs and cafes and his passion for music is carried on in his children. His epic parties continued in the new Bungendore location.

Dave's favourite time of year was winter solstice because it brought the promise of longer, warmer days and for him it was the true start of Spring. Dave is probably best known for his stone masonry which is all around the Wamboin and Bungendore areas, most prominently the big Wamboin sign on the corner of Sutton and Norton roads, but also in beautiful handmade stone gateways and landscaping features throughout the region. Dave was also an artist and created the award-winning half-sunken 'Sands of Time' house sculpture along Lake Road. Dave was always friendly and his family and friends remember how he was always so relaxed and accepting. He played footy in his youth for the Harden Hawks and he loved the music of Leonard Cohen.

Dave is survived by his wife Joanne, his children Renee, Dean, and Tom, and his grandchildren, Ella, Jett, Poppy, and Teddy.

- by Gabrielle Le Grand

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Wamboin Curry Night ... Saturday 20th August 7 for 7:30

Put the date in the diary; 20th August; 7 for 7.30 the return of the Curry extravaganza. Usual deal, I provide the venue (Wamboin Community Hall) and you turn up with your curries and everything else required to consume them {as well as what you would like to drink}; be prepared to share dishes and to meet new people in the doing so. From experience I have found that a maximum of 90 people in the hall is a manageable number so to keep this limit you will need to book seats to dave.hubbard@bigpond.com . Gold coin donation requested. Looking forward to meeting you all on the night. - Dave Hubbard

BYWONG AND WAMBOIN COMMUNITY RESILIENCE PROGRAM



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BYWONG and WAMBOIN SPRING GREENWAY WALKS ARE BACK!

The Building Community Resilience program are supporting themed Greenways Walks and community get-togethers throughout Spring 2022.

Sunday 18 September

Guest speakers will discuss birds in our local area and caring for injured wildlife.

Commencing at 10am from the Bywong Hall along Greenway 1, through Birchmans Grove to the dam on Birchmans Creek and return to the hall for scones and a cuppa! For people who prefer not to walk drawing classes will be held in the hall. Please contact John-Pierre jfavre@gmail.com. Max 15 people.

Sunday 23 October

Preventing loss of valuables and personal items in a disaster.

Commencing at 10am from the Bywong Hall to Millpost Hill along Greenways 1,3 and 4 and return. Bywong Community Association will host a FREE BBQ lunch. All welcome

Saturday 19 November

Bring your dog and learn about responsible dog ownership in rural areas.

Meeting at 9am at the Wamboin Hall, we will then drive along Bingley Way, and park opposite lot no. 241. From there we will walk, with dogs on leads through the Wamboin White Gum Forest Reserve. All welcome to return to the Wamboin Home Produce Markets following the walk.

Want to know more?

Keep an eye out in local media and community Facebook pages each month for our articles on upcoming events. To view Greenways maps go to www.bywongcommunity.org.au/greenways/maps-and-walks/ and <https://kowen-trail-run.com/greenways/>.



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Bird Of The Month - By Luke Downey

For August I chose the Common Blackbird, an introduced species that has been calling prominently around our place recently.

Common Blackbird (*Turdus merula*) Size: 25-26cm Status: Introduced - Fairly common, breeding resident

The Common or Eurasian Blackbird is a very common species native to Europe, western-central Asia and northern Africa. Popular among Europeans for their beautiful song, Blackbirds were introduced to Melbourne in the 1850's, where they subsequently escaped and naturalised. Today, they occur throughout south-east Australia from Brisbane to the Great Australian Bight (and Tasmania). The male is a striking bird, its body is rich black with a bright yellow bill and eye-ring and yellowish legs. The female on the other hand, is mottled brown, slightly paler and streaky underneath, with a dull yellow/brown bill and eye-ring. Immatures are like females, sometimes with more black mottling in immature males. Confusion is possible with the much rarer (locally) Bassian Thrush, but that species is much paler below with more scaly plumage and prefers denser forest and rainforest habitat (which don't occur in Wamboin). Common Blackbirds may also look similar to Common Starlings (another introduced species) but are easily distinguished due to the different habitat and behaviour they exhibit. Blackbirds tend to prefer more well vegetated areas where they forage in the undergrowth and leaf litter for insects. They are more prominent in bushland areas than other introduced birds and are the only introduced bird recorded at our property on a semi-regularly. They occupy quite a similar niche in the ecosystem to the native White-winged Chough, foraging on the ground for insects, however they usually occur singly or in pairs. Being an introduced species, they are classified as a pest. They are not however, prevalent or occur at high densities (i.e. not in large flocks) throughout their introduced range, and are thus considered to be



Male

less of a problem than other introduced birds like, Common Mynas or Starlings. They don't appear to compete with native species for tree hollows. The call of the Common Blackbird is a very pleasant, melodious and complex whistling song, over and over but seldom the same notes repeated. This call is very loud and is a good indicator of their presence. When disturbed they make an alarm call "tschink" or "tseep". Keep an eye and ear out for this European-native species in your garden; they are a common garden bird.



Female

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Is Bottled Gas Really Worth It These Days?

