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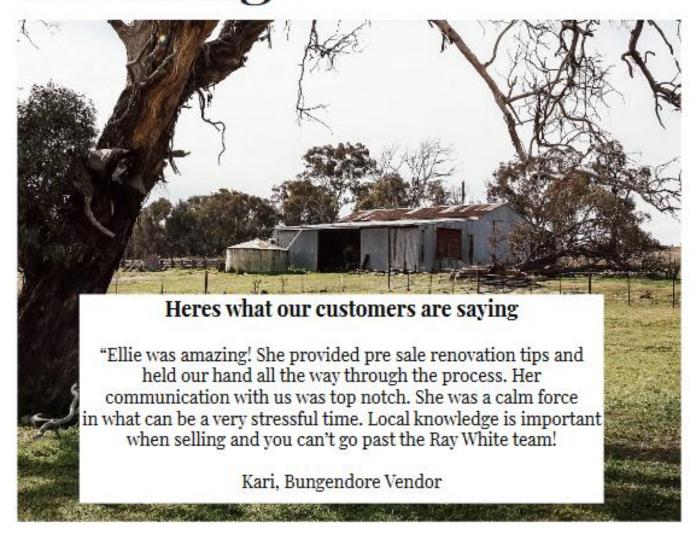
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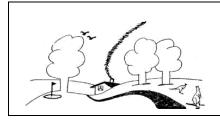


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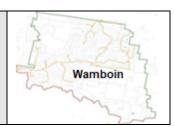


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### President's Paragraphs



The weather is slowly getting warmer reminding us that Spring is here and with it our Spring Talks..

Spring Talk – the hay fever talk. Last Tuesday (20th September) saw the first of our Spring Talks resume. Although the audience was small the subject matter was extremely interesting and well presented. Professor Simon Haberle, Director of the ANU School of Culture, History & Language, presented. Simon is a palynologist or as he would say "the pollen guy." He spoke about the pollens that cause hay fever in this region; showed many interesting graphs and passed around models of different pollens (greatly enlarged of course) created by a 3D printer. He introduced the Pollens App that allows people to both manage their hay fever and contribute to plotting the public health impact of pollens. I think everyone there got a great deal from the talk and we thank Simon for taking the time to come and speak with us.

**More Spring Talks.** If you missed this first talk don't miss the other two held in October and November. Organised largely by Ian Donald and Mike Bourke with the assistance of Diana our Vice-President, these should prove interesting.

**Markets re commence.** In September our local Home Produce Markets recommence. These run on the  $3^{rd}$  Saturday of each month from 9:00-12:00 at the Community Hall.

Wamboin Community Christmas Carols. I'm so pleased to announce that the annual Christmas Carols Night is going ahead this year. It will be held on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December at 7:00 pm sharp. You can see both the article and the ad further on in the Whisper for details, but PLEASE if any children are interested in being in the Christmas Play contact me on 6238 1329 as early as possible so we can arrange parts.

That's all from me now but remember the WCA meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday night of each month at the Community Hall and ALL residents are welcome to attend. - *Jenny Richards – President*.

#### Citizen Science – What Is It and How To Get Involved With Canberra Nature Map October Spring Talk at Wamboin Hall – Tuesday 18th October, 7:30pm

Guest Presenters Associate Professor Paul Downey and his son Luke Downey are local Wamboin residents who are going to give a short talk about citizen science, a demonstration on how to use Canberra Nature Map (CNM) and how you can use the information

on CNM to learn about the local plants and animals.

Paul will give an overview of citizen science and the ways to get involved. He will discuss the benefits, the types of activities you could do, and the contribution citizens can make to science.

Luke will give a demonstration of Canberra Nature Map, a local web-based citizen science platform designed to enable users to upload photos of species they have observed, be they plant, animal or fungi. Luke will show you how to set up an account, upload photos, and talk about how the photos are verified and a name assigned to the species. Following the demonstration, Luke will show you



some of the key features including how to great lists of species for your local area, and how to use CNM to familiarise yourself with the local flora and fauna.

Luke is an active contributor to Canberra Nature Map and one of the main moderators of the species uploaded to the platform. Paul is an ecologist. Together they have been documenting and photographing the species that occur in the local area.

Canberra Nature Map is available via this link <a href="https://canberra.naturemapr.org/">https://canberra.naturemapr.org/</a> - Ian Donald, WCA Committee



Author Catherine Bird

# Key herbs for LAMINITIS support



Nutritional support for a horse who suffers laminitis is vital. For the horse that is prone to laminitis, clivers is a useful daily supplement to improve the integrity of the hoof as it is one of the most nutritional herbs available and especially high in Silica.

With the older horse whose circulation may be sluggish, hawthorn berry is a further support and full of bioflavonoids that improve the elasticity of the supportive connective tissue that can become strained when the feet are sore while improving the health of the blood vessels that supply the feet.

For the horse that has low grade inflammation in his feet, turmeric powder will help lower the levels of discomfort. Often when there is systemic inflammation, there may also be arthritis in joints or irritated tendons and ligaments, with these horses adding ginger powder to the mix will increase the efficacy of the turmeric in a similar way black pepper is sometimes used.

For pain relief, where there is ongoing pain yarrow combines well with turmeric as a general management and recovery approach. Devils claw powder can be very effective with acute stages, however if the horse is already on Bute, do not combine these two as you could increase the toxic effects of the drug or irritate the horse's gut. For the horse with a sensitive gut, white willow bark is a gentler option and hawthorn berry will increase the potency of this herb if needed.

Once a horse is through the acute stage, using liver herbs to address the two phases of detoxification will help cleanse the effect of the stress on the body. Dandelion root or St Mary's thistle powder will address phase one, while turmeric powder will address phase two so that any residual drug therapy is not recycled back into the body and the recovery period can then follow on with clivers, restoring integrity to the hoof.

For the horse where stress has been a trigger to the laminitic episode, chamomile flowers will support the nervous and hepatic systems, and help the muscles that have become tense while the feet have been sore.

