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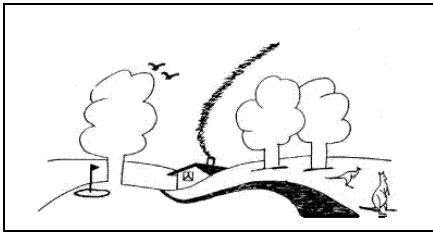
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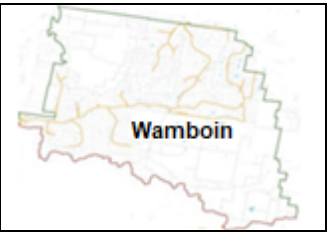
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**1. Bonfire & Fireworks Night.** Well we certainly ended August on a high note with our annual Bonfire & Fireworks Night held on the 27<sup>th</sup> August. Full reports of this event will come out in this and (more likely) next month's edition of the Whisper but one thing I can definitely state is that the night was an outstanding success. I don't have any real numbers of those who attended yet, but the event attracted a very large crowd despite uncertain weather conditions. I think all the service groups who provided food and/or beverages on the night were happy with the outcome although at the time of writing this (just the day after the event) I haven't yet been able to confirm completely. I will say that everyone there seemed to be having a great time whether they were children or adults. It was a real party – as only Wamboin can throw one.

**2. Thank You.** Naturally an event as successful as the Bonfire isn't possible without the huge efforts of so many people. So I would like to thank the members of the Wamboin RFS who contributed their time, managed parking, ran the BBQ., kept an eye on the fire's safety and ultimately assisted in the lighting of the Bonfire. I'd like to thank Fireworks Australia for their spectacular fireworks display. As always it was magnificent. All the service groups who sold food on the night. This includes: the Pony Club, the Golf Club, St Andrew's Church, Sutton Public School, the Wamboin Playgroup, Lou & her coffee machine, and Lofty at the bar. The other members of the Wamboin Community Association especially Diana who managed the raffle and Anita who manned the First Aid Station. All the volunteers who helped clean up the next morning and finally the biggest thank you of all to Tim Barter who organised and ran the whole event. Thank you Tim, it was great!

**3. Rebecca Ryan's Visit.** The new CEO of the Queanbeyan-Palerang Local Council; Ms Rebecca Ryan took the time to attend our August monthly meeting of the Community Association. She was interested, informative and we were delighted to welcome her.

**4. Spring Talks. Talk #1. Tuesday 20th September at 7:30. Allergies.** ANU 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

Talks will begin straight after our normal monthly meeting which I promise will be short so we can get to these interesting speakers.

**5. Local Markets recommence.** A reminder that September also sees the commencement of our local produce markets. A great place to meet friends and sample Lou's famous coffee. Markets are held at the Hall on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month beginning at 9:00 am and going until 12 midday.

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 Way. - *Jenny Richards – President.*

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The BCA held its monthly meeting on AUG 23 with the following outcomes:

1. New Hall Projector - A new and improved projector will be procured which should allow a better visual experience for all.
2. BBQ - We will be looking into a better BBQ situation for users of the hall. The plan is to get a permanent electric BBQ installed in the vacant corner and hopefully some benches and tables for gatherings.
3. Annual Grants - I am pleased to say that we decided to re-institute the achievement awards (or similar) that started just prior to COVID. This award seeks to recognise community residents for their hard work in their endeavours. A special thanks goes to Scott Davidson for picking up the baton in this matter.
4. Resilience Program - As you are probably aware, the Building Community Resilience in Bywong and Wamboin project is in full swing. Check out the flyer/s on the BCA website or facebook for more info.

... Also...

The BCA will be inflicting two of it's members (Steve & JP) upon the generosity of the QPRC CEO (Rebecca Ryan), who invited us for a meet and greet and hopefully discuss how the QPRC can further support Bywong. More to follow. ....As always...

The BCA needs the support of the Bywong community to keep going. This can be easily achieved through your time and effort at BCA meetings and/or events. We would love to see some new faces (and old ones) and hear new ideas.

So... why not get involved? The next meeting will be mentioned on the BCA website in due course.

