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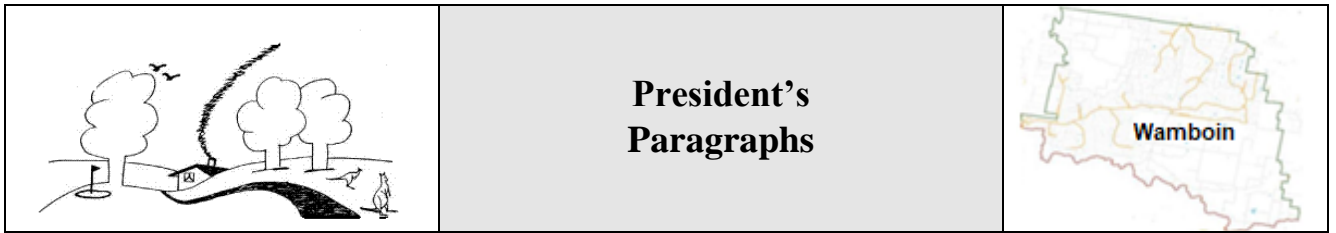
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Did I say it was starting to get cold in Wamboin? Snow on the very first weekend in May – who ever heard such a thing? However due to the efforts of the Hall Management Committee our monthly meetings are nicely warm with the split-system heater/air conditioner in the small meeting room. There is very little to report this month but maybe this is a winding down before real winter hits.

1. **Monthly Markets.** Our monthly markets will be held one last time in June before our annual shut down for 2 months over winter. Come along and share food, coffee and conversation at the Wamboin Hall on the third Saturday of the month starting at 9am.
2. **Bonfire and Fireworks Night.** Although the last Saturday in August may seem to be a long way off organisation for the annual Bonfire and Fireworks Night is well under way. If you are a group willing to do food for the occasion please contact me Jenny Richards either by telephone on **62381329** or by email on jennyanneri@gmail.com to discuss as our main organisers are going to be missing for quite a while and I'm filling in until they return.

That's it. I really do hope to see as many of you as possible at this next month's meeting especially our new interest groups like the Playgroup and others. Hope to see you around. - *Jenny Richards – President.*

Wamboin Christmas in July Ball

@ Wamboin Hall

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Fireworks 7.06

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“Callouts” How it all works.

For some time now, we have been using the “CAD” (Computer aided dispatch) system. The new CAD system improves our response time by recommending the closest, most appropriate resources to respond to incidents. CAD gives the RFS a better integration with other emergency services, and the ability to dispatch more efficiently. This is a large change for the organisation, and starts to bring together a number of the priority projects including RFS ACTIV and the Mobile Data Terminal project that is currently underway. What is CAD? CAD is an integrated dispatch system that will bring

together our existing dispatch processes and systems to enhance the way we respond to emergency incidents. This computerised call receipt and dispatch system will help streamline our dispatch process and improve our response time by automatically ensuring the closest, most appropriate resources are dispatched. Automatic Vehicle Location (AVL) will provide CAD with real-time data on the location and availability of appliances whenever they are within a Government Radio Network (GRN) coverage area.

“Paging system”

While we still use the old pagers as a backup, active members (meaning those that are trained to respond to incidents) use what is called **RFS ACTIVE**. This is a phone based app, only available to RFS members. Members are notified of incidents on their mobile device, and are able to respond with their availability to attend by the touch of one button. Tracking occurs to show how long it will take them to get to the fire station and the brigade as a whole can tell that the appropriate people will be able to “man” a truck. The incident is listed on the members mobile device and shows those members that will be attending. We need a crew leader or field officer to run the crew, we also need a qualified driver in the crew. Field officers can “build” a crew and assign members to a particular truck from their own device. The ACTIVE system is linked to their CAD system meaning that the operators in RFS Sydney can see in real time what trucks and members are available. Other “out of area deployment” requests can be sent to members as well. Once in the trucks, we now have a status panel on the dashboard, where we can indicate, that we are responding, on scene, available back at station and other conditions by just pushing a button and not having to make radio contact. Improvements are continuing all the time to make things easier for us and making the service more efficient.

