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Hello everyone,

This month is truly the best month to be a part of our wonderful community! We are thrilled to announce that our main fundraiser event, the Car Boot Sale, is happening on the 29th of March. This is your golden opportunity to snap up some fantastic bargains, declutter your home, and contribute to reducing waste!

But before we dive into the details, we have a quick community announcement: The Bywong Community Association is dedicated to bringing the people of Bywong together through various activities, fostering connections, and maintaining the cohesion of our local area. To achieve this, we collaborate with numerous groups in the region.

Now, back to the Car Boot Sale! **It's time to crack open your piggy bank and bring cash!** Go through your cupboards and sheds, sort out your treasures, and get a stall together. Remember, the items you no longer use might be just what someone else is looking for. Turn your unfinished project into someone else's unfinished project and convert that clutter into cash.

If you're on the hunt for a hidden gem, this is the perfect time to find it. The Car Boot Sale is an excellent opportunity to pick up a bargain and help the environment by reusing or repurposing items. Alternatively, you might want to get creative or turn your summer bumper crops into preserves and sauces. Gather your like-minded friends and set up a stall together!

We have some special shout-outs to our incredible community groups and volunteers. The Guides will be running their famous Devonshire Tea stall, while the Wonderful Women of Wamboin (WWOW) will be sharing information about their social activities and how to get involved. Wildcare, Possumwood, and Landcare will be joining the Greenways group, showcasing the fantastic work they do. Landcare will also have a selection of native plants and seedlings available to help rejuvenate our bushland and connect wildlife corridors across our properties.

A big thank you to the Wamboin RFS, who will be managing the car parking with their usual finesse. They will also be providing advice on how to prepare your property for the fire season.

In addition to these local community groups, we will have the QPRC mobile Library and representatives from the local council on site.

No community event of this scale would be complete without the support of our local businesses. We are grateful to O'Sullivan's Waste for their long-term support in providing bins to keep our event waste-free.

This year, the BCA will be serving up delicious snags and bacon from Priam Meats, a local family company. Don't forget to visit our Sausage Sizzle / Bacon and Egg roll BBQ to keep your energy levels high while hunting for bargains!

Mark your calendars for the 29th of March. Stall setup will be from 07:00 to 08:45 am, with buying and selling taking place from 09:00 to 12:00 pm.

A stall costs just \$25, **so bring cash and join us for a fantastic day!**

We look forward to seeing you all there. This event promises to be bigger and better than ever, so don't miss out! For more details, visit our Facebook page or the Bywong Community Association website at <https://www.bywongcommunity.org.au/>.

Best regards, **Justin Jarvis, for The Bywong Community Association**

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	<h2 style="margin: 0;">Wamboin Community Association</h2> <h3 style="margin: 0;">President's Notes</h3>	
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It's March and still as warm as ever. However after the end of year hiatus things are beginning to return to a more normal schedule.

1. Resumption of Monthly Meetings. February saw the resumption of the WCA's monthly meetings. February was a well attended meeting with many people eager to ask questions about issues in the community. Local Council was represented by Councilor Ross MacDonald as a number of local council issues are about to arise. We will keep you informed of these as we know more. We did ask Ross to convey our thanks to local council for all the roadworks that have been happening throughout our area.

2. Monthly Markets. The February market at the Hall was I think quite well attended. I expected numbers to be down due to the Canberra Show but it was quite a thriving market with lots of produce to sell.

That's it for now. A very short President's Notes this month but I assume that will change as the year unfolds. Remember to come along to our monthly meeting held on the **3rd Tuesday** of every month at **7:30 pm at the Hall**. Our monthly meetings are open to all members of the community. - *Jenny Richards – President.*



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The following explanation of “rules”, when living rurally in NSW and in a high fire risk area like Wamboin.

We continue to get unnecessary callouts to fires. Unfortunately, some residents unbelievably, are oblivious to any rules relating to lighting fires.

NSW has had in place, what is called “The Rural Fires Act” for over 70 years. It is a legal legislation that requires anyone using fire outdoors to comply with certain rules to keep you and the community safe. Those who do not comply, in some circumstances can be fined, charged, or get a custodial sentence. Most people or residents in NSW follow the simple rules and never have any issues. It is your responsibility to keep up to date with current rules and fire danger levels.

