

A Chronology of Wamboin and District, NSW

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INTRODUCTION AND SYNOPSIS

This is a chronology—a historical timeline—of Wamboin and District. A dictionary definition of a chronology is ‘the arrangement of events or dates in the order of their occurrence’. You can access the latest edition of this document at the Wamboin Community Association’s website <https://www.wamboincommunity.asn.au/localhistory/>. It is updated annually.

Current research indicates that Aboriginal people were the custodians of the lands now known as Wamboin and district for at least 20,000 years, and possibly for a much longer period, prior to the arrival of Europeans. Tobler *et al.* (2017), for example, present evidence ‘... that the settlement of Australia comprised a single, rapid migration along the east and west coasts that reached southern Australia by 49-45’ thousand years ago’.¹

Apparently, no historical documents or locally recorded oral histories have survived that identify how the Aboriginal custodians of the Wamboin district referred to themselves, or what they called their language. As a result, it is not possible to name the custodial group for this area with certainty on the basis of local evidence.

Linguistics research covering the broader National Capital and Monaro regions (notably Koch 2009 & 2010) indicates that the language spoken across much of this wider area was *Ngarigu* (also rendered *Ngarigo*), and that this was the name by which the Monaro people referred to themselves. On linguistic and regional grounds, it is likely that the Aboriginal people of the Wamboin district spoke a language closely related to, and possibly identical with, *Narigu*, although this cannot be demonstrated directly for Wamboin and district itself.

This absence of locally attributable sources reflects the broader historical silencing of Aboriginal voices in the colonial record, rather than an absence of Aboriginal occupation.

The first Europeans to traverse Wamboin and Bywong were Charles Throsby, Joseph Wild, James Vaughan, and two Aboriginal men (possibly Taree and Peroa, neither being from the region), in October 1820. Governor Lachlan Macquarie was visiting Lake George at this time to meet up with Throsby, and to reach (‘discover’) the Murrumbidgee River that Throsby had been told about by Aboriginal people in the Goulburn area.

A project to survey the whole of New South Wales commenced in 1825. The plan was to divide the State into counties and parishes to facilitate land administration. The boundaries of the parishes were set by draughtmen in Sydney, reflecting information received from surveyors. They largely followed the boundaries of already surveyed parcels of land, and natural features such as rivers and mountain ranges.

It is likely that the initial boundaries of the parish of Wamboin were set sometime between November 1864 and February 1866, although the first map of the parish was not published until 1881. ‘Wamboin’ is the anglicised form of a Wiradjuri word for grey kangaroo: ‘wambuwuny’, pronounced ‘wam-bu-woin’. It was probably assigned by the draughtsman who set the boundaries of the parish prior to the land being fully surveyed, probably on the

¹ The body of the Chronology provides the sources of information found in this synopsis, including literature references.

recommendation of a surveyor. The parish is bounded on the east by Turallo Creek, on the west by the Yass River, and on the north and south by the limits of early land grants. In 1981, Wamboin was officially designated as a 'geographical name'.

In 1825, Captain Richard Brooks received a large land grant at the southern end of Lake George, that he named *Turallo* and, by 1828, William Guise was running stock at his 'Bywong' (Sutton) property, and far beyond, presumably into Wamboin and district. Some land grants were made in the area from the 1830s, and most of the land of Wamboin and district was alienated as small selections (40-60 acres) in the 1870s and 1880s. Over the years, many small selections were found to be unviable, owing to their small size, and the land was consolidated into the hands of a small number of pastoralists.

Short-lived, but productive, gold rushes occurred at Brooks Creek (in 1861), Mac's Reef/Newington (1865-66) and Bywong (1895). Wamboin's Wyanga school commenced operating in 1871. It was located between Reedy Creek and today's Weeroona Road, Wamboin. Amungula school (named Woodfield school until 1908) operated on the Bingley family's 'Woodfield' property, Sutton Road between 1888 and 1913. Other schools operated at Bywong.

With the passage of the *Local Government Act 1906* (NSW), the Yarrawlumla Shire was proclaimed, and Yarrawlumla Shire Council was created, with its headquarters in Queanbeyan. This was a disappointment to the people of Bungendore who had expected it to be built there, thus boosting the town's status and resources.

In 1909, the NSW Government transferred land to the Commonwealth for the creation of the Federal Capital Territory. This did not involve any changes to the boundaries of the parish of Wamboin, but it did to the adjacent parishes of Goorooyarroo, Amungula and Majura.

In 1969, the place name 'Bywong' was gazetted. The area was previously known as 'Geary's Gap', though this was not an official geographical name for the locality.

On 2 March 1985 some of the sub-divided section of Wamboin was burned in a terrible bushfire that came from the Majura, ACT, area. It was stopped by a wide fire break bulldozed some 800 m west of Weeroona Drive.

The year 2004 saw the dissolution of Yarrawlumla Shire Council and the proclamation of the Eastern Capital City Regional Council. Its name was changed eight months later to Palerang Council which was, in turn, dissolved and amalgamated with the Queanbeyan City Council in 2016 to create the Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council (QPRC).

The subdivision of the pastoral land and forested country to create Wamboin commenced with an application to Yarrawlumla Shire Council in Nov. 1968 by the Canberra-based developer David Trend Pty Limited (subsequently renamed as Majura Heights Pty Limited). 'Majura Heights' was the name proposed for the subdivision. It was for 10 five/six acre lots between Sutton Road and the longitude of what is now Fernloff Road, an area of 267 acres (1 km²). The land subsequently passed to Taywood Hughes Pty Limited, and then to Norton Tower Pty Limited. The first advertisement published in the *Canberra Times* for the blocks in what became known as Wamboin, then called 'Canberra Country Estate' by the developer Norton Tower Pty Limited, occurred in December 1972. It was the land along Norton Road from Sutton Road to Fernloff Road. Further subdivisions were made as the years progressed.

In 1980 Council officially adopted the name 'Wamboin' for the area, and the following year the Geographical Names Board of NSW formally named the locality as Wamboin. (A 'locality' is the rural equivalent of a 'suburb' in an urban area.) The boundaries of the locality of Wamboin differ from those of the parish of Wamboin.

In 1985, the newly built Wamboin Community Hall was officially opened and, in 1998, the newly constructed St Andrew's Anglican Church was consecrated.

In late 2008 the Wamboin locality entrance sign on the corner of Norton and Sutton Roads was built by Wamboin local Dave Argaet, and his team, under the auspices of the Wamboin Community Association. On 23 January 2023, an ACT-registered car crashed into it, badly damaging the northern end. It was repaired by members of the Argaet family the following January. A time capsule was installed inside the stonework.

December 2022 was the 50th anniversary of the foundation of Wamboin as a rural/residential area. No local events were held to commemorate the occasion.

Please contact the author with any suggestions for additions or corrections to the Chronology.

Note on terminology and sources

In presenting this chronology, I have in many entries retained terms such as 'settlement', 'settlers', 'opening up' the land, and related expressions. These reflect the wording of primary sources (including government records, parish maps, and contemporary newspapers) and the conventions of earlier local histories from which this compilation draws.

Their retention should not be read as implying that these terms are neutral or unproblematic. The Wamboin district was not an empty landscape at the time of European arrival; it was Aboriginal country and, in the view of many, continues to be understood as such, having long been occupied and managed by its traditional custodians. The processes referred to in this chronology—including land grants, clearing, and pastoral expansion—formed part of the broader colonisation of that country and the displacement of its Aboriginal inhabitants.

A fully decolonised vocabulary would require more extensive rewriting and interpretation than is consistent with the present purpose of this document, which is to provide a closely source-based chronological record. Where appropriate, brief qualifications have been included to signal this context.

THE CHRONOLOGY

Date	Occurrence/comment	Sources
c. 444 million years ago	Late Ordovician geological period. Huge volumes of sediments (turbidites) deposited into the deep ocean far off the east coast of the Gondwana mega-continent. Subsequently folded and metamorphosed into the quartz-rich sandstone, siltstone, and shale that we see over most of Wamboin and district today.	Finlayson, D. M. (compiler) 2008, <i>A geological guide to Canberra region and Namadgi National Park</i> , Geological Society of Australia (ACT Division), Canberra.
c. 10-5 million years ago	The tectonic elevation of the Cullerin Uplift/Cullerin Horst during the Late Miocene to Early Pliocene epoch. The downcutting of the Molonglo River gorge kept pace with the uplifting of the lands. The eastern escarpment of the Cullerin Horst blocked the flow of Allianoyonyiga, Taylors, Butmaroo & Turallo Creeks to the Yass River through Gearys Gap, creating Lake George/Weereewaa.	Finlayson, D. M. (compiler) 2008, <i>A geological guide to Canberra region and Namadgi National Park</i> , Geological Society of Australia (ACT Division), Canberra.
c. 50,000 years ago, onwards	Current research suggests that Aboriginal people were the custodians of the lands that we call Wamboin and district for some 20,000 years (and possibly much longer) before Europeans first visited the area. Tobler <i>et al.</i> (2017) present evidence ‘... that the settlement of Australia comprised a single, rapid migration along the east and west coasts that reached southern Australia by 49-45’ thousand years ago. Apparently, no historical documents, nor recorded oral history, exist clarifying what these traditional custodians called themselves, nor what they called their language. We do know, however, from scholarly linguistics research covering the National Capital region more broadly (especially Koch 2009 & 2010), that their language was similar to, if not identical with, that of the Monaro people: the <i>Ngarigu/Ngarigo</i> language, and <i>Ngarigu/Ngarigo</i> was apparently the name the Monaro people called themselves.	Theden-Ringl, F 2016, ‘Aboriginal presence in the High Country: new dates from the Namadgi Ranges in the Australian Capital Territory’, <i>Australian Archaeology</i>, vol. 82, no. 1, pp. 25–42. Tobler, R <i>et al.</i> 2017, ‘Aboriginal mitogenomes reveal 50,000 years of regionalism in Australia’, <i>Nature</i>, vol. 544, no. 7649, pp. 180-4. Koch, HJ 2009, ‘The methodology of reconstructing Indigenous placenames: Australian Capital Territory and south-eastern New South Wales’, in LA Hercus & HJ Koch (eds), <i>Aboriginal placenames: naming and re-naming the Australian landscape</i>, ANU E Press, Canberra. Koch, H 2010, ‘Aboriginal languages and social groups in the Canberra region: interpreting the historical documentation’, in BJ Baker, I Mushin, M Harvey & R Gardner (eds), <i>Indigenous</i>

		<i>language and social identity: papers in honour of Michael Walsh</i> , Pacific Linguistics 626, College of Asia and the Pacific, The Australian National University, Canberra, pp. 123-44.
c. 30,000 years ago	Lake George/Weereewaa at its fullest, extending from north of Collector to south of Bungendore, and overflowing at Gearys Gap into the Yass River drainage system.	Barrow, G 2012, <i>'Magnificent' Lake George: the biography</i> , Dagraja Press, Canberra, A.C.T., p. 3.
1788, 26 Jan	Commencement of the British settlement at Sydney Cove; the creation of the Colony of NSW; and the start of the dispossession of Aboriginal people of their land and the associated devastating impacts on culture, health, ecosystems, and well-being generally.	
1788, 7 Feb	Proclamation of the colony of NSW. All the land was claimed by Gov. Phillip as being in the possession of the British Crown, reflecting the racist colonial myth of <i>terra nullius</i> .	Land and Property Information (N.S.W.) 2013, <i>Searching the Registrar General's maps and plans</i> , Land and Property Information, Sydney.
1792, Feb	Registration of NSW land grants commenced. [The term 'land grant' means 'the alienation of Crown lands (leading to the granting of freehold title)' https://www.records.nsw.gov.au/archives/collections-and-research/guides-and-indexes/land-grants-guide-1788-1856 . Another definition is '... free grants, grants upon purchase, grants upon completion of conditions, and leasehold grants' (Land and Property Information (N.S.W.) 2013, <i>Searching the Registrar General's maps and plans</i> , Land and Property Information, Sydney).]	Land and Property Information (N.S.W.) 2013, <i>Searching the Registrar General's maps and plans</i> , Land and Property Information, Sydney.
1794	The first written record of the name 'Australia' (an anglicised form of <i>Terra Australis</i>) for the part of the Australian continent known at that stage.	Australian National Dictionary Centre (ANDC) 2017, 'Australia', <i>Meanings and origins of Australian words and idioms</i> , ANDC, https://slll.cass.anu.edu.au/centres/andc/meanings-origins/all .
1797, 1 Jul	Introduction of merino sheep to the Colony of NSW.	https://www.nma.gov.au/defining-moments/defining-moments-timeline
1803	'Matthew Flinders' circumnavigation of coast shows New South Wales is not a large island, but part of a continent he suggests be called Australia'.	Museum of Australian Democracy & National Archives of Australia n.d., <i>Documenting a democracy</i> , Museum of Australian Democracy, https://www.foundingdocs.gov.au/timeline.html

1813	Passage across the Blue Mountains found by Blaxland, Wentworth & Lawson, along with their guide James Burn, and four convicts. Aboriginal people had crossed the Great Dividing Range for millennia prior to the arrival of the British settlers.	
1820	Charles Throsby (1777-1828) led a convict party to build a cart road from the Picton area to what is now the Goulburn area, to connect with the newly found route to Bathurst, that would cross the 'Southern Barrier', an easier route to Bathurst than the Blue Mountains crossing.	Bayley, R 2020, 'Historical background - Governor Macquarie's reasons for opening up the "New Country"', <i>The Argyle Bulletin</i> , no. 86, October 2020, pp. 12-25.
1820, Aug	The peak of the Sydney influenza epidemic's devastating impact on mortality rates among the Aboriginal people of the Sydney region, the Southern Highlands and, by extension, the Wamboin district and further inland.	Gojak, D 2019, 'The 1820 influenza outbreak in Sydney and its impact on indigenous and settler populations', <i>Journal of the Royal Australian Historical Society</i> , vol. 105, part 2, p. 197. Dowling, P 2021, <i>Fatal contact: how epidemics nearly wiped out Australia's First Peoples</i> , Monash University Publishing, Clayton, Vic., pp. 158-62.
1820, 19 Aug	Joseph Wild (1773–1847) and party left Throsby's gang constructing a road to the Goulburn area, travelled south, and became the first non-Aboriginal people to visit Lake George/Weereewaa.	Mayer, W 2000, 'In search of a "considerable river": retracing the paths of the early explorers to Lake George, the Limestone Plains and the Murrumbidgee', <i>Canberra Historical Journal</i> , New Series no. 45, pp. 15-24.
1820, 27-28 Oct	Charles Throsby, Joseph Wild, James Vaughan and two Aboriginal men (possibly Taree and Peroa, neither being from the region), traversed Wamboin and Bywong. Route: from the eastern side of Lake George, crossing Turallo Creek, west over the Lake George Range, through what is now the south-eastern part of the locality of Wamboin, to the headwaters of the Yass River in Wamboin, followed the river to the west then north to its junction with Brooks Creek, east along Brooks Creek to Gearys Gap, descended to the lake, south along its western shore then north along the eastern shore to the expedition's starting point. Governor Lachlan Macquarie was visiting Lake George at this time to meet up with Throsby, and to reach ('discover') the Murrumbidgee River that Throsby had been told about by the Aboriginal people in the Goulburn area.	McDonald, D 2020, 'The first Europeans to traverse Wamboin, Bywong and Gearys Gap, part 1 of 2', <i>The Whisper</i> , February 2020, pp. 26-7. ---- 2020, 'The first Europeans to traverse Wamboin, Bywong and Gearys Gap, part 2 of 2', <i>The Whisper</i> , March 2020, pp. 22-3. McDonald, J 2021, 'Aboriginal expertise in the European expeditions to the Canberra district', <i>Canberra Historical Journal</i> , no. 86, pp. 1-13.

		McDonald, J 2023, <i>Canberra I: from antiquity to the invasion</i> , Sorley Boy, Melbourne, pp. 206-7.
1820, 25 Nov	Owing to drought (1818-1820) and a severe grasshopper plague in the Cumberland Plain, with extensive stock losses owing to lack of feed, upon his return to Sydney, Governor Macquarie issued an Order to extend 'temporary relief' to settlers, permitting them to take their cattle and sheep into the 'New Country' as far as the Goulburn/Breadalbane area. 'The publication of this Order on 25 November 1820 marked the real beginning of the great outward spread of pastoralists and graziers which continued into the thirties and forties. It was, however, different from the squatting movement of those decades, though the distinction is more one of legal status than of grazing techniques. Unlike the squatters, these people moved into unoccupied areas with the government's permission, if not its whole-hearted approval.'	Perry, TM 1963, <i>Australia's first frontier: the spread of settlement in New South Wales, 1788-1829</i> , Melbourne University Press in association with the Australian National University, [Carlton, Vic.], p. 33.
1820, Dec	Charles Throsby Smith 1798–1876, Joseph Wild, Constable James Vaughan, and apparently some others, travelled from the Lake George east shore, Lake Road, Gearys Gap, Brooks Creek, Yass River, and Ginns Gap, to the Limestone Plains.	McDonald, D 2020, 'The first Europeans to traverse Wamboin, Bywong and Gearys Gap, part 1 of 2', <i>The Whisper</i> , February 2020, pp. 26-7. ---- 2020, 'The first Europeans to traverse Wamboin, Bywong and Gearys Gap, part 2 of 2', <i>The Whisper</i> , March 2020, pp. 22-3.
1821, Mar	Charles Throsby and Joseph Wild returned to Lake George, travelled south and west to the Molonglo River, and followed it through the Molonglo Gorge to the Limestone Plains, the subsequent location of Canberra.	Dowling, P 2021, 'Reaching the Murrumbidgee: what the first European explorers saw and what they perceived', <i>Canberra Historical Journal</i> , no. 86, p. 18.
1821, 1 Dec	Governor Macquarie's farewell speech, on departing the Colony, began with 'Fellow citizens of Australia!'	<i>Sydney Gazette</i> , 1 December 1821 p. 2a-b.
1822, 30 Jan	First map to show part of what became the Parish of Wamboin. Compiled by NSW Surveyor General John Oxley.	Oxley, John & Arrowsmith, A. 1822, <i>A chart of part of the interior of New South Wales Published by A. Arrowsmith, No. 10 Soho Square, Hydrographer to His Majesty 30th Jany. 1822</i> , London, http://nla.gov.au/nla.obj-232623502 .
1823	The first Australian Constitution (the Crown Colony of NSW).	https://www.aph.gov.au/about_parliament/parliamentary_departments/parliamentary_library/publications_Archive/online/milestones

1824 (possibly earlier)	Sydney-based Captain Richard Brooks (1765–1833) established the ‘Bungendow’/‘Bungandow’ property (including ‘Turalla’), the most southerly inland location at which the colonial settlers had taken up land at that stage. In 1 Dec 1824 he was ‘Allowed temporary occupation of land at the southern end of Lake George for use as a grazing run’. It subsequently became a land grant of 4,000 acres. Writing in 1896, Stewart Mowle, who had a fine command of the local Aboriginal language, emphasised that the name of the locality was pronounced ‘Bungendow’—subsequently Anglicised to ‘Bungendore’. ‘As the largest cattle owner in the country in constant search of new pastures, he was at the frontier of exploration and Aboriginal dispossession. Over twenty geographical place names play tribute to the mark Brooks and his stockmen left in opening up the land for settlement, as he carved out the country’s first cattle empire’ (Maher 2016, p. 10).	Lea-Scarlett, EJ 1968, <i>Queanbeyan: district and people</i>, Queanbeyan Municipal Council, Queanbeyan, N.S.W., p. 227. Maher, C 2016, <i>Richard Brooks: from convict ship captain to pillar of early colonial Australia</i>, Rosenberg, Kenthurst, NSW, pp. 10, 154-5, 166, 232. Clarke, P 2021, ‘Stewart Mowle. A story of European interaction with Aboriginal people on the Limestone Plains’, <i>Canberra Historical Journal</i>, no. 86, , p. 40.
1824	It has long been accepted that, probably near the end of the year, the first European settlement on the Molonglo River occurred: crown land was occupied there, prior to survey, by employees of Joshua John Moore, the Prothonotary of the Supreme Court of NSW (e.g., Watson 1931). McDonald (2021), however, has presented a strong argument that, in the May-July period, Owen Bowen established his ‘Molonglo’ dairy-cattle run at the Molonglo Plain [Carwoola], so his was the first European settlement in the greater Canberra region, not Moore’s.	Watson, F 1931, ‘Special article - Canberra past and present’, in <i>Official year book of the Commonwealth of Australia</i>, no. 24-1931, ABS cat. no. 1301.0, Commonwealth Bureau of Census and Statistics, Canberra, p. 458. McDonald, J 2021, ‘A new chronology for the first pastoral stations on the Molonglo, Part 1: Canberry’, <i>Quinbean</i>, vol. 14, no. 2, pp. 24-36.
1825	Colony of NSW: ‘In 1825 the sale of land by private tender began (<i>Instructions</i> to Governor Brisbane, 17 July 1825, HRA 1.12.107-125). There were still to be grants without purchase but they were not to exceed 2,560 acres or be less than 320 acres unless in the immediate vicinity of a town or village.’	Museums of History NSW, ‘Land grants guide, 1788-1856’, https://mhns.w.au/guides/land-grants-guide-1788-1856/
1825	‘In 1825 Governor Brisbane was ordered to undertake a general survey of the colony of New South Wales and break it up into counties for the purpose of land administration. Each county was to be divided into parishes, the boundaries of which were fixed by convenience such as following the border of surveyed land or natural features like rivers.’	Land and Property Information (N.S.W.) 2013, <i>Historical parish maps</i>, Land and Property Information, Sydney, p. 1, https://rg-guidelines.nswlrs.com.au/Home/fact_sheets
1825	First European settlement at Gundaroo. Gundaroo subsequently became the village serving the settlers in Wamboin and district before a road to Bungendore was built nearly 50 years later.	Lea-Scarlett, EJ 1972, <i>Gundaroo</i>, Roebuck Society Publication no. 10, Roebuck Society, Canberra, p. 3.

1826-1829	Severe drought in the colony led graziers to move from Sydney to the inland seeking viable pastures for their stock, 'accelerating colonisation'.	e.g. McDonald, J 2023, <i>Canberra II: colonisation (1824-61)</i> , Sorley Boy, Melbourne. p. 46.
1826, 5 Sep	'By a Government order on 5 September 1826 Governor Darling created an area known as the "limits of location". Settlers were only allowed to take up land within this area. 'A further Government order on 14 October 1829 increased this area of approved settlement to include an area called the Nineteen Counties.' The area that Wamboin and district now occupy lay inside the south-western edge of the Nineteen Counties, as the Murrumbidgee River constituted the boundary.	NSW State Archives & Records n.d., Crown Lands Occupation Guide, https://www.records.nsw.gov.au/archives/collections-and-research/guides-and-indexes/crown-lands-occupation-guide .
1827	'In 1827, the Bungendow run [including what became Brooks' 'Turalla' property] affected by a severe drought which soon became prolonged, forcing the district's stockmen to look for new pastures for the starving animals' in the Monaro district.	Maher, C 2016, <i>Richard Brooks: from convict ship captain to pillar of early colonial Australia</i> , Rosenberg, Kenthurst, NSW, p. 193.
1828	William Guise (1797-1850) running stock at his 'Bywong' (Sutton) property, and far beyond, including into the area we now call Wamboin.	Lea-Scarlett, EJ 1972, <i>Gundaroo</i> , Roebuck Society Publication no. 10, Roebuck Society, Canberra. Blackmore-Lee, T 2006, <i>Monaro Pioneers: Guise family of Jerribiggery</i> , http://www.monaropioneers.com/guise-r&w.htm .
1828, May	Robert Dixon undertook the first survey of the area, a feature survey only. 'Dixon's survey in 1828 and 1829 permitted the proclamation in October 1829 of the Country (<i>sic</i>) of Murray, the area within a radius of about thirty-five miles of where the town of Queanbeyan later developed' (p. 4).	Lea-Scarlett, EJ 1972, <i>Gundaroo</i> , Roebuck Society Publication no. 10, Roebuck Society, Canberra.
1828, Aug	Surveyor General Major Thomas Mitchell and surveyor Robert Dixon established, at the north-west part of Lake George, the first baseline for a trigonometrical survey of NSW, enabling them to produce the first accurate maps of the colony. It was one mile in length, measured using two tent poles as the datum. The baseline can be seen at the north-west extremity of Lake George, marked as 'Base', in Mitchell's 1834 map of the colony (see below).	Barrow, G 2012, <i>'Magnificent' Lake George: the biography</i> , Dagraja Press, Canberra, A.C.T., pp. 56-7. McLean, JB 1967, A short history of the trigonometrical survey of New South Wales. A paper presented to the N.S.W. Lands Department Staff Surveyors' Conference, 1967', <i>The Australian Surveyor</i> , June, 1967, p. 137.

1828, Nov	The first census of the Colony of NSW. 'The NSW Census of 1828 recorded that there were 126 persons living at twenty different places in the County Murray, although the boundaries had not been officially defined. At Captain Richard Brook's Bungandow (Bungendore) property eighteen people were employed, and Bowen and Balcombe on the Molonglo River had another thirty' (p. 16). 'The 1828 Census recorded that of the 126 persons living in County Murray, 73 were convicts and by 1836 50% of the population were convicts, that is 864. This created an uneasy situation between those who were free and those who weren't' (p. 18).	Plowman, S 2008, <i>Thematic history: Lake George, Molonglo Valley & Burra, Palerang Council New South Wales</i>, Victoria Design & Management Pty Ltd, Canberra. The <i>Census Act 1828</i> (NSW) is at http://classic.austlii.edu.au/au/legis/nsw/num_act/ca1828n4123/
1829, 14 Oct	Notification of the initial boundaries of the County of Murray. The northern boundary of the county was a line running east-west through Gearys Gap, some 20 km south of its current border which is near Collector. The western boundary was the Murrumbidgee River, meaning that Wamboin and district lay within the 'limits of location' that the county boundary defined. The county was named after Sir George Murray (1772-1846), the British secretary of state for the colonies.	<i>Sydney Gazette and New South Wales Advertiser</i>, 17 October 1829, p. 1, http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-page497917 Australian Dictionary of Biography (ADB) 1967, <i>Murray, Sir George (1772–1846)</i>, ADB, National Centre of Biography, Australian National University, Canberra.
1830	'The Aborigines' disappearance from the [southern] tablelands [of NSW] was speeded by the smallpox epidemic in 1830, ...'.	Flood, J 1980, <i>The moth hunters: Aboriginal prehistory of the Australian Alps</i>, Australian Institute of Aboriginal Studies, Canberra, p. 37).
1831	NSW crown lands first disposed of by public competition (auction). The practice of making land grants free of charge ceased. 'Following this, land was sold by public auction without restrictions being placed on the area to be acquired. After 1831 the only land that could be made available for sale was within the Nineteen Counties. This restriction was brought about to reduce the cost of administration and to stem the flow of settlers to the outer areas.'	NSW State Archives and Records n.d., <i>Land Grants Guide, 1788-1856</i>, https://www.records.nsw.gov.au/archives/collections-and-research/guides-and-indexes/land-grants-guide-1788-1856.

1834	First map of the Colony showing details of the area surrounding Wamboin. Lake George was shown as 'LAKE GEORGE (Werriwa)'. Compiled by Surveyor General Thomas Mitchell. Brooks' 'Bungandow' property (now 'Turalla') is shown as such. The Yass River is shown only north of where Sutton is now. The baseline for the first trigonometrical survey of the Colony can be seen at the north-west extremity of Lake George, marked as 'Base'. See 1828, above.	Mitchell, TL 1834, To the Right Honorable Edward Geoffrey Smith Stanley this map of the Colony of New South Wales/compiled from actual measurements with the chain & circumferenter, and according to a trigonometrical survey is (with the greatest respect), dedicated by his most obedient humble servant T.L. Mitchell, Surveyor General; drawn by T.L. Mitchell; engraved by John Carmichael, Sydney; republished in London, http://nla.gov.au/nla.obj-230696897.
1834, 27-28 Jan	Dr John Lhotsky travelled a little to the west of Wamboin on his journey from Sydney to the Limestone Plain, thence to the Australian Alps.	Lhotsky, J, (Andrews, Alan E. J., ed.), 1835/1979, <i>A journey from Sydney to the Australian Alps, undertaken in the months of January, February and March, 1834</i>, Blubber Head Press, Hobart, pp. 52-5.
1835, Jan	Surveyor Robert Hoddle reserved the land between the Yass River and McLaughlins Creek for the location of a village, later named Sutton.	McNeill, A & Walker, A 2019, <i>Sutton stories: in the words of the locals: 150 years 1867-2017</i>, Sutton and District Community Association Inc., Sutton, NSW., pp. 3-4.
1835, 4 Aug	Enactment of the NSW <i>Stage Carriages Act 1835</i> no. 7a. It introduced licensing of stage carriages/coaches, and established the first set of regulations for the industry in the Colony. The stage coaches were carrying passengers, cargo and mail from Bungonia to Queanbeyan via Boro and Bungendore as early as 1842.	https://www8.austlii.edu.au/cgi-bin/viewdb/au/legis/nsw/num_act/sca1835n7167/ Setter, K c. 2023, <i>Stagecoaches and Royal Mail: southeastern New South Wales 1841 to 1913</i>, the author, Moruya, NSW, p. 6.
1836, 2 Sep	Census of the Colony of NSW. The County of Murray had a population of 1,728 people. This included 1,466 males (58% of whom were convicts) and 262 females (5% convicts).	New South Wales, Colonial Secretary's Office & New South Wales, Governor 1837, <i>Abstract of the number of inhabitants in the colony of New South Wales: according to a census taken the</i>

		2nd September, 1836, Colonial Secretary's Office, [Sydney].
1837-1838-1839	Drought in the Lake George area, and beyond: 'This year, 1838, was the middle of the great drought of 1837, 38, & 39. Water, feed and every necessary (<i>sic</i>) for stock had disappeared and nothing would grow.'	Clarke, P 2021, 'Stewart Mowle. A story of European interaction with Aboriginal people on the Limestone Plains', <i>Canberra Historical Journal</i> , no. 86, p. 36.
1837	Second map of the Colony showing details of the area surrounding Wamboin. Weereewaa name not mentioned, just 'Lake George'. 'Bungendore' spelled the old way: 'Bungandow'. Compiled by surveyor Robert Dixon.	Dixon, R & Walker, JC 1837, <i>This map of the Colony of New South Wales: exhibiting the situation and extent of the appropriated lands, including the countries, towns, village, reserves &c</i> , J. Cross, London, https://nla.gov.au/nla.obj-231316713
1837	Lake George dry. The Goulburn/Queanbeyan road crossed it from Kennys Point on the eastern side to Gearys Gap on the western.	Lea-Scarlett 1972, <i>Gundaroo</i> , Roebuck Society Publication no. 10, Roebuck Society, Canberra, pp. 19-20.
1837	Stephen Burcher of Liverpool applied for land in Wamboin on behalf of William Guise of 'Bywong' station (Sutton). '...although unsuccessful in his bid, [Burcher] is commemorated in "Bircham's Creek" which, with Kowan Creek, forms the source of the Yass River.' Hence Birchmans Estate, Wamboin.	Lea-Scarlett 1972, <i>Gundaroo</i> , Roebuck Society Publication no. 10, Roebuck Society, Canberra, p. 14.
1837, 12 April	Apparently the first land grant in what became the Parish of Wamboin: James Anlezark (c. 1806–1874) purchased at auction a 640 acre (one square mile) portion of land. The Forest Road/Forest Lane intersection is the NE corner of his block. Note: some sources—including some early editions of the parish map—incorrectly show his brother John (1812– 1889) as the grantee.	NSW Land Registry Services
1837, 5 Sep	Township of Bungendore gazetted, and plan issued.	<i>New South Wales Government Gazette</i> , 6 September 1837, p. 621, http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article230670602
1837-1838	Leahy family patriarch Daniel Leahy (c. 1795-1893), matriarch Hororah/Honora Leahy née Cronin (c. 1810–1885), and their children, immigrants from Co. Kerry, Ireland, settled at Back Creek, Gundaroo. Both Daniel and Hororah were born in Co. Kerry, Ireland. Their son John, and grandsons, created the 'Clare' property at Wamboin/Bywong.	https://www.bellsite.id.au/gdbtree/HTMLFiles/HTMLFiles_69/P29865.html , Lea-Scarlett 1972 & Proctor 2001, p. 178.
1838, 11 Apr	William Guise of 'Bywong' station (Sutton) purchased at auction two contiguous 640 acre portions of land on Kowen Creek, the headwaters of the Yass River. The property became known as 'Glencohen' and 'Glenkowan'. After a number of owners, in 1863 it became part of the Campbell family's 'Duntroon Estate'.	NSW Land Registry Services Cross, RL 1985, <i>Bygone Queanbeyan</i> , rev. edn, Queanbeyan Publishing Co., Queanbeyan, N.S.W., pp. 49-51.

1838, 28 Sep	Township of Queanbeyan gazetted, and plan issued.	<i>New South Wales Government Gazette</i> , 10 October 1838, p. 820, http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article230387415
1839, 16 Feb	William Moore (c. 1778–1861) purchased at auction 640 acres towards the headwaters of Brooks Creek, 'Creekborough'. Its SW corner straddles the Macs Reef/Bungendore Road junction; Brooks Creek runs through its western section.	NSW Land Registry Services
1840s	The first wave of bushrangers in the area.	Queanbeyan and District Historical Museum Society (QDHMS) n.d. (c. 2014), <i>Queanbeyan's timeline</i> , QDHMS, https://queanbeyanmuseum.org.au/queanbeyans-timeline/ .
1840	'By 1840 the County of Murray had virtually no crown land left, and the thirty holdings had decreased to about 12 substantial properties following amalgamations of original grants.'	Plowman, S 2008, <i>Thematic history: Lake George, Molonglo Valley & Burra, Palerang Council New South Wales</i> , Victoria Design & Management Pty Ltd, Canberra, p. 17.
1840, 22 May	Abolition of convict transportation to NSW. 'New South Wales ceased to be a penal colony. It was now defined as a free Colony in which the institutions of a free and, ultimately, democratic polity could evolve.'	Museum of Australian Democracy & National Archives of Australia n.d., <i>Documenting a democracy</i> , Museum of Australian Democracy, https://www.foundingdocs.gov.au/item-sdid-76.html
1840, Jun	Daniel Geary's 'Currency Lad' hotel opened on land leased from William Packer at the top of Gearys Gap.	Lea-Scarlett, EJ 1972, <i>Gundaroo</i> , Roebuck Society Publication no. 10, Roebuck Society, Canberra, p. 20.
1841	The second edition of Robert Dixon's map of the colony of NSW was published, showing Wamboin area landholdings acquired since publication of the first edition in 1837.	J. & C. Walker. & Cross, Joseph. & Dixon, Robert 1841, <i>This map of the colony of New South Wales: exhibiting the situation and extent of the appropriated lands ... dedicated to Sir John Barrow ... by ... Robert Dixon / engraved by J & C. Walker</i> , London http://nla.gov.au/nla.obj-230011468 .