Choose your herbs carefully when dealing with laminitis, keeping the selection simple also helps not to overload the horse further with too many herbs. Combining a nutritional herb with an anti-inflammatory herb and liver support herb is often enough to start restoring health, and a maintenance program can follow on with nutritional and circulatory support once the hoof is sound again.

For correct dosage rates on the herbs mentioned in this article please contact Carol when placing your order.

Copyright: Catherine Bird, who is also the author of a Healthy Horse the Natural Way, has been an equine natural therapist for 27 years working closely with Country Park Animal Herbs for over 13 years offering advice to their clients.

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#### **BCA BANTER**

The BCA held it's monthly meeting on SEP 22 with the following outcomes:

- 1. We had a fantastic meet & greet with the CEO of the QPRC Rebecca Ryan. Of note, we now have a contact in the QPRC with whom I shall be meeting to discuss ideas for improvements to the Bywong hall facilities.
- 2. The BCA has re-instituted the Young Achievers Awards (or similar) with an aim to recognize those in our community who excel at what they do. More to follow.
- 3. A new and improved projector has been procured. We shall see how it goes.
- 4. The first of the Greenway walks was a resounding success, as was the drawing classes run by JP both of which will occur again in OCT.
- 5. Chrissy drinks will be on again in DEC.
- 6. Now.... I know I said 'The next meeting will be mentioned on the BCA website in due course.'... but it seems that was a porky pie. So... we now meet on the 3rd Thurs of each month @ 19:30 at Bywong Hall (67 Birriwa Rd, Bywong) - All Welcome. Cheerio!

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Text Message 17 Jan 2017, 12:21 pm

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#### Do you remember?

If you were in Wamboin on the 17<sup>th</sup> January 2017, this actual Emergency Bushfire Warning text message was sent to all the mobile phones in the area. Pretty stressful and overwhelming for many who didn't know exactly where the fire was, but seeing helicopters with fire buckets and many rural and town fire trucks driving up Norton Road, quickly reinforced to people it was a real event. Fortunately the fire was contained to only two properties. There have been lots of changes of property ownership since Wamboin (formerly Canberra Country Estate) back in the 70's. Most residents coming here are city dwellers, and have little or no experience with bushfires. The formation of all Rural Fire Brigades is usually due to locals wanting to help themselves. Wamboin was a classic example in that there were no facilities here. It was only due to the locals, that the Community hall and Wamboin fire station were built, and that was that the locals actually built them!

March 1985 was a major fire event for Wamboin. The fire which started in the ACT, crossed Majura Road, through the Majura pines, Goorooyaroo Nature Reserve, Sutton Road and through Wamboin. Back then, Norton Road wasn't a through road, so access to

the area was only via Sutton Road. We do now have other access via Macs Reef Road and Bungendore roads. In the 1985 fire, access to Wamboin from the Sutton Road was open only to emergency vehicles due to burning and falling trees. For those working in Queanbeyan and Canberra, a similar fire would prevent access from Sutton Road, (north and south) so you might add 45 minutes for a round trip via Bungendore.

The Canberra fires in 2003 did alert a lot of people in Wamboin to the danger of bush fires. We had an overwhelming number of residents attend an information session at the Wamboin fire station right after the fires. In wanting to continue community information sessions, the brigade has had available opportunities at most Wamboin market days. It has been disappointing with the limited people that have attended, especially as you can get specific advice with a "one on one" meeting with an experienced fire fighter. With now a few wet years after the 19/20 fire season, it's probably the last thing on your mind to have a fire plan or prepare your property. If there is a fire, communication with your family is the most important thing. If family members are split between being at home and in town when a fire starts, you need to have a plan, more importantly, if you are unable to make contact using your normal methods. Technology is a great thing with mobile phones and messaging, but they aren't guaranteed 100% as networks can get overloaded in times of disasters. Things to consider: Will you all meet at home? Meet in town? Leave early or stay? What if the road is closed? Power to your home might be lost, same with home phones or mobile phones. What about the pets? Do you have neighbours that are mostly home? Do you have their contact details? Did you know that there are "Firewise groups" in your street?

There is a lot to take into account after reading this. Discussing it with your family, or attending a community information day when you aren't in the fire season is the best time to make plans. A fire plan, once done can give you peace of mind that you have thought though these questions when you are calm, rational and have your family around to openly discuss your plans. – by Don Evans

#### Fire Season starts 1<sup>st</sup> October 2022! Permits are required during the fire season! Brigade training

Watch out for our community education team at the Wamboin Community hall on market days.

Maybe you would like to invite a member of the brigade's Community Education Team to visit your property to discuss your preparations and any improvements they might suggest to protect you and your family and your property against the threat of bush fire.

#### USEFUL LINKS AND CONTACT INFORMATION

Wamboin Rural Fire Brigade NSW Rural Fire Service Wamboin Facebook page

**Queanbeyan Fire Control** 

http://brigade.wamboincommunity.asn.au www.rfs.nsw.gov.au Wamboin Rural Fire Brigade

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# WAMBOIN AND BYWONG COMMUNITY RESILIENCE PROGRAM

A big thank you to the 50 locals (including 2 dogs) that came along to the September walk and drawing class. A fantastic way to kick off our program.





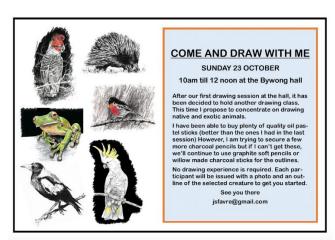


SATURDAY 8 OCTOBER - COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERING AND MENTORING commencing at 10am, we want to help you and our community to build capacity and resilience and support people that are interested in becoming involved (but maybe aren't sure how) and those currently volunteering and looking to learn new skills, expand their networks and create a mindset to support our community into the future. To register or for information about this 90min course, email <a href="mailto:resilentbywongwamboin@gmail.com">resilentbywongwamboin@gmail.com</a>.