Have you had difficulties with gas deliveries this winter? I use Elgas who normally are pretty reliable. I run a gas guzzler of an AGA cooker - although to be fair it does heat my water and the kitchen/office and family room, plus of course supply my cooking needs over winter. I turn it off in spring and use the companion AGA which is electric ovens with gas hot plates. I do have instant gas heating and gas central heating (which I haven't used yet this winter - ie the house is freezing except for the area heated by the AGA.) I have solar as well but that doesn't help the gas issue. Have to think again for future winters.....really have to work out a system that is more environmentally friendly and cost effective.

Enough of that. I currently get fortnightly deliveries of bottled gas. Been very erratic and unreliable this winter. On the phone often and promises of deliveries, text messages saying delivery the next day....but no gas. This time 3 weeks after regular delivery due, I got to between 5 and 0 on the dial and was told by the supplier to hitch up a BBQ cylinder to the system. Not easy.

So after many calls that appeared to end up in Wollongong and Dubbo to name a few, I walked into the Canberra office. 7/9 Geelong St Fyshwick, delightful, overstretched, hardworking staff. I stood there until I got a real answer (not long and they dealt with 10 other Wamboin calls while I was there - small office, can hear everything.....). Gas appeared 2 hours later. The person delivering it normally services the Southern Highlands and said almost everyone there gets a second emergency smaller cylinder set up for occasions such as these - or floods where tankers cant get through - or famine or something. He showed me how to set up a BBQ cylinder and also how to get someone to set up a reserve cylinder. I think I'll do that rather than trying to heave a full BBQ cylinder up onto the hopper next to the cylinder (above my height) and setting it up myself. Dodgy at 74, even if fairly fit. So - see you in the Elgas office next winter? Off for a long hot bath tonight! - Meriel Schultz

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WCA Spring Talks Series at the Wamboin Hall – 2022

The WCA invites all residents of Wamboin and surrounding areas to the Spring Talks Series – 2022. Bringing the community together face-to-face to discuss topics relevant to life in our rural-residential area, the aim of the Spring Talks Series is to entertain, inform and encourage active participation in our community. We normally commence with a brief monthly general meeting of the WCA, followed by the guest speakers who usually present for 30-40 minutes, followed by refreshments and an opportunity to meet the guest speakers and more of your neighbours, and importantly, get to know more about what is going on in our community – it's where we all live!

Talk #1. Tuesday 20th September at 7:30. Allergies

Professor Simon Haberle will talk on hay fever and pollen in the Canberra region. Simon is one of Australia's senior experts on this topic. Simon is currently Director of the School of Culture, History and Language, College of Asia and the Pacific, ANU. He completed his PhD at ANU on the Late Quaternary Environmental History of the Tari Basin, Papua New Guinea, in 1994.

Talk #2. Tuesday 18th October at 7:30. - Citizens Science and the Canberra Wildlife Map

Dr Paul Downey and (his son) Luke will present on the world of Citizens Science and its value to Wamboin residents; including how you might become involved ... and why you should. Luke will give a demonstration of the Canberra Nature Map. Paul is an ecologist and Adjunct Associate Professor at the University of Canberra. Luke is a published author on birdlife in the Wamboin area.

Talk #3. Tuesday 15th November at 7:30. - Wildlife Care

Professor Steve Garlick and Dr Rosemary Austin Garlick will talk on their work looking after injured and sick Australian wildlife. Steve and Rosemary run the Possumwood Wildlife Hospital and Recovery Centre near Bungendore. Steve is a professor at the University of Newcastle and the University of Technology Sydney. He is a spatial economist, higher education specialist and applied ethicist with involvement in wildlife welfare. - Ian Donald, WCA Committee

Thursday Social Group

The Thursday Social Group commenced operating a couple of years ago. An application for funding was developed in 2015 and granted by Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council in 2016. The grant was used to purchase table tennis tables, scrabble, table games, puzzles and cards. The aim of setting up the group was to provide a meeting place for the community to get together during the day. The group commenced in 2016 and people attending the group played scrabble or other table games, whilst others played table tennis.

A small group of people were instrumental in getting the group started. The Thursday group has been very lucky to have people such as these, committed and enthusiastic to see such a social group commence. At various times the group had up to 24 participants with ages ranging from young mothers with babies through to 92 years. Everyone was made to feel welcome and participants contributed \$2 each week to cover morning tea and goodies.

The Queanbeyan Palerang Regional Council Mobile Library commenced visiting Wamboin during this time and this visit coincided with the Thursday morning group. Over the years the Library has also provided information sessions in conjunction with the Thursday social group on topics such as the use of ipads and smart phones. Queanbeyan Palerang Regional Council has also assisted the Thursday social group with funding to cover venue hire, thus ensuring that the Thursday social group continues to operate.

In mid 2019, I attended my first Thursday social group. Like many Wamboin residents, I didn't know of the group's existence until my neighbour started to talk to me about going to the group when I retired a couple of years ago. When I finally decided to go I was made so welcome. Each Thursday when I came in, people welcomed me before I even got to the door, and they remembered my name!!! This was my introduction to the Thursday social group, and it remains the same friendly welcoming group.