1841, 12 Mar	Notices gazetted of 'Sale of Land' in 'parish unnamed <i>near Bungendore</i> ': four 640 acre (one square mile) blocks in the eastern part of what became the parishes of Wamboin and Bywong, three abutting James Anlezark's one square mile, and one abutting William Moore's one square mile block to its north-west ('Creekborough'). None of these four blocks existed by the time the first parish maps of the area were published in 1881; the land was then all small selections.	NSW <i>Government Gazette</i> , no. 20, 12 Mar 1841, pp. 354-5.
1843	Apparently the first (albeit unofficial) map of the County of Murray published.	Baker, W & Mitchell, Thomas 1843, <i>A map of the County of Murray dedicated by permission to Sir T.L. Mitchell, Knt., Surveyor General of New South Wales Printed and published by W. Baker</i> , [Sydney], http://nla.gov.au/nla.obj-2236342845
1843, 16 Jun	Commencement of semi-representative government in NSW, under the <i>Act for the Government of New South Wales and Van Diemen's Land 1842</i> (UK). "..... The first election held in NSW whereby men of property could be elected to the Legislative Council, members previously having been appointed by the Governor' (Davis 2001). Terence Aubrey Murray (1810–1873) was elected unopposed to the United Counties of Murray, King and Georgiana. He was knighted in February 1869. The Chief Polling Place was Yass. As a result of the election, the Legislative Council had 36 members, 24 of whom were elected and 12 appointed by the Governor. This was the first election ever to take place in Australia: https://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/about/Pages/1843-to-1855-Towards-Responsible-Government.aspx .	Parliament of NSW n.d., '1843 to 1855 - Towards Responsible Government', https://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/about/Pages/1843-to-1855-Towards-Responsible-Government.aspx . And see Davis, J 2021, <i>Politics in Queanbeyan – from the counties to Federation</i> , online summary, Joanna Davis Publishing, viewed 27 Sep. 2021, http://joannadavispublishing.com/politics-in-queanbeyan-from-the-counties-to-federation/ .
1843, 24 Aug	Commencement of local government in NSW under the <i>Act for the Government of New South Wales and Van Diemen's Land 1842</i> (UK). The Queanbeyan District Council was proclaimed on this date, covering the Queanbeyan Police District (which included Wamboin & district). The population covered by the District was 922 (1841 census), 69 permanent houses, 1,890 sq. miles (4,895 sq km) in area, largest centre Queanbeyan which had a population of 72. The appointed Warden of the District Council was James Fitzgerald Murray, (1805-1856). Six Councillors were also appointed, one of whom was Nathaniel Powell (1812-1874), a prominent landowner in the Turalla/Wamboin area. (NSW <i>Government Gazette</i> , 29 Aug 1843 (No. 72), p. 1117.)	Larcombe, FA 1973, <i>The origin of local government in New South Wales, 1831-58</i> , History of local government in New South Wales, v. 1, Sydney University Press in association with the Local Government Association of New South Wales and the Shires Association of New South Wales, Sydney, pp. 205-11.

1844, 8 Feb	Land granted to the Queanbeyan Presbyterian Church for Queanbeyan's first officially recognised cemetery, based on a survey conducted by James Larmer the previous year. The Church of England, Roman Catholic, and Methodist sections were subsequently added, creating the Riverside Cemetery. Some Wamboin and Bywong pioneers were buried there, others at the Bungendore Cemetery. Sadly, many of their graves are unmarked.	O'Keefe, B 2007, 'Queanbeyan Riverside Cemetery' (MS available from the QPRC Heritage Library).
1848	The Village Reserve of Gundaroo surveyed by John F Mann. Gundaroo became the main commercial focus of the few people in the Lake George Ranges, i.e., the Wamboin area.	Lea-Scarlett, EJ 1972, <i>Gundaroo</i> , Roebuck Society Publication no. 10, Roebuck Society, Canberra, p. 28.
1848	Wells' dictionary/gazetteer published this year recorded that the County of Murray had a population of 2,721, including 1,803 males and 918 females, as well as 351 houses, 2,821 horses, 23,036 head of horned cattle, 1,172 pigs and 265,028 sheep. Length 98 miles, breadth 44 miles, 1,458,080 acres. 'The towns are Queanbeyan, the capital ..., Bungendore, Yass, and Larbert. Wyanga, Wamboin, Sutton and Amungula are not mentioned, though Bywong is.	Wells, WH 1848, <i>A geographical dictionary, or, Gazetteer of the Australian colonies: their physical and political geography, together with a brief notice of all the capitals, principal towns, and villages, also of rivers, bays, gulfs, mountains, population, and general statistics</i> , W. & F. Ford, Sydney, p. 276.
1848, Sep	Survey of the site for the General Cemetery at Bungendore by JF Mann. Some Wamboin and Bywong pioneers are buried there; others at Queanbeyan's Riverside Cemetery. Sadly, many of their graves are unmarked.	NSW Surveyor General's Crown Plans, Item No: [Map2102], Sep 1848, https://records-primo.hosted.exlibrisgroup.com/permalink/f/1ebnd1l/INDEX1475951 .
1849	Richard Hyles (1808 - 1886) & Amelia Hyles (1808 - 1880) arrived in Bungendore from the UK. Their descendants became prominent landholders in Wamboin until 1950, and continue to farm, and have other occupations, in the broader region.	Gallagher, NJ & Lee, BR 2020, <i>Bungendore - a chronology</i> , [Neville Gallagher], n.p. Harvey, I n.d., <i>Monaro pioneers</i> , http://www.monaropioneers.com/ .
1850s-1860s	"The pattern of [Aboriginal] population loss increased dramatically [in the Canberra region] during the 1850s and 1860s, when Aborigines were faced by a range of new diseases such as measles, particularly the epidemic of 1862, influenza, whooping cough and tuberculosis. ... Epidemics of measles and influenza were common in the 1860s, and was said (by Schumack (<i>sic</i>)) to have decimated the local Aboriginal population.' [The reference to 'Schumack' is, correctly, Shumack, S 1967, <i>An autobiography, or, Tales and legends of Canberra pioneers</i> , Australian National University Press, Canberra.] '...effectively Aboriginal traditional life had expired by 1850' in the Southern Tablelands area.	Flood, J 1996, <i>Moth hunters of the Australian Capital Territory: Aboriginal traditional life in the Canberra region</i> , J.M. Flood, Downer, A.C.T., p. 39. New South Wales Heritage Office & New South Wales Department of Urban Affairs and Planning 1996, <i>Regional histories of New South Wales</i> , the authors, Sydney, p. 108.

1850	The 'Currency Lad' hotel, established at the top of Gearys Gap by Daniel Geary in 1840, by now owned by another publican, closed.	Lea-Scarlett, EJ 1972, <i>Gundaroo</i> , Roebuck Society Publication no. 10, Roebuck Society, Canberra, p. 20.
1850, 17 Mar	William Guise, who had established the 'Bywong' property in the 1820s, died at the age of 53. The property, that was made up of 17 separate land grants, was subdivided. Many of his landholdings, including the 'Woodbury' and 'Woodlands' blocks in the Sutton/Bywong area, were bequeathed to his surviving son and daughters	Lea-Scarlett, EJ 1972, <i>Gundaroo</i> , Roebuck Society Publication no. 10, Roebuck Society, Canberra, p. 26.
1851, 25 May	'The foundation stone of St Mary's [Catholic Church] was laid on 25 May 1851 but building did not begin immediately'. The church is assumed to have been opened in 1862 (<i>sic</i>). Location: 28 Turallo Terrace, Bungendore.	History of St Mary's: a short history of the construction and opening of St Mary's Catholic Church, n.d., https://stmarysbungendore.org.au/history-of-st-marys/ .
1852	Rev. W.B. Clarke, Government Geologist, searched for potential mineral deposits in the area, and '... concluded that gold would be found at Bywong, Brooks Creek, Gundaroo Creek and along the Yass River at various points for ten or fourteen miles downstream ...' from Bywong Hill.	Clarke, WB 1860, <i>Researches in the southern gold fields of New South Wales</i> , Reading & Wellbank, Sydney, p. 238, cited in Lea-Scarlett, EJ 1972, <i>Gundaroo</i> , Roebuck Society Publication no. 10, Roebuck Society, Canberra, p. 80.
1856	NSW achieved responsible self-government. 'On 22 May 1856, the bicameral New South Wales Parliament opened and sat for the first time.' Daniel Egan (b. Windsor NSW 1803?, d. Watsons Bay NSW, 16.10.1870), was elected to the electoral district of Maneroo (the name was later changed to Monaro) at the first election for the NSW Legislative Assembly, held on 16 Apr. 1856. 'Only men aged over 21 who owned at least a certain amount of land or had above a certain income, could vote' (Wikipedia: '1856 New South Wales colonial election').	https://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/about/Pages/1856-to-1889-Responsible-Government-and-Colonial-.aspx . Walsh, GP, 'Egan, Daniel (1803–1870)', <i>Australian Dictionary of Biography</i> , National Centre of Biography, Australian National University, published first in hardcopy 1972, https://adb.anu.edu.au/biography/egan-daniel-3471/text5311 . Wikipedia contributors 2021, 'Candidates of the 1856 New South Wales colonial election, <i>Wikipedia, The Free Encyclopedia</i> , https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Candidates_of_the_1856_New_South_Wales_colonial

		_election
1856, 01 Mar	Civil registration of births, deaths and marriages commenced in NSW. Earlier records were created and maintained by the churches.	https://www.nsw.gov.au/births-deaths-marriages/about-us/history-of-registry
1860s	The second wave of bushrangers in the area.	Queanbeyan and District Historical Museum Society (QDHMS) n.d. (c. 2014), <i>Queanbeyan's timeline</i> , QDHMS, https://queanbeyanmuseum.org.au/queanbeyans-timeline/ .
1861	Selection (conditional purchases of land) period legislated. 'In 1861 Crown land management was reformed with two Acts, which included the introduction of John Robertson's scheme of "free selection before survey". The <i>Crown Lands Alienation Act</i> 1861 dealt with the sale of land and the <i>Crown Lands Occupation Act</i> 1861 allowed for the leasing of Crown Land.' Most of Wamboin was alienated as small selections (40-60 acres) in the 1870s and 1880s. These were a combination of conditional purchases and conditional leases (see 1884, below).	NSW State Archives and Records n.d., <i>Conditional Purchase of Crown Land Guide</i> , https://www.records.nsw.gov.au/archives/collections-and-research/guides-and-indexes/conditional-purchase-crown-land-guide .
1861	Gold rush on Brooks Creek. Although the main miners' camps and mining activity were far downstream from Wamboin, in the vicinity of Brooks Creek Lane in the locality of Gundaroo, the full length of the creek seems to have been prospected for alluvial gold.	Lea-Scarlett, EJ 1972, <i>Gundaroo</i> , Roebuck Society Publication no. 10, Roebuck Society, Canberra. McGowan, B 1996, <i>Lost mines revisited: historic mining communities of the Monaro, Southern Tablelands and South West Slopes Districts of New South Wales</i> , B. McGowan, Canberra, pp. 103-22.
1862	William Bingley (1817-1893) selected his first block on Roadside Creek (now named Amungula Creek, Sutton Road), having arrived in the Queanbeyan area from Yorkshire, England, in the 1840s, with his wife Esther Bingley née McDonald (1816-1886). Their son Thomas (1849-1937) and his wife Victoria Alberta Australia Rowley (1850-1941) later built their home further east near the Yass River and named it "Woodfield". A photograph of Thomas Bingley is image no. 80 in Lea-Scarlett, EJ 1972, <i>Gundaroo</i> , Roebuck Society Publication no. 10, Roebuck Society, Canberra.	Anon. 2018, 'Vale: Edwin Stanley "Stan" Bingley (16 May 1923-4 October 2018)', <i>The Whisper</i> , Dec. 2018/Jan. 2019, p. 18. Fletcher, E (ed.) 1993, <i>Biographical register of the Australian Capital Territory, 1820-1911</i> , Heraldry & Genealogy Society of Canberra, Canberra.

1863, 1 Jan	The Torrens Title system of land ownership, registration and transfer commenced operation in NSW, implementing the provisions of the <i>Real Property Act 1862</i> (NSW), replacing the previous common law Old System which was based upon a chain of deeds.	<i>Torrens title information and search guide</i> , 2013, Land & Property Information, Sydney.
1863	John Murphy of the 'Creekborough' property received what appears to be the first land grant in what became the Parish of Wamboin following the commencement of Torrens Title land registration: portion 17, a square 50 acre block on the eastern side of Reedy Creek, about half a mile south of the Gundaroo (now Bungendore) Road. Some of his descendants still live in the area.	NSW Land Registry Services
1863	'In 1863 a threatened epidemic of smallpox caused great excitement throughout the country. The Government sent supplies of vaccine lymph to all Government Medical Officers with instructions to vaccinate all children. Dr Hayley of Queanbeyan operated on a dozen children ...'. Although scholarly research confirms that there was no outbreak of smallpox in NSW at that time, the threat was real owing to a serious epidemic of smallpox in England, and the ease with which it could have been conveyed to the Colony by ship.	Shumack, S & Shumack, JE (eds) 1977, <i>An autobiography, or, Tales and legends of Canberra pioneers</i> , Canberra Companions, Australian National University Press, Canberra. p. 38. 'Small Pox', <i>New South Wales Government Gazette</i> , 14 July 1863, p. 1522, http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article225833524 .
1864	Commencement of a severe drought in the area. Damaging floods came in spring 1887, and drought returned for the 1888 year. Poor farmers were characterised as 'possum and bear-eating peasantry whose only animal food in 'sixty-six was supplied by the carcasses of the marsupial denizens (<i>sic</i>) of the forest ; who, for bread, ate bran and pollard and found their vegetables in the indigenous roots and herbs of the virgin soil; ... 'Bears' = Koalas.	Gale, J 1867, <i>Queanbeyan Age</i> , 15 August 1867, p. 4, http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article30577255 . Australia, National Climate Centre, Bureau of Meteorology 1988, 'Drought in Australia', in <i>Year Book Australia, 1988</i> , Commonwealth Bureau of Census and Statistics, Canberra.
1864, 19 Apr	John Leahy (1837-1907), who created the 'Clare' property which covered much of eastern Wamboin and parts of Bywong, and who was the landlord of the Harp Inn (now the Lake George Hotel), Bungendore, was fined 5/- for allowing card-playing on his hotel's premises.	'Police Court', <i>The Golden Age</i> (Queanbeyan), 21 Apr 1864, p. 2
1864-1866	It is likely that the parish of Wamboin was created on a date between November 1864 and February 1866. The Surveyor General's Regulations of 1864 specified that the creation of parishes was not proclaimed. 'Wamboin' is the anglicised form of a Wiradjuri word for grey kangaroo: 'wambuuwayn' or 'wambuwuny'. It was probably assigned by the draughtsperson who set the boundaries of the parish prior to the land being fully surveyed.	McDonald, D 2018, 'The parish of Wamboin: its creation and the parish map', <i>The Whisper</i> , November 2018, pp. 20. Grant, SS & Rudder, J 2018, <i>Wiradjuri Language Dictionary</i> , Wiradjuri Condobolin Corporation Limited, Canberra.

1865-1866	The most productive period in the Mac's Reef/Newington gold field. And note the 'Hit-or-Miss' goldmine owned by Arthur Cronk; his son Arthur changed his name to Shepherd (Lea-Scarlett 1972, p. 90). 'The Hit or Miss area is at the southern end of Denley Drive some distance from Mac's Reef. It consists of a deeper mine shaft close to which are the remains of a two roomed stone building. On the opposite side of the road is another building comprised of brick, stone and pise, with parts of the walls are still standing. The remains are of significance for they are far more substantial than most other structures on the Gundaroo goldfields. Norm Moore has stated that the mine was owned by the Shepherd family before they commenced operations in Bywong. Other local informants have stated that the mine was highly profitable and that one of the buildings was a hotel and the other a miner's residence' (McGowan 1996, p. 105).	Lea-Scarlett, EJ 1972, <i>Gundaroo</i>, Roebuck Society Publication no. 10, Roebuck Society, Canberra. McGowan, B 1996, <i>Lost mines revisited: historic mining communities of the Monaro, Southern Tablelands and South West Slopes Districts of New South Wales</i>, B. McGowan, Canberra.
1865, 4 Mar	Ben Hall, Johnny Gilbert & John Dunn held up the Gundaroo mail coach at Gearys Gap.	'Halls gang at Lake George', <i>The Sydney Morning Herald</i>, 13 Mar 1865, p. 5, http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article13106661 Gale, J 1927, 1977, <i>Canberra: history of and legends relating to the Federal Capital Territory of the Commonwealth of Australia</i>, Facsimile series, Library of Australian History, North Sydney, N.S.W., pp. 38-40.
1865, 14 May	St Phillip's Anglican Church, cnr Gibraltar and Butmaroo Streets, Bungendore, was opened by the Lord Bishop of Goulburn. It was consecrated in 1872 after it had been paid for.	Osborne, S 2015, <i>A small church in a small town: St Philip's Church, Bungendore 1864-2014</i> , [Sally Osborne], [Bungendore, NSW], p. 14.
1866, 1 Feb	First published mention located of the Parish of Wamboin: a notification of approved claims for pre-emptive rights to leases of three portions of land by John Murphy of 'Creekborough'. One of the portions may have been that mentioned above: his 1863 land grant.	<i>New South Wales Government Gazette</i> , 1 February 1866 (No. 33 (Supplement)), p. 333.
1866, Nov	'By November 1866 Newington [the Mac's Reef mining settlement] was almost totally abandoned and dismantled.'	McGowan, B 1994, <i>Lost mines: historic mining sites in the Monaro-Southern tablelands districts of New South Wales</i> , Barry McGowan, Canberra, A.C.T., p. 105.
1867, Jan	Government Surveyor George Robarts (<i>sic</i>) Smalley (1822–1870) received instructions to measure, at Lake George, a new baseline for the trigonometrical survey of the colony, a more accurate one than that measured by Mitchell in 1828. It was completed in 1869, on what are now the 'Lakelands' and 'Turalla' properties. A huge flood in 1870 covered the baseline, so Surveyor General Philip Francis Adams (1828–1901) measured a	Plumb, MB & (Samuel Edmonstone Plumb) 1872, 'The base-line of the trigonometrical survey of New South Wales, in course of measurement at Lake George', <i>The Goulburn Herald and</i>

	new one, above the flood level, about half a mile east of Smalley's, which was also flooded. On 2 January 1873 the marking of a third and final line was commenced, and it was completed on 31 Jan 1874. The North Base and the South Base can be seen in Google Earth and other satellite imagery at -35.167400, 149.472107 and -35.237701, 149.423706, respectively.	<i>Chronicle</i>, 11 May 1872, http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article101092448. Anon. 1874, 'The base line at Lake George', <i>Australian Town and Country Journal</i>, 21 Mar 1874, http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article70473274. Baracchi, P 1914, <i>Chapter VIII: astronomy and geodesy in Australia, Part 7</i> The Commonwealth of Australia; Federal Handbook, prepared in connection with the eighty-fourth meeting of the British Association for the Advancement of Science, held in Australia, August, 1914, British Association for the Advancement of Science.
1867, Apr	Sutton's first church, a Wesleyan (Methodist) chapel, was dedicated by Rev'd John Clifton, and used as a place of worship and a part-time school until 1883. It was transported to the Village from Newington on Macs Reef Road and placed on the Wesleyan Church Reserve, adjacent to the location of the present Sutton Public School.	St Peter's Church, Sutton: information signboard created in 2017 from research conducted by Jodie Hadlow. McNeill, A & Walker, A 2019, <i>Sutton stories: in the words of the locals: 150 years 1867-2017</i>, Sutton and District Community Association Inc., Sutton, NSW., p. 15.
1867, 5 Jul	Village of Sutton gazetted.	McNeill, A & Walker, A 2019, <i>Sutton stories: in the words of the locals: 150 years 1867-2017</i> , Sutton and District Community Association Inc., Sutton, NSW.
1867, 18 Oct	'An inquest was held on Friday, the 18th instant, at Creekboro, near Bungendore, before Dr Morton, district coroner and a jury of twelve, upon view of the body of Austin Smith, then and there lying dead. We take the following particulars of the sad occurrence which caused his death from the evidence :—Deceased was fifteen years old, and was with an elder brother on the previous day riding in the bush collecting horses. Deceased was riding a quiet horse but when the accident occurred was galloping after some horses in open forest land. For a few minutes his brother lost sight of him, and then discovered him under a tree lying on his side. Deceased was pale, his breathing was hard and quick, and he complained of being hurt all over. He also said	Fatal accident at Bungendore', <i>Queanbeyan Age</i> , 26 Oct 1867, p. 4.

	the horse fell over on him. No blood came from any part of the body. His brother ran to Mr Byrne's for assistance, and afterwards for his father. Deceased died where he lay, in about three-quarters of an hour after the occurrence, and while Mr Byrne was with him. The jury returned a verdict that deceased died from injuries received by falling from his horse.'	
1868	Publication of 'Part of plan of a road from Collector to Queanbeyan, Parishes of Pialligo and Goorooyarroo, County of Murray. Proposed to be opened as a Parish Road ... in lieu of Road Confirmed in the Government Gazette of 12 th Sep ^r 1865 ...'. Drawn by J W Deering, Government Surveyor. It covers what is now Sutton Road (formerly Yass Road) from just south of Gambells Travelling Stock Reserve to just north of today's Pialligo Avenue.	http://nla.gov.au/nla.obj-234003817
1870, Apr-May	Massive drought-breaking rainfall; flooding of the Yass River. Lake George filled, flooding the Queanbeyan/Gearys Gap/Collector road, so the Marked Tree Road was opened (on 31 May) to connect Goulburn to Collector and Gundaroo, thence to Queanbeyan.	Lea-Scarlett, EJ 1972, <i>Gundaroo</i> , Roebuck Society Publication no. 10, Roebuck Society, Canberra, pp. 46-7.
1870, 18 Aug	The NSW Government called for tenders to construct a road through Smiths Gap as part of the construction of the Bungendore-Gundaroo Road, known as 'Gundaroo Road' until 1998 when it became 'Bungendore Road'.	<i>Queanbeyan Age</i> , 18 August 1870, p. 3.
1871, 1 May	Sutton Public School established as a Provisional School. It operated in the Wesleyan/Methodist Chapel 'which was situated in the field west of the present school buildings'.	Lord, R 1996, <i>Sutton Public School: 125 years of education: 1871-1996</i> , Sutton Public School, Sutton, NSW.
1871, Aug	Wamboin's Wyanga school commenced operating as a private school. Located between Reedy Creek and Weeroona Road, Wamboin. First teacher Samuel Edmonstone Plumb (1827-?). Closed permanently in Dec 1874. A photograph of the school building captioned 'Wyanga School. Reconstructed as a shed at Turalla Reserve, Bungendore, 1971' faces p. 162 in Lea-Scarlett, EJ 1972, <i>Gundaroo</i> , Roebuck Society Publication no. 10, Roebuck Society, Canberra.	Lea-Scarlett, EJ 1972 (b), 'Magnum Bonum Plumb--terror of the Australian bush. A study of the teaching career of Samuel Edmonstone Plumb', <i>Descent</i> , vol. 6, pt. 1, T. D. Mutch Memorial Lecture, read before the Society of Australian Genealogists, 17 August 1972, pp. 3-29. McDonald, D 2019, 'Wamboin's Wyanga School', <i>The Whisper</i> , March 2019, pp. 29-30.
1871, 15 Dec	A massive aerolite—a meteorite made of stone—was seen and heard across the region. 'Last Friday, soon after midday, a noise like thunder, or the report of a cannon followed by reverbrations (<i>sic</i>), was heard in Queanbeyan, but as the sky was at the time perfectly free from thunderclouds it was thought by some who heard it that the report was that of an earthquake, although no agitation of the earth was felt ... The persons who were travelling with Hamilton's panorama were about a mile beyond Bungendore, shortly before noon on Friday, and saw coming from the direction of Queanbeyan, and approaching the earth as it fell, a huge ball of fire followed by a dense train of smoke.'	'Local and District News, Fall of an Aerolite', <i>Queanbeyan Age</i> , 21 Dec 1871. p. 2, http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article30582474 .
1872	A new map of the County of Murray published. The map was drawn by George Bishop while he was a draftsman in the NSW Surveyor-General's office, 1866-1870.	Basch & Co. & Bishop, George, 1872 <i>County of Murray, N.S.W.</i>

		http://nla.gov.au/nla.obj-231004552
1872, Nov	The Colony of NSW was connected to London by telegraph lines.	Todd, J 2004, <i>For good measure: the making of Australia's measurement system</i> , Allen & Unwin, Crows Nest, NSW, p. 25.
1873, 10 Jan	Gundaroo Gold Field proclaimed. It included all of today's Wamboin and Bywong.	<i>New South Wales Government Gazette</i> , 10 January 1873 (No. 10), p. 71.
1873, 20 May	Notification of the Smiths Gap Travelling Stock Reserve: reserved from sale for the camping of travelling stock, C.R. no. 33, parish of Wamboin, 'on the Gundaroo and Bungendore Road', 35 acres (14 ha). The old parish maps, however, show the date as 20 Jun 1873, possibly owing to the reservation procedures under the <i>Crown Lands Alienation Act</i> of 1861. It lies on the southern side of Bungendore Road, approximately half on the flat land at the foot of the Lake George Range, and the rest on the hill above the quarry (which is in the TSR). Now Travelling Stock Reserve R1001963, category 2, i.e., 'TSRs that are used for travelling stock, emergency management or biosecurity purposes, but they are also important and used for other reasons, e.g. biodiversity conservation, Aboriginal cultural heritage or recreational purposes'. 8.92 ha in size, just 60% of the original size. Named after Smiths Gap. This name was used locally for the Gap since the 1860s, but was not gazetted until 2019. The road through the Gap ('Gundaroo Road') was opened in late 1870 or early 1871. Probably named after William John Smith ((1824-1896) and his family who had selections at the top of the Gap.	RESERVE FROM SALE FOR CAMPING, <i>New South Wales Government Gazette</i>, 20 May 1873, p. 1450, http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article223099707. McDonald, D 2019, 'Smiths Gap: its history and naming', <i>The Whisper</i>, July 2019, pp. 22-3.
1874, 31 Jan	Completion of the third and final baseline for the trigonometrical survey of NSW at the south-eastern end of Lake George. One source states that a fourth baseline was subsequently marked, completed in 1884 (Plowman 2009), but this is incorrect.	Anon. 1874, 'The base line at Lake George', <i>Australian Town and Country Journal</i>, 21 Mar 1874, http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article70473274. Baracchi, P 1914, Chapter VIII: astronomy and geodesy in Australia, Part 7 The Commonwealth of Australia; Federal Handbook, prepared in connection with the eighty-fourth meeting of the British Association for the Advancement of Science, held in Australia, August, 1914, British Association for the Advancement of Science.

		Plowman, S 2009, <i>Heritage inventory: Lake George, Molonglo Valley & Burra</i> , Palerang Council New South Wales, vol. II, Victoria Design & Management Pty Ltd, Canberra, item IS9
1874, 13 Feb	Unusually severe bushfires in the area, with Queanbeyan virtually surrounded by fire. 'It is said that on one side of the road for nearly the whole of the distance from Queanbeyan to Gundaroo the bush is, or has been on fire ...'.	'Bush fires', <i>Queanbeyan Age</i> , 13 February 1874, p. 2, http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article30595354 .
1874, 13 Feb	A newspaper report was published recounting how three young women, accompanying the teacher at the Wyanga (Wamboin) School, bravely defended themselves from being attacked by 'a monster kangaroo'.	'A kangaroo killed by four young ladies', <i>Queanbeyan Age</i> , 13 February 1874, p. 2, http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article30595354 .
1875, 11 Aug	Bungendore's St. John's Presbyterian Church Foundation Stone laid. The church was demolished in 1886 as its location was needed for the new Bungendore railway station, and a new St. John's was built on Butmaroo Street.	Gallagher, NJ & Lee, BR 2020, <i>Bungendore - a chronology</i> , [Neville Gallagher], n.p., p. 6.16.
1876	The extension of the triangulation for the survey of NSW from the Lake George baseline commenced this year. Apparently the first trig station used for the triangulation to the west of the baseline was Purrorumba trig, on the Lake George Range above Silver Wattle. The land on which it was/is located was reserved for trigonometrical purposes on 29 September 1888 (https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/219883083).	Furber, TF 1898, 'The trigonometrical survey of New South Wales, with mention of similar surveys in other Australian colonies', in A Liversidge (ed.), <i>Report of the seventh meeting of the Australasian Association for the Advancement of Science held at Sydney, 1898</i> , the Association, Sydney, Jan. 10, 1898, Section A, Paper 4, pp. 176-237 (plus maps/illustrations), p. 178 & plate IV following p. 237.
1876	Deadly epidemic of scarlet fever in Queanbeyan and district.	'The ferocious epidemic of scarlet fever in 1876 claimed three children of James Schofield, the [Queanbeyan] bootmaker, within a fortnight' (Lea-Scarlett, EJ 1968, <i>Queanbeyan: district and people</i> , Queanbeyan Municipal Council, Queanbeyan, N.S.W., p. 159).
1876, 9-10 Sep	Apparently, the heaviest recorded snowfall in the area: 'The snow continued all night. When day broke it was on a white world. Over four feet of snow covered that part of the country. Hardly a fence was visible, only the posts being out of the snow.'	'Braidwood's biggest snowstorm: old resident's memories', <i>Braidwood Review and District Advocate</i> , 29 July 1941, p. 3,

		https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/119346238 . 'Heavy snowstorm', <i>The Goulburn Herald and Chronicle</i> , 13 Sep 1876, p. 2, https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/page/9512084
1878	Epidemic of typhoid fever in Queanbeyan and district.	'Typhoid fever in Queanbeyan', 1878, <i>Queanbeyan Age</i> , 15 June, http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article30673550 .
1878, Jun	The telegraph line reached Bungendore from Goulburn.	Gallagher, NJ & Lee, BR 2020, <i>Bungendore - a chronology</i> , [Neville Gallagher], n.p.
1880s	The limekiln on 'Millpost' Station is believed to have operated there from the 1880s to at least 1919. Unfortunately, it is not on the Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council's Heritage Register.	Plowman, S 2009, <i>Heritage inventory: Lake George, Molonglo Valley & Burra, Palerang Council New South Wales</i> , vol. II, Victoria Design & Management Pty Ltd, Canberra, item IS3.
1880	'The Old Coach Road was constructed in 1880 to link the rural settlements of the Canberra/Queanbeyan region to the railhead which at the time terminated at Bungendore' (NTA 2011, p. 13). '... the main route which linked the early rural settlements in the Canberra/Queanbeyan region to Bungendore, Lake Bathurst and eventually Sydney. It was also a link between Bungendore and Gundaroo, offering a much shorter route than the former way via Queanbeyan and Canberra. ... It soon became an important road linking dotted homesteads and isolated rural regions to the railhead at Bungendore after 1885' (ACT 2011, p. 7). From Mulligans Flat to Macs Reef Road and the current Bungendore Road (then called Gundaroo Road).	National Trust of Australia (ACT) 2011, <i>A heritage tour: Northern Centenary Border walks</i>, ACT Government, Canberra. Australian Capital Territory 2011, Heritage (Decision about Registration for the Old Coach Road, Gungahlin) Notice 2011, <i>Notifiable Instrument NI 2011 - 642, made under the Heritage Act 2004 section 42 Notice of Decision about Registration</i>, Canberra.
1880, 12 Jan	'CHRISTMAS and New Year's Day passed away very quietly in our little town, as there were no sports of any description. There were races held at Creekborough (about four miles from town) on New Year's Day. These are the first races which have ever been held at that place; but I hear they intend having them annually ...'. William Moore (c. 1778–1861) purchased at auction 640 acres towards the headwaters of Brooks Creek, and the property was named 'Creekborough'. Its SW corner straddles the Macs Reef/Bungendore Road junction.	'Bungendore', <i>Goulburn Herald and Chronicle</i>, 12 Jan 1880, p. 2. Sheedy's oral history interviews with Pat Matthews (1970-1971) state that the races were at 'The Forest' property.