#### **SUNDAY 23 OCTOBER - THREE COMBINED ACTIVITIES**

- **GREENWAY WALK** commencing at 10am from Bywong Hall to Millpost Hill and return. Our guest speaker will discuss preventing the loss of valuables and personal items in a natural disaster.
- **DRAWING CLASS** back by popular demand! For people who prefer not to walk drawing classes will be held in the Bywong Hall commencing 10:00am, please contact John–Pierre <u>jsfavre@gmail.com</u>.
- **HEALTHY FAMILY DAY** from 11am 2pm hosted by QPRC and the Bywong Community Association including FREE BBQ, coffee van, magic show and health checks. All welcome.

**RESILIENCE PODCAST SERIES** over the coming months we will continue to partner 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 go to <a href="https://www.resilientbywongwamboin.net/podcasts">www.resilientbywongwamboin.net/podcasts</a>





#### **Wamboin Community Carols Night**

It might not feel it yet but the end of year is approaching faster than we might believe and so too is the annual Wamboin Community Carols Night! Put on by the Wamboin Community Association this is a wonderful way to celebrate the end of the year with a community get together. This is a non-denominational event and the emphasis is on the community enjoying themselves particularly the younger residents. Admission to the event is a gift under the Christmas tree for the Salvation Army people to take to someone less fortunate. The night features carol singing ably supported by local mucic group Poetry in Motion, the telling of the Christmas story (in its rather unique style), a BBQ (gold coin donation which also goes to the Salvo's), and of course the arrival of Santa to distribute gift bags to the children. The date for this extravaganza is 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2022 at 7:00 pm sharp at the Community Hall in Bingley Way. So please come along and enjoy yourselves. Parents of children wishing to perform in the Christmas Play are invited (PLEASE) to ring Jenny Richards on **6238 1329** as soon as possible to

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Wine box donated by Contentious Character	Orange A48
Fruit box donated by Golf Club	Blue A68
Fruit box donated by L&J Mason	Green A100
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Wine box donated by Inland Trading	Orange A20
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#### What the Heck Part 6

Following last month's look at the stained glass window at St Andrew's in Wamboin, let us look at the stained glass windows in St Peter's at Sutton. These include the windows in the altar area which were probably installed during, or soon after, the erection of the building. The records to which I have access, date only from 1940, so as the building is from 1925, it needs research through St John's Canberra to learn more on these. Results of this research will be in a future article. At what is termed the "left front pew position" (the Eastern end of the Northern wall) we find a more recent stained glass window. This was donated by the Robertson family in memory of Joan Robertson, who worked tirelessly for both the Sutton and Wamboin churches from the early 1980's to her tragic passing in 1991.

The 1991 Annual Report states, "1991 was a sad year for St Peter's with the loss of Mrs Joan Robertson who gave so much of her time to our church and St John's. She is sadly missed. A special memorial service was held for Joan at Wamboin on May 5 with 180 people in attendance. A memorial tree planting by St John Ambulance was also held at St Peter's on 10 November and a prayer desk was donated to St Peter's by the Lay Readers, in memory of Joan. A silver stopper for the communion wine was also donated in memory of Mrs Robertson.'

The Minutes of the AGM on 22 March 1992, read "D Robertson informed the meeting that the family wished to provide a window. W Cartwright objected to the removal of any existing dedicated windows. J Schmidt urged that the design chosen accord with that of the rest of the church. R Heron moved that the artist be asked to go ahead with a design for the front left pew position, seconded by R Hardy, carried unanimously.'



# Yoga in Sutton

It feels so good! Tuesdays 10 -11:30 am Sutton Hall

#### **Beginners welcome!**

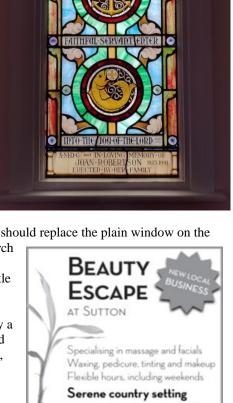
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At the AGM, the parishioners had unanimously endorsed the proposal for a memorial

window, agreed that the window should replace the plain window on the

north wall of the nave of the church nearest the altar, approved the design submitted by Mr. Ken Little (from Arncliffe) and agreed that application be made for the necessary Faculty. Subsequently a beautiful, traditional style, stained glass window in memory of Joan, was installed by the designer and maker, Ken Little, and dedicated by the Ven. David Oliphant, (Archdeacon) on 28 March 1993. -Alan Rope



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#### The Wamboin Hall ...

... has Private Bookings together with weekly Group meetings for October, November and December 2022. Calendars below state usage for this time. Any inquires contact: Joan Mason 02 6238 3258.

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#### **Bees**

The beekeeping season has started again and I just finished my first hive inspections. All four have survived the winter but one had no new brood inside at all. I had to move a frame with brood and nurse bees from a stronger hive to the broodless one and now I will check again in two or three weeks to see if there is any growth. Another surprise was the discovery of a dead mouse on the bottom board of one of the hives. I have heard from other beekeepers that it is possible that mice get in but I had not seen it myself in 13 years of having bees. Amazing how they can get in considering I always reduce the entrance to a third in winter and the entrance is only about 2 cm high. As if rats were attacking and eating my car isn't bad enough, now the rampant rodents (mice) are also attempting to steal the bees' honey. Last season there was, again, no honey for me to harvest. The early signs and the expectations are promising for a better season. From now up to mid summer is the time for colonies to swarm. Every beekeeper should take measurements throughout spring (and in fact even before winter) to avoid or at least discourage their natural swarming tendency. If you find a swarm of bees on your property contact a beekeeper to try to catch the swarm. Don't wait too long. If they choose to settle in your walls or chimney you have a problem. The ACT regional beekeepers association has a list with names and phone numbers of swarm collectors on their website. I am happy to help when I can if you find a bee swarm, and also happy to help if you are a new(ish) beekeeper.

Adrian Meijer, Weeroona Drive, 0427 101550



## Drawings of Bywong and Wamboin Residents By J.P. Favre This Month: Denise Hales

I'm a 40 year resident of Wamboin. I play table tennis on Thursday nights at the Wamboin Hall between 6 pm and 8 pm. Come and join us. Young and old welcome. We range in age between 16 years and 80 years.