Cheerio! - Steve Walker, El Presidente

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The design meets the requirements by incorporating a central cross as the most significant element, set in the context of the Wamboin community. The remainder of the design suggests God's creation reflected in the Wamboin landscape, in a partly abstract manner. Within its rural setting, the landscape is shown by varying shades of greens, blues and yellows of vegetation, and browns, ochres and other colours associated with the earth. A stylised tree continues this association. Eucalypt leaves, a feature of local vegetation, are hinted at by the flowing leadlines.

The scene is identifiable as Wamboin by the curving (Norton) road leading to the Telstra Tower, the Brindabellas in the distant background, and the grey kangaroo, the predominant large animal in this area.

A hint of changing seasons is reflected in the differences in hue across the panels. Away from towns and cities our awareness of the changing sky, and the varying light from sun, moon and stars is greater, and this too is hinted at through incorporation of these as design elements.



The window is constructed principally from both 'antique' glass and 'new antique' glass, with minimal use of paint, to make maximum use of the characteristics of these types of glass. The use of mainly unpainted glass gives greater life to the panel than would have occurred if this beautiful glass was subdued by extensive use of paint, as is the case with more traditional church windows. The window exhibits varying degrees of transparency from the hue and tone of the glass, enabling the outside landscape to be seen from inside the church, albeit distorted and

softened by the passage of the light through the striations and bubbles in the antique glass. Antique glass is not named because of its age, but because it is made in a more traditional manner, similar to medieval glass. The glass used in these panels was made in France and Germany. The window was designed and made by Robert Crafter of Canberra. – **Alan Rope**

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## Unsung heroes of Wamboin, Episode 1

*Drafted by Vicki Still, and authorised for publication by the Secretary of Wamboin Community Association, Inc.*

Unsung heroes go quietly about achieving their goals and we have many of them in our community. You may not know them or even hear about them, but they are steadily getting things done for the benefit of all. In this article I'm going to talk about two I know and hope that you will write a little piece for The Whisper about a person you know who 'gets things done' but doesn't get mentioned or praised much for what they do.

Firstly, I want to write about Clare Hobbs who is the Support Crew Coordinator for the Wamboin Rural Fire Brigade and has been in this position for many years. Clare does many little but very important things like keeping the tankers stocked with enough drinks and food to sustain them for at least 24 hours in case they must either stay out for extended periods or in bad weather. She also organises the food for the many Fire Brigade fund-raising barbeques. There are several of these events every year, the latest of which was the Kowen Trail Runners where Clare organised the ordering, cooking and supplying of food for over 500 runners, volunteers and supporters. This takes much time both at and before the event and was made more difficult this year with quite a few of the regular volunteers unavailable due to Covid. She does the same thing at the many other events in Wamboin such the Wheels of Wamboin, Fireworks Night and the Fire Brigade Christmas party. Any profit goes directly to the Wamboin Fire Brigade. Clare fills this position quietly and efficiently and brushes off any praise.

Secondly, I want to sing the praises of Pam Muston who is an amazing marathon and ultra marathon runner (just Google her name) and is part of the Australian Mountain Runners Association. She organises the Kowen running events 3 times a year but once again it isn't a task that takes a day or two beforehand. She has an organised and dedicated team of helpers who work for months in the Kowen Forest hand raking and carefully cleaning the trails, so they are as safe as possible for the runners. This is physically demanding work but 'wait, there's more'! She and her volunteers also organise the entries, flags, the website, the drinks, the money, the publicity..... On it goes! To top it off she then donates a huge amount of the takings to the Wamboin Rural Fire Brigade who have been able to buy essential equipment to improve our local firefighting operations and which have also included non-firefighting benefits for the community. On a lighter note, Pam also hand mows 2 of her paddocks to make golf holes for the Wamboin golf Association -she says it keeps her fit!!!! Just two unsung heroes in our neighbourhood!