Useful links

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<http://brigade.wamboincommunity.asn.au>

NSW Rural Fire Service

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Wamboin Thursday Social Group

The Thursday Social Drop In Group operates each Thursday morning from 10 – 12 noon at the Wamboin Hall, Bingley Way. If you have some time free on a Thursday morning pop in, have a cuppa and chat. We love to welcome new people to the group. The group also had a very successful Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea on Thursday 25 May 2023. Thank you to everyone who participated and donated to the Cancer Council. – Narelle Pumphery

Social Table Tennis

Table tennis offers a great way to bond with other people while you stay fit and active. There are many benefits to everyone from playing table tennis Including: Improved balance, Improved reflexes, aerobic exercise, mental sharpness, as well as having fun and making more friends. Meets each Thursday, 6-8 pm, at the Wamboin Community Hall on Bingley Way. All welcome. Everything provided. Contacts: Suzee – 0419 285 949, Michael 0406 606 238.

QPRC Mobile Library

The QPRC Mobile Library bus is back on the road and will be at the Wamboin Hall on Thursday 1, 15 and 29 June 2023. After you have visited the library drop into the Social Group and have a cuppa. - Narelle Pumphrey

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May Rainfall Stats

May rainfall to the 28th 30.5mm
 2023 total rainfall to 28/5 358.5mm

June Rainfall Stats

2022 June rainfall..... 19.5mm
 Wettest June..... 178.25mm in 2016
 Wettest June day..... 84.75mm on 6/6/16
 Driest June..... 0mm in 2017

June Temperature Stats

2022 June maximum.....17.8°C
 Hottest June day..... 19.1°C on 2/6/21
 Coldest June day..... 3°C (4 times)
 9/6/11, 24/6/14, 30/6/14 & 25/6/16
 Average day temp. 10.0°C
 Warmest June..... 1991
 Av. max day temp. 12.5°C & night 7°C
 (highest 14.3°C in 2020)
 Av. June temp..... 6.4°C (day+night comb.)

Average May rainfall..... 46.6mm
 2022 May rainfall..... 99.5mm
 2022 total rainfall to 28/5..... 337.0mm
 47yr Av. to end of May..... 270.8mm

Average June rainfall..... 55.0mm
 Average no. rain days in June.... 9.9
 Highest no. rain days..... 22 in 1978
 Lowest no. rain days..... 0 in 2017

2022 June minimum..... -3.0°C
 June 2022.. Av. max 11.7°C & min 1.2°C
 Hottest June night..... 11°C (7 times)
 1991 (5 times) & 1995 (2 times)
 Coldest June night..... -6°C on 9/6/96
 Average night temp. 2.8°C
 Coldest June..... 2015
 Av. min day temp. 7.5°C & night -0.3°C
 (lowest -0.6°C in 2001)

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



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Bird Of The Month

By Luke Downey

For June I chose the Fuscous Honeyeater, an irregular visitor to the local area, that disperses down from the mountains during the winter months.

Fuscous Honeyeater (*Ptilotula fusca*)

Size: 15-16cm

Status: Uncommon winter migrant

The Fuscous Honeyeater is a medium sized honeyeater, mostly brown all over, darker on the upperparts and head, becoming paler buffy below. The wing edges, tail and head are more olive-yellow-brown than the rest of the body. They have a distinctive yellow streak on the side of the neck, and in winter also have a yellowish bill and eye-ring around a dark eye (both of these become dark during summer when breeding). The name "Fuscous" means a dark sombre brown colour and is a nice description of the brown colouration of this bird. They have a variety of calls, most commonly a whistling "pitty-quoll", and "tew-tew-tew" contact call in flight. Fuscous Honeyeaters usually occur in small groups amongst larger mixed flocks of small birds, especially with other Honeyeaters such as White-naped, Brown-headed and Yellow-faced. They are a migratory species that undertakes short-distance migrations to higher altitudes to breed in the mountains during summer, returning to lower areas in winter. They also move in accordance with the flowering of eucalypts and other trees, since they rely on the nectar (as well as occasional insects) for food. They move around a lot and may only be in one place for a few days before moving on, or could be seen passing through on their autumn or spring migration. They are similar to a few other Honeyeaters such as Yellow-faced and White-plumed but have very plain brown plumage including a completely brown face with the yellow neck streak the main distinctive field mark. Make sure to keep an eye out for Fuscous Honeyeaters as they move down into the local area over the coming winter months.

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The Wamboin Ball

This is written to answer the questions I have been asked about the Christmas in July Ball.

It all started when Trent, Joan and I were talking about the good times we used to have at the annual Wamboin Ball. This led to the idea of 'Why Not'? Trent's daughters, Arillia and Tenille, and their partners, Travis and John enthusiastically took up the idea. Further conversation led to Ken and Deb Gordon, Robert and Marylou Gorham, Matt Hawk and Col Prest joining the planning group.