#### **Unsung Heroes Of Wamboin, Episode 2**

Drafted by Vicki Still, and authorised for publication by the Secretary of Wamboin Community Assn

Last year we had an uninvited guest drop into our orchard – a baby tawny frogmouth with its downy coat of very fluffy feathers. It had been attacked by something and had somehow managed to get away from it and landed on our netting which broke and allowed it to safely land on the grass. We called Wildcare and were told that Maryanne Gates, who looked after birds, was "moving house at the moment" and would get back to us when she could. Within 30 minutes Maryanne was on the phone to us and in 2 hours she was at our

home and helping with the bird despite being in the middle of unpacking boxes. Initially we put the tawny frogmouth in a close gum tree hoping that a parent would come which it did. Overnight they both disappeared and we checked the ground as we didn't think it could fly. Sure enough it was under another gum so Maryanne cared for it in one of the cages set up at her new house. She was looking after another tawny frogmouth along with quite a few other birds at the time. After a week of feeding 'our' baby, Maryanne brought it back and we put it up on a gum tree branch where we had seen the parents and 2 other babies. We were very pleased when the next day the whole family was together and trying to look like branches! They stayed for a few days and then disappeared.

Unbelievably, the next week we came across a baby galah on the ground and being harassed by magpies. Maryanne took this bird too and cared for it until it was strong enough to be released.

To me, Maryanne is one of the unsung heroes of Wamboin as she has been caring for birds in our region for about 9 years. This entails driving to places to rescue and later release birds, feeding them the correct diet, tending to their injuries or illnesses, taking them to the vet when needed and sadly sometimes deciding to 'put them down' when that is the kindest thing to do. Maryanne is the Bird Coordinator for Wildcare, so is also involved in supporting other Wildcare bird carers, keeping statistics required under their license, training new carers and helping with the Wildcare 24/7 helpline (02 6299 1966. Maryanne also cares for reptiles, possums and bats.

If you know an Unsung hero of Wamboin please write about them, check they are happy with what you are writing, and send the article to the Wamboin Community Association at the following email address: secretary@wamboincommunity.asn.au.

#### POEM

Coming home after a stressful day You turn into your street Your driveway is ahead You stop and collect the mail, open the gate The driveway is adorned by trees and bushes The Kookaburra's sound the day is about to end The pine trees house the Cockatoos The gum trees have Possum families hiding in them The magpie sits on the wattle tree waiting for you Mumma kangaroo is nibbling on the grass Little Joey in her pouch, head and legs poking out Not quite sure what to do You get closer to your home The once dry creek bed Flows effortlessly now, thanks to the rain The bench chair you made sits out the front A weekend activity It's legs, old tractor wheels made of steel The seat and back – made from wooden pallets You notice a couple of bottles of wine and a note on your chair "Happy birthday neighbour" the note says You go inside and phone your neighbours to come on over They are not only neighbours They are also dear friends This is home Thisis the good life This is Wamboin Kind regards

By Karyn Thompson, Wamboin

#### Celebrating 30 Years Of Wildcare Queanbeyan

September 2022 marks the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Wildcare Queanbeyan. Wildlife rehabilitation in this region began in 1991 with the formation of a group run by WIRES. According to Di Stockbridge, a founding member of Wildcare Queanbeyan, when the members realised more than 50% of the funds raised by them had to be returned to WIRES head office in Sydney and would not be used to benefit the animals in this region, she and the other founding members established a new group, and Wildcare Queanbeyan was born.

Every year since then, Wildcare Queanbeyan responds to calls from members of the public regarding sick, injured, and orphaned native wildlife. The 24/7 Helpline can be called on 6299 1966, and a trained and experienced volunteer will be sent out to assess the animal and determine an appropriate course of action. This can range from observing, monitoring, and sometimes treating an animal in place, to bringing an animal into care. Sadly, sometimes the best outcome for an animal is humane euthanasia, and this is carried out by one of our specially licenced and trained firearms team, or the animal may be transported to a local vet hospital for this procedure.

Wildcare Queanbeyan covers a region of 22000 square kilometres, from Bredbo in the south to Collector in the north, and Young in

the west to Warri in the east. It receives thousands of phone calls a year, which are attended to by dedicated volunteers. Wildcare Queanbeyan receives no recurrent government funding and is reliant on donations and fundraising to support its operations. Members raising and rehabilitating animals are responsible for the expenses incurred including vet and food bills. Many animals also require specialised housing.

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#### Wamboin Golf

Relatively speaking we were treated to a dryer day for the Wamboin Golf September Spring Trophy event, although the rain earlier in the week ensured we continued to endure damp conditions and had an excuse to use whilst on the course. The sponsors for the month were Joan and Lofty who we thank for the prizes and refreshments. Eager participants and supporters were not disappointed with the traditional home-made spring-rolls. Lofty declared the competition to be a 'Par' event. In essence you had three scoring choices relative to your handicap: plus, minus or zero. To avoid any confusion the scorer managed to get his excel spreadsheet to produce some magic and produce the final results.

The nine-hole competition was played using the Western course this month, and thankfully the fairways and tee-boxes were not underwater as some had been the previous month. Ken Gordon (plus 2) managed to take out the competition from Robert Gorham (minus 1). The junior competition was taken out by Robert Thompson with a score of minus 3. The 18-hole competition was taken out by Glenn Crafter (plus 4) holding off Vicki Still (plus 3). Both scores could come under scrutiny from the handicapper.

Ball winners for longest drives and nearest the pins went to: Glenn Crafter (2), Vicki Still (2), Ken Gordon (3) and Deb Gordon.