### <<<< ----- Portrait of a Local Resident, Episode 1

This is Stepen Carle of Bywong and one of my favourite portraits of a local resident. If you have a favourite image of you, someone you know or a pet which you may want me to draw and get published in the Whisper, please email it to me and you could find a charcoal sketch of the image you send in next month's edition. I don't charge for my work and you get the original. Send good quality image to [jsfavre@gmail.com](mailto:jfavre@gmail.com)

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By Kaye Johnston

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Your safety and survival may depend on the preparations and decisions you make even before there is a fire. In terms of fire safety, we encourage people to have, and practise, a family bush fire survival plan. **Do you need advice or guidance?**

On Saturday 17 September, coincidentally Wamboin Market day, 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 a personal and family Bushfire Survival Plan. We can also help identify steps you could take to prepare your property. We can explain the new Australian Fire Danger Rating system implemented from 1 September – a factor to help guide 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. **Come and talk to us**

<b>WHEN:</b>	<b>‘Get Ready’ Saturday 17 September</b>
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<b>WHERE:</b>	<b>Wamboin Fire Shed, 112 Bingley Way, Wamboin</b>

Throughout September and beyond we’ll also be running helpful Get Ready Hints and Tips and other information on the brigade’s facebook page and website.

**USEFUL LINKS and CONTACT INFORMATION**

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On the next page you can see how The Australian Fire Danger Rating System (AFDRS) has redesigned the forecasting of fire danger in Australia. From September there will be just four levels of fire danger (instead of six) – Moderate, High, Extreme, and Catastrophic. When there is minimal risk, Fire Danger Rating signs will be set to ‘No rating’. This is the white wedge sitting under Moderate. There are actions recommended for each level, so you’ll know what to do to protect your life, family and property. The fire danger ratings are online and the roadside signs have been changed to the new system. The new system will be used across Australia so whether you’re at home or travelling, you will see the same system being used. Community feedback was used in the design process to help make it easier to understand and to provide everyone with clearer advice about how to stay safe.

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**PLAN AND PREPARE**

At **MODERATE**, most fires can be controlled. Plan and prepare and be ready to act if there is a fire.

### HIGH

**BE READY TO ACT**

At **HIGH**, be ready to act. Fires can be dangerous, so be alert for fires in your area.

### EXTREME

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## Bonfire and Fireworks night “Great Community Event”

By Tim Barter

“Great community event”, “Cracker of a night”! “Why would you live any where else” Just some of the comments from the Bywong and Wamboin Facebook hub on this year’s Wamboin Community Association Bonfire and Fireworks night.

It is a while since we have been able to hold the event and judging by the large amount of material delivered to the oval to build the bonfire a lot of you have been saving up in anticipation. So much so that we needed two goes at piling up. Thanks Mat for your help and then to Nick Stokes of Stokes Contracting who did the final push up.

For a while it looked like we would be building the bonfire in a lake but the rain subsided over the week leading up to the event allowing the oval to drain. The slight drizzle on the night did little to dampen enthusiasm and, with a bit of encouragement, the fire lit up well.

This is a community event so many help to make it a great night. As always the fire brigade help with running the event is vital and community groups provide the great food and drinks on the night but there are others behind the scenes: Linda and David from O’Sullivan’s Waste provided the bins at the hall and the extra bins for the night, Joan and Lofty Mason have been behind the scenes at every event including setting up the hall then cleaning the next day, putting out the signs and tidying up the oval and thank you good residents of Bingley Way for your tolerance with the traffic on the night.

Well done Wamboin - a “Cracker of a Night”

## Wamboin Playgroup Update

Welcome to our Wamboin Playgroup update! The buds on the trees are sprouting and we can feel spring around the corner. But you wouldn’t know it with the snow and sleet that happened last week. Lucky all of us Playgroupers were inside the hall that day, with the lovely new heater that has been installed by the WCA. It works well. The kids decided to build the Thomas train set out and also do some oil pastel drawings.

But other than that we have a string of beautiful weather. The kids have been busy outside, imagining all kinds of things, and us parents and carers have been served out fair share of dirt and sand specialties from our expert little chefs.

Playgroup adults have also been busy preparing for the Wamboin Fireworks. We did our Pulled Pork and Slaw Rolls, as well as amazing homemade cakes, slices, biscuits, lollie bags and a Lucky Dip. We are so happy to say that it was an amazing night. Everyone pulled together, and we had an amazing stall and we sold out of everything making some great funds for the group. Not only that, it was so much fun! And making it even better is that we saw so many of you from the community on the night!

**How Wamboin Playgroup Works:** The beauty of our local playground facilities in Wamboin are they are totally fenced in and child safe - so we can let our kids run free, and enjoy our time with other adults. This allows us to be an unstructured Playgroup where parents and carers can to use the time to relax with a cuppa and chat to other adults.