1881	The first editions of the Parish of Wamboin, Parish of Amungula & Parish of Majura maps published, each priced one shilling.	Historical Land Records Viewer http://hlrv.nswlrs.com.au/ . <i>New South Wales Government Gazette</i> , 7 February 1882 (No.52), p. 684
1881, 12 Sep	Notification of Schofields Travelling Stock Reserve as a Camping and Water Reserve, no. 125, County of Murray. 'Area about 60 acres', i.e. 24 ha. On both sides of Bungendore Road; a triangle with its southern point at the Gum Flat Creek crossing. It is now Travelling Stock Reserve R1002475, category 5, i.e., 'TSRs that are no longer used or valued' for any of the reasons that apply to the other categories. 3.6 ha. And see 14 Aug 1886 when its status and reserve number changed. James Schofield (former convict, b. 1807, Lancashire, England, d. 1901 at Emu Creek, Bywong) and his wife Maria Schofield née Ablett (b. 1815 Richmond NSW, d. 08 Jan 1884 at Creekborough, Bywong), were pioneer settlers of the area. (Source of genealogical data: Ancestry.com)	RESERVES FROM SALE FOR CAMPING AND WATER SUPPLY, <i>New South Wales Government Gazette</i> , 12 September 1881 (No. 360 (SUPPLEMENT)), page 4663, http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article221619271 .
1882, 13 Jan	The first edition of the Parish of Bywong map advertised for sale, price one shilling. The map appears to be lost as it not catalogued at the National Library of Australia nor the State Library of NSW, and is not accessible at the NSW Historical Land Records Viewer.	MAPS FOR SALE, <i>New South Wales Government Gazette</i> , 13 January 1882, page 167,
1882, 29 Jun	A meeting was held at the Temperance Hall in Queanbeyan on this date '... for the purpose of completing the organisation of a lands and roads association for the Queanbeyan district. There was a large attendance. The Hon. L. Fane De Salis M.L.C., by the unanimous request of the meeting took the chair ...'. Among the committee members elected by the meeting were James O'Hara and Bernard Cunningham, representing the 'Creekburra' road, i.e. today's Bungendore Road.	'Queanbeyan', <i>Goulburn Evening Penny Post</i> , 6 Jul 1882, p. 4.
1882, 22 Sep	Many of the earliest NSW parish maps and other documents recording land dealings, etc., were destroyed when the Garden Palace Exhibition Building in Sydney's Royal Botanic Gardens burned down. Most of colony's official maps were stored there while the Lands Department's building on Bridge Street was being constructed.	https://www.records.nsw.gov.au/archives/magazine/galleries/garden-palace-fire
1882, 17 Oct	The NSW Surveyor General reported that 'Twenty-two [maps of the] parishes of the county of Murray have been compiled with the assistance of the "trig points," the relative positions of which have been determined by the trigonometrical survey ...' The article adds: 'During 1881, observations of the principle (<i>sic</i>) series of triangles connecting the base lines at Richmond and Lake George were completed. with the exception of those at one station. This long series extending over 250 miles, will supply a reliable test of the accuracy of the whole survey.'	Anon. 1882, 'Local News and Notes - Survey Report', <i>Queanbeyan Age</i> , 17 October 1882, p. 2, http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article30679313 .
1883, 15 Mar	Michael James Day (1859 - 1924) was granted a Conditional Purchase in the centre of the parish of Wamboin, 640 acres (one square mile). The centre of the block was in the Weeroona Drive/Majors Close vicinity. It was the largest selection granted in the parish during the selection era, the only selection of one square mile. Over the years, he and his son of the same name had several landholdings in Bungendore and beyond.	Wamboin parish map, 2 nd edition. Procter, P (ed.) 2001, <i>Biographical register of Canberra and Queanbeyan: from the district to the Australian Capital Territory 1820-1930: with Bungendore, Captains Flat, Michelago, Tharwa, Uriarra, Hall,</i>

	The Wamboin property is described by Gallagher (2025, p. 4.1): 'During his lifetime he [Michael James Day snr] and Charlotte assembled a diverse property portfolio including ... a 640-acre property near Creekborough ...'.	<i>Gundaroo, Gunning, Collector and Tarago</i> , The Heraldry & Genealogy Society of Canberra, Canberra (A.C.T.), p. 75. Gallagher, NJ 2025, <i>The Days of Hillside</i> , the author, [Broulee, NSW].
1884 onwards	A large proportion of the land of Wamboin was alienated by means of conditional leaseholds, i.e. an extension of the selection process: 'The [NSW] <i>Crown Lands Act 1884</i> made provision for conditional leaseholds for land adjoining existing conditional purchases. They were not to exceed three times the area of the conditional purchase.'	NSW State Archives and Records n.d., <i>Conditional Purchase of Crown Land Guide</i> , https://www.records.nsw.gov.au/archives/collections-and-research/guides-and-indexes/conditional-purchase-crown-land-guide .
1885, 4 Mar	Bungendore railway station opened.	Gallagher, NJ & Lee, BR 2020, <i>Bungendore - a chronology</i> , [Neville Gallagher], n.p.
1886	Publication of the <i>Picturesque atlas of Australasia</i> which includes the 'Railway postal & telegraph map of New South Wales'. The map shows, <i>inter alia</i> , the postal routes and telegraph lines servicing our district then.	MacDonald, D & Picturesque Atlas Publishing Company 1886, <i>Railway postal & telegraph map of New South Wales</i> , The Picturesque Atlas Publishing Co., Sydney, 1 map, http://nla.gov.au/nla.obj-148371808 .
1886, 14 Aug	Notification of Schofield's Travelling Stock Reserve as a Camping and Water Reserve, no. 2,141, 'area about 60 acres', i.e. 24 ha. On both sides of Bungendore Road; a triangle with its southern point at the Gum Flat Creek crossing. It is now Travelling Stock Reserve R1002475, 3.6 ha. Initially reserved, with a different reserve number, in the <i>Gazette</i> of 12 Sep 1881.	'Revocation of temporary reserves', <i>New South Wales Government Gazette</i> , 14 Aug 1886, p. 5510, http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article222754223 .
1886, 28 Aug	Gazettal of the Smalley Trig Station Reserve, trig no. 2,316, 10 acres, atop Smalley Hill on the Lake George Range, some 3 km east of Glendale Lane, Bywong. It forms the apex of an equilateral triangle with the Lake George Baseline of the Trigonometrical Survey of NSW. The trig station is remarkable (perhaps unique for NSW) in that it is a stone tower, apparently 2.15 metres wide and 4.8 metres high, said to be 'officially' named 'Smalley's Tower'. (The tower's name is not on the NSW Place Names Register.)	'Reserve from sale for trigonometrical purposes', <i>New South Wales Government Gazette</i> , 28 Aug 1886, p. 5848. Tim the Yowie Man 2016 (updated 2018), 'Colossal cuttlefish', <i>Canberra Times</i> , 8 Dec 2016.
1886, 10 Oct	St John's Presbyterian Church, 48A Butmaroo Street, Bungendore, was opened by the Rev. Dr. Steel, following the demolition of the original one to allow for the construction of the Bungendore railway station. Construction was financed '.. with compensation funds paid by railway authorities' (Plowman 2008, p. 42).	Churches Australia 2019, <i>St John's Uniting Church - former</i> , https://www.churchesaustralia.org/list-of-

	'The building was owned by the Presbyterian Church until 1997 and was sold to a buyer who lovingly converted it into a comfortable home' (https://www.allhomes.com.au/news/enchanting-former-bungendore-church-775428).	churches/denominations/ uniting-church-in-australia/directory/3354-st-johnand%2339%3Bs-uniting-church-former Plowman, S 2008, <i>Thematic history: Lake George, Molonglo Valley & Burra, Palerang Council New South Wales</i>, Victoria Design & Management Pty Ltd, Canberra.
1888	First official, government-published map of the County of Murray issued.	New South Wales. Department of Lands 1888, <i>Map of the County of Murray, Eastern Division N.S.W.</i>, http://nla.gov.au/nla.obj-233902109.
1888	1888 drought.	https://theconversation.com/recent-australian-droughts-may-be-the-worst-in-800-years-94292
1888, 02 Jun	Millpost Trig reserve notified, number 6,427, 10 acres. It has line-of-sight to Smalley trig and Purrorumba trig, both on Lake George Range, and to Schofield trig. Both the Smalley & Purrorumba trigs have line of sight to the trigonometrical baseline of NSW near the south-eastern part of Lake George.	'Reserves from sale for trigonometrical purposes', <i>New South Wales Government Gazette</i> 2 June 1888 (No.357 (Supplement)), p. 3854.
1888, 13 Jan	Ten conditional purchases—selections—were resumed by the NSW Government for the building of the road from the Queanbeyan/Bungendore Road (now Bungendore Road/Kings Highway) to the Bungendore/Gundaroo Road (now Bungendore Road, Bywong) at Creekborough. The selections involved were those of John Leahy, Blenner P Leahy, and Martin Campbell. The current Kowen Road, running north-east from near the southern end of Sutton Road, is what remains of this old road. It joined Bungendore Road near where Reedy Creek crosses it, immediately south of the Macs Reef Road intersection.	'Land resumed for road under 110th section of Act 48 Victoria no. 18.—Land District of Queanbeyan', <i>New South Wales Government Gazette</i>, Issue no. 36. 13 Jan 1888, p. 264, http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article219936901
1888, 8 Jun	See 13 Jan 1888, above. Gazettal of the 'Formal Opening of Parish Road' from what is now Sutton Road at the Kowen Road junction, Kowen Road, Welchs Road, north-east to the Wirreanda Road's south-western bend, then roughly north-east along the western side of Reedy Creek (much of Weeroona Drive is on the old road's alignment) to join Bungendore Road at the former 'Creekborough' property, immediately south of the Macs Reef Road intersection.	<i>New South Wales Government Gazette</i>, 8 June 1888 (No.373), p 4038.
1888, Sep	The Amungula school commenced as a provisional school called Woodfield on the Bingley family's 'Woodfield' property. The name was changed to Amungula school in December 1908. The school closed in Nov 1913.	Gillespie, LL 1999, <i>Early education and schools in the Canberra region: a history of</i>

		<i>early education in the region</i> , The Wizard Canberra Local History Series, L. Gillespie, Campbell, A.C.T.
1890s	The 1890s Depression, and the accompanying financial crisis, was described (in 2001) as 'the most severe in Australia's history'.	Fitz-Gibbon, B & Gizycki, M 2001, <i>A history of last-resort lending and other support for troubled financial institutions in Australia</i> , Research discussion paper, Reserve Bank of Australia, Sydney, p. 21.
1890	Thomas Bingley used his thrashing machine '.... to saw timber for Schofield's bridge at Emu Flat on the Bungendore-road'.	Lea-Scarlett, EJ 1972, <i>Gundaroo</i> , Roebuck Society Publication no. 10, Roebuck Society, Canberra. p. 99.
1890	The Bungendore School of Arts was built. (Perhaps some of the residents of Wamboin and district were members?)	Davenport, J & Gillespie, S 1990, <i>A walk around historic Bungendore village</i> , revised edn, Bungendore and District Historical Society, [Bungendore, N.S.W.], p. 15.
1891	Second edition of the Parish of Wamboin map published. It was placed on sale on 26 Jun 1891, price 1/-.	Historical Land Records Viewer http://hlrv.nswlrs.com.au/ http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article222097836
1891, 5 Apr	Census of the Colony of NSW. 'The 1891 Census was the first to survive in substance after the 1841 Census. Records of the intervening censuses are believed to have been destroyed in the Garden Palace fire on 22 September 1882'. Wamboin & Bywong were in the census district of Queanbeyan.	NSW State Archives & Records, 'The 1891 census', https://www.records.nsw.gov.au/archives/collections-and-research/guides-and-indexes/census-1891 .
1893, 7 Oct	Poppet Trig reserve notified, number 18,762, 10 acres. At an altitude of 918 metres, it is the highest hill in the locality of Wamboin.	'Reserves from sale for trigonometrical purposes', <i>New South Wales Government Gazette</i> , 7 October 1893, p. 7874.
1894, 1 Jan	Bywong Receiving Office opened at the Village of Bywong, Thomas Earnshaw was the receiving office-keeper. 'The main function of a Receiving Office was the acceptance and delivery of correspondence for residents in the locality, the receipt and despatch of mail bags to the nominated Post Offices, and the sale of postage stamps.' The receiving office-keeper was paid a small allowance.	Hopson, NC & Tobin, R 1991, <i>N.S.W. and A.C.T. post, receiving, telegraph & telephone offices: their circular date-stamps and postal history</i> , vol. 1, the author s, Sydney, pp. 7, B-53.
1895	Bywong gold rush.	Lea-Scarlett, EJ 1972, <i>Gundaroo</i> , Roebuck Society Publication no. 10, Roebuck Society, Canberra.

1895	Alexander Johnston's gold battery commenced operating at what is now Schofield Road, Bywong in mid-1895. Part of the battery, and the associated dam, can still be seen there today. The battery, and the Bywong Mining Area of which it was a part, are listed in the database of the Register of the National Estate as 'Indicative Places', but were never formally nominated: https://www.environment.gov.au/cgi-bin/ahdb/search.pl . Both are on the Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council's Heritage Register.	'Bungendore', <i>Goulburn Evening Penny Post</i>, 8 August 1895, p. 4. Plowman, S 2009, <i>Heritage inventory: Lake George, Molonglo Valley & Burra, Palerang Council New South Wales</i>, vol. II, Victoria Design & Management Pty Ltd, Canberra.
1895	The Annual Report of the NSW Department of Mines and Agriculture for this year included a detailed report by the Government Geologist, Mr JE Carne, on the Bywong goldfield. Between pages 136 & 137 is a sketch map of the land holding/mines/etc.	Department of Mines and Agriculture, NSW 1895, <i>Annual report of the Department of Mines and Agriculture</i> , NSW Government Printer, Sydney, pp. 132-8.
1895, 27 Feb	Village of Bywong 'reserved from sale for gold-mining purposes'. '... containing an area of about 60 acres'.	<i>New South Wales Government Gazette</i> , 27 Feb 1895, p. 1415.
1895, Dec	'Surveyor Goodrich laid out a village of Bywong (commonly called "Bywong Reefs") with 4 streets – Burbong, Bungendore, Burra and Gundaroo'. The surveyor was actually JF (John Fowell) Camden Goodridge. Goodridge's surname is frequently mis-spelled, by people who rely on secondary sources, as Goodrich.	Lea-Scarlett, EJ 1972, <i>Gundaroo</i>, Roebuck Society Publication no. 10, Roebuck Society, Canberra, p. 87. Simpson, P 2020, <i>Historical guide to New South Wales</i>, Australian Scholarly Publishing, North Melbourne, Vic., p. 139.
1895-1902	Federation drought. 'The Federation Drought from 1895 to 1903 was the worst in Australia's history, if measured by the enormous stock losses it caused.' Source: National Museum of Australia https://www.nma.gov.au/defining-moments/resources/federation-drought.	Bureau of Meteorology [c. 2020], <i>Previous droughts</i>, http://www.bom.gov.au/climate/drought/knowledge-centre/previous-droughts.shtml.
1895, 1 May	Bywong Receiving Office at the Village of Bywong upgraded to Bywong Post Office, Thomas Earnshaw the Postmaster.	Hopson, NC & Tobin, R 1991, <i>N.S.W. and A.C.T. post, receiving, telegraph & telephone offices: their circular date-stamps and postal history</i> , vol. 1, the authors, Sydney, p. B-53.
1895, Oct to 1896, Jan	The 1895–96 heatwave: 'The heatwave that prevailed during October 1895–January 1896 ranks as the most devastating, protracted, continent-wide period of heat experienced since European settlement ... The two greatest heatwaves of the "dust bowl" era, 1895–96 and 1939, now rank among the most lethal natural disasters in Australian history ...' (Godfree 2025, p. 191). 'THE weather still continues unbearably hot. The past few days it has been over 100° in a cool shade, and	Godfree, R 2025, <i>Drought country: the dry times that have shaped Australia</i> , CSIRO Publishing, Clayton, Vic.,

	everything has been suffering from the effects of it ... but Saturday was as hot as previous days, and ever since it has been unbearable ...' (Goulburn Evening Penny Post, 1896, p. 4).	'Gundaroo', <i>Goulburn Evening Penny Post</i> , 16 January 1896.
1896, Jan	Part of the impact of the Federation Drought was extensive bushfires across the 'lake ranges' extending to the outskirts of Bungendore, and beyond: 'On Monday heavy fires burst out at the back of the lake ranges, and on account of the fierce wind blowing the flames soon came over the range and down towards the lake ... Another fire broke out yesterday near Bingley's battery and has done a deal of havoc. The wind makes it almost impossible to battle with the flames. In some cases men were hardly able to get away on horseback out of the road of the flames.' (Thomas Bingley's battery was at Emu Creek, Bywong.)	<i>Goulburn Evening Penny Post</i> , 9 January 1896, p. 4.
1896, 7 Aug	A highly festive event took place at the Village of Bywong Public School, with many local luminaries present. Trees were planted, prizes were awarded to some of the school's leading pupils, refreshments enjoyed, and sports conducted. A fine day was had by all! Old-timer Patrick Joseph Bede Donnelly, J.P. (1842-1913) '... said he had been asked to say a few words. It was a pleasure and a surprise to him to see the transformation that Bywong Hills had undergone, and when he looked back to his boyhood's days, when only the kangaroo, wallaby, bear, and opossum had inhabited this part, it showed how civilisation was advancing.'	'Arbor Day at Bywong', <i>Goulburn Evening Penny Post</i> , 11 Aug 1896, p. 4, http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article98560774 .
1897	'By 1897 Bywong [mining settlement] was reported as almost deserted.'	McGowan, B 1994, <i>Lost mines: historic mining sites in the Monaro-Southern tablelands districts of New South Wales</i> , Barry McGowan, Canberra, A.C.T., p. 109.
1897	'In 1897, arrangements were made for the [Queanbeyan School of Arts] to be accessible to country members in ways that was of use to them, being that they could access the library at any hour of the day on application to the Committee or Mrs Annie Fallick.' (Perhaps some of the residents of Wamboin and district were members?)	Davis, J 2022, 'The Queanbeyan Mechanics Institute', <i>Quinbean</i> , vol. 15, no. 3, pp. 9-25. p. 22.
1897, 13 Feb	Gambles Travelling Stock Reserve notified, T.S.&C.R. (Travelling Stock and Camping Reserve) no. 25,432, 'about 140 acres', i.e. 56 ha, seven times larger than it is now. The block to the west, that used to be part of the TSR, is now a privately owned nature reserve. On Amungula Creek (formerly known as Roadside/Road Side Creek and Doughboy Creek), about 2 km south of the Sutton Road/Gambell Road intersection. Now TSR no. R25432, category 2, i.e., 'TSRs that are used for travelling stock, emergency management or biosecurity purposes, but they are also important and used for other reasons, e.g. biodiversity conservation, Aboriginal cultural heritage or recreational purposes'. The first of the family to settle there was William Gambell (born c. 1800 at Bath, Somerset, England; died 08 Jul 1891 at Sutton, NSW) 'convict, bootmaker, labourer, settler'. His wife was Mary Dardas/Dardis (born c. 1806 at Allenstown, Meath, Ireland; died 1873 at Queanbeyan, NSW) 'convict'.	RESERVES FROM SALE FOR TRAVELLING STOCK AND CAMPING, <i>New South Wales Government Gazette</i> , 13 Feb. 1897, p. 1046, http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article224340818 . Fisher, V 2001, <i>Boots and all: the history of the Gamble/Gambell family of Sutton Road, via Queanbeyan, N.S.W.</i> , the author, Canberra, A.C.T. Procter, P (ed.) 2001, p. 112.

	The Gambell family took up a number of selections in the area, commencing with Edward Gambell's 40 acre Conditional Purchase in 1862. Gambell Road, Sutton, was constructed and named in 1998 (NSW Gazette no. 145, 9 Oct 1998, p. 8222).	
1897 - 1898	Grasshopper plague: 'The plague of grasshoppers is still active in the Goulburn district ... On the western shores of Lake George dead grasshoppers are piled to a height of 2ft. The stench is so bad that stock will not go to water.'	<i>Sydney Mail and New South Wales Advertiser</i> , 8 January 1898, p. 58.
C. 1899	Medical services were provided to the local area by Queanbeyan-based Dr Patrick Blackall: 'By that time the genial Dr Patrick Blackall of Queanbeyan was well known to be ready to undertake the long trip out to assist those who needed him, and the other Queanbeyan medico, Dr S. L. Richardson, was also occasionally induced to include Gundaroo in his territory.'	Lea-Scarlett, EJ 1972, <i>Gundaroo</i> , Roebuck Society Publication no. 10, Roebuck Society, Canberra, p. 97.
1899, 20 Jun	Constitutional referendum in NSW to approve the revised draft constitution for the Commonwealth of Australia: the referendum was carried. Only male British subjects aged 21 years or older were eligible to vote in the referendum. The 'Queanbeyan electorate' voted against the proposal: Yes 623 and No 770. These included the following polling places: Bungendore: Yes 63, No 112; Bywong Yes 5, No 16; Sutton Yes 7, No 17; Queanbeyan Yes 169, No 119. Sydney also voted against the Federation proposal. A central issue was that of Free Trade.	https://www.aph.gov.au/about_parliament/parliamentary_departments/parliamentary_library/publications_Archive/online/milestones 'Referendum Day in Queanbeyan', 1899, <i>The Queanbeyan Observer</i> , 23 June 1899, p. 2, http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article235183347 . Gorman, Z 2020, Birthplace of a nation? Why Sydney voted no to Federation, <i>Agenda: A Journal of Policy Analysis and Reform</i> , vol. 27, no. 1, pp. 125-48.
1899, 11 Oct to 1902, 31 May	War in South Africa (Boer War). The Bungendore and District War Memorial shows the names of 21 men from the local district who served in this war, including one who was killed in action, and one who died of disease.	https://www.awm.gov.au/collection/CN16
Early 1900s	In 1904-06, rabbits reached plague proportions in the Canberra region. 'A major shooting, trapping and poisoning effort in the summer of 1906-7 led many farmers to believe that they had the menace under control. Next summer they learnt how wrong they were; sometimes the ground seemed to be alive, at other times moving like a grey sea. By the autumn of 1908 the trees of Acton stood in a dusty desert' (p. 56). The first shipment of rabbits from Bungendore railway station, weighing 12 tons, occurred in 1908. A photograph of the event is at http://nla.gov.au/nla.obj-137337785 .	Mawer, GA 2012, <i>Canberra tales: an informal history</i> , Arcadia, North Melbourne, Vic., p. 55.
1900, 27 Oct	Mail contracts accepted: 'Bungendore, Bywong, and Gundaroo, via Creek-borough, Gum Tree Flat, and Brook's Creek, once a week - John B. McLannett, Bungendore, two-wheeled vehicle, one horse, 3 years, £23 8s per annum. Gundaroo, Sutton, and Queanbeyan, 3 times a week - Allan O'Neil, Queanbeyan, horse and buggy, 3 years, £139 per annum.'	'Mail contracts', <i>Queanbeyan Age</i> , 27 October 1900, p. 2. http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article31372780 .

	McJannett's was along what we now call Bungendore Road and Shingle Hill Way (Gundaroo Road then) and O'Neil's was along what we now call Sutton Road (Yass Road then).	
1901, 1 Jan	'The Commonwealth of Australia was declared on 1 January 1901 at a ceremony held in Centennial Park in Sydney. During the ceremony, the first Governor-General, Lord Hopetoun, was sworn-in and Australia's first Prime Minister, Edmund Barton, and federal ministers took the oath of office.'	'The federation of Australia', Parliamentary Education Office 2020, https://peo.gov.au/understand-our-parliament/history-of-parliament/federation/the-federation-of-australia/ .
1901, 29 Mar	First election to the Parliament of the Commonwealth of Australia. In NSW, the election took place under the provisions of the NSW electoral legislation. From 1901 to 1905 Wamboin and district was in the electoral division of Werriwa which then covered the area from Tallong to Harden, Bungendore to Tuena. It was one of the original electorates. The first Member for Werriwa in the Commonwealth Parliament was Alfred Hugh Beresford Conroy (b. Camden NSW 1863, d. Hornsby NSW 1920) of the Free Trade Party.	Australia, Parliamentary Library 2020, <i>Parliamentary handbook of the Commonwealth of Australia, 46th Parliament</i> , Parliamentary Library, Department of Parliamentary Services, Canberra.
1901, 31 Mar	The final census of NSW. Subsequent censuses were those of the newly created Commonwealth of Australia. In this census, Wamboin & Bywong were in the census district of Yass.	NSW State Archives & Records, 'Census - 1901', https://www.records.nsw.gov.au/archives/collections-and-research/guides-and-indexes/census-1901 .
1902	The <i>Constitution Act 1902</i> (NSW) continued the system of local government in the State, and provided that 'The manner in which local government bodies are constituted and the nature and extent of their powers, authorities, duties and functions shall be as determined by or in accordance with laws of the Legislature'.	<i>Constitution Act 1902</i> (NSW), Part 8, s.51.
1903, 16 Dec	The first election held under Commonwealth electoral legislation. Austin Chapman was re-elected as the member of the House of Representatives for the electoral division of Eden-Monaro.	https://handbook.aph.gov.au/electorates/New%20South%20Wales/Eden-Monaro?page=1&pageSize=15
1904	Third edition of the Parish of Wamboin map published.	Historical Land Records Viewer http://hlrv.nswlrs.com.au/
1905	The <i>Local Government (Shires) Act 1905</i> required the creation of shires and shire councils in all the non-urban areas of NSW. Landowners or occupiers, female or male, who were British subjects and aged 21 years or older, were entitled to vote in shire council elections. The Act was repealed in 1907 by the <i>Local Government Act, 1906</i> , although it retained the existing shires.	http://classic.austlii.edu.au/au/legis/nsw/num_act/toc-1905.html Larcombe, FA 1976, <i>The stabilization of local government in New South Wales, 1858-1906</i> , History of local government in

		New South Wales, v. 2., Sydney University Press in association with Local Government Association of New South Wales [and] Shires Association of New South Wales, Sydney.
1905, 21 Jul	Bywong Post Office at the Village of Bywong closed.	Hopson, NC & Tobin, R 1991, <i>N.S.W. and A.C.T. post, receiving, telegraph & telephone offices: their circular date-stamps and postal history</i> , vol. 1, the authors, Sydney, p. B-53.
1905, 15 Aug	The NSW Department of Mines and Agriculture gazetted the establishment of Public Watering Place no. 543, named 'Bywong Well', at Bywong Village (Bywong Reefs).	<i>Government Gazette of the State of New South Wales</i> , 15 Aug 1905, p. 5556, http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article221027134 .
1906, 12 Dec	Second election to the Parliament of the Commonwealth of Australia. The northern boundary of the Commonwealth electoral district of Eden-Monaro was altered such that Wamboin and district fell in this electorate (previously in the Werriwa division). At the 1906 election, Austin Chapman (later Sir Austin) (b. Bong Bong 10.07.1864, d. Sydney 12.01.1926), Protectionist Party, was re-elected as the member for Eden-Monaro in the House of Representatives.	Australia, Parliamentary Library 2020, <i>Parliamentary handbook of the Commonwealth of Australia</i> , 46th Parliament, Parliamentary Library, Department of Parliamentary Services, Canberra. Gibbney, HJ <i>Chapman, Sir Austin (1864–1926)</i> , Australian Dictionary of Biography, National Centre of Biography, Australian National University, published first in hardcopy 1979.
1906, 7 Mar	Yarrowlumlumla Shire proclaimed, with its headquarters in Queanbeyan. This was a disappointment to the people of Bungendore who had expected it to be built there, thus boosting the town's status and resources (Plowman 2008, p. 60). It was one of the original shires created under the <i>Local Government (Shires) Act 1905</i> . The Shire administration commenced on 1 January 1907, with the first Shire President being Mr William Foster Rutledge (1851–1912), known as Foster Rutledge, owner of 'Gidleigh' Station, Bungendore. The Wamboin and Bywong parishes were part of the Shire.	Plowman, S 2008, <i>Thematic history: Lake George, Molonglo Valley & Burra, Palerang Council New South Wales</i> , Victoria Design & Management Pty Ltd, Canberra. <i>Government Gazette of the State of New South Wales</i> , 7 March 1906, pp. 1643-4. <i>Pastoralists' Review</i> , 15 Mar 1912, p. 36. O'Hanlon, GD 1956, <i>History of the Yarrowlumlumla shire: a paper delivered to the Canberra and District Historical Society</i>

		on 22 Feb. 1956, Canberra and District Historical Society, manuscript, Canberra.
1906, 30 Oct	Most of the land of the famous 'Duntroon Estate', along with its livestock and plant, was auctioned in Queanbeyan. Among the land put up for sale, but not sold 'under the hammer', was auction lot 13 which included the original 1839 land grant to William Guise, being two 640-acre portions on Kowan Creek immediately south of Wirreanda Road, Wamboin, and additional portions contiguous with it extending south to the Lake George Range escarpment. The sale of most of 'Duntroon Estate' followed the death of George Campbell (b. 1818) in 1881 and of his wife Marianne Campbell (b. 1827) in 1903. The Commonwealth compulsorily acquired the remaining Duntroon House and created the Royal Military College there in 1910.	'Closer settlement. Subdivision of part of the famous Duntroon estate', <i>The Age</i> (Queanbeyan), 23 Oct 1906, p. 3, http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article31179539. 'Duntroon Sale', <i>The Age</i> (Queanbeyan), 30 Oct 1906, p. 2, http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article31179618.
c. 1907	Sutton Anglican Church: 'By 1907 a weatherboard church had been built on the Anglican Church Reserve and was dedicated to St Peter by Bishop Barlow. This church was consecrated in 1908 and used until 1924 when it was condemned due to a severe infestation of white ants.'	St Peter's Church, Sutton: information signboard created in 2017 from research conducted by Jodie Hadlow.
1907, Sep	Drought: 'Pastoralists and farmers in Queanbeyan district are experiencing a trying time owing to the continued dry weather. Sheep are dying in great numbers, and there is also a great loss among lambs. Large stock, too, are being lost, and the outlook generally is none too bright. Crops are being eaten off by rabbits ...'.	Anon. 1907, 'Drought at Queanbeyan', <i>Farmer and Settler</i> , 27 Sep 1907, p. 9, http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article109681051 .
1908, Feb	The Bungendore Freezing Works, established by Oscar and George Curtis and managed by Jack Roberts, opened. It was specifically for rabbits, but also processed sheep, steers, pigs, and poultry when rabbits were in short supply. It was located near the corner of Molonglo and Gibraltar Streets, opposite the Frogs Hollow Reserve, behind the shops that fronted onto Gibraltar Street. Access to it was from Gibraltar Street. People living in Wamboin & district would have trapped rabbits and taken them fresh to the Freezing Works as a welcome source of income.	Ellis, G 2016, 'Curtis' rabbit freezing works', in A Angel (ed.), <i>District histories: historical articles from the Bungendore Mirror 2004-2015</i>, Golden Moth Press, Bungendore, NSW, pp. 38-9. Plowman, S 2008, <i>Thematic history: Lake George, Molonglo Valley & Burra, Palerang Council New South Wales</i>, Victoria Design & Management Pty Ltd, Canberra, p. 28.
1908, 1 Jun	The Amungula Receiving Office, on the Bingley's 'Woodfield' property (Sutton Road), opened, Mr G. A. [Gilbert Andrew] McInnes [1863-1951] was the receiving office-keeper. McInnes had requested that it be named Woodfield Receiving Office, but the Deputy Postmaster General did not accede to the request as the name 'Woodfield' was in use elsewhere in the Commonwealth. Named after the parish it which it was located, Amungula.	Hopson, NC & Tobin, R 1991, <i>N.S.W. and A.C.T. post, receiving, telegraph & telephone offices: their circular date-stamps and postal history, vol. 1, the authors, Sydney, p. A-6.</i>

	An undated photograph of the 'Telegraph and Telephone Office', captioned 'Gilbert McInnes at Post Office conducted at Avon House (Amungula)' is found facing p. 163 of Lea-Scarlett, EJ 1972, <i>Gundaroo</i> , Roebuck Society Publication no. 10, Roebuck Society, Canberra.	<i>Queanbeyan Observer</i> , 10 July 1908, 'Official correspondence', p. 2.
1909, Dec 14	The NSW Government transferred land to the Commonwealth for the creation of the Federal Capital Territory. A significant proportion of the Shire was lost to the new Territory. This did not involve any changes to the boundaries of the parish of Wamboin, but it did to the adjacent parishes of Goorooyarroo, Amungula and Majura.	<i>Seat of Government Surrender Act 1909</i> (NSW), https://www.foundingdocs.gov.au/item-sdid-121.html
1910, 24 Nov	Daniel Leahy's 'Lumley' property (Macs Reef Road near the Federal Highway) put up for auction following Leahy's death. 3,448 acres, a seven blocks subdivision.	'The celebrated "Lumley" estate', <i>Queanbeyan Age</i> , 22 Nov 1910, pp. 2, 5.
1911, 1 Jan	The Commonwealth formally assumed control of the new Federal Capital Territory.	https://www.nca.gov.au/discover-and-learn/education-programs/history-national-capital <i>Seat of Government (Administration) Act 1910</i>
1911, 3 Apr	The first census of the Commonwealth of Australia was conducted. Yarrowlumla Shire, in which Wamboin was located, had a population of 2,409: 2.03 persons per square mile, 526 occupied dwellings, 0.444 occupied dwellings per square mile, and 4.58 persons per occupied dwelling.	Australia, Commonwealth Statistician 1914, <i>Census of the Commonwealth of Australia taken for the night between the 2nd and 3rd April, 1911</i> , Vol. III, Part XIII, Dwellings, Government Printer, Melbourne, p. 2035.
1912, Jun/Jul	Percy Sheaffe and party surveyed of the southern part of Wamboin to fix the NSW/ACT border. Some of their survey markers can still be found there.	ACT/NSW border survey original field books https://www.planning.act.gov.au/tools_resources/survey-spatial-data-maps/surveying/field-books . Higgins, M 2009, <i>Rugged beyond imagination: stories from an Australian mountain region</i> , National Museum of Australia Press, Canberra, ch. 3.
1912, 19 Jul	A newspaper report of a bill submitted to the NSW Parliament to abolish the Yarrowlumla Shire Council, as a result of 'some 560,000 acres' having been transferred to the Commonwealth under the <i>Seat of Government Acceptance Act 1909</i> (Cth). The bill was not passed, and the Council continued operating until 2004.	<i>Queanbeyan Age</i> 19 July 1912, 'Yarrowlumla Shire and its proposed abolition', p. 2, http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article31394823 .