The googly ball was hotly contested this month with Vicki Still getting two mentions; once for managing somehow to hit the ball in the wrong direction over Bingley Way and another for a scoring faux par or was that a misunderstanding with a provisional shot. Robert Thompson admitted to hitting his first ball backwards as well. Must have been the wind!! The dummy spit was awarded prior to the first shot being taken with Tim Barter conceding defeat to Vicki Still, but then acquired by Col Urquhart with complaint regarding the scoring system and not being able to count his birdies. Always next month as they say. Robert Thompson entertained us with his 'Giddy Up' riddle before Larry King recited the Ted Evans Joke which had been prepared

by Col Prest. The joke involved Jack Nicholas and a water hazard. Young Emma was awarded the encouragement award after initially heading out to play 2 holes before a shopping trip but ending up playing the full 18 holes. Well done Emma!

Next month, the October event, will be sponsored by Matt Hawke. We thank Matt in anticipation. We hope you can join us at the community hall at 12.15pm on Sunday, 2 October for the usual 12.30pm start. - Ken Gordon



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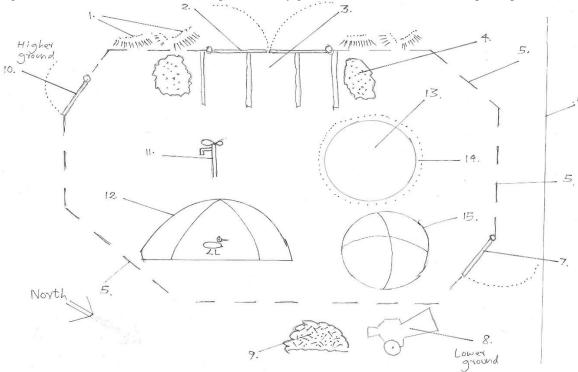
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#### **Garden Notes**

These notes are a forum for gardeners in Wamboin and Bywong to share their experiences. The notes aren't intended to replicate extensive on-line and hard copy resources available elsewhere. I encourage gardeners to tell readers in future editions of the *Wamboin Whisper* what works and what doesn't for them growing plants in our corner of the world. Please contact me for further information about how you can do this (Vincent Lorimer, email <u>vlorimer@internode.on.net</u> or mobile 0458 037 591). My own veggie garden's design is based on the plan outlined in *The Permaculture Home Garden* by Linda Woodrow <sup>1</sup>. It's located 20 metres away from the main dwelling, on a gentle slope with good drainage (mostly) and a north-easterly aspect. Access to water has not yet been a problem in 12 years (but I'm lucky to have a bore). The garden's aim is the supply of 70% of the household's vegetable

The drawing below illustrates the main ideas incorporated in my garden. The rest of this article explains parts of the drawing.



- 1) **Swale**. The swale is a series of short, shallow ditches with mounds on the downhill side. They are built on contour to trap water which is released slowly into the veggie garden.
- 2) **Gates to compost silo**. These gates allow a small trailer with compost materials (cow poo, stable litter, weeds) to be backed and off-loaded into the compost silos (3).
- 3) **Compost silos**. I make 2 or 3 batches of compost annually using the silos.

needs.

- 4) **Compost material**. The silos are book-ended by mounds of waste material for composting.
- 5) **Fence**. The garden is surrounded by a 1.8-metre-high fence to keep out kangaroos.
- 6) **Boundary.** The gap between the garden fence (5) and property boundary fence (6) allows ride-on mower access.
- 7) 2<sup>nd</sup> Gate. The second gate is used primarily to allow access to woodchip and mulch (9)
- 8) **Woodchipper.** The woodchipper is wheeled out once or twice a year to deal with all the crappy twigs and wood that accumulate cleaning up the property for fire hazard reduction and other purposes.
- 9) **Woodchip/Mulch.** A pile of woodchip and mulch supplies material for paths around each of the 15 growing circles (14). Recently the paths have turned into soil within a year to 18 months. The new soil is dumped on the circles.
- 10) **Main gate.** This is the garden's main point of access, used every day (if nothing else) to feed the chooks.
- 11) **Tap.** A bore feeds 2 garden taps. They don't get much in 2022 but will doubtless be essential during the next drought.
- 12) **Chook Dome**. Refer to Woodrow Chapter 6 *Building a chook dome* for more on this topic. My dome includes a couple minor modifications.
- 13) **Growing circles**. The infrastructure described here is to support, protect and improve the 16 <sup>2</sup> circles used to grow food. (More on the circles in future 'garden notes').
- 14) **Circle paths**. Each circle is surrounded by a 500mm wide path, filled with stones, woodchip/mulch (9) and cinders from the fireplace.
- 15) **Protective netting frame**. 4 frames with the same diameter/area as the growing circles (13) support netting to protect plants from winged pests..

Acknowledgement to: A friend for continuing insight and guidance about gardening and beekeeping.

Reference: *The Permaculture Home Garden*, Linda Woodrow, Penguin Group Australia 1996, ISBN 978 0 670 86599 4

-by Vincent Lorimer, <a href="mailto:vlorimer@internode.on.net">vlorimer@internode.on.net</a>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> You can see a scaled-up version of Woodrow's concept at Purple Pear Farm, well worth a visit if you are in the Maitland region.

<sup>2</sup> 15 circles inside the garden; 1 outside it.

#### **Cindy's Spring Chicken**

By Cindy Scott Findlay, Wamboin

With the start of spring our vegetable garden is beginning to flourish, the broad beans have flowers and new shoots are popping up in the beds. This in between season there is not a lot to harvest and the cost of fruit and vegetables are at an all time high. This simple casserole uses canned and fresh vegetables and is quick and easy to prepare. If there are any leftover pieces of chicken, they are delicious sliced on rolls for lunch the next day.

#### Chicken and beans (serves 4)

5 slices good smoky bacon, chopped into ½ cm pieces 1 onion finely chopped 1 clove of garlic minced

4 free range chicken breast or thigh fillets (1 per person) 1 large lemon 3 sprigs of fresh rosemary ½ teaspoon dried chilli 1 can Australian butter beans or 4 bean mix drained and rinsed 3 fresh tomatoes skinned cored and chopped or a can of whole tomatoes drained and chopped 150ml dry white wine Chicken stock

Zest and juice the lemon, place the chicken in a bowl with the zest, juice, chilli and one spring of rosemary. Set aside Sauté the bacon with the onion and garlic till the onion is transparent. Deglaze the fry pan with a little of the white wine making sure to scrap off all the yummy pieces on the bottom of the pan.