**Playgroup Is Not Just About The Kids – Parents And Carers, It Is Also For You!:** Your job as a parent or carer is one of the best in the world, but raising children is not always easy. Playgroup is here to lighten the load. You can connect with other people in the same stage of life as you. At playgroup you can share, have a coffee, relax in a safe environment. Playgroup is designed to be a comfortable space where you can be yourself. It helps to reduce isolation you may feel and discuss things of interest to you.

**What we would love to see:** If you are home on a Tuesday with little ones, please make it a priority to come to our local free Playgroup as it can be one of the first, and most important social networks for children and

families. If you have children in your care between 0 – 6 years old we invite you to join us! We are a free community group running on Tuesdays during NSW school terms between 10am and 12pm at the Wamboin Community Hall at 112 Bingley Way. If you have any enquiries email [wamboin.playgroup@gmail.com](mailto:wamboin.playgroup@gmail.com) - By Zoe Walker- Wamboin Playgroup Coordinator



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## Nature Notes - August 2022

A few heavy falls of rain at the beginning of the month had white water thundering down my creek. And, later in the month, snow fell for quite a while one morning. It melted as soon as it hit the ground, but the temperature only reached 9 degrees that day. Most days though, temperatures reached the mid-teens and there were some pleasant almost-spring days.

The local Wattles, mostly Silver Wattles (*Acacia dealbata*) and Red-stemmed Wattles (*A. rubida*) are now laden with golden flowers and brightening up the landscape – with new growth on the eucalypts adding tinges of orange and yellowish green. Not much else is in flower yet, but yesterday I did find a single bright yellow flower on a Common Buttercup plant (*Ranunculus lappaceus*). Buttercups prefer moist soil, so are extending their range at my place which has been rather soggy for some time now.

A Magpie was picking up a few stringy strands of bark from a tree the other day, so the birds may be contemplating nest-building in spite of the still cold weather. And last week, while I was walking with friends in Molonglo Gorge, we heard a Horsfield Bronze Cuckoo calling.

Two birds I hadn't seen (or heard) for a while were here last week. A Grey Currawong was perched high in a tree in the driveway, and a Boobook Owl was calling nearby one evening. Like many owls, they feed on moths and beetles that have become scarce recently so it was good to hear that call again.

By the way, the Molonglo Gorge track (mentioned above) provides a beautiful walk, and, even though it's just down the road, much of the vegetation is different to our area. The walk to the Blue Tiles picnic area takes about three hours (if you're examining plants or bird-watching) along a narrow and rocky track on the steep hillside above the river. - **Jo Walker**

## Wamboin Golf

Thankfully the rain stopped and the water subsided enough for the August golf event to go ahead without the need for kayaks! Once again golfers were confronted with a damp course and some challenging conditions but given the prospect of La Nina continuing into 2023 one would be forgiven for thinking we need to get used this being the new norm.

The sponsors for the month were the local tradies; Trent, Don and Col, who were happy to run the event as a stroke competition. Trent's Laksa was a hit with the crowd at the 19<sup>th</sup> hole, possibly teasing us prior to the Wamboin Curry night. Given the damp (read that as very sodden) conditions there were some very good scores on the day.

The nine-hole competition was played using the Eastern course this month, which given the slightly higher altitude of most of the holes at least gave the perception of being slightly drier. We welcomed back our junior rising star, Robert, and playing partner dad (David) after Robert's successful foray in Queensland recently. Robert's score will definitely come under scrutiny by the handicapper after shooting a fine 50 net 28 to take out the junior competition.

In the 9-hole competition, Robert Gorham handled the wet conditions like a duck to water with a great round of 40 net 31 to take first place. Ken Gordon managed a 39 net 35 to take second place on count back from David Thompson (53 net 35). A good score for a golfer who was awarded the dummy spit (following information provided by his son) for throwing a club. One could assume he was actually practicing his fly-fishing technique on one of the damper holes!!

The 18-hole competition was taken out by Tim Barter (70 net 60), a score the handicapper will take a closer look at, holding off Colin Urquhart (89 net 62), who for a short while was playing a club short after misplacing his 6-iron, not to be confused with the 5-iron lost previously. Third place was taken out by Neville Schroder (77 net 66), this score being the equivalent of one under par for the handicap, a more than satisfying round under normal circumstances.