- The “Bushfire Fire danger period” is typically between October 1 and March 31. (this can be extended before or after those dates, depending on weather conditions) Permits are required in the BFDP. Note that due to dry weather conditions this season, permits were cancelled or suspended for much of the period.
- The “out of Bushfire Fire danger period,” is between April 1 and September 30. (this can be shortened as well) This is the preferred time to burn vegetation as permits are not required. *You still must “**notify**” (365 days a year) – read on....
- For 365 days of the year, if you intend to burn vegetation, you must **notify** the RFS, online on their portal, even if you have a permit. You must also notify all the landowners of all adjoining properties to you. Both must be done at least 48 hours prior to you lighting up.
- During the Bushfire Fire Danger Period (BFDP), any outdoor fires to burn vegetation require a Permit. You are not allowed to burn anything other than vegetation, this includes building materials, pallets, and treated timber. If you are caught burning anything other than vegetation, the Environmental Protection Agency can be involved and issue you a fine. Permits can be applied for online and take time to be processed. Allow 7 days for a permit to be processed. If you do not have a computer or smart device, you can visit your local fire control centre to manually fill out an application. An application for a permit does not mean you will get one. A permit is assigned to a permit officer, who must attend your property to ensure your proposed burn complies with the rules. You must be physically and mentally able to control, manage and ensure your fire does not escape your property. You must always have a pressurised water supply available, and ensure you comply with the conditions written on the permit.
- When fire danger ratings go to “High” or above, all permits are suspended. If you intend to burn and have a permit, you must check weather conditions before, during and after you proposed burn. Windy conditions can quickly change a controlled fire to an out-of-control fire. A total fire ban day means exactly that. No fires outdoors at all.
- Permits and notifications are all kept and stored on a database at the RFS headquarters in Sydney. Every incident has constant radio communications and data terminals on every RFS vehicle and will know instantly if you haven’t completed the required applications and forms.
- The ACT has their own fire danger ratings and total fire bans. You must only use NSW ratings. Wamboin, Bywong and Sutton Park are part of the “Southern Ranges.”
- Bushfires can be life threatening. They can destroy property, businesses, and people’s livelihood. The Rural Fire Service Act is there to protect the community and you. They have been written so you can burn safely and not put others at risk. Unfortunately, many fires escape, damage property or worse kill people. If you are found guilty of an offence, even minor, you may get a police record, a fine or a custodial sentence.

Till next time, stay safe! - Don Evans (Deputy Captain)

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21 February resulted in another good market. Some new stall holders. More are always welcome. The variety is excellent. Garden produce (I am in awe of those who have managed to harvest anything this long, hot, dry summer), craft of all kinds, delicious home baked goods, coffee, jams and preserves, flowers, jewellery and more. Next month we will have a local artisan baker coming - so you will be able to stock up on delicious home-baked sourdough products.

Noah Corra did a great job fundraising by running a raffle to raise money for his upcoming Car Rally - the 'Lunchbox' Rally. All proceeds go to Cancer Council NSW. He will be taking part in the rally with 'Nonna' (aka Marita) in September. So they will be at the market each month until the end of the season. You never know, you too could be a winner of the great hamper of goodies and wine! Come along next month and try your luck!

On a less positive note, I was quite dismayed to find several of the boxes and clothing in the store room (very carefully stored by the lovely people from the SRMD after our Christmas market) had been partly pulled out and thrown on the ground and a clothing rack destroyed. The WCA's Christmas decorations had met the same treatment. It took around 2 hours to re-order and restore the goods to their allocated space. Please, if others use the store for storage or activities, respect other community groups property.

Each year, we try to hold two special (themed) markets. In the past we have held:

- * A young people's cupcake competition Art and Photography competition/exhibition
 - * Story writing competition Horse gear sales Dog show and fancy dress parade
 - * 'Clear out your shed' day (very popular!!) Contribution to the QPRC arts trail weekend.
 - * Joint activity with Wheels of Wamboin
- This year we will hold:
- * A spinners demonstration and craft supply sale (to coincide with World Spinning Day in September)
 - * An art and photography exhibition to coincide with the QPRC Arts Trail weekends in October

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See you at the March market!