1912, 1 Sep	The Amungula Receiving Office on 'Woodfield', Sutton Road, converted to a full Post Office. G. A. McInnes still the Postmaster.	Hopson, NC & Tobin, R 1991, <i>N.S.W. and A.C.T. post, receiving, telegraph & telephone offices: their circular date-stamps and postal history</i> , vol. 1, the authors, Sydney, p. A-6. <i>Queanbeyan Observer</i> , 23 Aug 1912, p. 3, 'Amungula Receiving Office'.
1914-1915	The 1914 to 1915 drought.	Bureau of Meteorology [c. 2020], <i>Previous droughts</i> , http://www.bom.gov.au/climate/drought/knowledge-centre/previous-droughts.shtml .
1914, 4 Aug	Great Britain declared war on Germany. As a Dominion within the British Empire, Australia was automatically at war as well. The First World War had begun.	Bean, CEW 1921, <i>The story of Anzac from the outbreak of war to the end of the first phase of the Gallipoli campaign, May 4 1915</i> , Official history of Australia in the war of 1914-1918, Angus & Robertson, Sydney.
c. 1915	The Leahy family built the 'Clare' homestead, located on Clare Lane (Bungendore locality) at its intersection with Valley View Lane. 'Pat Reardon purchased Clare from the Leahys around 1930 ... Pat Reardon had four sons, Bede, Paul, Frank, and Les, and three daughters, Therese (Girlie), Patricia, and Jean. The land purchased by Pat was divided up for the children. Les Reardon had the southwest portion including Clare Lane and Clare Valley ... Les moved into the Clare house around 1938 and was joined by his wife Moira in 1942 after their marriage. The house still stands today, [on Clare Lane] just south of Bernie Reardon's home, "Carinya Park"'.	Noel, Ned (compiler) 1997, 'A bit of Wamboin's history. Provided by Ray Murphy, Bernie Reardon, and Tony Reardon', <i>The Whisper</i> , September 1997, p. 14.
1915, 1 Feb	Bywong Receiving Office reopened at Emu Flat on the Bungendore/Gundaroo Road, Mary Harriott was the receiving office-keeper.	Hopson, NC & Tobin, R 1991, <i>N.S.W. and A.C.T. post, receiving, telegraph & telephone offices: their circular date-stamps and postal history</i> , vol. 1, the authors, Sydney, p. B-53. <i>Queanbeyan Observer</i> , 22 Jan 1915, p. 5, 'Receiving office for Bywong'.
1915, 15 Mar	Telephone service commenced at the Amungula Post Office ('Woodfield', Sutton Road) and Sutton.	Hopson, NC & Tobin, R 1991, <i>N.S.W. and A.C.T. post, receiving, telegraph & telephone offices: their circular date-</i>

		<i>stamps and postal history</i> , vol. 1, the authors, Sydney, p. A-6. <i>Queanbeyan Observer</i> , 26 Mar 1915, p. 2
1916	Fourth edition of the Parish of Wamboin map published.	Historical Land Records Viewer http://hlrv.nswlrs.com.au/
1918, Oct	The first ships' passengers infected with pneumonic influenza (the Spanish flu) arrived at Port Jackson and were quarantined at the North Head Quarantine Station. In Jan 1919, influenza broke out in the Sydney community. By the end of 1919, 15,000 people had died from the disease in Australia, with deaths in all Australian states.	Curson, P & McCracken, K 2006, 'An Australian perspective of the 1918–1919 influenza pandemic', <i>NSW Public Health Bulletin</i> , vol. 17, no. 8, pp. 103-7. Viera, D, Cornwall, J, McArthur, S, Hobbins, P, Clarke, A & Frederick, U 2016, <i>From quarantine to Q Station: honouring the past, securing the future</i> , 2 nd edn, Arbon, Crows Nest, NSW. Overall, N [c. 2020], <i>Pandemic: a capital experience</i> , blog post, https://anoverallview.wixsite.com/blog/post/pandemic-a-capital-experience .
1918, 11 Nov	Cessation of hostilities in the First World War: the Armistice.	
1919, 27 Jan	The first wave of the pneumonic influenza pandemic (the 'Spanish flu') in NSW occurred from late January to late February 1919. PROCLAMATION: 'I, Sir Arthur Lyulph Stanley, the Deputy of the Governor-General aforesaid, acting with the advice of the Federal Executive Council, do hereby declare— (1) That the State of New South Wales is infected with a quarantinable disease, to wit, Pneumonia Influenza, and is a place from or through which the said quarantinable disease may be brought or carried to other parts of Australia. (2) That such State shall be a Quarantine Area. (3) That all persons and goods in such Quarantine Area shall be subject to quarantine. This Proclamation may be cited as Quarantine Proclamation No. 40.'	Arrowsmith, R 2007, <i>A danger greater than war: N.S.W. and the 1918-1919 influenza pandemic</i> , Homeland Security Communications Groups, Australian Homeland Security Research Centre, Curtin, ACT, p. 80. 'PROCLAMATION' <i>Commonwealth of Australia Gazette</i> 27 January 1919, no. 11, p. 95, http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article232512987 .
1919, 21 Feb	With respect to the pneumonic influenza pandemic, the <i>Queanbeyan Age and Queanbeyan Observer</i> (p. 2) reported that 'On Wednesday, Dr. Blackall inoculated 76 persons. Nurse Darmody, Miss Annie Murphy, and Cr. G. A. McInnes rendered valuable assistance in preparing the patients and at Amungla [<i>sic</i>] the same gentleman, assisted by his wife, helped the doctor, when upwards of 16 were treated.' Dr Patrick Blackall was	Overall, N [c. 2020], <i>Pandemic: a capital experience</i> , blog post, https://anoverallview.wixsite.com/blog/post/pandemic-a-capital-experience .

	a Government medical officer. Yarrowlunla Shire Councillor Gilbert (Gil) McInnes lived on the Bingley's Sutton Road/ Amungula property 'Woodfield'. By this stage, pneumonic influenza had swept throughout the region, with many deaths. Antibiotics had not yet been invented.	
1919, 19 Mar	The second wave of the influenza pandemic in NSW: 19 March to 27 May 1919.	Arrowsmith, R 2007, <i>A danger greater than war: N.S.W. and the 1918-1919 influenza pandemic</i> , Homeland Security Communications Groups, Australian Homeland Security Research Centre, Curtin, ACT, p. 81.
1919, 28 May	The third wave of the influenza pandemic in NSW: 28 May to 5 August 1919. By far the highest peak in the incidence of deaths across the NSW pandemic period (January to December 1919) occurred in July.	Arrowsmith, R 2007, <i>A danger greater than war: N.S.W. and the 1918-1919 influenza pandemic</i> , Homeland Security Communications Groups, Australian Homeland Security Research Centre, Curtin, ACT, pp. 76, 83.
1919, 28 Jun	Germany reluctantly signed the Treaty of Versailles, ending the First World War.	https://www.awm.gov.au/articles/encyclopedia/treaty_versailles
1921	3 Australian Infantry Battalion (Werriwa Regiment) formed from the Canberra/Monaro region. This was a militia unit.	McKenzie-Smith, GR 2018, <i>The unit guide: the Australian Army 1939-1945</i> , vol. 2, Big Sky Publishing, Newport, NSW, p. 2.192.
1923, Jun-Jul	The 'Bywong' station, established by the Guise brothers in the mid-1820s and reduced to 12,000 acres by 1923, owned since 1914 by Maj. Anthony Hordern (1889–1970), was sub-divided into 22 blocks, and sold by tender. All but one of the purchasers were the station's neighbours.	'Bywong subdivision', <i>The Sydney Morning Herald</i> , 13 June 1923, p. 11, http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article16057485
1924	The Bungendore Freezing Works, which opened in 1908, closed owing to the success of the rabbit eradication program in the area.	Plowman, S 2008, <i>Thematic history: Lake George, Molonglo Valley & Burra, Palerang Council New South Wales</i> , Victoria Design & Management Pty Ltd, Canberra, p. 28.
1924, c. Apr	The Bungendore and District War Memorial arch was constructed as a gateway into the fenced Bungendore Park. It shows the names of 142 people from the local district who served in this war. This includes 4 nurses, all of whom returned; 25 men shown as having been killed in action; and 113 men 'Enlisted and returned'. This was a death rate of 18%. At the time it was called the Soldiers' Memorial. Apparently, no record exists of it having been dedicated around this time.	Ellis, G 2007, <i>Our soldiers: Bungendore & the Great War</i>, Ginninderra Press, Port Adelaide, S. Aust, pp. 30, 171-2. 'Bungendore: Remembrance Day commemoration and dedication of the

	'The memorial was rededicated on 11 November 1999, subsequent to an upgrade of the Rolls of Honour including the Second World War and later conflicts. The Boer War Roll of Honour plaque was added and dedicated on 29 May 2011. The Post Gulf War Roll of Honour was added and dedicated on 11 November 2011.' (Source: Monument Australia https://www.monumentaustralia.org.au/themes/conflict/multiple/display/20612-bungendore-war-memorial)	Memorial', <i>Regional Independent</i> , 6 Nov. 2024, p. 2.
1925	Moore Bros. (Edward & Albert) 'began importing and selling cars through the first motor garage in the district, in Monaro Street, Queanbeyan with the first kerbside petrol bowser in 1925 ...'	Butz, M 2024, <i>Tales from two cities. Canberra-Queanbeyan across two centuries</i> , [the author], Canberra, p. 115.
1925, 16 Mar	Amungula Post Office on 'Woodfield', Sutton Road, closed and became a Telephone Office ('Telegraph/telephone business but no Postal facilities except as applicable to a [Receiving Office])' when G.A. McInnes moved from there to Queanbeyan. E.G. Bingley took over the service.	Hopson, NC & Tobin, R 1991, <i>N.S.W. and A.C.T. post, receiving, telegraph & telephone offices: their circular date-stamps and postal history</i> , vol. 1, the authors, Sydney, p. A-6. <i>Queanbeyan Observer</i> , 26 Mar 1915, 'Amungula telephone', p. 2.
1925, 19 Sep	The foundation stone for St Peter's Anglican Church, Sutton, was laid by Canon AH Champion.	St Peter's Church, Sutton: information signboard created in 2017 from research conducted by Jodie Hadlow.
1925, 15 Dec	The Queanbeyan Great War Memorial at the corner of Monaro & Lowe Streets was unveiled by the by the Hon. Dr Earle Page, Acting Prime Minister. The names of some Wamboin district men who died in the war are there inscribed.	NSW War Memorials Register, https://www.warmemorialsregister.nsw.gov.au/content/queanbeyan-ww1-memorial
1926	Fifth edition of the Parish of Wamboin map published.	Historical Land Records Viewer http://hlrv.nswlrs.com.au/
1926, Feb	The current St Peter's Anglican Church, Sutton, was consecrated by Bishop Radford.	St Peter's Church, Sutton: information signboard created in 2017 from research conducted by Jodie Hadlow.
1926, 24 May	The veteran Queanbeyan journalist and author, John Gale, then in his 97 th year, wrote an article deploring the mispronunciation and mis-spelling of local Aboriginal place-names, including Amungula, Goorooyaroo, and Yass.	Gale, J 1926, 'Nomenclature of Canberra and the Federal Territory's environments', <i>Federal Capital Pioneer</i> , 24 May 1926, p. 1.
1926, 3 Sep	Bungendore's first 'motor garage': 'Mr. S. Daniel has almost finished building a new motor garage, which is being painted by the Vacuum Oil Company'.	'Bungendore', <i>The Canberra Times</i> , 3 Sep 1926, p.16, http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article1206748 .

1927	Photograph of what appears to be the south-western end of Lake George, showing it denuded of trees. Perhaps they had been cut down to provide fuel for the boilers of the Bungendore Flour Mill and later the Bungendore Freezing Works which operated from 1908 to 1924?	<i>View of Lake George, New South Wales, 1927</i> , http://nla.gov.au/nla.obj-1426896804 .
c. 1927	Photograph of Smiths Gap.	https://nla.gov.au/nla.obj-1426830476
1927, 1 Jan	Bywong Receiving Office at Emu Flat on the Bungendore/Gundaroo Road reclassified as a Post Office, Mary Harriott Postmistress.	Hopson, NC & Tobin, R 1991, <i>N.S.W. and A.C.T. post, receiving, telegraph & telephone offices: their circular date-stamps and postal history</i> , vol. 1, the authors, Sydney, p. B-53.
1929-1934	The Great Depression.	Fitz-Gibbon, B & Gizycki, M 2001, <i>A history of last-resort lending and other support for troubled financial institutions in Australia</i> , Research discussion paper, Reserve Bank of Australia, Sydney, p. 39.
1930s	'In the 30s, 40s, and 50s Macs Reef Road was a very rough gravel road. It carried only about 20 cars a day. The road was not fenced, so the sheep roamed on the road and cars stopped for them.'	Noel, N (compiler) 1997, 'A bit of the area's history. As told by Mr. Bill Cartwright of "Woodbury" on Sutton Road', <i>The Whisper</i> , June 1997, pp. 12-16.
1930s	The introduction or expansion of phalaris in the area: 'The heavy concentration of phalaris used east of Canberra is attributed to the fact that from the 1930s to the 1950s no other available exotic grasses would survive in the area'.	Gunn, RH, Story, R, Galloway, RW, Duffy, PJB, Yapp, GA & McAlpine, JR 1969, <i>Lands of the Queanbeyan-Shoalhaven area, A.C.T. and N.S.W.</i> , Land Research Series no. 24, C.S.I.R.O., Melbourne, p. 136.
1930, Jan	Publication by the NSW Main Roads Board of an article about decision-making on the route for the new Federal Highway, and progress in its construction. Three routes were carefully considered, and the Collector-Lake George (western side)-Gearys Gap-Canberra route adopted.	Main Roads Board of NSW 1930, 'The Federal Highway', <i>Main roads: a month to month account of the activities of the Main Roads Board of New South Wales</i> , vol. 1, no. 4, pp. 86-9, https://www.opengov.nsw.gov.au/publications/15835 .
1930, Nov	The newly built Federal Highway was opened to traffic in NSW, diverting the Goulburn-Canberra traffic away from Bungendore. In February 1931 it was opened to traffic in the ACT.	Ozroads n.d., National Highway Route 23; Federal Highway (NSW Section), https://www.ozroads.com.au/NSW/RouteNumbering/National%20Routes/23/nh23.htm

1931, 19 Nov	The 'Mystery of the Bones of Bungendore' commenced: human remains were found in a fire by Bernard Cunningham on Andy Cunningham's property near the head of Brooks Creek (probably at today's Morrison Road, Bywong). 'The Coroner returned an open verdict, and added that the circumstances were suspicious.' Morrison Road is said to be named after the deceased, Sydney William Morrison aka Sidney James Morrison.	Buggy, H 1957, 'The clue of the locker key. How a Sydney detective who would never accept defeat established the identity of the victim of "The Bungendore Bones Mystery"', <i>Argus</i> , 18 March 1950, p. 28.
1935, 29 Mar	The NSW Minister for Agriculture gazetted Public Watering Place no. 543 'Bywong Well, Shire of Yarralumla', which was first gazetted in 1905, to be a Town Water Supply. This seems strange considering that the site is nowhere near a town!	'Notification of public watering places as town water supplies', <i>Government Gazette of the State of New South Wales</i> , 29 Mar 1935, p. 1356.
1936	Daily air services to and from Canberra began, using the 'Duntroon Airport'. Operated by Holyman's Airways Pty Limited. The fare to Sydney was £2 and to Melbourne £5/5/. The aircraft was a D.H. 86 four-engined biplane.	<i>Canberra Times</i> , 7 February 1936, p. 5, http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article2406393 .
1936, 23 Apr	The Bywong Post Office at Emu Flat on the Bungendore/Gundaroo Road destroyed by fire, Mary Harriott Postmistress.	<i>Canberra Times</i> , 25 Apr 1936, p. 3, 'Post office fire'. <i>Goulburn Evening Penny Post</i> , 28 April 1936), p. 3, 'Home razed'. Hopson, NC & Tobin, R 1991, <i>N.S.W. and A.C.T. post, receiving, telegraph & telephone offices: their circular date-stamps and postal history</i> , vol. 1, the authors, Sydney, p. B-53.
1937-1945	The World War Two drought.	Bureau of Meteorology [c. 2020], <i>Previous droughts</i> , http://www.bom.gov.au/climate/drought/knowledge-centre/previous-droughts.shtml .
1937	Pat Reardon purchased the 'Clare' property from Frank Leahy.	Cory, E (ed.) 2025, <i>Chords from the harp: a revised and expanded second edition of Rev Brian Maher's history of St Mary's Parish, Bungendore</i> , 2nd edn, E. Cory, Bywong, N.S.W., p. 18.

1938, 29 Oct	4,100 acres of the 'Turalla' property were auctioned, having been sub-divided, at Bungendore. This included the Top Flat Paddock, the Joe Rocks Paddock, and the South Joe Rocks Paddock on the Lake George horst, east of Wirreanda Road, Wamboin.	'Turalla Estates yield over £31,000, sub-division sale', <i>Goulburn Evening Penny Post</i> , 31 October 1938, p. 4, http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article102417956 .
1939, 10 Jun	Formation of the Bungendore Branch of the Country Women's Association (CWA). 'It grew out of the town committee set up in 1936 to manage the Baby Health Centre ... The Branch soon became involved in the war effort, as World War 2 broke out three months after the branch was formed. Fundraising started almost immediately ...'.	Bungendore Country Women's Association 2022, 'The early years of the Country Women's Association', <i>Regional Independent</i> , 15 June 2022, p. 8.
1939, 3 Sep	Australia declared war against Germany. The Second World War had commenced. The Bungendore and District War Memorial shows the names of 171 people from the local district who served in this war, including 10 shown as having been killed in action. This was a death rate of 6%, compared with the corresponding World War 1 death rate of 18%.	https://anzacportal.dva.gov.au/stories-service/commemorative-stories/victory-in-the-pacific/1939-paths-victory-second-world-war
1941, 6 Sep	'The Queanbeyan Municipal Council at a meeting on Thursday decided to approach the Yarrowlumla Shire to initiate a movement for the surfacing of the Sutton Road inside the A.C.T. boundary. It was stated that, on a previous representation to have the road surfaced the Department of the Interior had told the Council to attend to its own portion of the road first. This had been done, but nothing had been done within the A.C.T. boundary.'	'Sutton Road surfacing', <i>Canberra Times</i> , 6 Sep. 1941, p. 4, http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article2590167
1941, Oct	The men of the 3 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. In early Dec. 1942 the unit was so depleted that it was withdrawn from battle, after having served for 100 days on the front line. The following month it returned to Qld and was disbanded in Aug. 1943, with the men transferred to the Second AIF's 2/3 Infantry Battalion. 'Following the outbreak of World War II, many members of the battalion volunteered for service with the Second Australian Imperial Force and were allocated to the 2/3 rd Battalion, with whom they served in North Africa, Syria, Greece, Crete and then later in New Guinea.' Source: Wikipedia contributors, "3rd Battalion (Australia)".	McKenzie-Smith, GR 2018, <i>The unit guide: the Australian Army 1939-1945</i> , vol. 2, Big Sky Publishing, Newport, NSW, pp. 192-3. Kennedy, C 1992, <i>Port Moresby to Gona Beach: 3rd Australian Infantry Battalion 1942</i> , C. Kennedy, Turner, A.C.T.
1941, 8 Dec	Australian Prime Minister John Curtin (1885–1945) announced Australia's declaration of war on Japan.	https://www.naa.gov.au/learn/learning-resources/learning-resource-themes/war/world-war-ii/australia-declares-war-japan-excerpt-prime-minister-john-curtins-address-nation

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.	http://www.adf-serials.com.au/2a20e.htm Bungendore History Facebook Group.
1942, 30 May	Bywong Post Office at Emu Flat on the Bungendore/Gundaroo Road closed, Mary Harriott Postmistress.	April 1936), p. 3, 'Home razed'. Hopson, NC & Tobin, R 1991, <i>N.S.W. and A.C.T. post, receiving, telegraph & telephone offices: their circular date-stamps and postal history</i> , vol. 1, the authors, Sydney, p. B-53.
1942, 5 Jun	WW2 2 nd Spitfire Squadron, RAAF, Pilot Officer Philip Herbert (Peter) Watson, of 'Murryong' in southern Wamboin, was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross. Citation: 'This officer is a most capable leader who displays great coolness and courage in action. He has participated in over 40 sorties and his inspiring example has proved a great source of encouragement to other members of his flight.' He resigned his commission at the end of WW2 with the rank of Flight Lieutenant.	His service Record, Australian Archives. Cross, RL 1985, <i>Bygone Queanbeyan</i> , rev. edn, Queanbeyan Publishing Co., Queanbeyan, N.S.W., p. 244.
1943, 4 th quarter	Amungula Telephone Office on 'Woodfield' station, Sutton Road, became a Manual Telephone Exchange.	Hopson, NC & Tobin, R 1991, <i>N.S.W. and A.C.T. post, receiving, telegraph & telephone offices: their circular date-stamps and postal history</i> , vol. 1, the authors, Sydney, p. A-6.
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.	http://www.adf-serials.com.au/2a20e.htm and pers. com. David Hanzl.
1945, 8 May	Second World War: VE Day (Victory in Europe Day).	Long, G 1963, <i>The final campaigns, Australia in the War of 1939-1945 Series 1, Army, Series vol. VII, Australian War Memorial, Canberra.</i>
1945, 15 Aug	Second World War: VP Day (Victory in the Pacific Day): 'All offensive action against Japan comes to an end'. Referred to in some other nations as VJ Day: Victory over Japan Day: https://www.awm.gov.au/articles/encyclopedia/vp_day/name	Long, G 1963, <i>The final campaigns, Australia in the War of 1939-1945 Series 1, Army, Series vol. VII, Australian War Memorial, Canberra.</i>
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).	Williams, F 1970, <i>Frank Williams, Stan Bingley, Les Reardon, Pat Matthews, Gerald Murphy and Bertram Donohue interviewed by Bert Sheedy in the Bert Sheedy and Marj Sheedy oral history</i>

		collection [sound recording], National Library of Australia, Canberra, Les Reardon at https://nla.gov.au/nla.obj-200768419/listen/1-1842~1-2290 .
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.	http://nla.gov.au/nla.obj-233130169 .
1949	Bungendore connected to mains electricity by tapping the 33,000-volt line to Captains Flat.	Gallagher, NJ & Lee, BR 2020, <i>Bungendore - a chronology</i> , [Neville Gallagher], n.p. O'Hanlon, GD 1956, <i>History of the Yarrowlunla shire: a paper delivered to the Canberra and District Historical Society on 22 Feb. 1956</i> , Canberra and District Historical Society, manuscript, Canberra.
1949, 26 Jan	Australian citizenship was created through the <i>Nationality and Citizenship Act 1948</i> , which came into effect on this date. An Australian citizen was also a British subject.	Klapdor, M, Coombs, M & Bohm, C 2009, <i>Australian citizenship: a chronology of major developments in policy and law</i> , Parliamentary Library, Parliament of Australia, https://www.aph.gov.au/About_Parliament/Parliamentary_Departments/Parliamentary_Library/pubs/BN/0910/AustCitizenship .
1949, 19 Feb	Sutton Bush Fire Brigade created from the Gundaroo Bush Fire Brigade; responsible for the Wamboin area.	Ferrett, M 1999, <i>Serving the community: a history of Sutton Rural Fire Service 1949-1999</i> , Sutton Bush Fire Brigade, Sutton, N.S.W.
1949-1951	Korean War boom in wool prices.	Bhattacharyya, S & Williamson, JG 2009, <i>Commodity price shocks and the Australian economy since Federation</i> , Working Papers in Trade and Development, no. 2009/02, Arndt-Corden Division of Economics, ANU College of Asia and the Pacific, Canberra. Watson, F 1997, 'Stories from Wamboin', <i>The Whisper</i> , April 1997, p. 11.

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'.	'Myxomatosis inoculation', <i>The Braidwood Dispatch and Mining Journal</i> , 22 Oct 1954, p. 3. Ward, C 2011, <i>Myxomatosis to control rabbits</i> , CSIROpedia, https://csiropedia.csiro.au/myxomatosis-to-control-rabbits/ .
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.	https://www.wamboincommunity.asn.au/localhistory/content/images/history/MerinoValeOverlay.pdf
1950	As you travel along Norton Road, and cross the headwaters of the Yass River, about 1.5 km south is the Murryong Outstation Residence where Jack & Nita Welch lived, from 1950 to 1976. Jack and Nita raised 6 children there: Peter, Steven, Allen, Gregory, Evelyn and Karen. Their access was via Kowen Forest to the Molonglo Gorge forestry road.	Watson, F 2022, pers. comm. Watson, F 1997, 'Stories from Wamboin', <i>The Whisper</i> , April 1997, p. 11.
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.	'Fire on the Limestone Plains/Bush Fires/The 1952 Bushfires', Wikibooks, https://en.wikibooks.org/wiki/Fire_on_the_Limestone_Plains/Bush_Fires/The_1952_Bushfires 'Pine plantings make good 1952 fire losses', <i>Canberra Times</i> , 23 Jul 1954, p. 2, http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article2897898
c. 1955	By this year, the electricity supply was connected from Queanbeyan to Amungula and Bywong.	O'Hanlon, GD 1956, <i>History of the Yarrowlunla shire: a paper delivered to the Canberra and District Historical Society on 22 Feb. 1956</i> , Canberra and District Historical Society, manuscript, Canberra.
1955, 1 Feb	On this day, '... the six o'clock swill was abolished in NSW. Six o'clock closing was introduced in 1916 as an attempt to get men home to their families earlier. Instead, it encouraged an hour long drinking binge between 5pm and 6pm. The <i>Liquor Amendment Act 1954</i> came into effect on this day and extended the closing time for hotel bars to 10pm'.	NSW State Archives & Records n.d, '1 Feb 1955 - six o'clock swill abolished', https://www.records.nsw.gov.au/archives/magazine/1-feb-1955-six-o%27clock-swill-abolished

1957, 22 Feb	Amungula Manual Telephone Exchange on 'Woodfield' station, Sutton Road, closed.	Hopson, NC & Tobin, R 1991, <i>N.S.W. and A.C.T. post, receiving, telegraph & telephone offices: their circular date-stamps and postal history</i> , vol. 1, the authors, Sydney, p. A-6.
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.'	Barrow, G & Carr, M 1991, <i>Old Bungendore: changing times in an Australian village</i> , Dagraja Press, Canberra, p. 38.
1962, 25 Dec	'Thousands of fish lie near the edge of Lake George. The fish, mainly redfin and golden carp, began dying about a week ago. Investigators have not been able to determine the cause of the deaths. Thousands of fish are piled on the shores or float on the lake, where they are causing what the vice-president of the Canberra Aquarium Society, Mr. H. R. Horsburgh, says is "an unbearable stench." The fish mystery is not new to Lake George. Thousands of fish gasped their lives away in Lake George 100 years ago ...' The <i>Canberra Times</i> article was accompanied by a photograph showing the large, dead fish packed together along the shore.	<i>Canberra Times</i> 25 Dec. 1962, p. 3, 'Dead fish line Lake George shore' http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article136935300 .
1964	Arthur Shepherd died. He was the last miner resident at the Bywong mine site.	McGowan, B 1994, <i>Lost mines: historic mining sites in the Monaro-Southern tablelands districts of New South Wales</i> , Barry McGowan, Canberra, A.C.T., pp. 112, 114.
1965	The 1965 to 1968 drought commenced.	Bureau of Meteorology [c. 2020], <i>Previous droughts</i> , http://www.bom.gov.au/climate/drought/knowledge-centre/previous-droughts.shtml .
1966, 14 Feb	'On 14 February 1966, Australians woke to a brand-new currency. The decision to change from the Australian pound (with its awkward shillings and pence) to a decimal currency – the Australian dollar – was a pragmatic, economic one. Yet decimalisation became an opportunity for Australia to assert itself as an increasingly self-assured and forward-thinking country.'	National Museum of Australia 2022, https://www.nma.gov.au/defining-moments/resources/decimal-currency .
1966, 3 May	It was reported that 'Over 1½ miles of the Sutton Road within the Yarrowlunla Shire, from the Federal, Highway back towards Queanbeyan, was bitumen sealed today. ... This leaves only about a mile of the important road link within the shire not sealed, but portion of this has been reconstructed. There is still about three miles of the road within the ACT not sealed, despite many approaches to the Federal authorities.'	'Shire seals Sutton Road', <i>Queanbeyan Age</i> , 3 May 1966, p. 1, http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article271526343
1967, 8 Sep	Yarrowlunla Shire Council Engineer, Mr JM Firth, advised Council that a new bridge was soon to be constructed crossing Reedy Creek on the Bungendore/Gundaroo road: '... plans for which have been approved, money allocated and a tender accepted ...'	'Bungendore prominent in Shire discussions', <i>Queanbeyan Age</i> , 8 Sep 1967, p. 4, http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-

		article271266863.
1967, 5 Oct	The final edition of the parish of Wamboin map released: 6th edition.	Historical Land Record Viewer http://hlrv.nswlrs.com.au/
1968	Publication of Errol Lea-Scarlett's important book <i>Queanbeyan: district and people</i> .	Lea-Scarlett, EJ 1968, <i>Queanbeyan: district and people</i> , Queanbeyan Municipal Council, Queanbeyan, N.S.W.
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). The proposal was rejected by Yarrowlumla Shire Council; the rejection was overturned by the NSW State Planning Authority. '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 ²). It included a public reserve—a 10-acre lookout to the west—at the top of the escarpment. The land for the subdivision subsequently passed to Taywood Hughes Pty Limited, and then to Norton Tower Pty Limited.	QPRC subdevelopment application archives, development application S2/69. Cole, D 1969, "'Gracious living" plan near ACT approved', <i>Canberra Times</i> , 3 May 1968, p. 1, http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article131782171 .
1969	Publication of the study, conducted by CSIRO, to test the application of new techniques in land research. The study area extended from 35° to 36° latitude and 149° to 150° longitude, approximately 10,000 sq km in area. The topics covered included land systems, climate, geomorphology, soils, vegetation, and land use.	Gunn, RH, Story, R, Galloway, RW, Duffy, PJB, Yapp, GA & McAlpine, JR 1969, <i>Lands of the Queanbeyan-Shoalhaven area, A.C.T. and N.S.W.</i> , Land Research Series no. 24, C.S.I.R.O., Melbourne.
1969	Queanbeyan and District Historical Museum Society established.	Queanbeyan and District Historical Museum Society (QDHMS) n.d. (c. 2014), <i>Queanbeyan's timeline</i> , QDHMS, https://queanbeyanmuseum.org.au/queanbeyans-timeline/ .
1969, 25 Mar	Queanbeyan Municipal Council asked the National Capital Development Commission whether it has plans for the construction of a direct road linking what was then northern Canberra with Bungendore, thence the south coast, crossing Sutton Road close to where the sub-division that became Wamboin was to be developed.	'Direct road link possible', <i>Queanbeyan Age</i> , 25 March 1969, p. 1, http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article271540727 .
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 (from Google Earth). Geographical Names Board of NSW: 'A major trigonometrical station situated on east slopes of Lake George Range about 4 km north west of Bungendore.'	<i>Government Gazette of the State of New South Wales</i> , 1 August 1969, p. 2974.
1969, 1 Aug	'Bywong' place name gazetted. Previously known as 'Gearys Gap', though this was not an official geographical name for the locality.	<i>Government Gazette of the State of New South Wales</i> , 1 Aug 1969, p. 2974

1969, 28 Nov	The Geographical Names Board of NSW gazetted the discontinuation of the name 'Shinglehouse or Brook's Creek', and designated it as 'Brooks Creek', on the recommendation of the Yarrowlumla Shire Council (Council meeting of 17 September 1969, minutes p. 6).	<i>Government Gazette of the State of New South Wales</i> , 28 Nov 1969, p. 4881
1970, circa	Malcom Harrington, President of the Wamboin Community Association, wrote 'After his address to the August meeting, David Rouse, from Yarrowlumla Council's Town Planning office. told me of how desolate the landscape was in this area twenty years ago when he first surveyed it for subdivision. There had been some years of drought and the land was barren and dusty. He commented that the area looked much the better for the dams, trees. gardens and orchards that the residents have introduced. It's heartening that an environment can be improved rather than just degraded by people. The colour of spring and the proliferation of trees in Wamboin is largely due to the efforts of residents. and in some cases with the sponsorship of the Community Association. This is one of the reasons that I feel good about living in this area.'	Harrington, M, 'President's Para', <i>Wamboin Whisper</i> , September 1990, p. 3.
1970s, early	'The woolshed on Merino Vale [block of Hyles' 'Murryong Estate'] was built in the early 1970's for the Majors by Cecil Guy.'	Watson, F 1997, 'Stories from Wamboin', <i>The Whisper</i> , April 1997, p. 11.
1970	Bert Sheedy and Marj Sheedy conducted oral history interviews with elderly early residents of the area: Frank Williams, Stan Bingley, Les Reardon, Pat Matthews, Gerald Murphy, and Bertram Donohue.	Sheedy, PB & Sheedy, M, <i>Bert Sheedy and Marj Sheedy oral history collection</i> [sound recording], National Library of Australia, Canberra, https://nla.gov.au/nla.cat-vn82429 .
1970, 19 Jan	Development Application S2/70 for the Wamboin subdivision: after purchasing the land from Majura Heights 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.	Yarrowlumla Shire Council archives
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.	Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 18 March 1970, p. 18.
1970, 19 Jun	The <i>Canberra Times</i> published an article about Yarrowlumla Shire Council approving 'in principal' '... the establishment of a 182 animal park fronting the Sutton Road, adjacent to the A.C.T. border'. The initiative did not come to fruition.	'Animal park off Sutton Road', <i>Queanbeyan Age</i> , 19 June 1970, p. 1, http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article271057086 .
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.	Sheedy, PB & Sheedy, M, <i>Bert Sheedy and Marj Sheedy oral history collection</i> [sound recording], National Library of Australia,

		Canberra, https://nla.gov.au/nla.cat-vn82429 .
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 for generations, and most had trig stations on them gazetted in the 19 th century.	<i>Government Gazette of the State of New South Wales</i> , 29 January 1971, p. 227.
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, Roebuck Society, Canberra. Lea-Scarlett died on 30 December 2019.	'Vale Errol Lea-Scarlett (1932-2019)', https://museum.hall.act.au/read/3885/vale-errol-lea-scarlett-1932-2019.html
1972, 5 Jul	A meeting of the Yarrawlumla Shire Council noted, with respect to the new subdivision that became Wamboin, 'That at this juncture, no action be taken relative to road names but the matter be further investigated with a view to using pioneer owners names'.	Minutes of a Special Meeting held on 5 July 1972, p.6.
1972, 2 Aug	Yarrawlumla Shire Council granted conditional approval to W, A & H Rehwinkel to establish an Animal Park & Wildlife Sanctuary on portion 196, Parish of Bywong. 1972 Minutes book, p. 254-5. Minutes of the special meeting held 2 August 1972, p. 3-4.	Minutes of a Special Meeting held on 2 August 1972, pp. 3-4.
1972, 2 Aug	Yarrawlumla Shire Council resolved that the '... names of the roads [of the new subdivision that subsequently became Wamboin] be allocated as follows:- the Main Road off trunk road no. 50 to be named Norton Road, the first road on the left be named Gallagher Crescent, the first road on the right be called Proud Place, the second on the right be called Cooper Road, and the last on the left be called Campbell Place'.	Town Planning Committee Report, Minutes of a Special Meeting held on 2 August 1972, p. 8.
1972, 11 Aug	Gazettal of a notification of the closure of old crown roads in the vicinity of what is now the south-western part of Wamboin ('Old Wamboin') to facilitate the subdivisions to create Canberra Country Estate.	'Notification of closing of roads', <i>Government Gazette of the State of New South Wales</i> , 11 Aug 1972, no.82, p. 3270, http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article220145244 .
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. This was Canberra Country Estate Stage 1.	<i>Canberra Times</i> , 2 Dec. 1972, p. 31, https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/110623597 .
1973, 17 Mar	A real estate agent's advertisement for Canberra Country Estate in the <i>Canberra Times</i> stating 'Inspect now 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 ...'.	Allen Curtis Partners Pty Ltd's classified advertisement, <i>The Canberra Times</i> 17 Mar 1973, p. 27 Advertising
1973, 14 Sep	A group of 16 ANU professional and academic staff, led by Keith France who later moved to Wamboin, commenced negotiating with the NSW Department of Lands, and subsequently with Yarrawlumla Shire Council, to proclaim the Village of Bywong as a village for residential purposes, and for crown leases to be granted to them there. Their plan was to create a residential village out of the 33 lots created through the original 1895 survey. The following February, the Shire Council refused to support the proposal, ostensibly	Correspondence files held by K.E. France.

	owing to Council's preference to further develop Sutton before considering other areas. Cr Hardy '... wanted to know why another village should be established "out in the bush just because a few Canberra people ask for it"'.	'Shire opposes Bywong Village plan', <i>Queanbeyan Age</i> , 4 Feb. 1974, p. 9.
1974, early	The CSIRO Division of Land Use Research's Hydrology Group established '... an experimental area for the study of water quality and surface and sub-surface hydrology'. This was located in the crown land reserve on the Wamboin side of Kowen Forest, accessed from the old Kowen Road, and on a one square mile area of land on the nearby 'Old Kowen' property, land owned by Betty Watson (née Hyles) and managed by her husband, Peter Watson. The lease expired on 31 December 1985. The current owner of 'Old Kowen', Frank Watson, advises that 'There are plenty of white pipes in the ground to show where they had been and also plenty of metal pipe bore holes' on 'Old Kowen'.	Komidar, P 2018, 'Wamboin's hidden hydrological history', <i>The Whisper</i> , February 2018, p. 18. Frank Watson, pers. com., 19 Aug 2021.
1975, 14 Feb	The Australian Honours System was instituted by a 1975 act of the Commonwealth Parliament. This <i>Chronology</i> lists the awards made after this date where the recipient's address is given as Wamboin.	'Australian honours system', Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, https://www.pmc.gov.au/honours-and-symbols/australian-honours-system
1976	Don Evans wrote: 'We decided to build in 1976, the third house to be built in the area. Two others had been already built in Cooper Road. In those days, Norton Road was only 2km in length. It came to a dead end where it joined Fernloff Road. Back then, there were various building covenants, for example, a house had to be a minimum of brick veneer construction and have a tiled roof. You may notice that most of the older houses still have tiled roofs. As for your mail, you had to install a mailbox on the corner of Gallagher Crescent and Norton Road. I can remember about 20 in a row. You had to apply to the PMG for a mailbox number and the address was ".... Sutton Road". That was as far as the postman went in those days.'	Evans, D 2007, 'Wamboin history and legends', <i>Wamboin Whisper</i> , April 2007, p. 23.
1976, 1 Jan	David Robertson commenced keeping weather records from his home at Cooper Road, Wamboin, initially daily rainfall data and subsequently temperature data as well. Some years later his wife Robyn Robertson took over and, in 2017, Christine Rieber, also from Cooper Road, took over from her.	Downey, P. 2025, '50 years of weather records', <i>The Whisper</i> , May 2025, p. 2.
1976, 27 Mar	'OPEN FOR EXHIBITION CANBERRA COUNTRY ESTATE SUNDAY 2-5pm 5 acre farms from \$17,000 timbered undulating land serviced with sealed road, power, phone and dam approximately 17 km from Canberra just over the ACT border on the Queanbeyan-Sutton road. Meet David Burdett at entrance to the sub-division.'	'Advertising', <i>The Canberra Times</i> , 27 Mar 1976, p. 21, http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article110810341 .
1977, 12 Aug	'The second section of Canberra Country Estate, on the Sutton Road between the Federal Highway and Queanbeyan, has been placed on the market and found a ready demand for the 8-hectare blocks. Mr Ian McNamee, the estate agent handling the subdivision, said yesterday that more than half the 25 blocks adjacent to Cowan (<i>sic</i>) Forest had already been sold and inquiries were being made for those still left. The area is about 20 kilometres from Civic and 15 kilometres from Queanbeyan. There would be a further release of blocks in about three months.'	'Blocks sell', <i>Canberra Times</i> , 12 Aug 1977, p. 3.
1977, 25 Nov	Wamboin resident Major Alan George Hutchinson was awarded the National Medal.	Australian Honours Search Facility https://honours.pmc.gov.au/honours/sear

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1978	The Lark Hill vineyard and winery were established by Sue & Dave Carpenter. The vines were planted that year; the first vintage was in 1981.	https://larkhill.wine/about-us
1978, 13 Mar	With effect from this date, the titles of the members of the NSW Legislative Assembly (MLAs) were changed to Members of Parliament (MPs).	Pers. com. Parliament of NSW, 13 May 2014.
1978, 20 Mar	'The rescue attempt at Reedy Creek took place where the stream crosses Sutton Road, near Queanbeyan. A car driven by Mrs Rosanna Perry, 33, of Bungendore, was swept off a bridge by the flood waters. Mr Primmer and a companion, Mr John Henjack, who also has been awarded the Bravery Medal, tied themselves with rope secured to a guide post and held by five men, and attempted to swim to the woman. The two were swept away before they could reach her, and although Mr. Henjack was pulled to safety, Mr Primmer became snagged in debris, and drowned ... Mr Primmer was one of six people to be awarded the Bravery Medal for their part in rescuing the woman.' Reedy Creek crosses Sutton Road 200 m south of the Kowen Road intersection. Daniel Primmer, of Narrabundah, ACT, was just 18 years of age, and John Henjack, of Queanbeyan, 17 years.	'Man drowns in attempt to rescue woman', <i>Canberra Times</i>, 22 March 1978, p. 1, http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article110888737. '18 awards made for brave conduct. Drowned rescuer earns medal', <i>Canberra Times</i>, 18 Jan 1979, p. 1, http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article136975483.
1979, 10 Jan	Heatwave: 'Total fire bans are in force for the ACT and most of south-eastern NSW. A spokesman for the ACT Bureau of Meteorology said yesterday there was no sign of an end to the heatwave. The temperature is expected to reach 39 degrees today, making it six consecutive days above 35 degrees which would be the hottest spell in Canberra since January, 1947. Canberra has had only one day since New Year's Day when the maximum temperature was below 35 degrees.'	'No sign of end to heat. Total fire ban in ACT, <i>The Canberra Times</i> , 10 Jan 1979, p. 1, http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article136974130 >.
1979, 13 Feb	Bill Cartwright '... remembers the big fire that hit Sutton in 1979. It burned 72,000 acres in 24 hours. It started in Hall when electricity lines touched, and was pushed by northwesterlies to the Sutton area, where it burned several outlying houses as well as large areas of grass, trees, and fences. Then the wind changed to a southwesterly, and the fire moved from the Sutton area towards Lake George. On Woodbury, their property just south of Sutton, the Cartwrights lost about 300 sheep and most of their fencing.' And see 'Collective action on fire-damage claim', <i>Canberra Times</i>, 2 Mar 1979, p. 7, http://www.nla.gov.au/nla.news-article110932588.	Noel, N (compiler) 1997, 'A bit of the area's history. As told by Mr. Bill Cartwright of "Woodbury" on Sutton Road', <i>The Whisper</i>, June 1997, pp. 12-16. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Australian_Capital_Territory_Rural_Fire_Service
1979, 30 Mar	The official name 'Village of Bywong', the old mining settlement at the northern end of Bywong Town Road, Bywong, was discontinued by the Geographical Names Board of NSW.	Government Gazette of NSW, 30 March 1979, p. 1532.
1979, 28 Oct	Lyn Drummond had a long article in the <i>Canberra Times</i> about the Bywong Town mining site. She pointed out that the 'Yarrowlunla Shire Council and members of the Bungendore Historical Society want to preserve as much of the site as possible', but their efforts were in vain. The NSW Government refused to make it a Crown reserve to protect its heritage values.	Drummond, L, 'Staking a claim for Bywong', <i>Canberra Times</i> , 28 Oct 1979, p. 7.
1980, 26 Jan	'To be awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia in the General Division (O.A.M.), Edward Leslie Joseph REARDON, Summer Hill, Bungendore, N.S.W. 2621. For service to local government and to the community.'	Commonwealth of Australia Gazette, No. S13, 26 January 1980,
	Les Reardon was a Yarrowlunla Shire Councillor for many years, and its President from 1968 to 1978.	