Early last year, there was a concern that the group might fold, the convenor was unwell and COVID had hit, but by this time I had made some wonderful friends and knew that I would miss the group greatly if it folded. After some discussion with other group members and my concern that the COVID pandemic was causing some isolation and loneliness in the area, I took on the convenor role in March 2021.

The pandemic has caused some disruption to the group but we have developed COVID safety plans and ensure that all requirements were/are met. Currently we have 20 people on our books, with 10-12 people attending each week. The people attending the group range in age from 63 – 95 years, with an average age of 82 years. We welcome everyone and would love to see younger people come along.

We start the morning with freshly brewed coffee or tea, a snack, a chat and then usually a game of scrabble or rummykub. These seem to be the popular games but we also have card games available, triominoes, dominos, pick-up sticks, upwords and if we have sufficient demand, a game of table tennis. Some people come along for a chat and don't wish to play any games, others are more serious about their game. We cater for everyone. The Mobile Library continues to visit on alternate Thursdays.

The Thursday Social group is a wonderful opportunity for anyone to come along, have a chat, a cup of coffee/tea and a game of something if you would like. Members of the group are very supportive of others and if we can help with transport, or other things, we will try our best to accommodate these needs. If you haven't been to the Wamboin Hall parking is easy, a flat walk to the entrance and no steps.

If you are not busy on a Thursday morning between 10 – 12 noon, then come along and see what you think. If you want to have a chat about the group, please give me a call on 0438 917206 or email pumpbnjc@westnet.com.au - - Narelle Pumphrey, Convenor

P.S. Table tennis now operates on Thursday evenings starting at 6.00pm

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If you want to find out more about Community FireWise Groups check below to see if your address is already covered. Many groups have been proposed but have failed to ‘get off the ground’ – often because a suitable Convenor has yet to be identified. All enquiries should be directed to the Wamboin RFB Captain (0409 991 340). In particular, he would be very keen to hear from anyone who is willing to either join a group or take on the role of Convenor in any of the “Proposed” areas below. This would be very helpful. The Brigade is also very happy to facilitate the creation of additional Groups should there be sufficient community interest.