So you now know whom to blame.

All tables will be professionally decorated and the dinner will be prepared and served by Golden Roast in the Fire Shed. Several people have queried the 'Dress: Formal'. Well unfortunately my dinner suite seems to have shrunk over the last few years so I will accept a thesaurus meaning of the word 'formal' as meaning 'popular in some way'.

All that is needed is your support by the purchase of tickets. There is a limit of 100. And don't fret about the word formal. Any questions give me a call. Lofty Mason 6238 3258.

Wamboin Playgroup Update: June 2023

Our Wamboin Playgroup has recently benefitted from the attendance of many new families from the Bungendore area, with lots of fresh-faced tots excited to make new friends. Even in the chill of winter our littles ones are keen to run around on the canopied play equipment and playgroup cubby house—and in miserable weather, we have plenty of indoor play activities in the heated hall. For us parents and carers, coffee and tea has been keeping us going, served with a healthy dose of chatter and companionship with others while our children play. Denise Lang (playgroup coordinator) has been welcoming carers bringing in clothing to swap or donate to Roundabout Canberra (a local charity group that provides children's clothing and goods to women's shelters), to make the most of what playgroup can offer to carers.

Playgroup is a wonderful place to bond and create memories that last a lifetime! With the play shed nearly bursting with toys big and small, there is something for every child and carer to enjoy. Come be a part of this weekly opportunity for our kids to head outside and get some fresh air, sun and socialisation.

How Wamboin Playgroup Works: Our local playground facilities are fenced in and child safe—so we can let kids run free and enjoy a cuppa with other adults. We are an unstructured Playgroup with lots of space to explore and variety of toys for babies and children. We also organize structured activities based on interest and input, but most of the time, the children decide what they want to do. Playgroup is a great opportunity to introduce our children to each other and establish new friendships.

We kindly request each carer bring prepared fruit to add to a healthy morning tea platter for our children to enjoy. We maintain and encourage a rotating baked goods roster for those who like to get crafty in the kitchen and bring in something tasty. Carers are also requested to bring along any essentials their children may need: water/drink bottles, sunhats, sun cream, etc.

When and Where: If you are home with little ones aged 0-6, please make it a priority to come to our free, local Playgroup every Tuesday from 10-12:00 at the Wamboin Community Hall at 112 Bingley Way.

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Fibre Network update – Wamboin Communications Action Group (WCAG) – May 2023

This network is being built and operated by Opticomm Pty Ltd under contract with the NSW Government. This will see some 1,400 homes and businesses across Wamboin, Bywong and Sutton being connected to a fibre to the premise (FttP) based broadband service. The fibre connection is provided at no cost to residents. Charges to use the network are comparable to NBN related fees and residents can select from any of the over 50 retail service providers listed on Opticomm's web site. Residents can check that their property is included in the rollout and register their contact details at <https://www.opticomm.com.au/nsw-regional-network/>

Opticomm commenced the construction of the network in late 2022, with a target date set for the completion of the network's construction being December 2023 (as announced by the former Deputy Premier).

At this stage WCAG understands that work in Sutton Village and much of Sutton Park (south of the Federal Highway), has largely been completed. Over the last month many Wamboin and Bywong residents have contacted WCAG to ask for advice on when they should expect to see construction taking place in their area and/or being able to be connected. Unfortunately, despite numerous requests over the last six months, WCAG has not been able to obtain any advice on the planned rollout sequence or timeframe from either Opticomm or the Government project team in the Department of Regional NSW.

On 19 May 2023, WCAG met with our new state member Steve Whan to brief him on the project and the importance that the community places in its early completion. During that meeting we emphasised the need to get, at a minimum, an outline of the proposed rollout sequence for the remainder of the year, as well as confirmation that the project is on schedule for completion by the end of 2023.