1980, 21 Oct	'Turalla and Garden, Gundaroo Rd, Bungendore', entered into the Register of the National Estate. Gundaroo Road was the former name of the present Bungendore Road.	https://www.environment.gov.au/cgi-bin/ahdb/search.pl
1981	Possibly the year in which the Wamboin Community Association was created, as an unincorporated association. The second issue of the <i>Wamboin Whisper</i> stated that 'The Wamboin Community Association' meets on an as required basis at the Fire Shed in Cooper Road ... If you wish any matter to be raised at a Committee Meeting [of the Association] please contact one of the following members: James Armstrong – Ross Clay – John Finn – Derek Gough – John Greenwell Hugh Logue – Ray Pennay – Bob Shelley – or Ian Wooton'	<i>Wamboin Whisper</i> , Oct 1981, p. 1.
1981, 21 Jun	'A working bee to complete the fire shed in Cooper Rd was held on Sunday 21. Jun 81.'	<i>Wamboin Whisper</i> , July 1981, p. 1.
1981, Jul	First issue of the <i>Wamboin Whisper</i> published by the Wamboin Community Association (WCA: unincorporated at that stage). First editor: Derek Gough from Cooper Road, who remained editor until December 1983. The title in the masthead shortened in 1988 to <i>The Whisper</i> .	Mason, L & Noel, N 2021, 'Let's shout about The Whisper', <i>The Whisper</i> , August 2021, n.p.
1981, Jul	Although it is unclear when the Wamboin Community Association was formed (as an unincorporated association) the first issue of the <i>Wamboin Whisper</i> stated that 'The next meeting of the Wamboin Community Association is planned for Wed 22 Jul'.	<i>Wamboin Whisper</i> , Jul 1981, p. 2.
1981, Jul	The first issue of the <i>Wamboin Whisper</i> included the request 'To ease the effort involved in distributing notices of local interest all residents should have a letter box at either (<i>sic</i>) Gallagher Cresc, Cooper Rd or Poppet Rd'.	<i>Wamboin Whisper</i> , Jul 1981, p. 2.
1981, 4 Sep	The 'geographical name' 'Wamboin' was assigned and gazetted as a feature within the parishes of Amungula, Goorooyarroo and Wamboin, with the co-ordinates 35° 15' S, 149° 17' E. These co-ordinates are between Fernloff Road and Canning Close.	<i>Government Gazette of the State of New South Wales</i> , 4 Sep 1981, p. 4781
1981, Oct	The <i>Wamboin Whisper</i> refers to the 'Childrens (<i>sic</i>) Weekly Play Group (run in association with The Wives Coffee Morning Group ??? (<i>sic</i>)). 'Held every Tuesday morning 1030 – 1230. Any age of child up to 5 years.' Anne Tracey was the contact person.	<i>Wamboin Whisper</i> , Oct 1981, p. 2.
1981, 3 Oct	Apparently the first 'Wee Wamboinian', i.e. the first birth to Wamboin residents: Jessica Kate Skye, daughter of Kitty and Ian McNeill, born in the Royal Canberra Hospital.	<i>Wamboin Whisper</i> , Oct. 1981, p. 3; <i>Canberra Times</i> 7 Oct 1981, p. 30.
1981, 11 Oct	The first 'official "club meet"' of the Wamboin Pony Club took place 'with 15 mounted members in attendance', probably at 'the temporary club field off Poppett (<i>sic</i>) Road'. President: Ross Clay, Secretary: Kate Gough.	<i>Wamboin Whisper</i> , Oct 1981, p. 2.
1982-1983	The 1982 to 1983 drought. At Cooper Road, Wamboin, just 364.5 mm of rain was recorded for the whole of 1982 (source: Rieber, C 2020, 'Comparison with the 1982 drought', <i>The Whisper</i> , Feb. 2020, p. 9).	Bureau of Meteorology [c. 2020], <i>Previous droughts</i> , http://www.bom.gov.au/climate/drought/knowledge-centre/previous-droughts.shtml .

1982	Commencement of closer settlement in the Joe Rocks Road/The Mountain Road area: The title deeds of the farmland which became the Joe Rocks Road blocks was established in the mid-1800s. Bill Ryan, the owner of the land in the early 1980s, sold blocks with the original titles and advertised them as a private estate in late 1982. The first people to buy a block were Bob and Zydre Pember who purchased 34 Hillside Lane in January 1983. Other lots on Hillside Lane, Joe Rocks Road and Rocky Glen Road were sold soon after, followed by others on Joe Rocks Road and Cherry Tree Lane. In 1984, David Odell was the first resident of Joe Rocks Road. About two years after the first blocks on Joe Rocks Road were sold, Tony Reardon sold the individual ones on The Mountain Road, as happened on Joe Rocks Road. The first to buy there were Bob and Angie Angel, who bought 244 The Mountain Road in late 1984, then Brian and Ann Lamont bought 135 TMR in 1985.	Bourke, RM 2021, 'Early close settlement history of Joe Rocks Road and The Mountain Road, Wamboin area, NSW, 1983-1985', <i>The Whisper</i> , October 2021, pp. 18-9.
1982, 3 Apr	The initial constitution of the Wamboin Community Association was adopted at a public meeting. Its provisions included '2. All residents and landholders in Wamboin and surrounding areas are automatically members of the Association without the need for payment of a subscription or other levy. 3. The functions of the Association shall be to represent the common interests of members and to encourage and co-ordinate sporting, recreational and other social activities.'	Wamboin Community Association archives.
1982, 3 April	'... [the] 134 families living in the Wamboin area were in need of a meeting place. A public meeting on 3 rd April 1982 agreed for a "Hall" to be built on a block which had been put aside in Bingley Way for "Local activities"'. Following fundraising, local volunteers commenced erecting it but, on 17 March 1984, the hall's framework collapsed.	Evans, D 2007, 'Wamboin history and legends, no. 2: the "Hall"', <i>The Whisper</i>, May 2007, pp. 21-2. Plaque in the hall: 'Erection memento'.
1982, July	The first of what would become the annual Wamboin Bonfire and Fireworks Night.	Mason, L, 'Cancellation of Bonfire and Fireworks Night', <i>The Whisper</i> , Oct 2018, p. 10.
1982, 23 Dec	First birth to occur in Wamboin: Michael Bird.	<i>Wamboin Whisper</i> , Feb 1983, p. 1
1983, 14 Jan	'The Queanbeyan City Council resolved at its meeting last night to ask the Member for Monaro, Mr Akister, to approach the NSW Minister for Transport, Mr Cox, for additional funds for the construction of the road from Queanbeyan through Sutton to Yass. 'The Mayor, Dr Madew, said the construction of the road was now the council's No 1 priority.' Commonwealth Government funding to the Queanbeyan City Council of \$57, 400 in the 1983/84 year, under the Australian Bicentennial Road Development Program for the Yass Road (subsequently re-named Sutton Road).	'Yass road funds "top priority"', <i>Canberra Times</i> 14 January 1983, p. 1, http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article116442950. Australian Bicentennial Road Development Program 1983, <i>Annual report</i>, p. 110, http://nla.gov.au/nla.obj-1466822442.
1983, 15 Jun	David Robertson advised the Executive of the Sutton Bush Fire Brigade that '... there were within Wamboin, at that time, 112 houses with a possible increase to 200 by the end of 1984.'	Ferrett, M 1999, <i>Serving the community: a history of Sutton Rural Fire Service 1949-1999</i> , Sutton Bush Fire Brigade, Sutton, N.S.W., p. 6.

1984	Erection of the first Wamboin Community Association chalkboard/blackboard: Wamboin resident Lofty Mason wrote 'In 1984 it became apparent that a method of notification of urgent events was required for the inhabitants of Wamboin. At a WCA meeting it was agreed, and Council gave approval, for a fixed Blackboard. Hank Berlee constructed the bits and John Finn assisted me in the positioning at the Norton Road, Gallagher Crescent intersection. The approval from Council stressed that no commercial signs go on otherwise, approval for the board would be rescinded. As the traffic flow into Wamboin increased, Council moved the board a few meters north and constructed the lay-by for safety purposes.'	Mason, L 2007, 'The chalkboard story', <i>Wamboin Whisper</i> , November 2007, p. 8.
1984	The people of Wamboin and Bywong (and the rest of the nation) continued to be Australian citizens but ceased being British subjects.	<i>Australian Citizenship Amendment Act 1984</i> (Cth).
1984, 1 Jul	Wamboin Volunteer Bushfire Brigade created. John Finn was the first Brigade Captain and David Robertson the first President.	'Bushfire Brigade Notes', <i>The Wamboin Whisper</i> , June 1984, p. 2.
1984, 17 Mar	The initial erection of the Wamboin Community Hall framework collapsed.	Plaque in the hall: 'Erection memento'
1984, June	The Masons (Joan & Lofty) commenced as editors of the <i>Wamboin Whisper</i> , and filled that role until June 1989. 145 copies were printed.	Mason, L & Noel, N 2021, 'Let's shout about The Whisper', <i>The Whisper</i> , August 2021, n.p.
1984, 3 Jun	At its Annual General Meeting on this date, the Wamboin Community Association (then unincorporated) adopted a new constitution.	<i>The Wamboin Whisper</i> , June 1984.
1985	Greenways: Yarrowlumla Shire Council '... established a working party to develop a Shire-wide approach to a Greenways network that resulted in Council adopting "Access to the Countryside" as their Bicentennial theme in 1988. In 1989, the then Geary's Gap Community Association developed a case for the establishment of the first Greenway in the area.'	http://www.bywongcommunity.org.au/greenways/history/
1985, 20 Jan	'Anglican Church services began in Wamboin in 1985 with monthly services held in the Bingley Way Community Hall. These continued until 1994 when services became bi-monthly due to popular demand. Then in 1998 services were moved to newly built church in Poppet Road.'	Rope, A 2022, 'What the heck (Part 7)', <i>The Whisper</i> , November 2022, p. 14. Rope, A 2025, 'What the heck (Chapter 31)', <i>The Whisper</i> , February 2025, p. 12.
1985, 22 Jan	'Two men are facing prosecution by the Yarrowlumla Shire Council under the NSW Bushfire Act. A meeting of the council resolved last night to instigate court proceedings against the men, whom the council regards as having begun the bushfires through negligence. Council investigations alleged that a fire at Bingley Way, Wamboin, which burnt four hectares of grazing land on January 2, had been begun by a linesman working for the Southern Tablelands County Council, who allegedly dropped a cigarette in long grass. Another fire at Norton Road, Wamboin, on January 7, was allegedly begun by a lawn mower. That fire burnt 16 hectares and required bushfire units from Wamboin, Sutton, Queanbeyan and Kowen Forest.'	'Bushfire negligence alleged', <i>Canberra Times</i> , 23 Jan 1985, p. 3.
1985, 2 Mar	The Majura Bushfire ignited on the southern slopes of Mount Majura, under suspicious circumstances. Strong N-W winds drove the fire east across the Field Firing Range and into Wamboin. 'Despite 27 houses being surrounded by fire, miraculously, no houses were lost. Other NSW Bush Fire Brigades, ACT tankers, Army water tankers and the Canberra Airport fire tender had all joined the fight, and were able to save all these homes. This event made a huge impact on Wamboin' (Evans 2007, p. 7).	Cutting, J n.d., revised 8/10/2020, <i>Dense spotting and erratic fire behaviour on the Majura Pines fire, Australian Capital Territory, 2nd March 1985</i> , https://rps.org/media/znnhlrl/mount-majura-pine-fire-mk-5.pdf .

	A state of emergency was declared in Yarrawlumla Shire. Evans later wrote on the Wamboin Bywong News and Issues Facebook group (2 Mar. 2025, the 40th anniversary of the fire) that it was largely contained to the northern side of Norton Road, and ‘... was finally stopped (about the line of the Greenway) with a 4 wide grader break just before Weeroona Drive.’ Additional details have been provided by Abel (2025).	‘Bushfire fighter dies’, <i>Canberra Times</i>, 3 March 1985, pp. 1, 4, 6, http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article122500648. Evans, D 2007, ‘Wamboin, history and legends: the 1985 fires’, <i>The Whisper</i>, August 2007, pp. 6-7. Abel, T 2025, ‘40 years since the fires’, <i>The Whisper</i>, July 2025, p. 23.
1985, 8 Mar	Millpost Wildlife Refuge gazetted: 1,196 ha, parish of Majura. Part of the Millpost Station.	National Parks and Wildlife Act, 1974 – Proclamation, <i>Government Gazette of the State of New South Wales</i> , 8 Mar 1985, Issue No.52, p. 1024, http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article231879569 .
1985, 23 Oct	The election of Lofty Mason of Wamboin, to fill a vacancy on Yarrawlumla Shire Council, was announced. ‘The returning officer and Shire Clerk, Mr Stuart Warner, said that only 37 per cent of electors eligible to vote had done so, although voting was compulsory.’	‘New councillors’. <i>Canberra Times</i> , 23 Oct 1985, p. 3.
1985, 30 March	An advertisement was published in the <i>Canberra Times</i> advertising the sale of blocks on the ‘Weeroona Park’ subdivision, a former grazing property owned by John and Jessie Clark. Its location was described as off Macs Reef Road, Bungendore, and was at the northern end of today’s Weeroona Drive.	‘Advertising’, <i>The Canberra Times</i> , 30 Mar 1985, p. 51, http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article122506419 .
1985, 2 Nov	Mr Bob Bush, the Development Officer of the Shire of Yarrawlumla, officially declared the new Wamboin Community Hall open.	Plaque installed in the hall.
1986	1:50,000 topographic maps ‘Lake George’ & ‘Bungendore’, compiled by the Royal Australian Survey Corps, were published; they were field verified in 1984. By that stage Norton Road had reached c. 2.5 km east of the Bingley Way intersection. The rural properties labelled in what finally became the locality of Wamboin and nearby included Murryong Outstation, Cohen Creek, Maipenrai, Oreagan, Brookway, Hillcrest, Kia-Nyan, Oost Viaadere, Huntington, Keighley, Te Acoha, Clare, Tiffingate and Wongabeeba.	Geoscience Australia, Topographic Map Index, 1: 50 000 scale: https://geoscience-au.maps.arcgis.com/apps/dashboards/b5deb336a04f456da5eb904f3e146f0d .
1986	The Sutton interchange grade-separation on the Federal Highway opened. Five years earlier, Graeme Barrow wrote of Sutton Road: ‘The road crosses the Federal Highway at a dangerous intersection 3 km from Sutton, but the countryside, witness of many a tragic collision at this point,	Ozroads n.d., National Highway Route 23; Federal Highway (NSW Section), https://www.ozroads.com.au/NSW/Route

	is a scene of tranquillity' (Barrow, G 1981, <i>Canberra region car tours</i> , Canberra companions, Australian National University Press, Canberra, p. 66).	Numbering/National%20Routes/23/nh23.htm
1986, 16 Apr	The <i>Canberra Times</i> reported that a Wamboin racehorse owner was disqualified for six months, and a trainer from Sutton for three months, at the end of an inquiry by stewards of the South East Racing Association in Canberra yesterday. The inquiry related to a urine swab that was positive to the drug oxyphenbutazone, returned by the horse Claud's Axe after his win in the \$15,200 Duesbury's Dash (1,000 m) at Canberra on Black Opal day on 9 March. Both men appealed the decision.	Hourigan, J, 'Connections found guilty by inquiry', <i>Canberra Times</i> , 16 Apr 1986, p. 38.
1986, 16 Aug	The inaugural Wamboin Curry Night was held to raise funds for the local golf club, and to build community cohesion. This occurred at the suggestion of Peter Flynn who became the organiser until 1993 when Dave Hubbard took over. Dave has continued to run it, with support from others, ever since. The event has been held on the third Saturday in August each year, except for 2020 and 2021 when the COVID-19 pandemic caused its cancellation.	Hubbard, D 2021, '2021 Curry Night lost into the coronaverse', <i>The Whisper</i> , August 2021, n.p.
1986, 6 Oct	'Golf in Wamboin was started by the Fire Brigade to give the members an opportunity to get together for a social occasion. As this could not be achieved at a commercial course the idea came up for members to prepare a course over our own properties. 'The first Golf Game at Wamboin was played on Monday the 6th of October 1986. There were 35 players. \$5 entry fee. Shotgun start at 10 am. Free barbecue lunch plus one drink.'	Lofty Mason, 14 Oct 2022, pers. comm., based on reports in <i>The Whisper</i> , Oct 1986, pp. 1, 5.
1986	The honours board in the Wamboin Community Hall for the 'Wamboin Country Golf Club' shows 1986 as the Club's first year. That year's winner of the Mens (<i>sic</i>) Open was Peter Flynn, and of the Ladies Open Gloria Braidwood.	Wamboin Community Hall
1987, 08 Jun	Wamboin resident Commander James Gerald Bridges Armstrong MBE, was named a Member of the Order of Australia (OA) in the Queen's Birthday 1987 Honours List 'In recognition of service to the RAN as Deputy Director of Naval Intelligence'.	Australian Honours Search Facility https://honours.pmc.gov.au/honours/search
1987, Sep	Wamboin resident, Peter Greenwood, elected as a councillor on the Yarrawlumla Shire Council.	
1987, Oct	'The Norton Rd. to Macs Reef Rd. connection (Weerona (<i>sic</i>) Drv.) will be completed shortly. This road will be formed but unsealed and is primarily a fire access and exit road. It should be noted however that in the longer term this road will be sealed'.	'President's paragraph', <i>Wamboin Whisper</i> , Oct 1987, p. 2.
1988, 18 Mar	Opening of the Sutton Interchange on the Federal Highway, along with the new 10 km dual carriageway: 'The new road eliminates the narrow, dangerous crossing of the Yass River and the twisting single-lane conditions which have frayed the nerves of thousands of drivers over the years. 'Mr Morris also opened the new interchange at the Sutton Road intersection, which, together with that dreadful section of the old highway, has made too great a contribution to the New South Wales road toll.'	Media release, Peter Morris MHR, 18 March 1988, 88/21, 'New Sutton interchange opened', https://parlinfo.aph.gov.au/parlInfo/search/display/display.w3p;query=Id:%22media/pressrel/HPRO3006875%22 .
1988, 29 Oct	Opening of the new Wamboin Bicentennial Fire Station at 112 Bingley Way, Wamboin. The Wamboin Volunteer BushFire Brigade Captain was John Finn, and the Brigade President Geoff Wines:	Bush Fire Council of New South Wales 1989, 'Work in the wilds of Wamboin',

	'The WAMBOIN BICENTENNIAL FIRE STATION was funded by grants from the NSW Bicentennial Council, the NSW Bush Fire Council and the Yarrowlumla Shire Council plus funds raised by the Wamboin Community Association, Wamboin Scouts and the Bushfire Brigade. The building was erected by the voluntary labour of the members of the Brigade, Scouts and the Wamboin Community ... The events of the day were followed by a Bicentennial Ball in the evening.' The official opening was conducted by Mr Peter Cochran MP, Member for Monaro.	<i>Bush Fire Bulletin: Official Journal of the Bush Fire Council of New South Wales</i>, vol. 11, no. 1, p. 11. Plaque on the Fire Station wall.
1988, Dec	The masthead of the <i>Wamboin Whisper</i> changed to <i>The Whisper</i> (editor: The Masons).	Lofty Mason, pers. comm.
1989	Wamboin resident, Peter Greenwood, elected as Deputy Shire President, Yarrowlumla Shire Council.	
1989	The then Geary's Gap Community Association (the name Geary's Gap was later changed to Bywong) developed a case for the establishment of the first Greenway in the area.	http://www.bywongcommunity.org.au/greenways/history/
1989	David Churchward completed his Bachelor of Theology thesis which examined 'two of the branch church centres of St. John's Reid, namely St. Peter's Sutton and the church at Wamboin.	Churchward, D 1989, 'To study an Anglican Parish and its designated parish area with the purpose of discovering the goals of that parish, how well they are being achieved and recommending how better they might be achieved', Bachelor of Theology thesis, Charles Sturt University, Canberra.
1989, 7 Mar	Andy Burbidge, Building Co-ordinator, Geary's Gap Community Association, presented his Building Report advising that the new hall was completed and ready for use. He acknowledged all the people who worked on the construction and singled out Tim Hayen Brown regarding '... his brilliant architectural foresight, and his perseverance in ensuring that we stuck to his original concept and to be able to proudly say to the critics "IT DID WORK"!'.	Information sign on the wall of the Bywong Community Hall, 28 March 2026.
1989, Jul	The Nordsvans commenced as editors of <i>The Whisper</i> and filled that role until February 1990. 210 copies were printed.	Mason, L & Noel, N 2021, 'Let's shout about The Whisper', <i>The Whisper</i> , August 2021, n.p.
1989, 4 Nov	A front-page article in the <i>Canberra Times</i> issue of this date reported on a \$3.8 million cannabis crop that had been discovered in the roof of a house on a property at Wamboin. 'Police said yesterday they had charged a Canberra man with possessing, supplying and cultivating a prohibited substance. A Queanbeyan man was being questioned and was also expected to be charged. 'Queanbeyan police and members of the drug squad, Special Weapons Operations Squad, and scientific squad raided the property at 4am. They found 1800 plants growing in the ceiling in an elaborate set-up using hydroponics, lights and thermostatic temperature control. The plants stood about 1.2m high and would have been ready for harvest in a month.'	'\$3.8m marijuana crop in house roof' <i>Canberra Times</i> , 4 Nov 1989, p. 1.

1990, 7 Jan	The <i>Canberra Times</i> reported on discussions between Yarrowlunla Shire Council and the National Capital Planning Authority about the implications of the scenario that 'Canberra will have grown too large for the ACT and will have to spill into NSW in less than 15 years' time ...'. Council's chief town planner, David Rouse, stated that Council was doing a complete review of its planning system. 'The main concern of both the authority and Queanbeyan council is to ensure that border areas are not subdivided into hobby farms or rural residential blocks ... A recent study of children in the Wamboin area showed that they went to 37 different schools in the ACT.'	Aitkin, S 1990, 'ACT spill into NSW in 15 years', <i>The Canberra Times</i> , 7 Jan 1990, pp. 1-2, http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article120870887 .
1990, April	The editors of <i>The Whisper</i> from this month until June 1993 were Edwina Jans/Frazer/Sue Bedford.	Mason, L & Noel, N 2021, 'Let's shout about The Whisper', <i>The Whisper</i> , August 2021, n.p.
1990, 11 Jun	Wamboin resident Mrs Elizabeth Ann (Betty) Churcher was named a Member of the Order of Australia (AM) in the Queen's Birthday 1990 Honours List 'In recognition of service to the arts, particularly in the field of arts administration and education'.	Australian Honours Search Facility https://honours.pmc.gov.au/honours/search
1990, 6 Jul	A Candid Camera team, including actors David Webb and Linda Chappie, set up a roadblock on Sutton Road at the ACT border, flagging down cars about to enter the ACT. 'Their unlucky occupants were told that the ACT Legislative Assembly, in a meeting late the previous night ..., had voted to close the ACT border to vehicular traffic for 24 hours until midnight. Drivers were free to detour via Goulburn if they wished to reach Queanbeyan, or they could leave their cars by the forest and walk in', they were told. After a confrontation, the actors said 'Before you go, why don't you smile? ... You're on Candid Camera.'	Aitkin, S 1990, 'Smile! It's a sheik-down at old Parliament House', <i>Canberra Times</i> , 16 Jul 1990, p. 1, http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article122297634 .
1991	Steve & Ruth Lambert commenced planting wine grape vines at what became Lambert's Winery.	Colwill, J & Bowden, B 2010, <i>Wander through Wamboin: a celebration of rural living: stories about Wamboin</i> , Frogmouth Communications, Wamboin, NSW, p. 54.
1991, 27 Feb	Bywong Community Incorporated registered, incorporation no. Y1166729. Previously known as the Geary's Gap Community Association.	http://associationspr.fairtrading.nsw.gov.au/
1991, Sep	Wamboin resident, Peter Greenwood, elected as Shire President, Yarrowlunla Shire Council.	
1991, 6 Oct	'A family of four is homeless after fire destroyed a caravan at Womboin [sic] yesterday afternoon. According to Queanbeyan police, the family was putting out a grass fire near the caravan when the wind changed direction. The fire had blown underneath the caravan, causing a generator-bottle full of fuel and a can of petrol to ignite and destroy the caravan; The Salvation Army is conducting an appeal for food and-clothing.'	<i>Canberra Times</i> , 7 Oct 1991, p. 2.
1992, 26 Jan	Wamboin resident Mr James Fulton Muir (known as Fulton Muir) was named an Officer of the Order of Australia (AO) in the Australia Day 1992 Honours List 'For service to commerce and to the community'.	Australian Honours Search Facility https://honours.pmc.gov.au/honours/search

1992, Sep	'September 2022 marks the 30th 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.'	Anon. 2022, 'Celebrating 30 years of Wildcare Queanbeyan', <i>The Whisper</i> , October 2022, p. 14.
1992, 24 Nov	Gearys Gap Pony Club Inc. incorporated, registration no. Y1621539. Based at the Les Reardon Reserve, Bywong.	http://associationspr.fairtrading.nsw.gov.au/default.aspx
1992, 15 Dec	Peter Cochran M.P., Member for Monaro, announced that 'Wamboin students will be able to travel to Queanbeyan Schools on a new School bus service from the commencement of the 1993 School year'. Mr Cochran '... congratulated Wamboin resident Lorraine Stewart on her persistent lobbying on behalf of the community'.	Cochran, P. 1992, 'New school bus – Wamboin to Queanbeyan', media release 15 Dec. 1992, NSW Parliamentary Library Press Releases database.
1993	The <i>Native Title Act</i> was passed by the Commonwealth Parliament and commenced on 1 Jan 2004. Subsequently, a number of Native Title claims were made covering parts of Wamboin and district. All have been settled as 'Native title does not exist', 'Dismissed by Federal Court', 'Discontinued', or 'Withdrawn'.	https://www.legislation.gov.au/Details/C2021C00165 http://www.nntt.gov.au/searchRegApps/NativeTitleClaims/Pages/default.aspx .
1993, May	Wamboin resident, Peter Greenwood, became Mayor of Yarrowlumla Shire Council following the introduction of the <i>Local Government Act 1993</i> (NSW) where the term 'Shire President' was replaced by 'Mayor'.	
1993, July	Ned Noel commenced as editor of <i>The Whisper</i> and he is still in that role at the time of writing. 325 copies were printed.	Mason, L & Noel, N 2021, 'Let's shout about The Whisper', <i>The Whisper</i> , August 2021, n.p.
1994, 7 Jan	'A 14-year-old boy was officially cautioned by Bungendore police for lighting a fire on a day of total fire ban after a home-made ignition device he had been experimenting with started a fire on the Norton Road in Wamboin yesterday. 'The fire was reported at 11.30am and the Wamboin Bush Fire Brigade put it out before it could threaten property. About 2.5ha of grassland was burnt. A police spokesman said it had been a serious offence, but because of the boy's age he had received only an official caution.'	'Boy cautioned over grass fire', <i>Canberra Times</i> , 7 Jan 1994, p. 2.
1994, Oct	Wamboin-based Cr Peter Greenwood passed on news from Yarrowlumla Shire Council regarding 'Shire Ridings or Wards': 'There is currently a proposal before Council from the General Manager to remove Ridings or Wards in conjunction with Council elections. This would mean that rather than having three councillors elected from each of three ridings, we would be voting for candidates from all over the Shire. I believe that for proper representation, especially in relation to local issues, Ridings must be maintained and a local person elected so that our concerns would be better represented on Council.'	Greenwood, P, 'Yarrowlumla Council News', <i>The Whisper</i> , Oct. 1994, reproduced in the <i>Whisper</i> , Oct 2009, p. 10.
1994, 21 Oct	The Brooks Hill Reserve Trust (no. 130071) gazetted '... for the public purpose of environmental protection and public recreation (passive)'. The first Trustees appointed were Geoffrey Alan James Butler, Josephine Mary Walker, John Walter, and Rainer Rehwinkel.	Establishment of Reserve Trust, <i>Government Gazette of the State of New South Wales</i> , 21 Oct 1994, no. 143, p. 6380, http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-

	An irony is that 'Brooks Hill' and the 'Brooks Hill Reserve' (on the Kings Highway) are not registered geographical names. The feature officially named 'Brooks Hill' lies c. 9 km north-east of the Brooks Hill Reserve. Atop it is the officially designated 'Brooks' trig station, co-ordinates -35.284601, 149.495575.	article231953413 and http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article231953414 .
1994, 27 Dec	'A bridge over the Yass River on Macs Reef Road was officially opened in time to provide the many holiday-makers travelling to the coast with an alternative route. The new high-level crossing and associated roadworks replaced a dangerous single-lane causeway that often became impassable during flooding, inconveniencing travellers who were forced to make detours. Over the years it has been the site of many accidents with vehicles being washed off the causeway. The \$750,000 project has been constructed by Yarrowlumla Shire Council with funding provided by the NSW Government through the Roads and Traffic Authority.' It is actually an arch culvert, not a bridge.	Wells, P 1994, 'Bridge opens in time for holiday rush', <i>Canberra Times</i> , 27 Dec. 1994, p. 5. And see "Bridge arch falls off the back of a truck", <i>The Canberra Times</i> , 21 September 1994, p. 3.
1995	Yarrowlumla Shire Council established a s. 355 Committee to manage the newly created Wamboin/Bywong Greenways.	http://www.bywongcommunity.org.au/greenways/history/
1995, 19 Apr	The <i>Canberra Times</i> reported that 14-year-old Martita Slayden of Wamboin had '...been accepted for enrolment for the 1995-90 year at the North Carolina School of the Arts. Martita will be the first Australian to attend the North Carolina School of the Arts and will study classical ballet in the School of Dance there. She is a Year 10 student at Merici College in Braddon ... The North Carolina School of the Arts is dedicated to the preparation of talented students for professional careers in dance, design and production, drama, filmmaking, music and visual arts. Students study with some of the finest artist-teachers from around the world, chosen for their excellence, and professional and international experience.' Martita Slayden-Robinson has gone on to have a prominent career in the performing arts sector internationally.	'Dancing her way to the US', <i>Canberra Times</i> , 19 Apr 1995, p. 28.
1995, 20 Jun	Gearys Gap/Wamboin Landcare Group Incorporated registered, incorporation no. Y2197414. The first Executive Committee members were Trevor Couch President, Geoff Butler Secretary, and Julian Thompson Treasurer. At the time, 'Gearys Gap' was the name of the locality we now call 'Bywong'.	http://associationspr.fairtrading.nsw.gov.au/ Gearys Gap/Wamboin Landcare Group's archives.
1995, 29 Jun	Wamboin Community Association Incorporated registered, incorporation no. Y2207445. The first President (following incorporation) was Steve Lambert.	http://associationspr.fairtrading.nsw.gov.au/
1995, Aug	In this era, the <i>Wamboin Whisper</i> carried regular police reports, such as this: 'INCIDENTS REPORTED TO POLICE IN THE WAMBOIN, 1/6/95 to 24/7/95. Provided by Constable First Class Greg Hinds, Queanbeyan Police Station. Malicious Damage to Property, (Letter Boxes) Outdoor/Public, Weeroona Drive, RMB's 818, 832, 837, 826, 831, 824, 812, 841, 855 810, and 811. Break, Enter, and Steal: Bingley Way at Norton Rd. Theft of cigarettes, condoms, magazines, chocolates, cigarette lighters and drum tobacco. Major Traffic Accident, Collision & Injury, Fernleigh Drive (<i>sic</i>). Stolen Vehicle, Norton Road'	<i>Wamboin Whisper</i> , Aug 1995, p. 15.