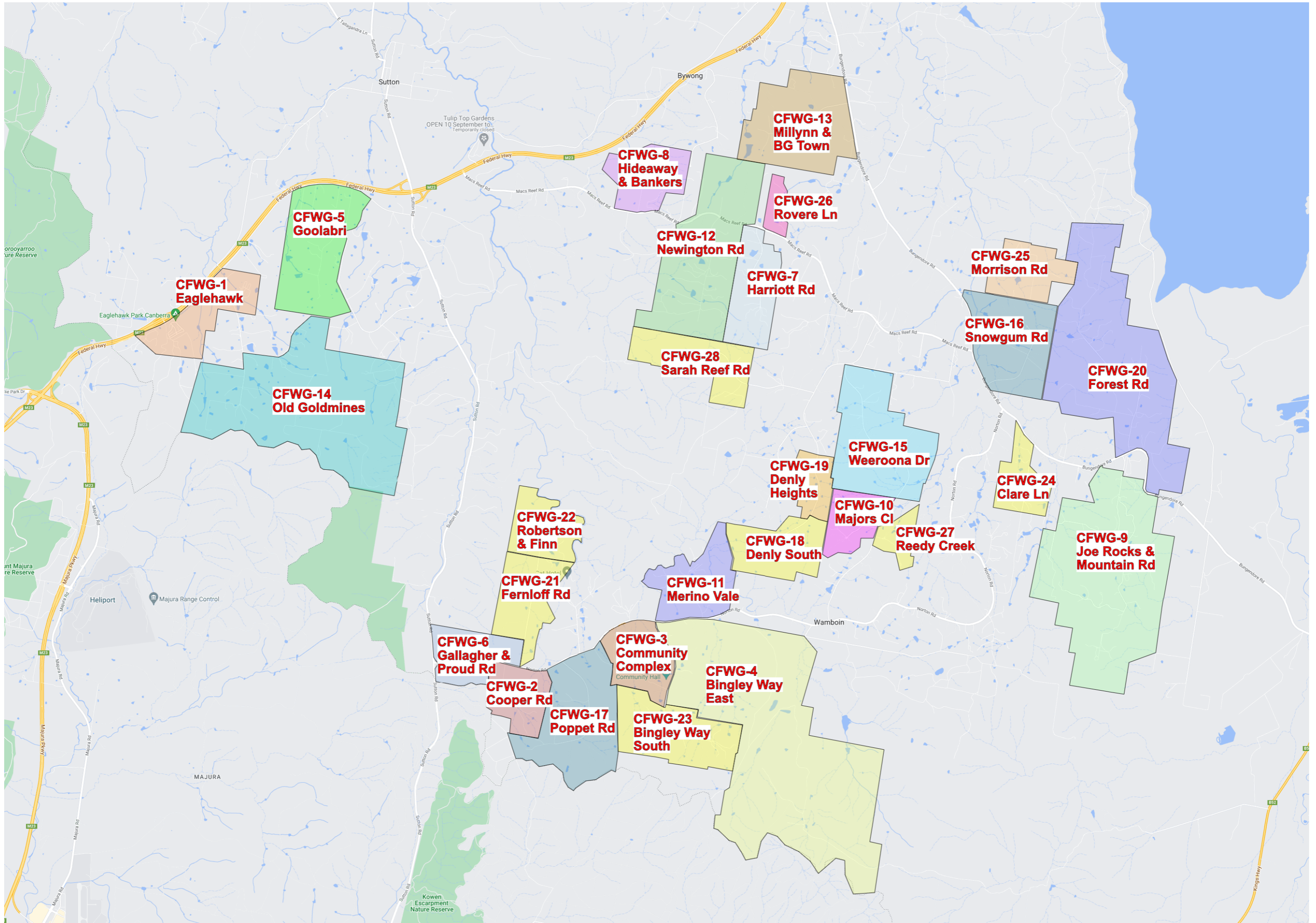
Wamboin RFB Community FireWise Groups

Number	Name	Abbreviated Description	Status (June 2022)
CFWG 01	Eaglehawk	Federal Hwy 1224-1246 & Bidges Rd 47	Inactive
CFWG 02	Cooper Rd		Active
CFWG 03	Wamboin Community Complex	Norton Rd 292-420 south side plus 417; Bingley Way 0-154 west side	Active
CFWG 04	Bingley Way East	East side 0-141	Inactive
CFWG 05	Goolabri		Inactive
CFWG 06	Gallagher Proud	Gallagher, Proud, Campbell, Norton 48, 88, 90, 119	Active
CFWG 07	Harriot		Proposed
CFWG 08	Hideaway Bankers	Bankers Rd & Hideaway Place	Forming
CFWG 09	Joe Rocks and Mountain Rds	Including all minor roads	Active
CFWG 10	Majors Close		Proposed
CFWG 11	Merino Vale Drive		Active
CFWG 12	Newington		Active
CFWG 13	Millynn & Bywong Town Rds		Proposed
CFWG 14	Old Gold Mines	OGM Rd and Bidges Rd 199-243	Active
CFWG 15	Weeroona Heights	Weeroona Drive 327-441	Active
CFWG 16	Snowgum	Snowgum Rd & Ln, Bungendore Rd	Active
CFWG 17	Poppet Rd		Active
CFWG 18	Denley South	405-518	Proposed
CFWG 19	Denley Heights	301-389	Proposed
CFWG 20	Forrest Rd	The Forest Rd, Forest Lane & Bede Rd	Active
CFWG 21	Fernloff		Proposed
CFWG 22	Robertson	Robertson Rd & Finn Place	Proposed
CFWG 23	Bingley Way South	161-285 both sides of road	Proposed
CFWG 24	Clare Lane		Proposed
CFWG 25	Morrison		Active
CFWG 26	Rovere		Proposed
CFWG 27	Reedy Creek Place		Proposed
CFWG 28	Sarah Reef	Sarah Reef Rd, Birchmans Grove 126-231	Re-forming

In a later edition we will explain the Community Fire Information System – a community initiative to assist FireWise Group members to exchange information exclusively within their Group. The attached map showing Group boundaries was generated from that system. Membership of a Group is voluntary and resident’s privacy is respected, irrespective of whether they are a registered member of a Group or not.

USEFUL LINKS and CONTACT INFORMATION:

Wamboin Rural Fire Brigade - Website		https://wamboin.rfsa.org.au
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NSW Rural Fire Service		https://rfs.nsw.gov.au
Queanbeyan Fire Control Centre		6128 0600 (bh)





PRELIMINARY NOTICE: As the saying goes..... ‘forewarned is forearmed’. The bush fire season is rapidly approaching (1st Oct). Now and through September is a good time for residents, families and property owners to get bush fire ready. By having a Bush Fire Survival Plan and knowing what you will do in the case of a bush fire, you can keep yourself and your family safe. And, preparing your home is common sense and can be simple. In September every year, Wamboin Rural Fire Brigade along with other NSW RFS brigades will be out in our respective communities helping you to get ready with advice, guidelines and resources. Preparing for the fire season is as important as ever; Get Ready Weekend (17-18 September) is the perfect time of year to get ready.

Mindful that Covid-19 and other viruses continue to circulate in the community, the brigade’s information shopfront will operate, as normal, outside the Wamboin Fire Station on Saturday 17 September adjacent the Wamboin Market.

This is in-lieu of a community-wide ‘theatre-style’ gathering inside the Fire Station as has occurred in years prior to the start of the Covid-19 pandemic. Our Community Engagement Team of experienced firefighters will be on hand to talk with individuals on a one-on-one basis, answer questions and provide general advice on the preparation of your bush fire survival plan. Note: Extended hours of operation of the brigade’s shopfront: 9.00am till 3pm.

Throughout September, as we did last year, we’ll be providing regular Get Ready messaging plus hints and tips on the brigade’s Facebook page. You’ll also be able to find helpful information on the brigade’s website.

One important change that will affect everyone this bush fire season will be the introduction of the new Australian Fire Danger Rating System (i.e. nation-wide system). Expect a state-wide media campaign from the NSW RFS beginning in September.