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(51 years from Cooper Road) by Christine Rieber

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February rainfall to the 22nd	39.25mm	2025 February rainfall..... 55.5mm
2026 total rainfall to 22/2	62.0mm	2025 total rainfall to 22/2..... 127.75mm
		50yr Av. to end of February..... 120.9mm
March Rainfall Stats		
2025 March rainfall.....	42.75mm	Average March rainfall..... 59.3mm
Wettest March.....	303mm in 1989	Average no. rain days in March..... 8.3
Wettest day.....	160mm on 15/3/89	Highest no. rain days..... 17 in 2017
Driest March..	3mm (2 times) 1986 & 1998	Lowest no. rain days..... 3 (8 times) 81, 86, 92, 98, 02, 06, 09 & 18
March Temperature Stats		
2025 March maximum.....	34.2°C	2025 March minimum..... 5.7°C
Hottest March day.....	37.4°C	March 2025. Av. max 26.9°C & min 12.7°C
	on 19/3/23	Av. Mar. temp.. 17.2°C (day+night comb.)
Hottest March night.....	26°C on 9/3/83	Coldest March day.... 13°C (3 times) on 14/3/94 & 3-4/3/12
Average day (max.) temperature....	22.8°C	Coldest March night.... 1.1°C on 31/3/19
Average night (min.) temperature... 11.7°C		Coldest March
Warmest March.....	1983	2012
(Av. max day temp. 25.5°C & night 15.2°C)		(Av. min day temp. 17.3°C & night 8.6°C)
(warmest day temp. 27.1°C in 2024)		(coldest night temp. 7.9°C in 2015)

On the 28/1/26 we had the equal hottest January day of 43.5°C, with 43.6°C on 4/1/2020 and 43.5°C on 31/1/2020. Over the past 50 years there has been 16 days of 40°C or higher – all in the last 9 years and 12 in January, being one in January 2018, five in January 2019, three in December 2019, four in January 2020, one in February 2020, and two in January 2026.

In addition to having hot days, it has also been dry. Over the past 6 months (September to February) we have had 242.75mm of rain, which is about 63% of the 50-year average of 387mm.

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Wamboin Golf – February 2026

Sunday 1 March 2026. A group of 13 golfers ventured out to play in the Wamboin Golf competition on a pleasant Autumn day. The sponsors this month were the Baileys and the Gordons and we thank them for the refreshments and prizes. We welcomed back Amy and Taylor Miners this month and hope they are able to join us again.

The competition was played using the Western course this month for the 9-holers. The sponsors nominated stableford as the scoring system this month. In something of a repeat of the previous month and destined to keep the handicapper busy again the winner of the 18-hole competition was Stephen M (76/44) from Vicki S (82/37) and Taylor M (84/37) in third place on count back. The 9-hole competition was taken out by Steve L (44/17) from Gerard R (39/16) and Pete H (55/12).



Ball winners for longest drives and nearest the pins went to: Stephen M (2), Ken G (2), Deb G, Gerard R and Tim B. The googly ball was shared around several golfers this month. It started with Pete H even though he couldn't remember what happened, but was apparently googly worthy, before passing to Proud Little David for apparently being incredibly stupid and insensitive before going to Ken G whose dream shot over the water struck a rock (how surprising) and rebounded to the top of the dam wall.

The dummy spit was initially awarded to Tim B for use of expletives after an errant shot of a playing partner, before being awarded to David B who was checking the aerodynamic capability of one of his golf clubs. The Ted Evans Joke involved

some injudicious decision making made during a closely contested golfing competition. Possibly involving the hiding of a golf ball.

Next month, the competition will be on Sunday 1 March and is sponsored by the Schroder and Whitney families.

We hope you can join us at the community hall at 12.15pm on Sunday, 1 March for a 12.30pm start. – Ken Gordon



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Bird Of The Month

By Luke Downey

For March I chose the Straw-necked Ibis, a common bird of farmland fields, that I have seen several large flocks of lately.
Straw-necked Ibis (*Threskiornis spinicollis*) Size:58-76cm (wingspan 100-120cm) Status: Fairly common resident

The Straw-necked Ibis is a large ibis, with a distinctive long black decurved bill. It is black above, extending onto the breast sides, and white below, with a bare black head and legs. Breeding birds develop a glossy green-purple sheen on the dark upperparts and their namesake yellowish straw-like plumes on the breast. Both of these features are reduced or absent in non-breeding birds. Sexes are alike, and immature birds are duller, with a feathered head. Straw-necked Ibises are gregarious, usually occurring in flocks, sometimes numbering into the hundreds. Unlike their common and familiar cousin the