1996	Cheryl and Brett Lane opened 'Gidgee Estate Wines', Weeroona Drive, Wamboin.	Simpson, P 2020, <i>Historical guide to New South Wales</i> , Australian Scholarly Publishing, North Melbourne, Vic., p. 761.
1996, 11 Jun	Wamboin resident, Ms Elizabeth Ann (Betty) Churcher AM, was named an Officer of the Order of Australia (AO) in the Queen's Birthday 1996 Honours List 'In recognition of service to art and to the community as Director of the Australian National Gallery'.	Australian Honours Search Facility https://honours.pmc.gov.au/honours/awards/870115
1997-2009	The Millennium drought.	Bureau of Meteorology [c. 2020], <i>Previous droughts</i> , http://www.bom.gov.au/climate/drought/knowledge-centre/previous-droughts.shtml .
1997	Bill and Pat Rhodin commenced establishing the Tulip Top Gardens at 20 Old Federal Highway, Sutton. It subsequently became a major tourist attraction, with thousands of visitors each spring.	Burgess, K 2018, 'Disappointed Floriade flower fans laud Tulip Top Gardens at Sutton', <i>Canberra Times</i> , 24 April 2018, https://www.canberratimes.com.au/story/6041693/disappointed-floriade-flower-fans-laud-tulip-top-gardens-at-sutton/?cs=14264
1997, Apr, Jun & Sep	Ned Noel, <i>The Whisper</i> editor, documented and published valuable oral histories of the Wamboin area in <i>The Whisper</i> .	https://www.wamboincommunity.asn.au/thewhisper/index.php?op=archive
1998, 8 Mar	The new St Andrew's Anglican Church, Wamboin, was consecrated by Bishop George Browning. The church was funded by David Robertson on land donated by the Schultz family. It was built by Ken Kelly.	St Andrew's Church Wamboin members and friends 2012, 'A brief history of St Andrews Wamboin', <i>The Whisper</i> , April 2012, p. 14. ---- 2012, 'A brief history of St Andrews Wamboin, part 2 of 2', <i>The Whisper</i> , May 2012, p. 23. 'Memorial for David Robertson', <i>Wamboin Whisper</i> , October 2003, p. 8.

1998, 29 May	Gazettal of name 'Bungendore Road' for the former 'Gundaroo Road': 'Existing Gundaroo Road between Federal Highway and Tarago Road at Bungendore, Parish of Bywong/Wamboin'. Also Gazetted, in the same notice, were Wirreanda Road and Woolshed Lane, plus some roads in Bywong and the Joe Rocks Road area.	<i>Government Gazette of the State of New South Wales</i> , 29 May 1998 (No.87), pp. 4015-6.
1999	The Wamboin Rural Fire Service came first in the Light Tanker Pumping Event at the 1999 NSW Rural Fire Service State Championships.	Taylor, R (ed) 1999, <i>NSW Rural fire Service Bushfire Bulletin</i> , vol. 21, no. 4, pp. 7-8.
1999	The <i>Sutton Chatter</i> community newspaper commenced publication with this title. The National Library of Australia's catalogue records that the previous Sutton and District Community Association Inc. newsletter was titled <i>Sutton Slingshot</i> : https://nla.gov.au/nla.cat-vn6093229 .	The <i>Sutton Chatter</i> 's masthead https://nla.gov.au/nla.obj-3093083416 .
1999 – 2001	Wamboin Community Association (WCA) members became increasingly concerned about what they considered to be a significant increase in low-flying commercial aircraft in the skies above Wamboin. Keith France represented the WCA on a Noise Reference Group convened by the Canberra International Airport. The community's concern was about the adverse impacts of low-flying aircraft on community amenity.	Wamboin Community Association correspondence files.
1999, 7 Jul	Wamboin Pony Club Incorporated registered, incorporation no. Y3002121.	http://associationspr.fairtrading.nsw.gov.au/
1999, 3 Sep	On 29 May 1998 'Clare Lane' was gazetted as the name of the road running from Bungendore Road to Norton Road. On 3 Sep 1999, Yarrawluma Shire Council notified its intention to close a section of Clare Lane at mid-length. 'The purpose of the road closure is to prevent through traffic along the lane in order to relieve safety concerns at the Clare Lane/Bungendore Road intersection.' The proposal was subsequently implemented, and the road closure today separates Clare Lane from Valley View Lane.	'Closure of Public Road — Clare Lane via Bungendore', Yarrawluma Council, Roads Act 1993, Section 116, <i>Government Gazette of the State of New South Wales</i> , 3 Sep 1999, no. 102, p. 8688.
1999, 01 Nov	The Wamboin Community Association Inc. was entered into the Australian Business Register with the Australian Business Number (ABN) 70 482 368 904.	Wamboin Community Association correspondence files.
1999, 31 Dec to 2000, 01 Jan	World-wide fears about a possible 'millennium bug' in computer systems failed to eventuate: 'The new century was looking very risky indeed for Australia with potential chaos across the globe as computers ticked over to January 1, 2000. 'This was Y2K, with the fear that computer systems would collapse, throwing the global economy and Australian industry into mayhem.' On 1 Dec. 1999 an officer from Yarrawluma Shire Council wrote to the Wamboin Community Association alerting members to the possible adverse impacts of the Y2K bug, including the possibility that the Wamboin hall would become '... unsafe to use from a public health and safety point of view ...', i.e. if a total failure of the reticulated electricity system occurred.	Blenkin, M 2020, 'Australia prepared for Y2K global mayhem', <i>Canberra Times</i> , 01 Jan 2020, https://www.canberratimes.com.au/story/6562341/australia-prepared-for-y2k-global-mayhem/ . WCA archives.
2000	First edition of <i>Look after your natural assets</i> published.	Geary's Gap Wamboin Landcare Group, Taylor, M, Lowe, F, Curtis, J & Cotsell, G (eds) 2000, <i>Look after your natural assets: landcare for the bush block and small farm acerage</i> (sic), 1 st edn, Geary's Gap Wamboin Landcare Group, Queanbeyan.

2000, 7 Apr	Wamboin resident Kim Mahood's first book published: Mahood, K 2000, <i>Craft for a dry lake</i> , Anchor, Sydney, N.S.W. 'Winner of the NSW Premier's Literary Awards Douglas Stewart Prize for Non-fiction, The Age Book of the Year Award for Non-fiction, The Dobbie Prize for Best First Book.' Subsequent best sellers include <i>Position doubtful: mapping landscapes and memories</i> (2016) and <i>Wandering with intent</i> (2022).	https://www.penguin.com.au/books/craft-for-a-dry-lake-9781863591393
2000, c. Apr	The Wamboin shop, located at 6 Bingley Way, closed. It was operated, at that stage, by Faiz & Suzanne Rizvi. In the March 2000 issue of <i>The Whisper</i> , Faiz wrote 'Anyone interested in renting the shop or forming a co-op to run the shop please phone Faiz Rizvi on 6238-3232' (p. 8). The April 2000 <i>Whisper</i> was the final one to show the store in its front page 'Wamboin Facilities and Contacts' listing. 'The late John Finn, originally owned the block on the corner of Bingley Way and Norton Road. The block which is only 2.1 acres, was zoned for a shop and residence. After being sold twice, I think, it was finally sold again and a shop was built. The shop ran for a few years before the old Yarrawlumla Council approved it to be rezoned for a "dual occupancy". Sadly the Community was not informed of this and we no longer have a block in the area zoned for a shop' (Evans 2007). We have no record, as yet, of when the shop commenced operating, but <i>The Whisper</i> for April 1997 shows that it was operated then by Derek & Trish Mavity.	Evans, D 2007, 'Wamboin history and legends: businesses from the past & present', <i>The Whisper</i> , June 2007, p. 24.
2000, 12 Jun	Wamboin resident Lieutenant Commander Robert Lionel Horsnell (Royal Australian Navy) was named as a recipient of the Conspicuous Service Cross (CSC) in the Queen's Birthday 2000 Honours List 'For outstanding achievement as the Officer-in-Charge of the Officers' and Senior Sailors' Section of the Engineering Faculty at HMAS Cerberus.	Australian Honours Search Facility https://honours.pmc.gov.au/honours/search
2000, 17 Aug	The name of the Wamboin Volunteer Bushfire Brigade was changed to Wamboin Rural Fire Brigade in the Australian Business Register, <i>vide</i> the NSW <i>Rural Fires Act 1997</i> .	Australian Business Register historical details for ABN 34 370 321 987.
2001, 01 Jan	Wamboin resident Mrs Betty Churcher AO was named as a recipient of the Centenary Medal 'For service to the Centenary of Federation celebrations'.	Australian Honours Search Facility https://honours.pmc.gov.au/honours/search
2001, 01 Jan	Wamboin resident Mr Edward Alfred (Ted) Evans was named as a recipient of the Centenary Medal 'For service to the nation as Secretary to the Treasury'.	Australian Honours Search Facility https://honours.pmc.gov.au/honours/search
2001, 5 Jan	Wamboin and Bywong officially designated as 'localities'. A 'locality' is the rural equivalent of a 'suburb' in an urban area. On 2 Apr 2001 the General Manager of Yarrawlumla Shire Council wrote to the Wamboin Community Association (WCA), advising of the gazettal of the locality names, and explaining that '... Council's staff is conferring with representatives of Australia Post regarding the inclusion of the new locality names in the postcode listings and the allocation of postcodes to the localities. In many cases it is anticipated that the same postcode as currently used will apply with the new locality name replacing for example, via Bungendore or via Queanbeyan. The most significant changes are: Bywong generally replaces Geary's Gap ...'.	<i>Government Gazette of the State of New South Wales</i> , 5 January, p. 39, http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article231998103 WCA archives.

2001, 24 Aug	'... the Geographical Names Board [of NSW] has this day assigned the name New South Wales', and defined the State's borders. Apparently, the name 'New South Wales' was unofficial until this date.	<i>Government Gazette of the State of New South Wales</i> , 24 Aug 2001, no. 129, p. 6530. Lipscombe, T 2020, 'The origins of the name <i>New South Wales</i> ', <i>Placenames Australia</i> , December 2020, pp. 1, 3-4.
2002	The Southern Phone company was created, based at Moruya and owned by numerous local government councils (mostly NSW councils), retaining profits in the community. Its formation was supported by \$4.77 million in funding from the Australian Government's Networking the Nation scheme. Its vision was to deliver more affordable telecommunications services to regional communities. Yarrowlumla Shire Council, and later Palerang Council, was one of its shareholders.	https://www.southernphone.com.au/about-us
2002, 23 Jul	Mr WR Bray, Acting General Manager, Yarrowlumla Shire Council, issued a flyer to all residents of the Shire confirming the new localities' names, including Wamboin and Bywong, requesting that the new full addresses be used and stating that 'You are reminded that roadside mailbox numbers ((RMB's) are not now used and have been replaced by a rural address'. The flyer further explained that, under the new system of rural addressing, 'Property numbers are allocated in a logical sequence based on the distance of the property from the start of a road, odd numbers on the left, even numbers on the right'.	Wamboin Community Association archives.
2002, 13 Aug	The Secretary of the Wamboin Community Association (WCA), John van der Straaten, wrote to Australia Post on behalf of the Association about the post box that had previously been located at the Wamboin store on the corner of Norton Road and Bingley Way. Noting that the shop had recently closed and the post box removed, he requested that a new post box be set up at the intersection of Sutton Road and Norton Road. On 30 August the Manager Licensed Post Offices NSW Country South/ACT with Australia Post responded advising that 'There are no plans to install the street posting box at this time' in Wamboin, and pointing out that '... the mail contractor for delivery of mail to Wamboin includes mail collection from mailboxes. To arrange for collection an acceptable signal system would be required'.	Wamboin Community Association archives.
2002, 15 Oct	The monthly general meeting of the Wamboin Community Association discussed a proposal from a volunteer, Alison Spong, to design and set up a web page for the Association, and possibly to maintain it as well.	Wamboin Community Association archives: meeting minutes.
2002, 8 Nov	The name 'Wamboin' was assigned as a 'Rural Place' by the Geographical Names Board of NSW, with co-ordinates 35°15'24.3"S, 149°17'04.3"E, which is Norton Road midway between Poppet Road and Fernloff Road.	
2003	A community walk across Lake George took place this year. See 15 Mar 2004 for information on the 2004 walk.	'A walk across Lake George', <i>The Whisper</i> , Mar 2004, pp. 2, 12.
2003, Jan	The devastating bushfires in the Brindabella Range, Canberra, and region. The Wamboin Volunteer Rural Fire Brigade was heavily involved in firefighting in both the ranges and parts of the ACT. In February the local community recognised this service by way of a barbeque for the volunteers and their families.	Wamboin Community Association archives.

2003, Jun	The Wamboin Community Association Inc. and the Bywong Community Inc. presented submissions to the NSW local Government Boundaries Commission (and others) opposing the proposal to abolish Yarrawlumla Shire and to amalgamate the eastern part of the Shire, including Wamboin and Bywong, with the Queanbeyan City Council. It was argued that doing so would be '... detrimental to the character of our rural community and would not serve the interests of the Wamboin residents. An amalgamation of eastern Yarrawlumla with either Gunning, Tallaganda or Yass Shires or with all of them would be preferred because of their community synergy of interest and for the financial benefit to the Gunning and Tallaganda Shires'.	Wamboin Community Association correspondence files.
2003, c. Aug	On behalf of the Wamboin Community Association, Don Evans erected three signs displaying maps of the Wamboin/Bywong localities that had been prepared by Paul Brugman.	Wamboin Community Association correspondence files.
2003, 19 Aug	At the monthly general meeting of the Wamboin Community Association, Tony Power suggested 'that a produce market be held once a month in the Hall. He suggested that stalls be limited to local produce, eg preserves, plants, livestock, etc, ... After discussion, it was agreed that a trial be held in the Community Hall forecourt.' The first market was held on 18 Oct 2003, organised by Tony Power. It was referred to as the 'Excess Local Produce Market'.	Wamboin Community Association archives: meeting minutes. <i>The Whisper</i> , Oct 2003, p. 3 and Nov 2003, p. 2.
2003, Sep	Councillor Peter Greenwood wrote that 'Council has given final approvals and operating hours for the Lambert Winery on Norton Rd. This is a magnificent development and will be a great, high quality attraction for Wamboin and the wine industry in the Canberra region ...'	<i>The Whisper</i> , Sep 2003, p. 4.
2003, Sep – 2004	Extensive lobbying by the community about the poor mobile telephone reception in the Wamboin/Bywong district.	Wamboin Community Association correspondence files.
2003, 23 Sep	The Non-Urban Study Steering Committee of the ACT Bushfire Recovery Task Force invited the Wamboin Community Association (WCA) to comment on its draft report relating to land use for the non-urban areas of the ACT in the context of the 18 January 2003 fires. On this date the WCA responded generally positively about the draft report but expressed concern that it paid insufficient attention to the non-urban areas surrounding the ACT, particularly the risks to the Wamboin area of potential bushfires in the Kowen Forest (ACT).	Wamboin Community Association correspondence files.
2003, 30 Nov	The St Andrew's Anglican Church congregation erected a lychgate to commemorate David Robertson's contributions to the community and, especially, to the erection of the church. The lychgate was dedicated at a service there on 30 Nov. 2003. David died in 2001.	Robyn Robertson, 20 Nov. 2022, and 'Memorial for David Robertson', <i>The Whisper</i> , October 2003, p. 8.
2004, 11 Feb	Yarrawlumla Shire Council dissolved, and Eastern Capital City Regional Council (ECCR) proclaimed. It amalgamated the former Tallaganda Shire with most of Yarrawlumla Shire and small parts of Cooma-Monaro Shire, Gunning Shire and Mulwaree Shire; Wamboin was part of it. Cr Terry Bransdon (former Mayor of the former Yarrawlumla Shire Council) appointed Administrator.	<i>Government Gazette of the State of New South Wales</i> , (no. 32), 11 Feb 2004, pp. 505, 520. Wikipedia contributors 2021, 'Palerang Council', <i>Wikipedia, The Free Encyclopedia</i> , https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Palerang_Council&oldid=995403672

2004, Feb	Wamboin resident, Peter Greenwood, ended his lengthy period as a Councillor on the Yarrowlumla Shire Council and did not seek re-election following the creation of the Eastern Capital City Regional Council.	
2004, 15 Mar	'The Second Great Lake George Crossing by Foot' took place: a community walk across the dry bed of Lake George; one was also held in 2003. Organised by Larry King and Steve Lambert, some 30 community members set out from Rocky Point (the 'Luckdale' property of Peter & Beverley Keatley) and 'cycled, ran, walked or golfed' the 8 km from there to Gearys Gap, where a BBQ awaited them. The funds raised went to the Wamboin Bushfire Brigade fireshed extension. Ian Coilett's report on the event, published in the Apr 2004 <i>Whisper</i> , was in verse form!	'A walk across Lake George', <i>The Whisper</i> , Mar 2004, pp. 2, 12. Coilett, I 2004, 'Old habits are iron shirts', <i>The Whisper</i> , Apr 2004, p. 14.
2004, 24 Mar	The <i>Bungendore Mirror</i> newspaper commenced publication, with John Mitchell editor/proprietor. It was an independent weekly newspaper, distributed free of charge to all mail points in the townships of Bungendore, Sutton, Tarago and Captains Flat and the districts of Bywong, Wamboin, Hoskinstown, Burra and Williamsdale.	National Library of Australia catalogue: https://nla.gov.au/nla.cat-vn3259802
2004, Apr	It was reported in <i>The Whisper</i> that 'Each year somewhere in Australia the national Australian & New Zealand Police and Emergency Services Games are held. This year the event was held in Perth ... The only competitor representing the NSW Rural Fire Service, and from the Wamboin Brigade, was Alison Spong. Her fire fighting training came in handy with the temperature in the low forties each day and the temperature of the track between 52 and 55 degrees. She brought back a swag of medals in the 18-29 years age group ...'.	Spong, C 2004, 'The Wamboin firefighter', <i>The Whisper</i> , April 2004, p. 13.
2004, Jun	The Lake George Day VIEW Club was formed. It meets monthly at the Bywong Community Hall.	'VIEW CLUB comes to Bywong, Sutton & Wamboin', <i>The Whisper</i> , June 2004, p. 11.
2004, 14 Jun	Wamboin resident Emeritus Professor Ronald John Sandeman was named as a recipient of the Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) in the Queen's Birthday 2004 Honours List 'For service to science education, particularly through the National Youth Science Forum'.	Australian Honours Search Facility https://honours.pmc.gov.au/honours/search
2004, 26 Jun	First election of the Councillors of the new Eastern Capital City Regional Council.	<i>Goulburn Post</i> , 13 June 2004 https://www.goulburnpost.com.au/story/958633/22-candidates-in-the-running/
2004, 13 Jul	Cr Terry Bransdon elected as the first Mayor of Eastern Capital City Regional Council. The Mayor is reported to have stated that, among Council's priorities were 'Moving council's Queanbeyan offices to Bungendore'.	Kowalick, P 2004, 'Bransdon first mayor of ECCR', <i>Queanbeyan Age</i> , 13 Jul 2004, p.3.
2004, 20 Jul	'A 65-year-old Wamboin man is in a stable condition in Queanbeyan Hospital after he was gored by a kangaroo on Sunday evening. Queanbeyan Ambulance Station Officer Paul Hitchman said the unit was called out to Norton Road at 6.40pm after the man "startled a kangaroo in his front yard. The man received lacerations to his thigh and lower leg and was taken to Queanbeyan Hospital for treatment. Fortunately, one of his relatives as a doctor who had tended to a damaged artery." The man, whose name has not been released, is in a stable condition in hospital.'	Gaind, R 2004, 'Kangaroo attacks Wamboin resident. Injured man taken to Queanbeyan Hospital', <i>The Queanbeyan Age</i> , 20 July 2004, p. 1.

2004, 6 Sep	Bywong-based rural telecommunications company Yless4U Pty Limited was registered, proprietors Anthony Goonan & Anne Goonan. The company gained a National Telecommunications Carrier License in November 2004, and launched fixed wireless broadband services in the local area in February 2005.	ASIC & https://www.yless4u.com.au/about-us/
2004, 8 Oct	The Bungendore to Captains Flat Rail Trail Steering Committee wrote to the Wamboin Community Association seeking the Association's support for the concept of establishing the Rail Trail. The extant records do not reveal the WCA's response to the request.	Wamboin Community Association correspondence files.
2004, 10 Oct	Opening of the extension to the Wamboin Bicentennial Fire Station by Gary Nairn MP, Member for Eden-Monaro.	<i>The Whisper</i> , November 2004, p. 6
2004, 13 Oct	The Bungendore Community Bank® Project held a Public Meeting in the Bungendore War Memorial Hall to discuss the possible creation of such a bank.	Wamboin Community Association correspondence files.
2004, 10 Dec	Council's name changed from Eastern Capital City Regional Council (ECCR) to Palerang Council. The Council was named after Mount Palerang, aka Palerang Peak. Neither is a gazetted geographical name, although Palerang parish and Palerang locality are.	<i>Government Gazette of the State of New South Wales</i> , (no. 198), 10 Dec 2004, p. 9129. Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council (QPRC) c. 2020, <i>Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council community profile</i> , .id, https://profile.id.com.au/queanbeyan-palerang/about .
2005, 26 Jan	Wamboin resident Commodore Tim James Barter RAN was created a Member of the Order of Australia (AM) in the Australia Day 2005 Honours List 'For exceptional service to the Royal Australian Navy as Director Navy Weapons Systems and Director General Navy Systems and Chief Naval Engineer'.	Australian Honours Search Facility https://honours.pmc.gov.au/honours/search
2005, 26 Jan	Wamboin resident Mr Aidan Terence O'Leary was named as a recipient of the Public Service Medal (PSM) in the Australia Day 2005 Honours List 'For outstanding public service, particularly to the Canberra Institute of Technology'.	Australian Honours Search Facility https://honours.pmc.gov.au/honours/search
2005, 15 Jun	Palerang Council moved from 11 Farrah Place, Queanbeyan to its new premises at 2 Majara Street, Bungendore.	Wamboin Community Association correspondence files.
2005, 02 Sep	The Geographical Names Board of NSW amended the boundaries between the localities of Bywong, Wamboin and Bungendore in the Palerang Local Government Area.	<i>Government Gazette of the State of New South Wales</i> , (no. 111), 2 Sep 2005, p 7256.
2005, Sep	Cr Jim MacLachlan elected Mayor of Palerang Council.	
2005, Sep	The annual Wamboin Bonfire and Fireworks Night took place without the fireworks owing to light rain.	Mason, L, 'Cancellation of Bonfire and Fireworks Night', <i>The Whisper</i> , Oct 2018, p. 10.

2005, 30 Nov	A new memorial wall was dedicated at St Andrew's Church, Wamboin. It was built by local stonemason Dave Argæet from sandstone from the local area. 'Bronze plaques to remember loved ones will be attached to the wall and the newly landscaped gardens will provide a wonderful place to sit and reflect'.	Ayling, S 2006, 'Notes from St. Andrews', <i>Wamboin Whisper</i> , Dec. 2005-Jan. 2006, p. 12.
2006	The Wamboin and district was moved from the Commonwealth Electoral Division of Eden-Monaro to the Hume Division for the 24 Nov 2007 Federal election. The sitting member, Albert (Alby) John Schultz (Liberal Party) was re-elected.	Parliamentary Handbook (online) https://handbook.aph.gov.au/ .
2006, 20 Feb	The Wikipedia entry on 'Wamboin' was created by 'Lfoley'.	https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Wamboin&oldid=1004460527 .
2006, 1 Jul	Opening of the Community Bank Bungendore (Palerang Financial Services Limited), providing comprehensive banking services to residents and businesses based in Wamboin and other localities near Bungendore.	'Bungendore gets community bank', ABC News, 1 Jul 2006, https://www.abc.net.au/news/2006-07-01/bungendore-gets-community-bank/1791316 .
2006, 27 Jul	The Wamboin Community Association (WCA) wrote to the Premier of NSW expressing deep concern about decisions of Palerang Council and the Minister for Local Government, especially regarding what the Association saw as biased, unfair rate rises in the western part of the LGA, owing to 'the dominance of the eastern Palerang Councillors which represent a minority of Palerang residents ...'. The submission advised that the WCA has passed a motion stating, <i>inter alia</i> , 'The WCA has no confidence in the Palerang Council', and requesting that 'The New South Wales Government appoints an Administrator to the Palerang Council'.	Wamboin Community Association correspondence files.
2006, 08 Aug	Australian Census of Population and Housing: Wamboin population 1,980, median age 41 years. This was the first census that dealt with Wamboin as a separate entity. Previously it was part of the much larger Yarrawlumla (A) – Pt A Statistical Local Area.	ABS QuickStats
2006, Sep	Cr Jim MacLachlan re-elected Mayor of Palerang Council.	
2006, 11 Sep	Inaugural meeting of the Wamboin Wobbles: the Wamboin Ladies Social Group. Associated with it was The Wobbles Walking Group and The Wobbles Book Club. Apparently, Claire Ayling and Moira Power were the initial key organisers.	<i>The Whisper</i> , October 2006, p. 17
2007, Jan	The Wamboin Wobbles adopted a new name: WWOW – The Wonderful Women of Wamboin.	<i>The Whisper</i> , February 2007, p.20
2007, 30 Apr	The Wikipedia entry on 'Wamboin' vandalised by an anonymous editor. Wamboin resident David McDonald advised Wikipedia and, on 02 May 2007, they reverted the entry to the previous text.	https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Wamboin&oldid=127106059 .
2007, May	Don Evans commenced a series of fascinating articles on Wamboin local history in <i>The Whisper</i> . This article commenced 'My first recollection of the Wamboin area was in late 1972'. A few paragraphs later we read that 'We decided to build in 1976, the third house to be built in the area. Two others had been already built in Cooper Road. In those days, Norton Road was only 2km in length. It came to a dead end where it joined Fernloff Road' (p. 3).	Evans, D 2007, 'Wamboin history and legends', <i>The Whisper</i> , May 2007, pp. 23-4.

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.	<i>The Whisper</i> , June 2007, p. 13.
2007, Sep	Cr Jim MacLachlan re-elected Mayor of Palerang Council.	
2008	From this year onwards, '... all Lark Hill estate wines receive "Certified Biodynamic" labelling'.	https://larkhill.wine/about-us
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.	https://districtbulletin.com.au/about/
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' subdivision.	Fowler, C, 'Landcare', <i>The Whisper</i> , April 2008, p. 19.
2008, May	Lofty Mason, Dave Argaet 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 Argaet and his team for all their hard work. It looks great and is a fitting entrance into Wamboin!' On 24 Nov 2008 Dave Argaet installed a plastic drink bottle, containing a note about the construction, in the wall as a time capsule. It was recovered by his son Tom Argaet on 04 Jan. 2024 when Tom and his team re-built the sign.	
2008, 13 Sep	NSW Local Government elections. Bywong resident Cr Terry Bransdon was re-elected to the Palerang Council.	https://pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2008/result.Palerang.html .
2008, Sep	Cr Ian Marjason elected as Mayor of Palerang Council.	
2008, 27 Nov	The <i>Canberra Times</i> advertised the '40 spacious blocks from 2.5Ha to 103.81Ha' for sale in the new subdivision 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)), Yarrawlumla Shire Councillor & its President, and of how the Les Reardon Reserve at Bywong came about. Additional information on the origins of the Les Reardon Reserve was published in two articles 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> .	McCullagh, P 2009, <i>Les Reardon and his Reserve</i> , Bywong Community, Inc., https://www.bywongcommunity.org.au/les-reardon-hall/ . Ridley, S 2009, 'Les Reardon Reserve and its Community Hall', <i>The Whisper</i> , Mar. 2009, p. 32.
2009, 14 Mar	Palerang Council by-election following the resignation of Cr Judith Miller. Bywong resident Anne Goonan elected.	
2009, Jun-Jul	Palerang Council conducted a survey of Wamboin, Bywong & Sutton East households re a waste management strategy for implementation when the Macs Reef Road landfill site was closed. Residents were asked to preference either 'a roadside waste and recycling collection service' or a 'a small waste and recycling transfer	Palerang Council meeting minutes, 6 Aug. 2009, item 9.a.8.

	station on the Macs Reef Road tip site'. The response rate was a massive 54%. 75% of respondents favoured the transfer station option, which Council subsequently implemented.	Wamboin Community Assoc website: https://wamboincommunity.asn.au/palerangcouncil/index.php?op=wastemanagement
2009, 30 Jun	'Palerang was the fastest growing council in NSW in terms of population growth over the five year period [to 2008-09] with 3.6 per cent growth.'	'Palerang tops population increase for NSW', <i>Braidwood Times</i> , 27 Aug 2010, p. 1.
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'.	Saunders, P 2009, <i>Macs Reef Road Tip cultural heritage assessment, report to Palerang Council</i> , Archaeological Heritage Surveys, Chapman, ACT, p. 1.
2009, 3 Sep	Cr Walter Raynolds elected as Mayor of Palerang Council.	
2009, 25 Sep	Publication of a notice that Palerang Council had approved the following new road names for gazettal: Birchmans Grove, Sarah Reef Road, Lumley Road, McEnally Place, Orana Drive, and Yuranga Drive. These roads were in the new Birchmans Estate sub-division.	<i>New South Wales Government Gazette</i> , no. 136, 25 Sep. 2009, p. 5269.
2009, Oct	An article on 'Access to the countryside' published in <i>The Whisper</i> , discussed the history of access in the Wamboin/Bywong area to the countryside generally, and how that had changed over the years. The Greenways are discussed.	Noel, N 2009, 'Access to the countryside: an interview with Suzanne Ridley', <i>The Whisper</i> , October 2009, p. 13.
2009, Oct	This month's <i>Whisper</i> contained announcements about the creation of two Wamboin websites. The Wamboin Community Association's new website www.wamboincommunity.asn.au went live, 'Many thanks to Bruce Bowden, Jenni Colwell, Pete Harrison, Ned Noel and Steve Richards for their hard work in getting the site up and running' (p. 3). Jenni Colwill announced that a complementary site had been created by herself and Bruce Bowden, called 'the Wamboin Web', www.wamboin.org , 'to facilitate community conversations and to provide access to community information for Wamboin's internet savvy population. It will also be a resource for other people who want to find out what Wamboin has to offer' (p. 11). In later years, when Jenni & Bruce left Wamboin, their wamboin.org site was merged into the WCA's website.	<i>The Whisper</i> , Oct. 2009, pp. 3, 9 & 11.
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.'	Rope, A 2022, 'What the heck (Part 7)', <i>The Whisper</i> , November 2022, p. 14.
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.	ISBN 9780646533810
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.	Taylor, A & Evans, P 2010, 'Telstra mobile phone tower on Millpost Hill Greenway', <i>The Whisper</i> , April 2010, pp. 27, 30.

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.	https://landcare.nsw.gov.au/groups/gearys-gap-wamboin-landcare-group/documents .
2010, 26 Jan	Wamboin resident Dr Ronald Silberberg was named as an Officer of the Order of Australia (AO) in the Australia Day 2010 Honours List 'For service to the building and construction industries through the promotion of housing affordability, contributions to improved public and social housing and the development of youth training programs'.	Australian Honours Search Facility https://honours.pmc.gov.au/honours/search
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.	Greethad, J & Stewart, N 2010, 'Macs Reef Road Waste Transfer Station in jeopardy – Council tells 3,700* residents to drive to Bungendore instead!!', <i>The Whisper</i> , April 2012, pp. 5, 28.
2010, 2 Sep	Cr Walter Raynolds re-elected as Mayor of Palerang Council.	
c. 2011	Warramunga Greenway created, running between Norton Road and Warramunga Close. Named after the property of the landowners who created the subdivision, Diana and Keith Gascoine. Their property was named after HMAS <i>Warramunga</i> , on which Diana's father served.	Gascoine, K 2016, <i>Peaks and troughs: reflections 50 years on from the Naval College</i> , collated and coordinated by Keith Gascoine, Keith Gascoine, Tallebudgera, Qld.
2011	Professor Brian P. Schmidt, ANU, from 'Maipenrai', Sutton Road, Sutton, was awarded (jointly with two other scientists) The Nobel Prize in Physics 'for the discovery of the accelerating expansion of the Universe through observations of distant supernovae'.	https://www.nobelprize.org/prizes/physics/2011/summary/ http://www.maipenrai.com.au/
2011, 12 May	Palerang Council by-election following the resignation of Cr Terry Bransdon. Wamboin resident Pete Harrison elected.	
2011, 9 Aug	Australian Census of Population and Housing: Wamboin population 1,672, median age 44 years. Note that the boundaries of Wamboin, for census purposes, were different from the boundaries used in the 2006 census, explaining the 16% reduction in the population over the intercensal period.	ABS QuickStats
2011, Sep	Telstra applied to construct a mobile phone tower on private property at the corner of Denley Drive & Birchmans Grove. It did not commence operation until 2018.	Van Der Straaten, J & Noel, N 2011, 'Proposed Telstra mobile network tower For Wamboin and Bywong', <i>The Whisper</i> , September 2011, pp. 17-22.
2011, 1 Sep	Cr Walter Raynolds re-elected as Mayor of Palerang Council.	
2012	Steve and Ruth Lambert closed the Lambert's Winery cellar door.	https://www.goodfood.com.au/eat-out/news/meet-contentious-character-the-newest-addition-to-the-canberra-wine-region-20170203-gu4v6x

2012, Jan	John-Pierre Favre from Newington Road, Bywong, reported that an Australian Brush-turkey <i>Alectura lathami</i> had taken up residence on his property, and confirmed the species' identification by means of a photograph of the bird. He advised that it had been seen on other nearby properties as well. The brush-turkey is normally found along the Queensland and northern/mid-NSW coasts and coastal ranges with dense, wet vegetation, particularly rainforest. It is possible, but unlikely, that the bird was an aviary escapee.	McDonald, D & Favre, J-P 2012, 'The Australian Brush-turkey in Bywong: who'd have thunk it?', <i>The Whisper</i> , February 2012, pp. 10-11.
2012, 26 Jan	Wamboin resident Emeritus Professor Hans-Albert Bachor was named as a Member of the Order of Australia (AM) in the Australia Day 2012 Honours List 'For service to science in the field of quantum optics as a researcher and educator, and to the Australian Youth Science Forum'.	Australian Honours Search Facility https://honours.pmc.gov.au/honours/search
2012, 26 Jan	Wamboin resident Mr Christopher (Chris) John Powell was awarded the Australian Fire Service Medal (AFSM) in the Australia Day 2012 Honours List: NSW Rural Fire Service.	Australian Honours Search Facility https://honours.pmc.gov.au/honours/search
2012, 2 Feb	'After considerable debate at last Thursday's Council meeting in Bungendore, a motion from Crs Judith Turley and Catherine Moore was carried that Council: make a statement of Acknowledgement of Traditional Custodians past and present at the commencement of all Council Meetings, Council Committee Meetings and Council-run public and other meetings, and in addition to the Australian flag, fly the Indigenous flag both outside and inside the Palerang Council Chambers.' Carried: 5 for, 3 against. Note: when the forced amalgamation of Palerang Council and Queanbeyan City Council occurred in 2016, this decision was reversed.	'Palering to acknowledge traditional custodians', <i>Braidwood Times</i> , 7 Feb. 2012, p. 1. Palering Council meeting minutes, 2 Feb 2012, resolutions 4/2012 & 5/2012.
2012, May	Palering Council published a report by ANU academics that presented the findings of modelling Western Palering's climate variability for 2030 and 2050. Detailed data for Wamboin and Bywong were included. It found that 'The implications of climate change for Palering are similar to those for its surrounding region. Hotter and drier conditions, with greater evaporation, more wind and extreme weather events are already occurring, and the best estimate from combined climate models is for these changes to intensify in the future' (p. vi).	Wild River, S 2012, <i>Climate variability in Western Palering</i> , West Palering Water Futures Report Series 2012, Palering Council, Bungendore, NSW, https://www.researchgate.net/publication/259044151_Climate_Variability_in_Western_Palering .
2012, 8 Sep	NSW Local Government elections. Wamboin residents Pete Harrison and Keith France elected as Councillors of Palering Council.	https://pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/palering-council/index.htm
2012, 20 Sep	Wamboin resident Cr Pete Harrison was elected, unopposed, as Mayor of Palering Council.	http://peteharrison.id.au/elections/2012election/index.php?op=2012electionresult
2012, 1 Oct	Up to this year, St Andrew's Anglican Church Wamboin, and St Peter's Anglican Church Sutton, operated under the leadership of St John's Anglican Church, Reid, Canberra. On this date, 'St Andrew's and St Peter's joined together to become the Sutton Road Mission District, one congregation sharing two campuses'. 'The Sutton Road Mission District became an autonomous district under the patronage of the Bishop of Canberra and Goulburn.'	St. Andrew's Church, 2020, Wamboin Community Association, https://wamboincommunity.asn.au/communitygroups/index.php?op=standrews .