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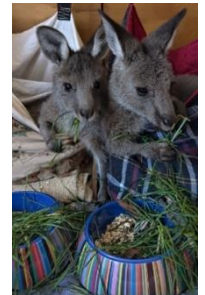
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10. Make a donation to Wildcare Queanbeyan. Details of how to do this can be found on our website at www.wildcare.com.au. Wildcare Queanbeyan is run entirely by volunteers and any donations are greatly appreciated.

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Broadband Fibre Network Project – Wamboin, Bywong and Sutton Region – Funded, Contract Signed and Construction Starts 2023

As foreshadowed in last month's Whisper, the NSW Government has now announced funding and signed a contract with Opticomm Ltd (a wholly owned subsidiary of Uniti Group) to build and operate the Wamboin, Bywong and Sutton Region Fibre Network.

On 30 June 2022, Glenn Archer and Olaf Theden (representing the Wamboin Communications Action Group - WCAG), met with the NSW Deputy Premier, Paul Toole MP and together with our local member, Nichole Overall MP and Geoff Aldridge (CEO, Opticomm), participated in the announcement of the signing of the contract to build and operate our community Fibre-based network.

Our fibre network is the first of several projects being funded under the banner of the **NSW Gig State** initiative, with the aim being "to deliver a metro-level internet service to regional communities and businesses".

The key aspects of this announcement include:

- A total investment of \$12 million to construct the network – made up of \$9.5m from the NSW Government in addition to \$2.5m in resources and services from Opticomm.
- The contract provides for delivering superfast broadband connectivity to 1,352 premises to be connected to the fibre network across the Wamboin, Bywong and Sutton regions. This includes building, operating and the ongoing support of a Fibre to the Premises (FtTP) network along the streets and individual fibre connections (lead-ins) to connected residences & businesses.
- The broadband network will operate under a wholesale model (similar to the NBN), where residents and local businesses gain access to the Internet at speeds of up to 1Gbps through one of Opticomm's more than 50 Retail Service Providers (RSPs). Each RSP offers a range of plans with different speeds, data allowances and other features. As these are national plans, residents will be getting access to the same pricing as those living in the cities. See <https://www.opticomm.com.au/service-providers/> for a complete list.
- Construction is planned to commence in early 2023.

This is a significant financial investment and one that will greatly benefit the three communities, residents and the many businesses that are based here. It will enable us to participate fully in the increasingly digital society and economy.

The WCAG was formed in 2017 by a small group of local residents who have volunteered their time (and money) to advance a cause they each passionately believe in. Consequently, this announcement represents a major milestone and the culmination of over five years of effort for the Group.

But WCAG is not planning on taking a back seat. It has committed to the Department and Opticomm that it will provide what support it can to ensure that the project is a success and that it meets the expectations and needs of the residents and businesses across the three communities. In particular, WCAG will aim to provide a conduit between the community and Opticomm throughout the construction and commissioning phases – to support the consultation process, facilitate a feedback mechanism and keep everyone advised of any issues as necessary.

The Department of Regional NSW has recently published the list of the properties that it has contracted with Opticomm to be connected to the network. That list is available at https://www.nsw.gov.au/sites/default/files/2022-07/Opticomm_service_list.pdf. However, WCAG is aware of a small number of properties, that are not included on this list, notwithstanding that their surrounding neighbours are included. WCAG has raised this issue with both the Project Team and Opticomm and we are hoping for a quick resolution to this.

WCAG hopes to be able to release a map showing the boundary of the area covered by the published list shortly. It is clear that, in general, the boundary approximately matches the previous NSW tender, although it omits some properties north of Sutton village. As noted in past WCAG newsletters, this means that, overall it excludes a number of areas/roads that were originally included within WCAG's target footprint. We are currently in discussion with the Department, Opticomm, some affected residents and our local member's office, to ascertain what options might exist for those residents on the fringe of the contracted network footprint, to be connected to the network at some time in the future.

However, WCAG believes that the interests of residents are best served, for now, in assisting Opticomm with delivering fibre broadband services to those properties covered by its contract with the NSW Government, and this needs to be WCAG's immediate focus.

The following is a summary of the key details provided, by email, to those residents registered with WCAG in early July 2022. It is included here for the benefit of those residents that may not have received that advice. If you would like to register with WCAG, to be kept up to date on the progress of the project, please go to <http://wamboinfibre.com/>

How and when will residents be able to connect to this broadband network?

Opticomm is currently completing a detailed project plan, network route design, schedule and various aspects of how consultation with property owners will be enabled. Network services will begin to be offered in early 2023 and will expand as the network is progressively rolled-out. WCAG and Opticomm will be providing information to residents about the planned information sessions and construction schedules soon.

Opticomm has advised WCAG that they will be adopting an industry standard approach to installing fibre, including primarily making use of road verges to construct the distribution network. As a consequence, the connection into residences (known as the "lead-in"), will be installed by Opticomm from the property's front boundary. The actual route that the lead-in will then follow across your property will be the subject of individual discussions and agreed with property owners. As touched on above, further information is to be provided in relation to the consultation process that is proposed here.