In a bowl place the bacon, onion, garlic, beans, tomatoes, 2 sprigs of rosemary, white wine and stir gently to combine.

In a rectangular oven dish place the chicken pieces in a row along the bottom with the marinade. Pour over the bacon mixture and add enough chicken stock to cover the meat. Season with freshly ground black pepper.

Cover the dish with baking paper then foil and bake in a 180 degree oven for 20 minutes. Remove foil and paper and cook a further 10 minutes at 200 degrees to reduce the liquid a little. I use a meat thermometer to check the chicken is cooked properly (74 degrees C) This can be served with mashed potato and steamed greens or penne pasta

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- We would love to hear from others in the community who would like to help out on our 'Hang it on the Community Clothesline' second hand clothing stall. Proceeds go to various charities.
- Is there someone out there who just loves making scones? Over the years we've had the luxury (variously) of Jenny's, the church and then Kathleen's scones. And our customers just love a good scone and jam and cream to go with Lou's coffee. It's a definite 'gap' at the moment!

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

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Deadline for the November issue is, as always, 7 pm on the last Sunday of the preceding month. That will be Sunday, October 30.

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It should respect the range of political, religious and otherwise varied views that make each of us a little different. It should be at least related to living in Wamboin and

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

By Luke Downey

For October I chose the Fan-tailed Cuckoo, a summer visitor that has been recently marking its arrival in the local area with its call.

Fan-tailed Cuckoo (Cacomantis flabelliformis)

Size: 25-27cm

Status: Fairly common breeding summer migrant

The Fan-tailed Cuckoo is a distinctive species of cuckoo, which is more often heard than seen. It is migratory, spending the winter in northern areas of Australia and New Guinea escaping the colder weather in Southern Australia, and has recently began returning south. Its arrival is easily noticed by its loud call. Luckily, its call is very distinctive and it is easy to identify. It is a long descending, slurred note "peeceeeeeeee". The call is especially prevalent in early spring during which the males search for a partner. They are much less often observed later in summer as they do no call much. If you happen to see one, they are a cinnamon-buff tone

from the throat to the vent, and have a slaty-grey head, back and tail. The underside of the tail has a white 'scallop-like' pattern. The juvenile bird is mottled with mainly brown (some grey) barring pattern all over. This species has a diagnostic yellow eye ring, lacking in the similar Brush Cuckoo, which is also a paler buff colour,





which begins lower on the belly, and has a very different call. Fan-tailed Cuckoos occur mainly in the canopy or higher in trees, and typically call from an exposed perch near the top of a tree. Being a cuckoo, they

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parasitise many small bird species, such as robins, flycatchers, honeyeaters, fairywrens and other small birds, by laying their similar coloured eggs in their nests and then leaving the new parents to raise the chicks. Sadly, our neighbour recently had one of these beautiful birds crash into her window and she found it deceased. Make sure to keep a listen and eye out for this species as the warmer weather of spring approaches.



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Opticomm Ltd has been contracted by the NSW Government to construct and operate a Fibre Broadband Network for over 1,350 residences across Wamboin, Bywong and Sutton. This project has been covered in great detail in previous Whisper articles, in addition to the updates emailed to residents registered with the Wamboin Communications Action Group (WCAG). On 1 September 2022, over 120 residents attended a briefing on the project, conducted by Opticomm and the Department of Regional NSW (DRNSW), at the Contentious Character Winery in Wamboin.

#### **ACTION: RESIDENTS NEED TO REGISTER WITH OPTICOMM**

Importantly, prior to commencing construction, Opticomm have committed to consult with each property owner about the route to be followed for the Fibre lead-in cable from the road to the residence. To allow them to do so, they need to have contact details for all residents that are scheduled to be connected to the network. Please note that the rollout will happen on an area-by-area basis and residents will be contacted just prior to the connection to the residence occurring. This staged approach to the construction of the network means that property owners may not be contacted for several months. However, registering now will assist Opticomm to communicate directly with individual owners should the need arise. To simplify this process, Opticomm has created a dedicated page on their web site with details about the project, along with a link to a web form allowing residents to ask questions or just register their details. To register, please follow these steps:

- Before registering, if you haven't already done so, first check that your property is scheduled to be connected by reviewing the Service List document published by the Department of Regional NSW at <a href="https://www.nsw.gov.au/sites/default/files/2022-07/Opticomm service list.pdf">https://www.nsw.gov.au/sites/default/files/2022-07/Opticomm service list.pdf</a>
- 2. If your property is on that list, then go to Opticomm's dedicated project site at <a href="https://www.opticomm.com.au/nsw-regional-network/">https://www.opticomm.com.au/nsw-regional-network/</a>
- 3. Scroll down to almost the bottom of this page and you will find a button marked "Register your address details". Select this button.
- 4. The form that will be presented only requires you to provide your name, contact details and property address. Complete the form.
- 5. Select "Submit".

Importantly, the connection to your residence is funded by the NSW Government and registering your details with Opticomm is not a commitment for you to make any payment. Opticomm will provide further information to residents about how to go about using the service, (including choosing a plan that meets your needs and budget), once the fibre is connected to the residence. Some residents have asked why WCAG is unable to assist with providing Opticomm with this information. The reason is that WCAG previously advised residents that registered with it that it would not share their personal details with any commercial party. Consequently, WCAG is unable to provide the details it holds on residents to Opticomm, and all residents need to separately register with Opticomm.

#### What about properties not on the Service List?

As mentioned in other updates on the project, in July 2022 WCAG reviewed the Service List published by the Department and identified that a small number of properties (inside the project's boundary) had been missed and were not included on the list, notwithstanding that the property's immediate neighbours on all sides were included. WCAG raised this issue with the Department and Project Team immediately and sought an explanation of how this occurred. WCAG has continued to raise this issue since then and has also spoken to our local member, Nichole Overall, and her staff. In particular, WCAG wants to understand how this occurred and, more importantly, how the Department proposes to correct it.