		Rope, A 2022, 'What the heck is SRMD?', <i>The Whisper</i> , May 2022, p. 10.
2013, 08 Jan	Catastrophic Fire Danger Rating for the LGA.	Contemporaneous record
2013, 27 Feb	The Goorooyarroo Nature Reserve Plan of Management was adopted by the NSW Minister for the Environment, being an area of the Yellow Box - Blakely's Red Gum Woodland endangered ecological community and habitat for twelve threatened bird species. 'It provides an important role in protecting native woodland vegetation in an extensively cleared and farmed landscape ... [The southern] portion is within an area used in the 1940's as an aerial bombing site. There has been unexploded ordnance (UXO) found within the reserve. It is possible that unexploded artillery and aerial delivered weapons may exist within the reserve. For this reason no public access is permitted within the southern portion of the reserve and there is limited access for management and fire fighting.'	NSW National Parks & Wildlife Service 2013, <i>Goorooyarroo Nature Reserve Plan of Management</i> , NPWS, Sydney.
2023, Mar-Aug	Rehabilitation of the Macs Reef Road hill crossing the Queanbeyan Fault. It was a huge job, skilfully designed and executed by Palerang Council's staff (not contractors). The road was closed in that location from 8 April to 17 May. A comprehensive photo archive, created by Council's Mayor Pete Harrison, is available online.	https://wamboincommunity.asn.au/newsandevents/index.php?op=newsarchive#2013-08-02_001_MRR%20Progress
2013, 20 Apr	The inaugural Wheels of Wamboin event, on the oval at the Wamboin Community Hall, took place. It subsequently became an annual event, with participants bringing their vehicles from far and wide, as well as from locally. Motor vehicle enthusiast Peter Evans from Wamboin was the initial driving force behind the Wheels of Wamboin.	https://wamboincommunity.asn.au/communitygroups/index.php?op=wheelsofwamboin
2013, 26 Sep	Cr Pete Harrison re-elected as Mayor of Palerang Council.	
2013, Oct	A comprehensive list of the birds of Wamboin & Bywong, compiled by David McDonald, David Cook & Kathy Cook, was published in <i>The Whisper</i> . It included 178 species. The list has subsequently been updated at the Wamboin Community Association's website.	McDonald, D. Cook, D & Cook, K 2013, 'Towards a comprehensive list of the birds of Wamboin and Bywong', <i>The Whisper</i> , Oct. 2013, p. 15.
2013, 11 Nov	The Bywong & Wamboin Hub Facebook Group was created: 'Bywong & Wamboin's No 1 Community Group for residents to connect, share & discuss LOCAL news, LOCAL events, LOCAL issues, and LOCAL business services in the area.' Its membership soon grew into the thousands.	https://www.facebook.com/groups/BywongAndWamboin
2013, 3 Dec	Wamboin and Bywong community board Facebook Group created. Its membership subsequently grew into the thousands.	https://www.facebook.com/groups/188357944690761
2014, 17 Feb	The Possumwood Wildlife Recovery & Research centre, on Joe Rocks Road, was incorporated as an association. 'Possumwood Wildlife is a self-funded facility established by Prof. Steve Garlick and Dr. Rosemary Austen, that helps with the recovery of severely injured and traumatised native animals and undertakes engagement and research to learn more about the behaviour of these unique animals.'	https://www.possumwood.com.au/
2014, Apr-Jun	The narrow, steep, dangerous hill on Norton Road was reconstructed from Sutton Road to Fernloff Road. Extensive road closures occurred, but most were carefully planned, including to facilitate access for the school busses. The work was designed and executed by the staff of Palerang Council. The community consensus was the Council staff did an excellent job.	Harrison, P 2014, 'Norton Road rehabilitation', <i>The Whisper</i> , April 2014, p. 8.

2014, 18 Sep	Cr Pete Harrison re-elected as Mayor of Palarang Council.	
2014, 19 Sep	Palarang Local Environmental Plan 2014 (PLEP 2014) notified in the NSW Government <i>Gazette</i> . Commenced six weeks later.	https://legislation.nsw.gov.au/view/html/inforce/current/epi-2014-0623 .
2014, 20 Sep	The Wamboin Covered Play Area was opened on this date. 'The children of Wamboin and surrounds will be protected from the damage of the summer sun, and perhaps even shielded from Wamboin's annual winter snow, thanks to the fundraising efforts of the Wamboin community and the Bendigo Bank ... The shade cover, which has been erected to provide sun shade for children using the playground equipment at the Community Hall and during the weekly Tuesday morning playgroup meetings, was jointly funded by generous donations of the Bendigo Bank, the Wamboin Community Association, the Wamboin Community Hall Management Committee, and the Wamboin Playgroup.'	Lavery, F 2014, 'Wamboin covered play area to be opened 20 September', <i>The Whisper</i> , Aug 2014, p. 15.
2014, 25 Oct	The Wamboin Community Hall was declared a Neighbourhood Safer Place by Tim Carroll, the RFS Lake George Zone Manager. 'Palarang Mayor (and Wamboin resident) Pete Harrison did the honours by hitting the button that started the deluge system, drenching the complex in a fire-protective mist.'	District Bulletin 2014, 'Bushfire season on horizon – Wamboin becomes Neighbourhood Safe Place', <i>District Bulletin</i> , 4 Nov. 2014, https://districtbulletin.com.au/bushfire-season-on-horizon-wamboin-becomes-neighbourhood-safe-place/ .
2014, Dec	The Waste Transfer Station on Macs Reef Road, Bywong, and the Bungendore Waste Transfer Station & Resource Recovery Centre, opened, and landfills closed.	<i>The Whisper</i> , December 2014/January 2015, p. 16
2014, 25 Dec	Death of Roy Churcher of Wamboin, age 81 years, an accomplished artist and husband of Betty Churcher who died the following March.	https://www.ngv.vic.gov.au/explore/collection/artist/1377/
2015, Feb	Canberra community radio tower commenced operating atop Poppet Hill, on the ACT side of the border. 'A consortium of not-for-profit broadcasters, ArtSoundFM, 1CMS FM, and 1WAY FM, will manage the new facility, the culmination of eight years of planning'.	https://radioinfo.com.au/news/canberra-community-radio-reaches-new-heights
2015, 31 Mar	Wamboin resident Betty Churcher AO, FAHA, died, aged 84. She was an accomplished artist, and the director of the National Gallery of Australia from 1990 to 1997.	https://oa.anu.edu.au/obituary/churcher-elizabeth-ann-betty-19774
2015, 23 May	Dr Ann Jones of ABC Radio National's 'Off Track' program, presented a program <i>A breeze of paragliders</i> : 'Ever dreamed of flying? Ann Jones heads to an escarpment overlooking Lake George near Canberra and meets a group of paragliders who say they're addicted to the feeling of soaring high above the ground.'	https://www.abc.net.au/radionational/programs/offtrack/paragliding-on-the-breeze/6477724 .
2015, 10 Aug	The Gearys Gap and District Community Association Incorporated was registered, incorporation no. INC1501152.	http://associationspr.fairtrading.nsw.gov.au/
2015, 17 Sep	Cr Pete Harrison re-elected as Mayor of Palarang Council.	

2015, 30 Sep	The <i>Bungendore Mirror</i> local newspaper, owned and edited by John Mitchell, ceased publication. The final issue had this date.	National Library of Australia catalogue: https://nla.gov.au/nla.cat-vn3259802
2015, Dec	The <i>Bungendore Weekly</i> local newspaper commenced publication; proprietor/editor Sharon Baxter-Judge. On 16 April 2020, its name was changed to the <i>Regional Independent</i> to better reflect its distribution to Bungendore, Braidwood, Queanbeyan, Tarago, Jerrabomberra, Karabar, Wamboin, Bywong, Rossi, Hoskinstown, Forbes Creek and surrounding villages.	https://www.regionalindependent.com.au/about-regional-independent/
2016	Wamboin resident Kim Mahood published her acclaimed autobiography <i>Position doubtful: mapping landscapes and memories</i> (Scribe, 2016).	Author record, Kim Mahood, AustLit (www.austlit.edu.au), The University of Queensland, St Lucia, Qld.
2016, 2 Jul	Wamboin and district had been moved from the Commonwealth electoral division of Hume back to the Eden-Monaro division for the 2016 Federal election. Michael (Mike) Joseph Kelly (Australian Labor Party) was elected.	Parliamentary Handbook (online) https://handbook.aph.gov.au/ .
2016	Tony Mansfield, Ross Appleton, Ben Jarrett & Jeremy Wilson bought Lambert's vineyard, winery, and restaurant, establishing Contentious Character. Their company was Wambuwayyn Pty Limited. 'Wambuwayyn' is a variant of the Wiradjuri word for kangaroo that we use in the form 'Wamboin'.	https://www.goodfood.com.au/eat-out/news/meet-contentious-character-the-newest-addition-to-the-canberra-wine-region-20170203-gu4v6x
2016, 27 Mar-3 Apr	Paul Churcher curated and presented an exhibition of his late parents' art: 'Roy & Betty Churcher – 25 years in Wamboin' at the family home, 67 Merino Vale Drive, Wamboin: '25 Years in Wamboin is a retrospective exhibition of the Churcher's life in art during their years living at Wamboin (1989 – 2015). The exhibition encompasses paintings by Roy Churcher and a display of Betty's original sketches for her final book <i>The Forgotten Notebook</i> . The intimate gallery space tucked away behind the family vineyard reveals a unique insight into the Churcher's dedication, passion and love of art. 'Son and curator Paul Churcher shares this special opportunity to experience the art and environment that inspired Roy's paintings and was Betty's sanctuary to write, sketch, educate and advocate for visual arts in Australia.'	Churcher, P 2016, <i>Facebook page: Roy & Betty Churcher – 25 years in Wamboin</i> , https://www.facebook.com/25.Years.in.Wamboin/ . And see <i>Canberra Times</i> , 18 March 2016, 'Exhibition at the home of Betty and Roy Churcher shows a life lived through art' by Sally Pryor https://www.canberratimes.com.au/story/6052343/exhibition-at-the-home-of-betty-and-roy-churcher-shows-a-life-lived-through-art/ .
2016, 12 May	Forced dissolution of Palerang Council and establishment of Queanbeyan–Palering Regional Council, with Cr Tim Overall (former Mayor of Queanbeyan City Council) as Administrator. Both the Palerang Council and Queanbeyan City Council had opposed the amalgamation. The first meeting of the new Council took place on 19 May 2016. Cr Tim Overall, Administrator, was the sole member of Council present, as none had yet been elected.	<i>Local Government (Council Amalgamations) Proclamation 2016</i> (NSW). Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council held at the Council Chambers,

		10 Marjara Street, Bungendore on Thursday, 19 May 2016.
2016, 9 Aug	Australian Census of Population and Housing: Wamboin population 1,708, median age 44 years. A 2% increase in the population since the 2011 census.	ABS QuickStats
2016, Sep	The Wamboin Community Association successfully applied for grants from the Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council Community Grants program to 1) install audio-visual equipment in the Wamboin Community Hall, 2) to support the manufacture (by local volunteers) and installation of Littlish Libraries in Wamboin & Bywong, and 3) to support the Wamboin 'Drop In' Activity Group.	Wamboin Community Association correspondence files.
2016, 10 Sep	NSW Local Government elections. The Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council was in administration and, as such, was unable to participate in this general election.	
2017-2020	The 2017 to 2019 drought. 'This was a situation with no clear historical precedent.' The Bureau of Meteorology referred to it as 'the 2017 to 2019 drought', but it did not break in the Wamboin district until February 2020. In 2024 scientists named it the 'Tinderbox Drought': Devanand, A, Falster, GM, Gillett, ZE, Hobeichi, <i>et al.</i> 2024, 'Australia's Tinderbox Drought: an extreme natural event likely worsened by human-caused climate change', <i>Science Advances</i> , vol. 10, no. 10, eadj3460.	Bureau of Meteorology [c. 2020], <i>Previous droughts</i> , http://www.bom.gov.au/climate/drought/knowledge-centre/previous-droughts.shtml .
2017	Wamboin Communications Action Group (WCAG) established to lobby for the introduction of fibre internet for the Wamboin, Bywong, and Sutton region. It was incorporated as an association on 07 Feb 2019, incorporation no. INC1900173.	https://sites.google.com/site/wamboincommunications/
2017, Jan	A bushfire broke out on 17 Jan at 854 Norton Road, rapidly extinguished by water-bombing helicopters and ground crews from both rural and town fire brigades. Another fire broke out on 31 Jan at 884 Norton Road; it was also rapidly extinguished.	Evans, D 2022, 'Do you remember? (The Wamboin Firefighter)', <i>The Whisper</i> , October 2022, p. 7. Author's records.
2017, 16 May	Small Farms Network Capital Region Inc. was registered, incorporation no. INC1700664: 'Small Farms Network Capital Region Inc is a not-for-profit community association run by a voluntary committee of small landholders. The network ran its first event in 2015 and became incorporated in 2017.'	https://smallfarmscapital.org/About
2017, 17 Jun	The inaugural Kowen Trail Run, hosted by the Wamboin Runners Group (later the Wamboin Trail Runners Inc.) in association with the Australian Mountain Running Association, took place. It comprised a 42 km marathon, a 21 km half marathon, and a 12 km run/walk. There were over 260 competitors, and many support people filled various roles. The funds raised were donated to the Wamboin Rural Bush Brigade. The key organisers were Jessica Robson, Peter Komidar & Pam Muston.	'Local runners present \$5,000 donation to Wamboin Rural Fire Brigade', <i>The Whisper</i> , Jul 2017, p. 9.
2017, 9 Sep	Wamboin resident Pete Harrison elected as a Councillor of the Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council.	https://www.qprc.nsw.gov.au/Council/Council-Business/Local-Representatives
2017, 9 Sep	Sutton celebrated the 150-year anniversary of the founding/gazettal of the village on 5 Jul 1867.	McNeill, A & Walker, A 2019, <i>Sutton stories: in the words of the locals: 150 years 1867-2017</i> , Sutton and District

		Community Association Inc., Sutton, NSW, p. 162.
2017, 20 Sep	Greenleigh (Queanbeyan) resident Cr Tim Overall elected as the first Mayor of the Queanbeyan–Palerang Regional Council (QPRC). He had been the Mayor of the Queanbeyan City Council prior to the creation of QPRC, and subsequently the Administrator of QPRC.	<i>City News</i> , September 21, 2017 https://citynews.com.au/2017/overall-becomes-first-mayor-expanded-council/
2017, 10 Nov	Wamboin Trail Runners Inc. registered, incorporation no. INC1701492.	http://associationspr.fairtrading.nsw.gov.au/
2018	Karen & Simon Stratton opened Norton Road Wines (winery and Biggies Restaurant) at the former Shepherd's Run Winery.	
2018, March	'Clean Up Australia Day – after 27 years I sadly report there will be no official Clean up Australia day in Wamboin. QPRC has decided that it is too much risk for us to clean up the Wamboin road verges. It will only support clean ups on roads under 50kph. Imagine the risk we have been taking over the last 27 years (with no incident) to undertake this event of Community pride.' Lofty Mason had organised the Wamboin Clean Up Australia Day activities over those 27 years.	Evans, P 2018, 'Presidents paragraphs' <i>The Whisper</i> , March, p. 3.
2018, 10 May	A new Telstra mobile phone tower commenced operation on private property at the corner of Denley Drive and Birchmans Grove. It is a 30 m concrete pole. Optus also uses the facility. Some years later a 30 m Optus mobile phone monopole was erected at Forest Lane, Bywong.	Evans, P 2018, 'President's paragraph', <i>The Whisper</i> , June 2018, pp. 3, 5.
2018, 27 Jun	Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council resolved to '... conduct an "Acknowledgement of Country" before all Council and Planning and Strategy Committee of the Whole meetings', as recommended by its Consultative Committee on Aboriginal Issues. The resolution was carried unanimously. Council had already commenced displaying the three flags—Australian, Aboriginal, and Torres Strait Islander—in the Council chamber. Palerang Council had resolved along these lines on 2 Feb. 2012.	Minutes of the ordinary meeting of Council, 27 June 2018, agendum 14.3.
2018, 29 Jun	Gazettal of the Millpost Stone Axe Quarry Aboriginal Place, on the 'Millpost' station, Mill Post Lane, Bungendore.	<i>Government Gazette of the State of New South Wales</i> , no. 66, 29 June 2018, p. 3984.
2018, 18 Jul	Sophia Brady authored an article titled 'Is Wamboin the Canberra Region's friendliest community?' for The Riotact, Online. It detailed many of the key features of the Wamboin community, including those run by the Wamboin Community Association. Quotes Tony Mansfield, Peter Evans and Meriel Schultz, and mentioned the Wamboin Trail Runners.	Brady, S 2018, <i>Is Wamboin the Canberra Region's friendliest community?</i> , The Riotact, https://the-riotact.com/is-wamboin-the-canberra-regions-friendliest-community/255084 .
2018, 19 Aug	Karen Provost created a Facebook Group for the Wamboin Community Association; admins Jenny Warren and David McDonald.	Contemporaneous record.

2018, Sep	The annual Wamboin Bonfire and Fireworks Night was cancelled owing to an early Fire Year and Total Fire Ban on the scheduled date.	Mason, L, 'Cancellation of Bonfire and Fireworks Night', <i>The Whisper</i> , Oct 2018, p. 10.
2018, 26 Sep	The Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council noted the report to it from the s.355 Greenways Management Committee, including its July 2018 Bywong/Wamboin <i>Greenways Master Plan</i> . The Plan notes that 'The primary objective of the present Master Plan is to establish a 10-year strategy for the development and maintenance of the Bywong/Wamboin Greenways network'.	Resolution 341/18 of the Council meeting held 26 Sep 2018
2019, 01 Jan	On New Year's Day, Canning Close, Wamboin resident Vicki Still, while rescuing her dog from the grasps (literally) of a huge male kangaroo, was seriously injured by it, receiving lacerations to her face and arm requiring emergency treatment at Queanbeyan Hospital and follow-up plastic surgery in Canberra.	Pers. comm. Vicki Still.
2019, 18 Apr	The business name D&K Kitchen @ Lark Hill registered. The proprietors of the restaurant (at the Lark Hill vineyard & winery) were Chef Daniel Hiltbrunner & Katrina Hiltbrunner. Their restaurant opened on 21 Jun 2019.	ASIC register Pers. comm. Katrina Hiltbrunner
2019, 10 Jun	Wamboin resident Mr Matthew Ramage was named as a recipient of the Public Service Medal (PSM) in the Queen's Birthday 2019 Honours List (Commonwealth Public Service) 'For outstanding public service through contributions to enhancing Australia's national security and economic prosperity'.	Australian Honours Search Facility https://honours.pmc.gov.au/honours/search
2019, 10 Jun	Wamboin resident Mr Stephen David Perry was named as a recipient of the Australian Fire Service Medal (AFSM) in the Queen's Birthday 2019 Honours List: ACT Fire and Rescue.	Australian Honours Search Facility https://honours.pmc.gov.au/honours/search
2019, 10 Jun	Wamboin resident Mr Peter Leslie Cullerne was named as a recipient of the Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) in the Queen's Birthday 2019 Honours List 'For service to veterans and their families'.	Australian Honours Search Facility https://honours.pmc.gov.au/honours/search
2019, 31 Aug	A Natural Disaster was declared covering the Queanbeyan-Palerang LGA owing to the NSW bushfires crisis. At this stage, however, Wamboin and district were not directly affected.	NSW Government, 'Natural disaster declarations from financial year 2019-20', https://www.nsw.gov.au/emergency/recovery/natural-disaster-declarations/fy-2019-20 .
2019, 7 Sep	Celebrations to mark the centenary of the establishment of the Sutton Village Hall (1919-2019), and launch of a book on the village's history: McNeill, A & Walker, A 2019, <i>Sutton stories: in the words of the locals: 150 years 1867-2017</i> , Sutton and District Community Association Inc., Sutton, NSW.	
2019, 27 Sep	'Smiths Gap' on Bungendore Road, 5 km northwest of Bungendore, officially named as such.	Geographical Names Board of NSW Register https://www.gnb.nsw.gov.au/place_naming/place_name_search

		McDonald, D 2019, 'Smiths Gap: its history and naming', <i>The Whisper</i> , July 2019, pp. 22-3.
2019, Nov/Dec 2020, Jan	Black Summer bushfires. The North Black Range/Tallaganda National Park bushfire, and other huge fires in the ACT and NSW. The district was covered in smoke, with the Canberra region's air quality reported as being 'the worst in the world'. The Wamboin Rural Fire Brigade was deployed throughout the period on numerous challenging fire-fighting tasks. The Australian Institute for Disaster Resilience wrote: 'The 2019–20 bushfire season was the worst New South Wales (NSW) has recorded. Higher than average temperatures and low moisture levels in bushfire fuels following several years of drought enabled devastating fires to burn across much of the state, with intense bushfire weather conditions continuing through most of the fire season. Over the course of a few months, 26 lives were lost, 2,448 homes were destroyed and 5.5 million hectares (ha) of land was burnt. The impact on NSW communities, farmers, local businesses, wildlife and bushland was unprecedented.'	Readfearn, G 2020, 'Canberra experiences worst air quality on record as bushfire smoke from south coast sets in', <i>The Guardian</i>, 1 Jan 2020. 'New South Wales, July 2019 - March 2020 Bushfires - Black Summer', https://knowledge.aidr.org.au/resources/black-summer-bushfires-nsw-2019-20/.
2019, 21 Dec	Catastrophic Fire Danger Rating for the LGA.	Contemporaneous record
2019, Dec	The Southern Phone Company, up to then owned by NSW local government councils (including Queanbeyan–Palerang Regional Council), was acquired by AGL Energy as a 100% owned subsidiary of the AGL Energy Limited Group.	https://www.southernphone.com.au/about-us
2020, 9 Jan	The Bureau of Meteorology (BOM) reported that 2019 was 'Australia's warmest year on record, with the annual national mean temperature 1.52 °C above average' and 'Australia's driest year on record. Nationally-averaged rainfall 40% below average for the year at 277.6 mm'. Highest annual mean maximum temperature on record for the Canberra area.	BOM 2020, <i>Annual climate statement 2019</i>, http://www.bom.gov.au/climate/current/annual/aus/2019/.
2020, 15 Jan	A Natural Disaster was declared covering the Queanbeyan-Palerang LGA owing to 'NSW Storms and Floods'. However, there were neither of these in Wamboin and district which were still deep in drought and bushfire affected.	NSW Government, 'Natural disaster declarations from financial year 2019-20', https://www.nsw.gov.au/emergency/recover/natural-disaster-declarations/fy-2019-20.
2020, 16 Jan	As bushfires raged throughout southern New South Wales and Victoria, the temperature in the Wamboin district, as recorded by Christine Rieber at Cooper Road, Wamboin, reached 42.6° C. That was the warmest day recorded there in 44 years of weather records. (The Canberra airport recorded a maximum temperature of 44.0° C on 4 January.)	Reiber, C 2020, 'Wamboin weather – rainfall and temperature records', <i>The Whisper</i> , Dec. 2019-Jan. 2020, p. 10.
2020, 25 Jan	The first Australian case of what was to be later named the COVID-19 disease was confirmed on this date. 'The patient, a man from Wuhan, flew to Melbourne from Guangdong (sic) on 19 January' [2020]. Later that day the NSW Government announced three additional cases confirmed in that State.	https://www.health.gov.au/ministers/the-hon-greg-hunt-mp/media/first-confirmed-case-of-novel-coronavirus-in-australia COVID-19: a chronology of state and territory government announcements,

		https://www.aph.gov.au/About Parliament/Parliamentary Departments/Parliamentary Library/pubs/rp/rp2021/Chronologies/COVID-19StateTerritoryGovernmentAnnouncements
2020, 30 Jan	The World Health Organization (WHO) declared the novel coronavirus (later named SARS-CoV-2) outbreak a Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC), WHO's highest level of alarm. This is the official WHO term for a pandemic.	https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/interactive-timeline/
2020, early Feb	Torrential rain fell in the south-eastern part of the continent, continuing into early March in Wamboin, extinguishing the terrible bushfires, clearing the air of bushfire smoke, and breaking the drought that had been raging since mid-2017.	Contemporaneous record.
2020, 11 Mar	The Director-General of the World Health Organisation (WHO), Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, officially declared the COVID-19 disease a pandemic: 'We have never before seen a pandemic sparked by a coronavirus', he said.	'WHO Director-General's opening remarks at the media briefing on COVID-19 – 11 March 2020' https://www.who.int/director-general/speeches/detail/who-director-general-s-opening-remarks-at-the-media-briefing-on-covid-19---11-march-2020
2020, 25 Mar	The NSW Government announced its decision to postpone the September 2020 Local Government elections for 12 months (to 4 September 2021) owing to the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.	https://www.olg.nsw.gov.au/media-releases/ministerial-releases/local-government-elections/
2020, 31 Mar	COVID-19 pandemic: NSW's first whole-of-State lockdown enforceable under the <i>Public Health (COVID-19 Restrictions on Gathering and Movement) Order 2020</i> : 'The Minister directs that a person must not, without reasonable excuse, leave the person's place of residence'.	
2020, 15 May	The blocks in stage 1 of the Reardon family's 'Top Flat' subdivision at the eastern end of Wirreanda Road were listed for sale.	
2020, 4 Jul	By-election for the Electoral Division of Eden-Monaro. Bega resident Ms Kristy McBain (1982-, ALP) was elected. She was the electorate's first female MP.	Australia, Parliamentary Library 2020, <i>Parliamentary handbook of the Commonwealth of Australia</i> , 46 th Parliament, Parliamentary Library, Department of Parliamentary Services, Canberra.

2020, Sep	The speed limit on Sutton Road from the Federal Highway to the ACT border was reduced by Transport for NSW from 90 km/h to 80 km/h.	Contemporaneous record.
2020, 27-28 Oct	Bicentenary of the first non-Aboriginal people's visit to Wamboin. Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council declined a suggestion that they undertake a heritage activity to mark the occasion.	McDonald, D 2020, 'The first Europeans to traverse Wamboin, Bywong and Gearys Gap, part 1 of 2', <i>The Whisper</i> , February 2020, pp. 26-7. ---- 2020, 'The first Europeans to traverse Wamboin, Bywong and Gearys Gap, part 2 of 2', <i>The Whisper</i> , March 2020, pp. 22-3.
2020, Nov	The Western Australian gold-focused exploration company Aruma Resources Limited advertised in the local press its acquisition of mining tenements covering the area from Gundaroo to Wamboin, and elsewhere (their Capital Gold Project) and mentioned exploration with a view to possible mining in the future. This caused considerable consternation in the community. Mike Wilkins, the President of the Bywong Community Inc., discussed it in his column in <i>The Whisper</i> , including advising that 'Aruma Resources has undertaken to conduct any future public consultation required under the <i>NSW Exploration code of practice: community consultation</i> through the Bywong and Wamboin Community Associations (QPRC has advised it will not get involved)'.	Wilkins, M 2020, 'Bywong Community Association News – November 2020', <i>The Whisper</i> , Nov. 2020, p. 5.
2021, 17 Mar	The Bywong Town property at 35 Bywong Town Road was sold; no public access. In 1895 the Village of Bywong was 'reserved from sale for gold-mining purposes ... containing an area of about 60 acres', and later that year 'Surveyor Goodrich laid out a village of Bywong (commonly called "Bywong Reefs") with 4 streets – Burbong, Bungendore, Burra and Gundaroo'. From the 1970s (?) until around 2015 it had been a popular tourist destination, with school groups visiting, and ghost tours.	https://www.property.com.au/nsw/bywong-2621/bywong-town-rd/35-pid-1853978/
2021, 14 Apr	The rural telecommunications company Yless4U wrote to landholders in the vicinity of Millpost Hill advising that they were applying to build a wireless internet tower atop the hill. Following considerable community protests, a few months later the NSW Government, which was funding Yless4U to build the tower, directed them to find a different location for it. A new site was identified, on private property, later in the year.	
2021, 27 May	Bryan Clark and Lucy Kealey registered Clark and Kealey Distilling Pty Ltd with ASIC. The distillery is on their Norton Road, Wamboin, property, and specialises in fine gins. 'Tymephora is the name we have created for our range of gin.'	https://www.clarkandkealeydistilling.com.au/about
2021, 24 Jul	The NSW Government announced its decision to further postpone the September 2021 Local Government elections until 4 December 2021 owing to the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.	Government Gazette of the State of New South Wales, No. 347–Local Government, Saturday, 24 July 2021.
2021. Aug	The first 3 pages of <i>The Whisper</i> for this month were a reproduction of the first issue of the <i>Wamboin Whisper</i> which was published 40 years earlier: July 1981.	
2021, 10 Aug	Census of Population and Housing. Australia's 18 th national Census. Wamboin's population was 1,805, a 5.7% increase in the population since the 2016 census. The median age was 46 years, compared to 44 years five years previously.	ABS 2022, 2021 Census All persons QuickStats Wamboin https://www.abs.gov.au/census/find-

		census-data/quickstats/2021/SAL14141.
2021, 14 Aug	COVID-19 pandemic: NSW's second whole-of-State lockdown (stay-at-home order) commenced for an initial seven days under the <i>Public Health (COVID-19 Additional Restrictions for Delta Outbreak) Order 2021</i> . The lockdown was subsequently extended.	
2021, 22 Sep	Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council debated a motion, moved by Cr Peter Marshall, to hold a poll, at the next Council election, seeking the voters' views on de-amalgamating the Council. Councillors voted 4 in favour of the motion, and 4 against. The Mayor, Cr Tim Overall, applied his casting vote against the motion, and it was lost.	https://www.qprc.nsw.gov.au/Council/Council-Business/Minutes-Agendas
2021, Oct	The Land for Wildlife program in the district ended. It was initiated in the western Palerang region by the Palerang Local Action Network for Sustainability Inc. (PLANS), which was incorporated in 2011, and later transferred to the Small Farms Network Capital Region to manage. Jo Walker (Wamboin resident) and Kris Nash (Bungendore resident) undertook the biodiversity assessments of applicants' blocks. They 'retired' from this role in September 2021 after completing a large number of assessments during the PLANS era, and an additional 64 under the Small Farms Network management.	[James, Alex] 2021, 'End of era for Land For Wildlife', <i>The Whisper</i> , October 2021, p. 9.
2021, 4 Dec	The NSW local government elections were held, having been deferred from its originally scheduled date owing to the COVID-19 pandemic affecting most of the State's LGAs. Two candidates from the area covered by this Chronology were elected to the Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council (QPRC): Louise Burrton (Liberal Party) from Wamboin and Mareeta Grundy (Independent) from Bywong. Two candidates from Bungendore were also elected. The new Council comprised six women and five men. Ms Esma Livermore (Labor Party) from Bungendore was the first Aboriginal person to be elected to Council. Only two of the 11 councillors had previous experience in that role.	https://vtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LG2101/queanbeyan-palerang/councillor#summary
2022, 12 Jan	At its first meeting following the 4 December 2021 NSW local government elections, the Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council elected Cr Kendrick Winchester as Mayor and Cr Esma Livermore as Deputy Mayor.	
2022, 12 Feb	NSW Legislative Assembly by-election for the NSW electoral district of Monaro, following the October 2021 resignation of sitting member John (Giovanni) Barilaro (1971-, National Party). Queanbeyan resident Mrs Nichole Overall (1972-, National Party) was elected. She was the electorate's first female MP.	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Electoral_district_of_Monaro https://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/members/Pages/Member-details.aspx?pk=2266
2022, April	The 'Building Community Resilience Program in Bywong and Wamboin', funded by Resilience NSW, commenced with the appointment of Project Officer, Amanda Jones, working with a Steering Committee comprised of Carol Boughton, Tony Cotton, Melinda Hillary & David McDonald.	https://www.resilientbywongwamboin.net/ .
2022, 14 Apr	The fine dining restaurant D&K Kitchen at the Lark Hill vineyard and winery, operated by Katrina Hiltbrunner and Chef Daniel Hiltbrunner, closed after three years of operating.	Pers. comm. with the proprietors.
2022, 28 April	Yass Valley Council granted conditional approval of the Development Application, submitted by the Cartwright family, covering a proposed 66 block subdivision, 'Woodbury Ridge Estate', abutting the south-eastern part of Sutton.	https://www.yassvalley.nsw.gov.au/our-council/council-meetings/agendas-and-council-meetings

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2022, 21 May	Election for the House of Representatives and a half election for the Senate. The Hon. Kristy McBain MP (Labor) was re-elected as the member for the Electoral Division of Eden-Monaro, with a two candidate preferred swing of +7.5%. She was appointed Minister for Regional Development, Local Government and Territories.	https://tallyroom.aec.gov.au/HouseDivisionPage-27966-117.htm https://www.aph.gov.au/Senators_and_Members/Parliamentarian?MPID=281988
2022, 12 Jun	Presentation in Bungendore of the National Emergency Medal to members of the Wamboin Rural Fire Brigade (and others), for their outstanding efforts and achievements during the devastating 2019/2020 bushfire season known as Black Summer. At their Facebook page, the Wamboin Brigade wrote: 'Congratulations to all that received a medal and a huge thanks to the others that did not qualify for a medal, but spent huge amounts of time behind the scenes in support roles, catering, maintenance, cleaning trucks and other vital roles and all the others in crews fighting the fires in the 19/20 season'.	https://m.facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=389404156552002&id=100064472629170&m_entstream_source=timeline
2022, 30 Jun	The NSW Government announced the go-ahead for the Wamboin, Bywong and Sutton fibre to the premises (FTTP) internet project, to be designed and installed by Opticomm Pty Ltd. This is a result of years of effort by the all-volunteer Wamboin Communications Action Group (WCAG). The first sod for the project was turned (in Sutton Village) on 21 Nov 2022.	https://sites.google.com/site/wamboincommunications/home <i>Sutton Chatter</i> , Dec. 2022, p. 2.
2022, 30 Jun	Prominent University of Sydney researchers wrote that 'COVID might be the largest mass casualty event in Australian history. And with one in 20 people with COVID still experiencing symptoms three months later, long COVID might even become Australia's most significant cause of longer-term disability.'	Baillie, A, Teesson, M, Britton, P & Sorrell, T 2022, 'Triple vaccination seems to reduce the chance of long COVID – but we still need to prepare for a jump in cases', <i>The Conversation</i> , 30 June 2022, https://theconversation.com/triple-vaccination-seems-to-reduce-the-chance-of-long-covid-but-we-still-need-to-prepare-for-a-jump-in-cases-183428 .
2022, 2 Jul	Death of long-time former Wamboin resident Dave Argaet. 'Dave is probably best known for his stone masonry which is all around the Wamboin and Bungendore areas, most prominently the big Wamboin sign on the corner of Sutton and Norton roads, but also in beautiful handmade stone gateways and landscaping features throughout the region. Dave was also an artist and created the award-winning half-sunken "Sands of Time" house sculpture along Lake Road.' See the entry for May 2008, above.	Le Grand, G 2022, 'Dave Argaet', <i>The Whisper</i> , August 2022, p. 7.
2022, 16 Jul	Auction of 11 blocks of land composing stage 1 of the 'Woodfield Hills' subdivision off the southern end of Newington Road, Bywong. The full subdivision has 20 blocks ranging in size from 2.9 ha to 15.5 ha. Named after the Bingley family's 'Woodfield' property, of which it was a part. Developer: Littlewoods Civil Contracting Pty Limited.	https://woodfieldhills.com.au/
2022, 27 Aug	The Wamboin Community Association's annual Wamboin Bonfire and Fireworks resumed after a two-year hiatus caused by the restrictions imposed under the COVID-19 pandemic's Public Health Orders.	