Finally, some residents in Sutton Park have contacted WCAG recently regarding the Communications Pack they had received regarding the installation of fibre across their property and/or the lead-in to their residence. This correspondence included a request to sign a waiver. The following points summarise what WCAG understands to be the reasons behind this request:

- OptiComm will require access to properties in order to install equipment (if you accept the offer of fibre to the premise).
- The installation and maintenance activity will be carried out by Universal Communications Group (UCG) as OptiComm's approved delivery partner.
- Schedule 3 of the Telecommunications Act 1997 permits OptiComm and UCG (as their delivery partner) to enter and inspect land, install equipment and undertake maintenance to telecommunications facilities at your property (in the same way Telstra may have done over the years).
- UCG will work with you to find the optimal pathway through your property, including the external trenching and fibre installation through to the installation of the Premise Connect Device (PCD) outside your home and the wall penetration through to the Wall Plate and Network Termination Device (NTD) inside your home.
- There are processes to object to proposed activities and / or lodge complaints if you suffer financial loss or damage as a result of carrying out the activities.
- The communications pack also includes a request to waive the required notice period under the Telecommunications Act. i.e. normally the carrier needs to give 10 business days' notice before engaging in activity. OptiComm is asking you to waive this requirement and class the communications pack as this notice.

If you have any questions about this, or require further information, please contact Opticomm either through the "Submit a Question" link on their website (as above) or by phone at 1 300 035 637.



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What the Heck Chapter 13

As I write this it is foggy and cold outside and it makes me wonder why, back in the olden days in the winter months, people attended a church service in buildings that had no heating, like St Peter's at Sutton. I know that then services in Sutton were usually mid-afternoon, but it still would have been cold inside. They must have worn every item of clothing they owned. I remember PC telling me that as a kid he and other kids would sit on the pews shivering from the cold, not praying as the adults were, but praying for the service to finish so they could go outside if the sun was out, or home to the fire.

Even the seventies and eighties services in Wamboin at the community hall would have been a little nippy. Of course the St Andrews building was fitted with inbuilt electric heaters when constructed and has since had split level air conditioning installed, so cold weather services in there are relatively luxurious.

But the faithful who turn up to winter services at St Peters these days still wear multiple layers of clothing, despite the building now having electric heaters. The building was not constructed with insulation properties in mind, just one room with high ceilings and brick walls. But personal warmth is generated by the friendship and worship. Plus the knowledge that it will only be for about one hour, then tea, coffee and cakes will be consumed to warm the inner body.

We must admire those nineteenth and early twentieth century Sutton district people who, rain hail or shine, regularly trotted along to a Sunday service in St Peters. I doubt they had a fancy morning/afternoon tea to look forward to after the service.

When I was a kid, at my churches (we moved a lot when I was young) there was no morning tea. Just before the sermon, all the "young people" would be told to up and leave (much to their pleasure) for another room, or building, for Sunday school, where you could cause havoc in the life of a prim and proper Miss, (or a trembling teenager), by talking and misbehaving as she/he tried to explain one of the NT parables. The only time you were interested was if she/he told an OT story such as the parting of the Red Sea then drowning the baddies, or Joshua marching around Jericho playing a trumpet, or Samson destroying the Temple.

Meanwhile back in the church, I presume the adults (and babies) were listening to the sermon. I do not know because I was not there. (For all I know, they may have been having morning tea.) When the service finished the preacher would walk to the front door, then the congregation would file out and shake his hand as he frantically tried to remember their name, and they would congratulate him on a great sermon, even though some had probably not understood or heard a word he had said. Parents would wander over and collect their offspring from the belief-destroyed teacher, and head back home.

Oh for the "good old days" again. – **Alan Rope**



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May Golf Report

Sunday 7 May 2023. A small group of 10 golfers ventured out to play in the Wamboin Golf competition sponsored this month by the Tim, Vicki, Paul and Dianne. We thank them for the refreshments and prizes.

No visitors as the weather wasn't promising even before the game commenced. Shortly after the commencement of the competition the weather gods decided we needed a winter wonderland and the snow commenced, not stopping for quite a while. The sudden change in weather conditions was more than enough to persuade the majority of players to head back to the warmth and comfort of the 19th hole. Mutterings were heard from a player that he/she couldn't see their ball in the snow. Maybe no complaints next time the prizes include coloured golf balls!

Three brave souls (others used much different language) stayed out to complete their rounds. Sam Urquhart was declared the winner of the 9-hole competition being the only 9-hole player to complete the course. The 18-hole competition was taken out by Glenn Crafter (36 points) from Col Urquhart (35 points). The handicapper will make a decision on whether a penalty other than winning the googly ball should be applied to the golfer (Glenn) who managed to discard a 4 iron into a dam. Perhaps it thought it knew where Col's missing 7-iron was hiding!