The handicapper became even more intrigued after discovery that Tim Barter had carried not only his own golf bag, but that of Vicki for 6 holes. Obviously was tiring though as Nev Schroder then carried it for one of the holes.

Deb Gordon was the recipient of the googly ball for a clever shot which returned back over her head to be washed in the Yass River headwaters flowing through Lamberts' property. As previously mentioned, David Thompson was the recipient of the dummy spit, but not until careful consideration was given to Colin Urquart (misplaced iron) and Larry King (spat the dummy much earlier in the day as he was not able to play). Ken Gordon bestowed upon us the Ted Evans joke which involved the clever golfing accessories BMW provide for driving comfort. Next month is Spring, when we hold the famous Spring Trophy sponsored by Lofty and Joan Mason. Bring an appetite for Joan's spring rolls. We hope you can join us at the community hall at 12.15pm on Sunday, 4 September for the usual 12.30pm start. – **by Ken Gordon**

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## Cindy's Winter Warmers

By Cindy Scott-Findlay

With these cold dark evenings in Wamboin and Bywong there is nothing nicer than a delicious warming casserole. I have a cast iron enamelled casserole dish which can be used on the stove top and in the oven. You can cook it low temperature slowly or a higher temp for a shorter time. As some of us are working from home so putting the casserole in a slow oven at lunchtime for an easy dinner is ideal. I prefer to use free range and organic meat and seasonal vegetables. I love the Fyshwick markets where I can taste the fruit and vegetables before I buy, there is nothing worse than coming home with look like luscious oranges to find they are sour and dry.

### Pork With Cider And Mustard

1 pork fillet trimmed and cut into 2-inch (5 cm) lengths 4 pieces of good smoky bacon  
 1 medium finely chopped brown onion 1 230 ml bottle of dry cider 2 generous tablespoons Dijon mustard  
 1 tablespoon dried tarragon or 2 or 3 sprigs of fresh  
 Bunch Dutch carrots scrubbed or a couple of normal carrots, chopped into 2.5cm pieces  
 300 mls chicken stock 1 teaspoon of cornflour Salt and pepper

If you have don't have a dutch oven which you can use on the hotplate just use a frying pan. Chop bacon into small pieces and sauté with onion till brown and the onion is transparent. Add about a tablespoon of cider to deglaze the pot and put in a bowl without any kitchen towel as that absorbs the lovely cider. Place pieces of pork in pan and brown on all sides. Add another tablespoon of cider then turn off the heat and add remaining cider, if you add it to quickly it will foam over the side. In the casserole dish place pork and cider with bacon and onion, tarragon, Dijon mustard and carrots season with freshly ground black pepper. Give the casserole a good stir so the mustard and tarragon integrate with the sauce, add enough of the chicken stock to cover meat and veggies keeping a tablespoon aside for later. Put the lid on and cook either low and slow, or for 1 hour at 170 Celsius. Mix the remaining chicken stock with a teaspoon of cornflour and stir into the casserole. Check seasoning and add salt and pepper to taste. Serve with mashed potato and steamed silverbeet or kale, this casserole is

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#### Community Volunteering and Mentoring

Volunteering can make a difference in your life and the lives of others. BCR are hosting a **FREE community volunteering and mentoring program in early October**. We want to help you and our community to build capacity and resilience and support people that are interested in becoming involved (but maybe aren't sure how) and those currently volunteering and looking to learn new skills, expand their networks and create a mindset to support our community into a resilient future. To register or for course information email [resientbywongwamboin@gmail.com](mailto:resientbywongwamboin@gmail.com) or go to <https://www.resilientbywongwamboin.net/join>.

#### Resilience Podcast Series

Over the coming months we will be partnering with local people, emergency services personnel, not for profit organisations and QPRC to speak on a range of topics helpful to those living in Bywong and Wamboin. The series looks to open up new sources of information, views, opinions and ideas as we share stories, wisdom and encouragement. To listen to existing and future podcasts go to <https://www.resilientbywongwamboin.net/podcasts>.



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The home produce and craft market will be back on 17 September 2022 at the Wamboin Community Hall, Bingley Way. We welcome our regulars back and would love to hear from others in the community who might like to try a stall – or who would like to help out on our ‘Hang it on the Community Clothesline’ second hand clothing stall.

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.

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## Bird Of The Month

By Luke Downey

For September I chose the Flame Robin, a rarer species which has been around our place recently.