An example of what is involved in this process is outlined at <https://www.opticomm.com.au/news/what-you-need-to-know-about-the-opticomm-fibre-network/>

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What will it cost me?

WCAG understand that, provided the installation of the lead-in fibre connection to each property/residence is completed as part of the planned network rollout, this will be done at no cost to the owner. Residents can choose to ‘opt-out’ and not have the lead-in installed into their residence during the construction period for their street. However, if you choose to opt-out and you (or a future owner of the property) subsequently request a lead-in connection at a later time, this will be a VERY EXPENSIVE process and will be at full cost to the owner.

After the property is connected to the fibre network, owners can then contact their preferred RSP, choose a plan that best meets their needs, and sign-up for the service to be activated. In addition to the normal monthly service charge applicable to the plan you choose, there may be a small initial connection fee payable to the RSP. We understand that this fee will be of the order of \$300. Most RSPs typically also offer their own (preconfigured) wifi capable routers – which you may or may not need. You should discuss this with the RSP. (See <https://www.opticomm.com.au/service-providers/> for a list of Opticomm’s RSPs)

What do I need to do now and where can I get more information?


At this stage residents do not need to do anything. WCAG will work with Opticomm to facilitate and coordinate a number of community forums or information sessions which we hope to run over the next few months. WCAG will use its web site as the primary source of advice to the community. As we learn more about Opticomm’s plans and schedule we will post this first to that site. We will also continue to provide email updates from time-to-time to those residents registered with us.

Further information

-WCAG’s web site is at : <https://sites.google.com/site/wamboincommunications/home>

-Department of Regional NSW, Project Site : <https://www.nsw.gov.au/snowy-hydro-legacy-fund/regional-digital-connectivity-program/gig-state/wamboin-bywong-and-sutton>

-Opticomm can be contacted at: <https://www.opticomm.com.au/contact/project-enquiry-form/>



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Richard spent hours with me walking around our property discussing fires and possible ways to reduce the risk. He is extremely knowledgeable with interesting stories on how fires begin. Also, many hazards, that should have been common sense, were uncovered. Other aspects about fires that I simply did not know came to light. He was very careful not to start a domestic about certain trees being possible future problems. I am so thankful for his time and we will now work hard to prepare our home as best as we can for the worst. Richard is an outstanding member of our community and I want to thank him for the many voluntary hours he spent educating me and possibly, one day saving our house and maybe even our life. - Narelle van den Bos

Can You Add Interest to the September Whisper?

Thank you to everyone who delivered, wrote something for, or ran an ad in this August issue. Without you it would not exist. Deadline for the September issue is the last Sunday of August, 7 pm, so that's Sunday August 28. The Whisper is one of the many ways we residents can invite, inform, amuse, or challenge each other. It should be at least linked to living out here. It 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 real as anyone else's. Tell us something you know about living out here. And be nice to the rest of us, even if we are a bit odd. - Ned Noel, volunteer editor



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The market is auspiced by the Wamboin Community Association. We accept any produce you have grown or made, but no selling-on of commercial products. Students of all ages who bring along produce or craft are very welcome. We encourage ‘young entrepreneurs’. The cost of a trestle table or spot for your own table/trailer/ute etc remains at \$5.00. These proceeds are returned to the Wamboin Community Association and the Hall Management Committee. They contribute towards hire of the hall and insurance etc. Call or email me (see above) if you are interested or would like further information.

Being part of the market is a key part of being part of the Wamboin/Bywong community.

See you there – in September

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Nature Notes - July 2022 – by Jo Walker

A few sunny and still days made Spring seem just about here, but some frosty mornings and gloomy weather reminded us that July is still mid-winter.

But the Silver Wattles (*Acacia dealbata*) are beginning to flower and that adds some cheery brightness to the landscape. Most of the bright yellow flowers of these plants are only just beginning to open, but there is one tree here, just across the creek from my house, that has been in full flower for several weeks now. And some of the local eucalypts are likely to flower well later. There are several Red Stringybarks (*Eucalyptus macrorhyncha*) here with enough clusters of buds to weigh down the tips of the branchlets bearing them. And some of the Scribbly Gums (*E. rossii*) are also bearing loads of dainty buds.

Melichrus urceolatus (Urn Heath) is a common low-growing little shrub around here and is still bearing its cream flowers. And another heath plant, the suckering *Lissanthe strigosa* (Peach Heath) is carrying clusters of dark pink buds. The local *Correa* (*Correa reflexa*) begins flowering much earlier, and has been providing the Eastern Spinebills with some sweet nectar from its tubular, yellow-tipped red flowers for some weeks now.

Kangaroo joeys are beginning to flop out of their mothers' pouches and tentatively hop around to explore their piece of the countryside. This is a dangerous time for them as a joey can easily get separated from its mother if it gets too adventurous. They are usually re-united after a bit of calling from both of them, but occasionally that isn't the outcome.

I hadn't seen a Wombat here for a while, but, just before I started on these Notes, a fully grown Wombat appeared on the hill across the creek. It eventually trundled down the hill, crossed the creek and spent an hour or so nibbling away on the grassy slope.