In late August, the Department held meetings with about 20 of the affected residents. WCAG was not invited to participate in these meetings and therefore is unable to comment on the precise nature of these discussions. However, we do understand that the Department was left in no doubt about the degree of frustration those residents felt about being excluded.

WCAG has also been contacted by several residents and asked if we can "add their property to the Service List". This is simply not something that WCAG can do. The Service List was created through a joint effort by the Department of Regional NSW and Opticomm. WCAG was not consulted in the development of the Service List. Had we been, we could have identified this issue prior to the list being finalised. Opticomm's contract with the Department limits the connections they can provision to those included on the Service List and it is unable to unilaterally add properties to the contract. While it would be subject to Opticomm's acceptance, the only party actually able to correct this error is the Department.

Notwithstanding that WCAG has not be privy to communications between the Department and affected residents, it understands that the Department is reviewing each property and will then undertake a "feasibility study" to determine if properties are able to be brought back to being within the scope of the fibre roll-out. The Department plans to advise Property owners of the outcome of this assessment by the end of October 2022.

Importantly, if you are a resident of Wamboin, Bywong or Sutton and have not already checked that your property is included on the Service List, you should do so now. If you find that your property is not included, and you haven't already been contacted by the Department, you may wish to email the Department's project team and seek advice. The email is <a href="mailto:RDC.program@regional.nsw.gov.au">RDC.program@regional.nsw.gov.au</a> WCAG will continue to lobby for a positive resolution to this issue.

Further information: WCAG's web site: <a href="https://sites.google.com/site/wamboincommunications/home">https://sites.google.com/site/wamboincommunications/home</a>
Department of Regional NSW, Project Site: <a href="https://www.nsw.gov.au/snowy-hydro-legacy-fund/regional-digital-connectivity-program/gig-state/wamboin-bywong-and-sutton">https://sites.google.com/site/wamboincommunications/home</a>
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Opticomm – Project Information: <a href="https://www.opticomm.com.au/nsw-regional-network/">https://www.opticomm.com.au/nsw-regional-network/</a>

NOTE: The WCAG article included a link to the list of properties scheduled to be connected to the fibre network. This list was previously posted on the NSW Government Project site. Since printing this edition of the Whisper, the list has been removed and replaced by a link to Opticomm's web site. You can now access the list by going to Opticomm's project site at <a href="https://www.opticomm.com.au/nsw-regional-network/">https://www.opticomm.com.au/nsw-regional-network/</a> and selecting "View list of addresses" half way down that page.

#### WAMBOIN WEATHER - rainfall and temperature records

(47 years from Cooper Road) by Christine Rieber	-
September Rainfall Stats	Average September rainfall 63.6mm
September rainfall to the 24 <sup>th</sup> 53.25mm	2021 September rainfall 146.25mm
2022 total rainfall to 24 <sup>th</sup> 626.50mm	2021 total rainfall to 24/9 687.5mm
	46yr Av. to end of September 495.0mm
October Rainfall Stats	
2021 October rainfall 50.25mm	Average October rainfall 59.4mm
Wettest October 198.5mm in 1976	Average no. rain days in October 9.2
Wettest October day 59mm on 17/10/76	Highest no. rain days 22 in 1976
Driest October 4.5mm in 2006	Lowest no. rain days 2 in 2006
October Temperature Stats	2021 Oct. minimum 1.8°C
2021 Oct. maximum	Oct. 2021. Av. max 20.2°C & min 6.0°C
Hottest October day 32.4°C on 31/10/19	Av. Oct. temp 13.0°C (day+night comb.)
Coldest October day 6°C on 11/10/12	Hottest October night 17°C 29/10/77
(snowed)	Coldest October night2°C (2 times)
Average day temperature 18.7°C	on 18/10/13, 14/10/14
Warmest October 2017	Average night temperature 7.3°C
Av. day temp. 22.8°C & nights 8.0°C	Coldest October 2012
(high. 23.7°C in 19) (high. 9.4°C in 77)	Av. day temp. 16.9°C & nights 3.2°C

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#### Nature Notes - September 2022

#### Jo Walker

A fairly regular rainfall for most of the month will keep the landscape as green as it is for some time to come. The creek here is

WAMBOIN COMMUNITY
CHRISTMAS CAROLS
Friday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> 2022 7:00 pm
At Wamboin Hall, Binley Way
Everyone is invited to come along and:

Join in the singing of Christmas Carols (both traditional and modern), ably led by local musicians



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Say hi to Santa when he arrives on his special transport, a Fire Truck.



Enjoy the traditional free sausage sizzle (There will be a donation box, with all proceeds to be given to the Salvos) still flowing well and lots of frogs are taking advantage of the full dam and deep pools along the creek. I can hear at least four different frog calls in the sometimes cacophanous chorus coming from there.

Wattles are still the main source of colour amongst the taller plants — although most *Pomaderris* species are about to flower. The large *Pomaderris* angustifolia shrubs along Sutton Road should soon be transformed into clouds of cream flowers. Amongst the herbaceous plants Common Buttercups (*Ranunculus lappaceus*) and a few Billy Buttons (*Craspedia varia*) are beginning to flower. The little yellow-centred white daisy - the Hoary Sunray (*Leucochrysum albicans*) — that has proliferated along local roadsides is also starting to flower. And the little Early Nancy plants (*Wurmbea dioica*) are beginning to dot the grassy areas with their small white flowers.

I saw a Magpie on a nest along one of the local roads, but one of them here is still building – it recently pulled a large tuft of Kangaroo fur off one of the shrubs and flew off towards the trees with it. When I first came here many years ago, there was a small flock of Red-browed Finches which grew to twenty-two birds, several of which would nest in two large briar bushes near the house. During the long drought later, they slowly disappeared and only one or two have occasionally appeared since. So it was good to see four together recently feeding amongst the grasses. And a Fan-tailed Cuckoo was nearby this morning, its downward trilling call sounding for nearly an hour somewhere in the trees along the creek.