**Flame Robin (*Petroica phoenicea*)** Size: 12.5-14cm

The male Flame Robin is a very colourful bird, it has a vibrant orange-red breast and belly. The upperparts, tail, head and chin are dark slaty-grey, with a small white forehead. The vent is white, as are the undertail and outer tail feathers. Also present is a white wingbar across the wing (both above and below) forming a V-shape when seen from behind. The female, in comparison, is rather dull, but just as pretty in her own way. She is mainly brown all over, paler underneath fading to buff-white on the lower belly. She also has a white forehead, albeit less prominent, white outer tail feathers and white wingbars, bordered black. Immatures resemble females but are motley and duller, and males can have a red wash to the chest (very rarely also in females). Both sexes have black eyes, small black bills, and black legs. Flame Robins prefer to forage close to ground level in more open woodlands, perching on higher vantage points and flying to the ground to take insects. Recently, the bird seen around my place was observed singing from the top of a tree, which is slightly more unusual. Male Flame Robins are fairly distinctive with an orange red breast extending high onto the throat and grey upperparts. Females and immatures can pose ID (identification) problems with other female robins (e.g. Scarlet and Rose Robins). Flame Robins tend to be more uniform brown, larger and appear longer and more upright in position when perched. They also have an extremely reduced white forehead, and almost always lack a reddish colour wash on the breast which is often present in other species. The call is also distinctive, and can be used to help with identification. An onomatopoeic rendering of the high-pitched trilling call is "you may come, if you will, to the sea". A recording of the call can be heard using the following link

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RaGhc77Fjm4>.

Flame Robins are generally uncommon and are also listed as threatened and the species is in decline. They undertake migration to the higher alpine areas of Namadgi and the Snowy in summer, and in winter they disperse widely across south-eastern Australia into open woodlands, when they are likely to be seen in the Wamboin area. In the past month, a single female has been singing from the top of a tree and residing with our local mixed feeding flock. A bird to keep an eye out for over the cooler months in Wamboin.

Female (images from Google images) Male



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## WAMBOIN WEATHER – rainfall and temperature records

(47 years from Cooper Road) by Christine Rieber

### August Rainfall Stats

August rainfall to the 28<sup>th</sup> ..... 135.75mm  
2022 total rainfall to 28<sup>th</sup> ..... 562.5mm

### September Rainfall Stats

2021 September rainfall..... 146.25mm  
Wettest September..... 154.75mm in 2016  
Wettest September day. 64mm on 17/9/13  
Driest September..... 6mm in 1994

### September Temperature Stats

2021 Sept. maximum.....26.6°C  
Sept. 2021. Av. max 18.0°C & min 3.9°C  
Hottest Sept. day..... 29.5°C on 23/9/17  
Hottest Sept. night..... 15.1°C on 13/9/17  
Average day temperature..... 14.4°C  
Warmest September..... 2020  
Av. day temp. 18.1°C & nights 5.2°C  
(highest 18.6°C in 19 & 6.3°C in 01)  
21<sup>st</sup> September is the spring equinox where day & night are equal length (12 hours).

Average August rainfall..... 54.8mm  
2021 August rainfall..... 52.75mm  
2021 total rainfall to 28/8..... 607.25mm  
46yr Av. to end of August..... 431.4mm

Average September rainfall..... 63.6mm  
Average no. rain days in Sept. .... 9.7  
Highest no. rain days..... 19 in 1984  
Lowest no. rain days..... 2 in 2018

2021 Sept. minimum.....-2.4°C  
Av. Sept. temp... 9.5°C (day+night comb.)  
Coldest September day.... 5°C (2 times)  
on 4/9/1982 & 28/9/2009  
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## A Chronology of Wamboin and District, Part 8: 1941-1965

David McDonald

In late August the fourth edition of an historical timeline of our local area, titled 'A Chronology of Wamboin and District, NSW', was published at the Wamboin Community Association's (WCA's) website. Visit <https://www.wamboincommunity.asn.au/localhistory/> and navigate through the left-hand-side menu Wamboin Locality | Chronology. It commences with a two-page synopsis for readers seeking a brief overview of the history of the area.