It's good to see some wildlife around after the dire State of the Environment Report came out this month. Evidently the Gang-gang Cockatoo is now listed as a Threatened Species. I did hear one calling a few weeks ago, but there are definitely not as many around here as there used to be. And other parts of the environment are disappearing. Worryingly, many insects – an essential part of most food chains – are disappearing. It's many years since we've been inundated with Christmas Beetles, and very few large Ghost Moths batter our windows at night. And now the Bogong Moths that used to fly into our area in their millions during their annual migrations are listed on the International Union for Conservation of Nature Red List of Threatened Species. A lot of these losses can be laid at the door of climate change – with increased likelihood of bushfires and floods and temperatures high enough to disrupt insect life-cycles.

There's not a lot we, as individuals, can do to limit climate change to the levels necessary to avoid catastrophic changes to the environment we depend on. But we can enjoy the presence of all the creatures that share Wamboin with us now and do our best to protect the places they need.

What the Heck - Part 4

For more in our story of the SRMD, let us go back to Sutton in October 1908. A little weatherboard church, built on the Anglican site in Camp Street, was consecrated by Bishop Barlow. What a wonderful day that must have been for Sutton residents; the culmination of a dream and years of hard work. The previous year, following much hard work by Sutton locals, particularly Mrs Jane McInnes, a church building, St Peters, was constructed in the village. Sutton was a close knit community and the initiative was supported by both village and rural residents, regardless of whether Anglican or not. However by 1924 white ants had taken up residence in the building which was subsequently condemned and replaced by the stone building which is still in use today.

One hundred years later, on 26 October 2008, another wonderful community event took place as St Peters celebrated 100 years of services on the site. The church was overfilled with some having to sit outside and listen to the service on a public address system.

During the service a plaque was dedicated to the Cartwright family pioneers who have lived and worshipped in the area since 1853. Students from Sutton Public School presented a play and musical item.

After the service most of the congregation moved to the Community Hall where they were joined by other local residents to partake of the feast that awaited them. The hall had been decorated with art work by pupils from the school, along with displays by the RFS, Land Care, Pony Club and craft/activity groups from Sutton.

A few years earlier, in September 2005 a special service had been held at St Peters to celebrate 80 years since the laying of the Foundation stone for the brick building which was replacing the condemned weatherboard building that had been removed from the site. September 2025 will be 100 years since the Foundation Stone laying and February 2026 will be 100 years since the Consecration. Maybe there will be a big centenary celebration for one or both of those events. Keep the dates free.

This is the same building used for services twice monthly at the current time. A portico has been added, driveway upgraded and a carpark constructed, along with the nearby hall which is partially built awaiting funds to allow completion. -Alan Rope

(Report of 2008 event reproduced from an article written by Margaret Ferrett for the Bungendore Mirror)



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A Chronology of Wamboin and District, Part 7: 1921-1939 - By David McDonald

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

This is the seventh article presenting some items from the Chronology that focus specifically on Wamboin and district, rather than the broader, contextual happenings. It covers the period 1921 to 1939, 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.

Date	Occurrence/comment
1921	3 Australian Infantry Battalion (Werriwa Regiment) formed from the Canberra/Monaro region. This was a militia unit.
1923, Jun-Jul	The 'Bywong' station, established by the Guise brothers in the mid-1820s and reduced to 12,000 acres by 1923, owned since 1914 by Maj. Anthony Hordern (1889–1970), was sub-divided into 22 blocks, and sold by tender. All but one of the purchasers were the station's neighbours.
1924, c. Apr	The Bungendore and District War Memorial arch was constructed as a gateway into the fenced Bungendore Park. It shows the names of 142 people from the local district who served in this war. This includes 4 nurses, all of whom returned; 25 men shown as having been killed in action; and 113 men 'Enlisted and returned'. This was a death rate of 18%.
1925, 16 Mar	Amungula Post Office on 'Woodfield', Sutton Road, closed and became a Telephone Office ('Telegraph/telephone business but no Postal facilities except as applicable to a [Receiving Office]') when G.A. McInnes moved from there to Queanbeyan. E.G. Bingley took over the service.
1926	Fifth edition of the Parish of Wamboin map published.
c. 1927	Photo of Smiths Gap: https://nla.gov.au/nla.obj-1426830476 .
1927, 1 Jan	Bywong Receiving Office at Emu Flat on the Bungendore/Gundaroo Road reclassified as a Post Office, Mary Harriott Postmistress.
1930s	'In the 30s, 40s, and 50s Macs Reef road was a very rough gravel road. It carried only about 20 cars a day. The road was not fenced, so the sheep roamed on the road and cars stopped for them.'
1930s	The introduction or expansion of phalaris in the area: 'The heavy concentration of phalaris used east of Canberra is attributed to the fact that from the 1930s to the 1950s no other available exotic grasses would survive in the area'.
1930, Nov	The newly built Federal Highway was opened to traffic in NSW, diverting the Goulburn-Canberra traffic away from Bungendore. In February 1931 it was opened to traffic in the ACT.
1931, 19 Nov	The 'Mystery of the Bones of Bungendore' commenced: human remains were found in a fire by Bernard Cunningham on Andy Cunningham's property at the head of Brooks Creek (near Ryans Road). 'The Coroner returned an open verdict, and added that the circumstances were suspicious.'
1935, 29 Mar	The NSW Minister for Agriculture gazetted Public Watering Place no. 543 'Bywong Well, Shire of Yarralumla', which was first gazetted in 1905, to be a Town Water Supply.
1936	Daily air services to and from Canberra began, using the 'Duntroon Airport'. Operated by Holyman's Airways Pty Ltd. The fare to Sydney was £2 and to Melbourne £5/5/. The aircraft was a D.H. 86 four-engined biplane.
1936, 23 Apr	Bywong Post Office at Emu Flat on the Bungendore/Gundaroo Road destroyed by fire, Mary Harriott Postmistress.
1937-1945	The World War Two drought.
1939, 10 Jun	Formation of the Bungendore Branch of the Country Women's Association (CWA). 'It grew out of the town committee set up in 1936 to manage the Baby Health Centre ... The Branch soon became involved in the war effort, as World War 2 broke out three months after the branch was formed. Fundraising started almost immediately ...'.
1939, 3 Sep	Australia declared war against Germany. The Second World War had commenced. The Bungendore and District War Memorial shows the names of 171 people from the local district who served in this war, including 10 shown as having been killed in action. This was a death rate of 6%, compared with the corresponding local World War 1 death rate of 18%.