Ted's Joke revisited the time Chuck 3, then PoW, awarded the prizes at the 2000 Wamboin Open. The dummy spit was shared by the following complainants: Vicki Still "my handicap dropped" (after a 45 Stableford point round the previous month); Paul Griffin "I can't see my ball in the snow"; Tim Barter "we could go home and sit in front of the fire". All players were deemed to be NTP and LD ball winners because Deb Gordon, the a/g captain, didn't want to go out into the snow to get the markers!!

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Headlights Please. - Kevin Rowe, Regular Hesitant on Norton Road Intersections

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Thank you to each of you who delivered, ran an ad in, or wrote something for this June Whisper.

Contributions to the upcoming July issue will be valued by your fellow residents, who will appreciate your efforts to entertain, invite, inform or educate them. Content needs to be written by residents and signed. It should relate to living out here, and needs to respect the variety of lifestyles and opinions we have. It's a way to donate some entertaining story, fact -- or fiction, if you let readers know it is fiction -- to at least some hundreds of the 1,300 plus homes where one or more neighbours will read your words or see your drawing, probably one some cold winter day. Thanks for anything you can come create. Ned Noel, volunteer editor on behalf of the Wamboin Community Association
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The May market was COLD but attracted a good number of people. Not a lot of produce at this time of year but lots of craft and some excellent second hand clothing!

Of most interest was the 'Christmas in July Ball' table – hopefully lots of locals and their friends will attend and dance the night away! Details elsewhere in the Whisper.

Our **Wamboin Winter Story Competition** is up and running! What better way to spend some of those cold winter days than dreaming up a wonderful story to tell us. We are very lucky to have the generous help of author Jackie French. Many of you will be familiar with her wide variety of books for all ages and her love of the local region. No wonder she signs herself as **Jackie French AM: author, historian, ecologist and honorary wombat!** Let's do her proud and show off our local talent.

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A Chronology of Wamboin and District, Part 16: 2007 to 2011

David McDonald

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

This is the 16th article presenting some items from the Chronology that focus specifically on Wamboin and district, rather than the broader, contextual happenings. It covers the period 2007 to 2011, and future issues will continue the series. The full version of the Chronology at the WCA website provides the documentary sources underpinning these contents and, in some cases, additional information, as well as other entries for the time period covered below.

Date	Occurrence/comment
2007, 29 Jun	<i>The Whisper</i> announced a combined Bywong/Wamboin Short Story Competition with three entry categories: primary school students years 4-6, high school students, and adults. The winning entries were published in <i>The Whisper</i> over the following months. It was organised by a committee led by Nora Stewart.
2008	From this year onwards, '... all Lark Hill estate wines receive "Certified Biodynamic" labelling'.
2008, March	<i>The Palerang and District Bulletin</i> commenced publication in print format, editor Maria Taylor (Bywong resident). It moved to an online format in October 2017.
2008, 16 Mar	Members of the Gearys Gap/Wamboin Landcare Group and the Wamboin Community Association planted some 800 native trees and shrubs along the greenway that cuts across the newly developed Birchmans Estate sub-division.
2008, May	Lofty Mason, Dave Argæet and Charlie Montesin from the Wamboin Community Association met with Palerang Council staff to discuss the proposed Wamboin Locality Sign for the corner of Norton and Sutton Roads. The Dec 2008/Jan 2009 issue of <i>The Whisper</i> (p. 3) reported that 'The locality sign on the corner of Norton and Sutton Roads should be complete by the time you read this. Many thanks to Dave Argæet and his team for all their hard work. It looks great and is a fitting entrance into Wamboin!'
2008, 27 Nov	<i>The Canberra Times</i> advertised the '40 spacious blocks from 2.5Ha to 103.81Ha' for sale in the new sub-division of Birchmans Estate, Wamboin.
2009, Mar	Valuable biographical information was published at the website of the Bywong Community, Inc. on Les Reardon of the 'Clare' property (Edward Leslie Joseph Reardon (1915-1993)), Yarrowlumla Shire Councillor, and of how the Les Reardon Reserve at Bywong came about. Additional information on the origins of the Les Reardon Reserve was published in the March 2009 issue of <i>The Whisper</i> . It corrected and expanded upon information on the topic published in the previous month's <i>Whisper</i> .
2009, Aug	Palerang Council commissioned a cultural heritage assessment of its existing tip site in Macs Reef Road, as part of its proposed waste transfer station development. It reported that 'No previously recorded Aboriginal or historic (European) archaeological sites occur at the tip and no archaeological sites or areas of Aboriginal archaeological potential were located during the survey. The probability that undetected Aboriginal artefact would be impacted by the proposed rehabilitation of the tip is considered low to very low'.
2009, 18 Dec	'In 2009 St Andrew's church held the first of an annual Nativity Pageant in the grounds, with parishioners playing the roles of the humans, along with live animals including sheep and donkeys. These pageants regularly attracted an audience of around 200 local people and continued each Christmas Eve for 9 years. The Pageant was discontinued due to the difficulty in finding enough "actors" to play the parts.'
2010	Publication of what may be the first book on Wamboin: Jenni Colwill & Bruce Bowden's <i>Wander through Wamboin: a celebration of rural living: stories about Wamboin</i> , Frogmouth Communications, Wamboin, NSW.
2010	Early in the year, Telstra applied to construct a mobile phone tower of up to c. 30 metres in height, atop Millpost Hill. The Wamboin Volunteer Rural Fire Brigade strongly supported the proposal on the grounds of community safety. Following community opposition, and Telstra's reconsideration of the location, the proposal was withdrawn.
2010	Publication of Gearys Gap/Wamboin Landcare Group & Taylor, M 2010, <i>Look after your natural assets: Landcare for the bush block and small farm acreage in the upper Murrumbidgee Catchment</i> , 3 rd ed ⁿ , Upper Murrumbidgee Catchment Coordinating Committee, Canberra, A.C.T.
2010, April	Palerang Council's General Manager, and some prominent Councillors, expressed strong opposition to the proposal to replace the Macs Reef Road landfill site with a Waste Transfer Station (WTS) there. Their proposal was for the residents of Wamboin, Bywong and Sutton to take their waste to the Bungendore landfill, and to pay a tip fee there. Council agreed (by one vote) to building the Macs Reef Road WTS, which was opened in December 2014, and the landfill there closed.
c. 2011	Warramunga Greenway created, running between Norton Road and Warramunga Close. Named after the property of the landowners who created the sub-division, Diana and Keith Gascoine. Their property was named after HMAS <i>Warramunga</i> , on which Diana's father served.