A few butterflies have just started to visit flowering shrubs here. A Yellow Admiral (*Vanessa itea*) and an Imperial Jezebel (*Delias harpalyce*) were both flitting around and feeding on the white flowers of a fruit tree.

Not many lizards are around yet but a few little Grass Skinks are just appearing – and a large Cunningham's Skink has just moved into the garage.

Three female Kangaroos died here during the last two months – one killed by a dog and one succumbing to a fast-acting illness. The other one had been around here for a long while and was very old and died peacefully on my verandah. But a new generation is coming along with little joeys beginning to spend time out of their mothers' pouches. And recent visitors have been a Swamp Wallaby with a joey peeping from her pouch, a large Wombat that spent a while feeding near the house, and, this morning an Echidna. We're lucky to have so much wildlife to share

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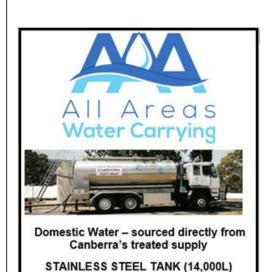


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#### A Chronology of Wamboin and District, Part 9: 1967-1973

#### **David McDonald**

In 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 <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. It commences with a two-page synopsis for readers seeking a brief overview of the history of the area.

This is the nineth article presenting some items from the Chronology that focus specifically on Wamboin and district, rather than the broader, contextual happenings. It covers the period 1967 to 1973, 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		
1967, 5 Oct	The final edition of the parish of Wamboin map released: 6th edition.		
1968	Publication of Errol Lea-Scarlett's important book Queanbeyan: district and people.		
1968, 6 Nov	The subdivision of the land that led to the creation of Wamboin commenced with a proposal to Yarrowlumla		
	Shire Council by the Canberra-based developer David Trend Pty Limited (subsequently renamed to Majura		
	Heights Pty Limited). 'Majura Heights' was the name initially proposed for the subdivision. It was for 10		
	five/six acre lots for residential use only, between Sutton Road and the longitude of Fernloff Road, an area of		
	267 acres (c. 1 km <sup>2</sup> ). It included a public reserve—a lookout to the west—at the top of the escarpment. The		
	land subsequently passed to Taywood Hughes Pty Limited, and then to Norton Tower Pty Limited.		
1969, 1 Aug	Wamboin trig station gazetted: TS 4599, Hillside Lane, off Joe Rocks Road, 35° 14' 20.3" S, 149° 23' 59.3"		
	E (GDA 2020). Altitude 848 metres. On private property. Geographical Names Board of NSW: 'A major		
1000 1 4	trigonometrical station situated on east slopes of Lake George Range about 4 km north west of Bungendore.'		
1969, 1 Aug	'Bywong' place name gazetted. Previously known as 'Gearys Gap', though this was not an official		
1060 20 Nam	geographical name for the locality.		
1969, 28 Nov	The Geographical Names Board of NSW gazetted the discontinuation of the name 'Shinglehouse or Brook's		
1970s, early	Creek', and designated it as 'Brooks Creek', on the recommendation of the Yarrowlumla Shire Council.  'The woolshed on Merino Vale [block of Hyles' 'Murryong Estate'] was built in the early 1970's for the		
19708, early	Majors by Cecil Guy.'		
1970	Bert Sheedy and Marj Sheedy conducted oral history interviews with elderly early residents of the area: Frank		
1770	Williams, Stan Bingley, Les Reardon, Pat Matthews, Gerald Murphy, and Bertram Donohue.		
1970, 19 Jan	Development Application S2/70 for the Wamboin subdivision: after purchasing the land from Majura Heights		
1570, 15 3411	Pty Limited, Taywood Hughes Pty Limited applied to Yarrowlumla Shire Council for interim development		
	approval to create a 661 acre subdivision between what are now Fernloff Road and Amungula Place,		
	Wamboin. At some stage between Nov. 1970 and Jul. 1971 the land was sold to Norton Tower Pty Limited		
	(frequently written as Norton Towers Pty Limited), who became the developers.		
1970, 18 Mar	The Yarrowlumla Shire Council meeting was advised that an invitation had been received to nominate two		
	young people between the ages of 18 and 30 to attend a Young People's Reception at the Trocadero (Sydney)		
	on 1 April 'which will be attended by Her Majesty the Queen and Their Royal Highnesses The Duke of		
	Edinburgh, The Prince of Wales and Princess Anne.' The young people selected were Miss Anne Reardon &		
	Mr. Les Gallagher.		
1971	Bert Sheedy and Marj Sheedy conducted oral history interviews with elderly early residents of the area: Pat		
	Mathews, Val Maloney, Mrs Kath Kershaw, Frank Williams and Mrs Petty.		
1971, 29 Jan	The Geographical Names Board of NSW officially assigned the names Bywong Hill, Guise Hill, Millpost		
	Hill, Purrorumba Hill, Schofield Hill, Poppet Hill, Smalley Hill and Turalla Hill. These names had been in use		
1072	for generations, and most had trig stations on them gazetted in the 19 <sup>th</sup> century.		
1972	Publication of Errol Lea-Scarlett's seminal book on the history of the greater Gundaroo region, which		
	included the Wamboin/Bywong areas: Lea-Scarlett, EJ 1972, <i>Gundaroo</i> , Roebuck Society Publication no. 10,		
1072 2 Dag	Roebuck Society, Canberra. Lea-Scarlett died on 30 December 2019.		
1972, 2 Dec	The first advertisement published in the <i>Canberra Times</i> for the blocks in what became known as Wamboin; then called 'Canberra Country Estate'. The developer at this stage was Norton Tower Pty Limited, and the		
	Managing Agent Proud Projects Pty Limited. It was the land along Norton Road from Sutton Road to Fernloff		
	Road.		
1973, 17 Mar	A real estate agent's advertisement for Canberra Country Estate in the <i>Canberra Times</i> stating 'Inspect now		
12,70,17171111	while good selection still available – Over half of the 31 lots have been sold. 5 acres of gracious living.		
	Electricity to all blocks. Bitumen sealed roads'.		
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