Wamboin Golf

Having endured a bitterly cold day for the June golf competition, players were hoping and praying for a more forgiving day for the July competition. But alas, our prayers were not answered. Another cold day, though without the rain this month. The course was still damp from the rain earlier in the week, but we are getting used to playing in damp conditions of late.

The sponsors for the month were Judith, Kathy and Keith. As has been the case for many years now, the July event commemorates the anniversary of the GST and is conducted as an American Twosomes. To assist players understand the complexities of the competition a rule sheet was provided, with interpretations open to each team! The club welcomed back Col Urquhart from injury (although only minimal adjustment to handicap ensued), as well as Iain Barter (Tim was invoking the medical sub rule as regular partner Vicki was deemed unfit to participate).

The nine-hole competition was played using the Eastern course this month. Back at the clubhouse the scores were loaded into the trusty laptop to allow it to undertake the GST calculations and produce the final scores.

In the 9-hole competition, the team of Larry King and Robert Gorham took first place with a winning score of 28.35 (41 strokes), with Joan Mason, Deb and Ken Gordon (modified twosome) taking second place with 29.22 (36 strokes) and in third place the team of Keith France and Sam Urquhart with a score of 36.4 (43 strokes).

Invoking the medical rule was a master stroke for Tim Barter as he and son Iain teamed up to take the win with a score of 62.03 (70 strokes) from Pete Harrison and Paul Griffin in second place with a score of 67.35 (80 strokes). Colin Urquhart and Glenn Crafter place third scoring 70.45 (82 strokes). Larry King was the recipient of both the googly ball and spit the dummy this month after drawing attention to some particularly bright Hi-Viz attire being worn by one of the golfers. The dummy however was quickly passed on to Glenn Crafter for disputing the awarding of a NTP prize. In this case however the challenge was successful and the prize was awarded.



The long-drive and nearest the pin prizes were awarded to Glenn Crafter (x2), Rob Gorham, Ken Gordon, Larry King and Colin Urquhart.

Larry King bestowed upon us the Ted Evans joke which involved the recollection of a strange restaurant and its unlimited menu. We look forward to seeing everyone and more back on Sunday 7 August for the competition sponsored by our local tradies: Don Evans, Trent Abell and Col Prest. If you care to join us, we meet at the Wamboin Community Hall at 12:15 for a 12:30 start. **- Ken Gordon**

WAMBOIN WEATHER – rainfall and temperature records

(47 years from Cooper Road) by Christine Rieber

July Rainfall Stats

July rainfall to the 31st..... 35mm
2022 total rainfall to 31st..... 411.5mm

Average July rainfall..... 51.9mm
2021 July rainfall..... 78.0mm
2021 total rainfall to 31/7..... 558.25mm
46yr Av. to end of July..... 376.6mm

August Rainfall Stats

2021 August rainfall..... 52.75mm
Wettest August..... 170.5mm in 1985
Wettest August day..... 58mm on 8/8/20
Driest August..... 5.5mm in 1994

Average August rainfall..... 54.8mm
Average no. rain days in August..... 10.0
Highest no. rain days..... 17 in 1981
Lowest no. rain days. 3 in 1994 & 1995

August Temperature Stats

2021 August maximum..... 20.7°C
Hottest August day..... 20.7°C on 22/8/21
Hottest August night..... 13°C on 26/8/95
Average day temperature..... 10.7°C
Warmest August..... 1982
Av. day temp. 13.8°C & nights 4.2°C
(highest 14.8°C in 2021 4.5°C in 1995)

2021 August minimum..... -2.0°C
Aug. 2021. Av. max 14.8°C & min 2.1°C
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

We gain 1 extra hour of daylight during August (from 10.2 to 11.2 hours).
The six coldest weeks following the winter solstice end on 2nd August



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