Wheels of Wamboin 2023 Wrap

Well, the weather gods were very kind with a wonderful April day for the 2023 Wheels of Wamboin, making the sea of chrome shine.

Over 420 automotive marvels of every colour, shape and size, turned out on the day including trucks, tractors, motorbikes and a caravan (also a 3 wheel Reliant). Once again, the roll up and crowd was huge (over 2000 people went thru the Shannon's Super Rig alone).

The Peoples Choice on the day was a super neat 1972 barbados green HQ ute, runner up in the Cartorque voting was a jade green 1969 Mustang Cobra Jet and third was 2012 76 Series Landcruiser decked out with all the camping gear you would ever need. The Cartorque lucky voter was M Boylan.

I need to make some huge thank you's.

Firstly the Wamboin Rural Fire Service. Without the local folks in the orange shirts the day just would not happen. They handled the parking, entry and fuelled everyone with the BBQ, a true asset to our local community.

Another huge thankyou for our sponsor Shannon's. Steph, Nick and crew, thank you for bringing the Super Rig. It was a huge hit on the day with 2030 people thru it and 900 trying the racing simulators. You really took our little show to another level.

Lastly I need to thank all the enthusiasts for bringing their automotive marvels to our communities little car show so people can dream, reminisce, discuss and enjoy seeing the 100 years of history on display. The quality and variety of display was simply outstanding and we are very humbled that you bring your pride and joy to Wamboin every year.

All funds raised on the day will go to Possumwood Wildlife Hospital, Camp Quality and the Wamboin Rural Fire Service.

Thank you and hopefully see you again in 2024. Remember to follow our Facebook page for a great photo gallery and more updates. - Peter Evans



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Sunday 18 June 2023



KOWEN TRAIL RUN

Crossing the States

Walk/Run	Half	Marathon
12km	21.1km	42.2km
9am	8am	7am

Starting and finishing at the Wamboin & R/P PXQLW +D00, the Kowen Winter Trails is set for Sunday 18 June, 2023.

The race will consist of three distances the Marathon, the Half Marathon and a 12 km Run/Walk. All three events will showcase the beautiful forest and the spectacular views that we enjoy here in Wamboin.

Proceeds from the event will go to the Wamboin Rural Fire Brigade.

All race entries will include a vegetable soup or bacon and egg roll.

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