This is the eighth article presenting some items from the Chronology that focus specifically on Wamboin and district, rather than the broader, contextual happenings. It covers the period 1941 to 1965, 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
1941, Oct	The men of the 3 <sup>rd</sup> Aust. Infantry Battalion (Werriwa Regiment), a Militia unit of men from the Monaro, Canberra & NSW South Coast regions, were called up for full-time service following Japan's entry into World War 2 the previous month. In May 1942, they embarked for Port Moresby, and served with outstanding distinction, experiencing a huge number of casualties, on the Kokoda Track and in the Gona/Buna Campaign.
1942, 27 Feb	A RAAF Wirraway training aircraft, serial no. A20-462, based at the RAAF School of Army Co-operation at the Canberra airport, crashed and burned on the 'Auverne' property, Millpost Lane, when on a map reading exercise. The pilot and observer were both killed in the crash.
1942, 30 May	Bywong Post Office at Emu Flat on the Bungendore/Gundaroo Road closed, Mary Harriott Postmistress.
1943, 4 <sup>th</sup> quarter	Amungula Telephone Office on 'Woodfield' station, Sutton Road, became a Manual Telephone Exchange.
1944, 04 Jan	A RAAF Wirraway training aircraft, serial no. A20-464, based at the RAAF School of Army Co-operation at the Canberra airport, made a forced landing following engine failure some six miles west of Bungendore. This would place it in the vicinity of what is now Wirreanda Road. The pilot and observer were not injured. The aircraft was repaired and returned to service.
1945, 8 May	Second World War: Victory in Europe Day (VE Day).
1945, 15 Aug	Second World War: Victory in the Pacific Day (VP Day): 'All offensive action against Japan comes to an end'. Also referred to as VJ Day: Victory over Japan Day.
1946	Severe bushfires in the area. It burned out the markers of the graves of the Gambell family on the western side of Amungula Creek (por. 88, parish of Goorooyarroo).
c. 1948	Creation of the map 'Murryong, Parishes of Amungula, Majura & Wamboin, County of Murray'. The 'Murryong' property covered much of the western part of Wamboin, and still operates as a pastoral property.
1949	Bungendore connected to mains electricity by tapping the 33,000-volt line to Captains Flat.
1949, 19 Feb	Sutton Bush Fire Brigade created from the Gundaroo Bush Fire Brigade; responsible for the Wamboin area.
1949-1951	Korean War boom in wool prices.
1950s, early	The CSIRO commenced intensive research in the Murray River region into myxomatosis for the control of rabbits, with rapid success. The disease was observed in rabbits in Canberra in 1952, and by October 1954 local farmers were being urged to bring healthy rabbits to the Bungendore saleyard (and other locations in the area) to be inoculated: 'It is wished to spread the disease through all portions of the district and all landholders are encouraged to make an effort to present some rabbits for inoculation'.
1950, 29 Apr	Frank Wallis Hyles (1886-1952) auctioned 5,000 acres/20 sq km of his property 'Murryong Estate': from near the present-day Canning Close in the west to just past Ryans Road in the east, and north to the Wamboin/Bywong boundary.
1951	'As you drive from Bungendore to Wamboin shop on Norton Road [corner of Bingley Way] you can see a yellow farmhouse in the distance looking south towards Kowen Forest. Jack and Nita Welch raised 6 children, Peter, Steven, Allen, Gregory, Evelyn, and Karen in Wamboin between 1851 and 1976 and their access was via Kowen Forest to Molonglo Gorge forestry Road.'
1952, 25 Jan	Terrible bushfire from Canberra to the Tinderies; threatened Queanbeyan; and destroyed the Kowen Pine Forest. Being driven by westerly winds, presumably the fire that hit Kowen continued into Wamboin. Two lives were lost in these fires.
c. 1955	By this year, the electricity supply was connected from Queanbeyan to Amungula and Bywong.
1957, 22 Feb	Amungula Manual Telephone Exchange on 'Woodfield' station, Sutton Road, closed.
1961	Bungendore's '... fortunes received a fillip with a decision that the Kings Highway linking the blossoming Canberra with the coast at Batemans Bay should be routed through Bungendore and Braidwood. Building and sealing of the road was completed as far as Bungendore in late 1961 and meant that for the first time it was possible to travel from Bungendore to Canberra at speed and in comfort.'
1964	Arthur Shepherd died. He was the last miner resident at the Bywong gold mine site.
1965	The 1965 to 1968 drought commenced.