2022, 1 Sep	The new (simplified) Australian Fire Danger Rating System (AFDRS) commenced: Moderate, High, Extreme, & Catastrophic (plus No rating). The previous system, that had been in place for decades and was based on the McArthur Forest Fire Danger Index (FFDI) thresholds, was Low-moderate, High, Very high, Severe, Extreme, Catastrophic	Contemporaneous record
2022, 22 Oct	The Sutton Public School celebrated the 150 th anniversary of the school's foundation in 1871 as a part-time school, operating in conjunction with Wamboin's Wyanga school. The COVID-19 pandemic caused the planned 2021 celebration to be deferred until this date. A time capsule will be installed, marking the occasion for future generations.	Sullivan, C 2022, 'Sutton School celebrates 150 years', <i>Sutton Chatter</i> , November 2022, pp. 2-4.
2022, 14 Nov	The Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Local Environmental Plan 2022 commenced: 'Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council has prepared a new Local Environmental Plan (LEP) to harmonise and consolidate the land-use planning controls that apply to the local government area (LGA).' It consolidated, and updated, the former Palerang Council's and Queanbeyan City Council's LEPs.	'New Comprehensive LEP', https://www.qprc.nsw.gov.au/Building-Development/Planning-Zoning/New-Comprehensive-LEP
2022, 2 Dec	The 50 th anniversary of the initial subdivision of the land that became known as Wamboin; then called 'Canberra Country Estate'. The developer was Norton Tower Pty Limited, and the Managing Agent Proud Projects Pty Limited. The first advertisement for the land, published in the <i>Canberra Times</i> , was in the 2 Dec 1972 issue. It was the land along Norton Road from Sutton Road to Fernloff Road.	<i>Canberra Times</i> , 2 Dec. 1972, p. 31.
2023	Wamboin resident Kim Mahood was the 2023 winner of The Age Book of the Year Award--Non-Fiction Prize for her book <i>Wandering with Intent</i> (Scribe, 2022).	Author record, Kim Mahood, AustLit (www.austlit.edu.au), The University of Queensland, St Lucia, Qld.
2023, 17 Jan	The Bureau of Meteorology declared that another La Niña event was underway, making it the third in succession—a rare event—meaning that above average rainfall was expected for eastern Australia in subsequent months. This followed record-breaking high levels of rainfall in Wamboin, with both 2021 and 2022 recording over one metre of rain, almost twice the long-term median.	Bureau of Meteorology 2023, <i>Climate driver update</i> , 17 January 2023, http://www.bom.gov.au/climate/enso/ .
2023, 23 Jan	An ACT-registered car crashed into Wamboin's stonework entrance sign, badly damaging the northern end. The police attended. The driver was not injured, but the car was a write-off. The Wamboin Community Association commenced obtaining quotations for work to repair the fence, for submission to the driver's Insurance company. Some months later, a local wag inserted into Google Maps, at that location, a historical landmark icon with the label 'Wamboin Heritage Site'. It was still showing on Google Maps in April the following year.	Contemporaneous record.
2023, Feb	On the initiative of, and under the leadership of, Keith France, the Wamboin Community Association installed metal boxes at four key entrance points to Wamboin and Bywong for dispensing copies of the Bungendore-based <i>Regional Independent</i> newspaper, edited by Sharon Baxter-Judge. A year or so earlier the weekly deliveries of the newspaper to letterboxes in the area had ceased.	Contemporaneous record.
2023, Mar	The local newspaper, the <i>District Bulletin</i> , at that stage published online only, edited by Maria Taylor, closed after 15 years of publication. 'The first issue of the <i>District Bulletin</i> , then called <i>The Palerang and District Bulletin</i> was delivered to local mailboxes in March 2008.'	https://districtbulletin.com.au/15-years-with-you/

2023, 25 Mar	NSW Legislative Assembly election for the NSW electoral district of Monaro: Queanbeyan resident Steven (Steve) Whan (1964-) was elected.	https://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/members/Pages/Member-details.aspx?pk=2266
2023, 5 May	The Director-General of the World Health Organization, Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, announced '... that COVID-19 is now an established and ongoing health issue which no longer constitutes a public health emergency of international concern (PHEIC)'. The pandemic had been declared a PHEIC on 30 Jan 2020, 1,191 days earlier	WHO 2023, Statement on the fifteenth meeting of the International Health Regulations (2005) Emergency Committee regarding the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic, 5 May 2023, https://www.who.int/news/item/05-05-2023-statement-on-the-fifteenth-meeting-of-the-international-health-regulations-(2005)-emergency-committee-regarding-the-coronavirus-disease-(covid-19)-pandemic .
2023, Jul	The traditional Wamboin Ball, which was conducted annually as the Wamboin Fireman's Ball from the early days of the Wamboin subdivisions, and ceased being held around 2007, was reinstated as the 2023 Wamboin Christmas in July Ball. It was highly successful, and raised \$2,385 which was donated to the Salvation Army. The plan was for it to be conducted annually again. Trent Abel was the key person in the revival of the ball.	'Christmas in July Ball', <i>The Whisper</i> , Aug. 2023, p. 19.
2023, Sep	Under the leadership of Meriel Schultz, the WCA conducted a short story competition for both juniors and adults. The winners were announced at the September 2023 Wamboin Market. The first-place winners were Adult: Maureen Good 'Il Gatto', Senior: Imogen Hales 'Tendrils of Mist', Intermediate: Cherry 'The Adventures of Chestnut, the tiny Antechinus', and Junior (joint winners): Lachlan Tanner 'Culena, the Bungendore Frog' and Tilly Tanner 'The Sugar Glider visits Bungendore'. The October 2023 issue of <i>The Whisper</i> had the winning juniors' entries published on the front and back covers, and two others in the body of the issue, along with the advice that 'Over the coming months all the stories from the young person's division and the adult division will be printed in the Whisper'.	<i>The Whisper</i> , Oct. 2023, pp. 1, 9, 28.
2023, 12 Sep	The Contentious Character vineyard, winery and restaurant went into voluntary administration, put up for sale by expressions of interest. The following month, Jeremy Wilson & Ben Jarrett, two of the four founders, announced that it was no longer on the market. Instead, it would continue to be operated by them.	https://the-riotact.com/contentious-character-winery-and-restaurant-business-for-sale/708386 . <i>Canberra Times</i> , 06 Dec 2023.
2023, 11 Dec	The Wamboin Rural Fire Brigade's UHF radio repeater, callsign WAM06, located on private property atop Millpost Hill, Wamboin, was decommissioned and removed, after 30 years of operation. With the changes in communications technology, including the advent of mobile telephone services and an improved RFS comms network, the CB band repeater was no longer needed.	Don Evans, Bywong & Wamboin Hub Facebook Group, 11 Dec. 2023.
2024, 4-10 Jan	Work commenced on rebuilding the masonry Wamboin locality entrance sign at the corner of Norton & Sutton Roads, following lengthy delays with insurance matters, and following a competitive tender process.	Contemporaneous record.

	Pichelmann Custom Building, the family company of the late Dave Argæet who built the sign in 2008, did the re-build. The task was led by Tom Argæet. A time capsule was laid in the stonework on 10 Jan, by the family and with the support of the Wamboin Community Association, and the job was completed the following day.	
2024, 26 Jan	Wamboin resident Mr Rodney Dix was named as a recipient of the Public Service Medal (PSM) in the Australia Day 2024 Honours List (ACT Public Service) 'For outstanding public service to environmental protection services across the ACT'.	Australian Honours Search Facility https://honours.pmc.gov.au/honours/search
2024, 20 Feb	A heritage sign was unveiled at the entrance to Sutton Public School. 'It covers the journey of the school from its declaration as a provisional school in 1871 to the present day'. Many Wamboin and Bywong children have been pupils at the school over the decades.	'SCDA update March 2024: Sutton heritage signs', <i>Sutton Chatter</i> , Mar. 2024, p. 1.
2024, 22 Feb	Amazon ebooks commenced publication of a book prepared by Wamboin resident Peter Komidar, titled <i>Kowen: trails and tales</i> . The publisher advises that 'In this book you will find 14 routes for you to walk, run or ride through Kowen that highlight its greatest attractions ... Kowen has a rich history stretching back well into the ice age! Did you know that in the past Kowen had its own railway station, a pub and five schools?'.	
2024, 13 Mar	The local community newspaper, the <i>Regional Independent</i> , published its 400 th weekly issue on 31 Jan. 2024. It announced that the paper would change from its weekly distribution to fortnightly as from 13 Mar.	Contemporaneous record.
2024, 24 Mar	Wamboin's Contentious Character vineyard, winery and restaurant closed. Two of the four initial owners re-established the restaurant at Dairy Road, Fyshwick, soon afterwards, retaining the name Contentious Character.	Contemporaneous record.
2024, 18 Apr	Official launch, on World Heritage Day 2024, of the Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council Heritage Library at 253 Crawford Street, Queanbeyan, by Mayor Kenrick Winchester. The building was constructed in 1927 as the Queanbeyan School of Arts.	Contemporaneous record.
2024, 30 Apr	A media release from the Commonwealth Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry titled 'Llamas quarantine journey expands local gene pool' reported that "After a significant search, I selected these animals for their quality and genetic diversity," said importer Jane Ackland of Everlong Llamas. She said llamas haven't entered Australia from the USA since the mid-1990s. They will bring a unique and transformative change to my llama breeding program here in Wamboin, NSW."	https://www.agriculture.gov.au/about/news/llamas-gene-pool-expands
2024, May	Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council installed a new information sign at the Les Reardon Reserve, Bywong's playground abutting the hall. It spelled the name of the Reserve 'Les Rearden Reserve'! The error was corrected in late June.	Contemporaneous record.
Jun 2024	Publication of information on the concrete cone at the junction of Norton Road and Bingley Way, Wamboin. Long-term resident Lofty Mason wrote: 'No, it is not a survey marker, nor is it a cover for a town water supply and it is not a marker for our long awaited NBN connection. It is just a large inverted planting pot used in ACT roadsides. How did it get there? The only thing for sure: it didn't roll down hill!'.	Mason, L 2024, 'Road works?', <i>The Whisper</i> , June 2024, p. 9.
2024, 7 Jun	Gazettal of Top Flat Lane: 'Off Wirreanda Road Wamboin heading west for approx 200 metres'. The area has been known as Top Flat since at least the 1860s.	<i>Government Gazette of the State of NSW</i> , No. 209–Local Government, 7 June 2024, ref: n2024-1030.

		Reardon, L & McDonald, D 2024, 'Wamboin's newest road: Top Flat Lane', <i>The Whisper</i> , no. August 2024, p. 11,
2024, 26 Jun	The Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council discussed a staff report, requested by Cr Ross Macdonald, regarding options for installing street lighting at the corner of Norton Road and Sutton Road, Wamboin, as a road safety measure, and to highlight the newly rebuilt Wamboin Locality Entrance Sign. The costs cited were \$250,000 or \$320,000. Lighting the sign only would cost \$3,200. Council resolved to consider the matter as part of the 2025/26 budget process.	Resolution 291/24 in the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council, 26 June 2024.
2024, 31 Aug	The annual Wamboin Bonfire and Fireworks was scheduled for this date. The period was very windy, gusting to over 50 km/h on the day of the event. The Wamboin Rural Fire Brigade cancelled the Bonfire at 6pm, but the Fireworks went ahead as scheduled. An excellent evening, with a large crowd despite the cold, windy weather and no Bonfire.	Contemporaneous record.
2024, 08 Sep	Official opening of 'The Park @ Woodbury' at the Woodbury Ridge, Sutton, subdivision by various people involved in the development, including the previous owners, the Cartwright family from 'Woodbury', and the developer. The block was the northernmost paddock of 'Woodbury', and was referred to as the 'Back Paddock'. The park was declared open to the public at large, not just to the Woodbury Ridge residents.	Contemporaneous record.
2024, 19 Sep	In the lead-up to the ACT Legislative Assembly elections, the ACT Liberals announced that, if elected, they will '... bulldoze the Kowen Forest to make way for housing and a new town centre ...' They stated that they will build 100,000 dwellings there, which would mean some 300,000 people.	'Libs to develop Kowen', <i>Canberra Times</i> , 19 Sep. 2024, pp. 1, 7.
2024, 15 Oct	Officers from the Queanbeyan Fire Control Centre made a presentation to a large audience at the Wamboin Community Hall titled 'Challenges with fire in the Wamboin Bywong landscape'. It was reported that they explained that 'The Wamboin/Bywong region is one of the biggest fire risk areas in the Lake George Fire District. With close to 40 years since the last major fire in our area, vegetation growth has been substantial, with grass, scrub, dry and mature eucalypt and pine fuel levels at a very high percentage. The area had an abundance of 'Fishbone' roads, ... [meaning that] escape routes are highly likely to be closed in a short time as a fire spreads through the area'.	Evans, D, 'The Wamboin firefighter', <i>The Whisper</i> , Nov. 2024, p. 7.
2024, 11 Nov	Dedication of the Bungendore War Memorial (erected in 1924 as the 'Soldiers' Memorial') by Major General Paul Kenny DSC, AM, DSM. The War Memorial Committee were unable to find any record of the Memorial having been dedicated in, or soon after, 1924.	Contemporaneous record. 'Bungendore: Remembrance Day commemoration and dedication of the Memorial', <i>Regional Independent</i> , 6 Nov. 2024, p. 2.
2024, Dec	This month's <i>Whisper</i> included an article by Peter Komidar describing his discoveries in the vicinity of Poppet Hill/trig station of what appear to be evidence of two old (gold?) mines: slumped shafts and associated building material. If his identification of mining shafts is confirmed, it probably explains the origin of the hill & trig's toponym: named from a mine's poppet-head. The Poppet trig's name was gazetted in 1893, and the hill's name was gazetted in 1971, without any information as to the name's origin. Komidar subsequently identified the mines as being for copper, not gold, <i>vide e.g.</i> Author unknown 1872,	Komidar, P 2024, 'Kowen Kapers - Poppet Hill: a second mine shaft?', <i>The Whisper</i> , December 2024, p. 9.

	'Local and District News. Discovery of a rich copper lode', <i>Queanbeyan Age</i> , 25 July 1872, p. 2, http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article30583143 .	
2024, 20 Dec	The communications company Opticomm Pty Ltd, that had been contracted by the NSW Government in mid-2022 to install a fibre to the premises internet and telephone utility for Wamboin, Bywong and Sutton, emailed some residents to advise that, following consultation with the NSW Government, '... due to increased construction costs, the insolvency of our main contractor and current market conditions, the Fibre to the Premise (FTTP) network rollout in Wamboin, Bywong and Sutton has been descoped ... We thank you in advance for your understanding.' This followed an audit some months earlier, conducted by the NSW Audit Office, that found that the NSW Government, and the responsible department, had failed in many aspects of basic project management (as the Wamboin Communications Action Group put it). In this context, 'descoping' meant cancelling the project. Community members were furious.	Archer, G & Wamboin Communications Action Group (WCAG) 2025, 'Wamboin/Bywong fibre network cancelled by NSW State Government', <i>The Whisper</i> , February 2025, p. 14.
2025, 19 Jan	Members and friends of the congregation of St Andrew's Anglican Church, Wamboin, celebrated the 40 th anniversary of church services being held in Wamboin. The first was on 20 Jan. 1985, in the newly built Wamboin Community Hall. 'The Priest who conducted the 1985 service, Paul Woodhart, was guest preacher [at the 2025 commemorative service] ... , several members of the 1985 congregation who are still residents of Wamboin attended, and many past members of the church attended from far flung parts of the country.'	Rope, A 2025, 'What the heck (Chapter 31)', <i>The Whisper</i> , February 2025, p. 12.
2025, Feb	Peter Komidar issued a public invitation for expressions of interest in forming a Friends of the Wamboin Crown Reserve (FoWCR) group. The Crown Reserve (between Bingley Way and the ACT border) is the largest area of intact bushland in Wamboin, with fine biodiversity and cultural values. Five volunteers constituted the initial Friends group.	Komidar, P 2025, 'Wamboin Crown Reserve', <i>The Whisper</i> , Feb. 2025, p. 19.
2025, 15 Mar	Launch at the Wamboin Community Hall of the 38-page booklet <i>We are Wamboin</i> , authored by Meriel Schultz and published by the Wamboin Community Association Inc. (WCA). The costs of production and printing of the booklet were covered by a grant from the Community Bank Bungendore, with additional funding from the WCA. On the following week a copy was delivered by volunteers, free of charge, to every letterbox in Wamboin.	Schultz, M 2025, <i>We are Wamboin: the story of our unique community</i> , Wamboin Community Association Inc., Wamboin, NSW, https://wamboincommunity.asn.au/localservices/index.php?op=wearwamboin
2025, c. May	South East Local Land Services emailed some residents of the Wamboin & Bywong area advising that, prior to the release locally of the Rabbit Haemorrhagic Disease Virus (RHDV), seroprevalence testing was conducted across the Queanbeyan-Palerang region to establish viability of this biocontrol vector. 'The results indicated a high level of seroprevalence among feral rabbits within the region, meaning that many rabbits have already been exposed to and developed antibodies against RHDV. Given this, further use of the virus as a biocontrol method is not recommended in the area at this time, as its effectiveness would likely be minimal.'	Email posted by a resident to the Bywong & Wamboin Hub Facebook Group, 1 May 2025.
2025, May	The speed limit on Macs Reef Road was reduced from 90 to 80 km/h. Transport for NSW stated that 'This change reduces the speed limit at this location in response to local community concerns'.	https://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/speed-limits-south-region-15-may-2025
2025, May	<i>The Whisper</i> for this month had a brief article by Paul Downey on 50 years of weather records from Cooper Road, Wamboin. He advised that the records were initiated in 1976 by David Robertson and kept by him, and subsequently by Robyn Robertson and then by Christine Reiber. '2026 will be 50 years of temperature records.	Downey, P. 2025, '50 years of weather records', <i>The Whisper</i> , May 2025, p. 2.

	Comparisons of the weather records from Wamboin with those from the Bureau of Meteorology records from the Canberra Airport weather station, illustrate how variable the weather can be between these locations despite being less than 10kms apart (direct line).'	
2025, 3 May	Election for the House of Representatives and a half election for the Senate. The Hon. Kristy McBain MP (Labor) was re-elected as the member for the Electoral Division of Eden-Monaro with a two-candidate preferred swing of +1.24%. She was appointed Minister for Regional Development, Local Government and Territories, and Minister for Emergency Management.	https://tallyroom.aec.gov.au/HouseDivisionPage-31496-117.htm https://www.aph.gov.au/Senators_and_Members/Parliamentarian?MPID=281988
2025, 21 Sep	The 100-year anniversary of the foundation of St Peter's Anglican Church at Sutton, presided over by the Anglican Bishop of Canberra and Goulburn, Bishop Mark Short, followed by the dedication and blessing of the adjacent new church hall.	Rope, A 2025, 'What the heck: chapter 40 – centenary and new hall', <i>The Sutton Chatter</i> , Oct 2025, p. 7.
2025, 18 Oct	The online news outlet, <i>Region Canberra</i> , published a long article on the Bywong/Wamboin Greenways network, including information gleaned from interviews with members of the QPRC Greenways s 355 Committee.	Nicholls, H 2025, 'Bywong and Wamboin Greenway trails connect community and boost biodiversity', <i>Region Canberra</i> , 18 Oct 2025, https://region.com.au/bywong-and-wamboin-greenway-trails-connect-community-and-boost-biodiversity/913619/
2025, 18 Dec	Completion of works that had commenced the previous May to improve safety at the Macs Reef Road/Bungendore Road intersection. The contractor was Cord Civil Pty Ltd (Construction) and the contract price was \$1,994,710. The funds were granted to the Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council under the Australian Government Blackspot program.	'COMPLETED Macs Reef Road/Bungendore Road Intersection', https://www.qprc.nsw.gov.au/Major-Works-Projects/COMPLETED-Macs-ReefBungendore-Rd-Intersection
2026, Mar	In early March, Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council staff erected 'Yass River' signs at both ends where Norton Road crosses the Yass River by culvert. This was a response to a request submitted many months earlier by the Wamboin Community Association, for the crossing to be signposted, especially in light of it being near the headwater of the river.	McDonald, D 2026, 'Wamboin's Yass River/Boongaroon signage', <i>The Whisper</i> , Apr 2026, p. 24.
2026, 27 Mar	The Aranya Acres restaurant and function centre opened at what was formerly Contentious Character and before that, Lamberts' Winery (Norton Road, Wamboin), under the management of Jovi Arya. The winery there was operated by Carla Rodeghiero, the owner and winemaker at Sapling Yard Wines.,	Contemporaneous record.
2026, May	In 2012, St Andrew's Anglican Church Wamboin, and St Peter's Anglican Church Sutton, operated under the title Sutton Road Mission District (SRMD) of the Anglican Diocese under the patronage of the Bishop of Canberra and Goulburn. This month it was announced that the congregations had decided to informally refer to themselves as SRA: Sutton Road Anglicans, rather than SRMD.	Rope, A. 2026, 'What the heck, chapter 45', <i>The Whisper</i> , May 2026, p. 21.

APPENDIX 1: COMMONWEALTH ELECTORAL DIVISIONS CONTAINING WAMBOIN:
MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES SINCE 1901

<i>Division</i>	<i>Years</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Party</i>
Werriwa	1901-1905	Conroy, Alfred Hugh Beresford	FT, LIB
Eden-Monaro	1906-1926	Chapman, Austin	PROT, LIB-COM, NAT
<i>Do.</i>	1926-1929	Perkins, John Arthur	UAP
<i>Do.</i>	1929-1931	Cusack, John Joseph	ALP
<i>Do.</i>	1931-1943	Perkins, John Arthur	UAP
<i>Do.</i>	1943-1966	Fraser, Allan Duncan	ALP
<i>Do.</i>	1966-1969	Munro, Dugald Ranald Ross	LIB
<i>Do.</i>	1969-1972	Fraser, Allan Duncan	ALP
<i>Do.</i>	1972-1975	Whan, Robert Bruce	ALP
<i>Do.</i>	1975-1983	Sainsbury, Murray Evan	LIB
<i>Do.</i>	1983-1996	Snow, James Henry	ALP
<i>Do.</i>	1996-2007	Nairn, Gary Roy	LIB
Hume	2007-2013	Schultz, Albert John	LIB
<i>Do.</i>	2013-2016	Taylor, Angus James	LIB
Eden-Monaro	2016-2020	Kelly, Michael Joseph	ALP
<i>Do.</i>	2020-present	McBain, Kristy Louise (first female member)	ALP

Party name abbreviations

ALP: Australian Labor Party

FT: Free Trade Party

LIB-COM: Commonwealth Liberal Party

LIB: Liberal Party of Australia

NAT: Nationalist Party

PROT: Protectionist Party

UAP: United Australia Party

Source: Australia, Parliamentary Library n.d., *Parliamentary handbook*, online, Department of Parliamentary Services, Canberra, <https://handbook.aph.gov.au/>.

APPENDIX 2: STATE ELECTORAL DISTRICT OF MONARO: MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY SINCE 1859

State Electoral District of Monaro: Members of the Legislative Assembly since 1859		
Years	Name(s)	Party
1859-1860	Hamilton, Alexander	-
1860-1864	Garrett, Thomas	-
1864-1865	Martin, James	-
1865-1870	Grahame, William	-
1870	Egan, Daniel	-
1870-1872	Hart, James	-
1872-1875	Grahame, William	-
1875-1877	Montague, Alexander	-
1877-1880	Murphy, John	-
1880-1884*	(1) Badgery, Henry Septimus	-
	(2) Tooth, Robert Lucas	-
1884-1885	Ryrie, David	-
1885-1887*	(1) Dawson, Henry	-
	(2) Stephen, Harold Wilberforce Hindmarsh	-
1887-1889*	(1) O'Mara, Thomas Chrysostom	Independent Protectionist Protectionist
	(2) Dawson, Henry	
1889*	(1) Dawson, Henry	Protectionist
	(2) Stephen, Harold Wilberforce Hindmarsh	Protectionist
1889-1991	Miller, Gustave Thomas Carlisle	Protectionist
1891-1894*	(1) Dawson, Henry	Protectionist
	(2) Miller, Gustave Thomas Carlisle	Protectionist
1894-1918	Miller, Gustave Thomas Carlisle	Protectionist, National Federal, & Labor Party
1918-1927	Bailey, John	Labor Party
1927-1941	Hedges, William Whaley	Country Party
1941-1965	Seiffert, John Wesley	Labor Party & Independent Labor

1965-1976	Mauger, Stephen George	Liberal Party
1976-1988	Akister, John Edward	Labor Party
1988-1999	Cochran, Peter Lachlan	National Party
1999-2003	Webb, Peter William	National Party
2003-2011	Whan, Steven James Robert	Country Labor
2011-2021	Barilaro, (John) Giovanni Domenic	National Party
2022-2023	Overall, Nichole Lorraine (first female member)	National Party
2023-present	Whan, Steven James Robert	Labor Party
* Indicates multi-member electorate		

Sources: Parliament of NSW <https://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/electionresults18562007/DistrictIndexes/Monaro.htm>

and McGlynn, J 2022, 'Reflections on the Monaro electorate', *Quinbean*, vol. 15, no. 1, pp. 30-2.

Note: With effect from 13 March 1978 the titles of the members of the NSW Legislative Assembly were changed from MLAs to MPs. This was an administrative change; no legislative amendments were required.

Source: pers com Jonathan Elliott, Parliament of NSW, 13 May 2014.

APPENDIX 3: YARROWLUMLA SHIRE COUNCIL PRESIDENTS & MAYORS

<i>President</i>		<i>Mayor (from July 1993)</i>	
<i>Years</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Years</i>	<i>Name</i>
1907	WF Rutledge	1993	PK Greenwood
1908-09	J McCarthy	1993-96	IL Marjason
1910-11	EG Grace	1996-97	GR Collinson
1911-12	J Keeffe	1997-98	PW Webb
1912-37	TJ Kelly	1998-99	AM Flanagan
1937-43	PH Hardy, MBE	1999-02	IL Marjason
1944-49	C Moore	2002-04	TJ Branson
1950-54	CRE Southwell		
1955-56	NE McTernan		
1957-64	PJ Osborne		
1965-67	NT Gorman		
1968-78	ELJ Reardon OAM		
1978-86	JAM McDiarmid		
1986-87	JL Breen		
1987-88	JAM McDiarmid		
1988-91	RJ Perriman		
1991-93	PK Greenwood		
On 11 Feb 2004 the Yarrowlumla Shire Council was dissolved, and the Eastern Capital City Regional Council proclaimed. Bywong resident and Mayor of the former Yarrowlumla Shire Council, Cr Terry Bransdon, was appointed Administrator. Source: photograph of the wall plaque formerly hanging in the Yarrowlumla Shire chambers, apparently now lost, photographed by former Yarrowlumla Shire Council President and Mayor, Peter Greenwood, and provided by him for this document.			

APPENDIX 4: PALERANG COUNCIL TIMELINE

Date	Event
11 Feb 2004	Yarrowlumla Shire Council dissolved, and Eastern Capital City Regional Council proclaimed. Bywong resident and Mayor of the former Yarrowlumla Shire Council, Cr Terry Bransdon, appointed Administrator.
26 Jun 2004	First election of the Councillors of the new Eastern Capital City Regional Council.
13 Jul 2004	Cr Terry Bransdon elected as the first Mayor of Eastern Capital City Regional Council.
10 Dec 2004	Council's name changed from Eastern Capital City Regional Council to Palerang Council.
15 Jun 2005	Palerang Council moved from 11 Farrah Place, Queanbeyan to its new premises at 2 Majara Street, Bungendore.
Sep 2005	Cr Jim MacLachlan elected Mayor of Palerang Council
Sep 2006	Cr Jim MacLachlan re-elected Mayor of Palerang Council
Sep 2007	Cr Jim MacLachlan re-elected Mayor of Palerang Council
13 Sep 2008	NSW Local Government elections. Bywong resident Cr Terry Bransdon was re-elected to the Palerang Council.
Sep 2008	Cr Ian Marjason elected as Mayor of Palerang Council.
14 Mar 2009	Palerang Council by-election following the resignation of Cr Judith Miller. Bywong resident Anne Goonan elected.
3 Sep 2009	Cr Walter Raynolds elected as Mayor of Palerang Council
2 Sep 2010	Cr Walter Raynolds re-elected as Mayor of Palerang Council

12 May 2011	Palerang Council by-election following the resignation of Cr Terry Bransdon. Wamboin resident Pete Harrison elected.
1 Sep 2011	Cr Walter Raynolds re-elected as Mayor of Palerang Council
8 Sep 2012	NSW Local Government elections. Wamboin residents Pete Harrison and Keith France elected as Councillors of Palerang Council.
20 Sep 2012	Wamboin resident Cr Pete Harrison was elected, unopposed, as Mayor of Palerang Council.
26 Sep 2013	Cr Pete Harrison re-elected as Mayor of Palerang Council
18 Sep 2014	Cr Pete Harrison re-elected as Mayor of Palerang Council
17 Sep 2015	Cr Pete Harrison re-elected as Mayor of Palerang Council
12 May 2016	Forced dissolution of Palerang Council and establishment of Queanbeyan–Palerang Regional Council, with Cr Tim Overall (Mayor of the former Queanbeyan City Council) as Administrator.

Note: in the Palerang Local Government Area (LGA), councillors elected the mayor each year. *Local Government Act 1993 (NSW)*, s. 230.

APPENDIX 5: QUEANBEYAN-PALERANG REGIONAL COUNCIL (QPRC) TIMELINE

Date	Event
12 May 2016	Forced dissolution of Palerang Council and establishment of Queanbeyan–Palerang Regional Council, with Cr Tim Overall (Mayor of the former Queanbeyan City Council) as Administrator.
9 Sep 2017	The NSW local government elections were held. One candidate from Wamboin was elected to QPRC: Cr Pete Harrison.
20 Sep 2017	At the first meeting of the new Council, Cr Tim Overall was elected Mayor and Cr Trevor Hicks as Deputy Mayor.
27 Jun 2018	Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council resolved to ‘... conduct an “Acknowledgement of Country” before all Council and Planning and Strategy Committee of the Whole meetings’, as recommended by its Consultative Committee on Aboriginal Issues. The resolution was carried unanimously.
4 Dec 2021	The NSW local government elections were held, having been twice deferred from its originally scheduled date owing to the COVID-19 pandemic. One candidate from Wamboin was elected to QPRC, Cr Louise Burton, and one from Bywong, Cr Mareeta Grundy.
12 Jan 2022	Cr Kenrick Winchester elected Mayor, and Cr Esma Livermore Deputy Mayor.
9 May 2022	Ms Rebecca Ryan appointed General Manager following the resignation of Mr Peter Tegart.
14 Nov 2022	The Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Local Environmental Plan 2022 commenced ‘... to harmonise and consolidate the land-use planning controls that apply to the local government area (LGA).’ It consolidated, and updated, the former Palerang Council’s and Queanbeyan City Council’s LEPs.
8 Feb 2023	Ross Macdonald from Wamboin was appointed as a councillor on a countback following the resignation of Cr Jacqueline Ternouth.

8 May 2024	Council resolved to name the recently opened Queanbeyan Civic and Cultural Precinct building located at 257 Crawford Street, Queanbeyan, as The Nellie Hamilton Centre. Aboriginal names were also allocated to three of the building's precincts.
2 Oct 2024	Council election: one councillor from Wamboin elected, Cr Ross Macdonald, and one from Bywong, Cr Mareeta Grundy.
9 Oct 2024	Cr Kenrick Winchester elected Mayor, and Cr Esma Livermore Deputy Mayor.

Note: in the QPRC LGA, councillors elect the mayor every two years: *Local Government Act 1993* (NSW), s 230. The deputy mayor is elected by the councillors for the mayoral term or for a shorter term (s 231).

APPENDIX 6: WAMBOIN RURAL FIRE BRIGADE CAPTAINS AND PRESIDENTS

Year	Captain	President
1984–1985	John Finn	David Roberston
1985–1986	John Finn	David Robertson
1986–1987	John Finn	Geoff Wines
1987–1988	John Finn	Geoff Wines
1988–1989	John Finn	Geoff Wines
1989–1990	Lofty Mason	Anne Braidwood
1990–1991	Chris Powell	Anne Braidwood
1991–1992	Chris Powell	Paul Griffin
1992–1993	Chris Powell	Paul Griffin
1993–1994	Chris Powell	Paul Griffin
1994–1995	John Upton	Chris Legg
1995–1996	Lyle Montesin	Graham Heathcote
1996–1997	Lyle Montesin	Graham Heathcote
1997–1998	Bernie Broers	Richard Hobbs
1998–1999	Bernie Broers	Richard Hobbs
1999–2000	Bernie Broers	Richard Hobbs
2000–2001	Bernie Broers	Richard Hobbs
2001–2002	Bernie Broers	Ray Rudland/ Peter Greenwood
2002–2003	Bernie Broers/ Cliff Spong	Peter Greenwood
2003–2004	Cliff Spong	Peter Greenwood
2004–2005	Cliff Spong	Peter Greenwood
2005–2006	Cliff Spong	Peter Greenwood
2006–2007	Cliff Spong	Peter Greenwood
2007–2008	Cliff Spong	Peter Greenwood

Year	Captain	President
2008–2009	Cliff Spong	Peter Greenwood
2009–2010	Andrew Dunn	Peter Greenwood
2010–2011	Andrew Dunn	Peter Greenwood
2011–2012	Dave Cochrane	Ian Coillet
2012–2013	Dave Cochrane	Ian Coillet
2013–2014	Richard Hobbs	Ian Coillet
2014–2015	Geoff Foster	Kevin Rowe
2015–2016	Geoff Foster	Kevin Rowe
2016–2017	Matt O'Brien	Peter Greenwood
2017–2022	Matt O'Brien	Chris Powell AFSM
2022–2023	Neville Schroder	Kevin Rowe
2023–2025	Neville Schroder	Scott Campey
2025–	Matt Jackson	David Saunderson

Source: <https://wamboin.rfsa.org.au/about>

Note: at its inception in 1984, the Brigade was known as the Wamboin Volunteer Bushfire Brigade, operating under the provisions of the *Bush Fires Act 1949* (NSW). On 17 Aug. 2000 the name was registered as the Wamboin Rural Fire Brigade, a title that accorded with the *Rural Fires Act 1997* (NSW).

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