Australian White Ibis, which can be a tame bird of urban environs and rubbish dumps, Straw-necked Ibises are a bird of the countryside and favour grassland and farmland, especially fields with short grass, crops or ploughed paddocks, where they feed on insects. The two do co-occur at

times however, but the all-white Australian White Ibis is easy to distinguish and Straw-necked never scavenges like the White Ibis. Straw-necked Ibises also sometimes frequent wetlands and watercourses but are less tied to water than many Ibises and are often found far from water. They have a strong flight and can sometimes be seen in flocks flying in formation high overhead, showing their dark underwings with white centres. Ibises lack a proper voice box and therefore only give guttural croaks and grunts, usually in alarm or when breeding. Straw-necked Ibises breed primarily in the Riverina, and locally are a nomad of the grasslands and pastures, moving between different fields regularly. They also utilise lawns, sport fields and golf courses in urban areas. They are a common sight in the local rural areas, so make sure to keep an eye out for flocks of these birds in the local paddocks. (photo from Google images)



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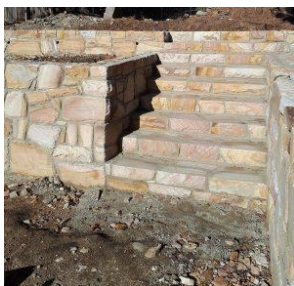
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Ross' Report

Dear Whisperers,

I hope you're all enjoying the cooler end to the summer months and finding your properties greener and dams fuller though if anything like at my place, you'll need a lot more rain yet.

The start of the year has been busy with Council meetings in Braidwood and Queanbeyan (there's a meeting scheduled for Bungendore on the 11th of March). I've also had a lot of meetings with lots of residents and community groups. I also recently got across the border to the Royal Canberra Show and caught up with a Bywong local Jennie from Roogulli Farm who breeds (very adorable) babydoll sheep – a big congratulations to Roogulli Farm on the prize wins at the show!

I'm really excited about an initiative that's taken shape over the last few months. In September last year, a community member spoke to me about the lack of activities for teenagers in and around Bungendore so I convened a town hall to talk about it. Almost 40 community representatives along.

In October, Council agreed to my proposal to provide space at the Norah Starrs Community Centre (the new name for the Bungendore Community Centre) for a youth hub and I began talking to organisations who know how to run youth programs really well.

I'm so pleased that The Y Canberra Region (formerly the YMCA) has agreed to lead the delivery of a free program for 12 to 16 year olds on Friday evenings starting on the 24th of April this year. They'll be working with many community organisations to make it a success and I encourage all the local kids who either attend Bungendore High or live around our area are able to get to get involved as it takes shape.

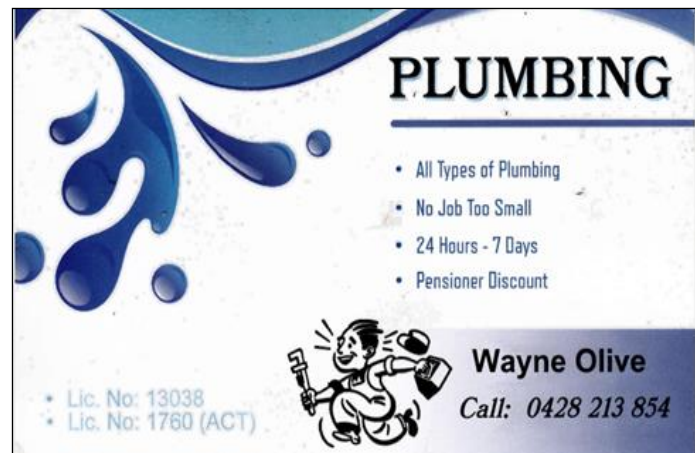
Now something less positive. The recycling bins at the Wamboin Hall continue to be a problem. There's a few who either don't know how to recycle, or don't care. I really want to believe it's the former, but the end result is that rubbish continues to be dumped into recycling bins. I've seen bedding, household food scraps, nappies and other non-recyclable waste in the bins. When a truck picks up bins that include non-recyclable materials, it's usually a case of the entire truckload being contaminated and having to be dumped in landfill.

I have been a strong supporter of retaining the recycling bins at the hall but I'll struggle to keep that fight going if they're going to continued to be misused. If you've got ideas, I'm open to suggestions about how we make the bins work for the community although as someone said at the recent Wamboin Community Association meeting, if you don't use it (properly), you lose it.

As I flagged last month, I'm in the process of collating my budget bids from residents and community groups – pleased to say I've received some great ideas from Wamboin residents so thanks for those and hopefully I'll be able to secure funding for some of those projects. We also have a new process for developing our budget which will include more community consultation. Keep an eye on the Council website or my Facebook page for more information on how to get involved and have your say into the process.

Don't forget, the region's 2026 Seniors Festival runs from 2-16 March and there's events right across the region. Check out my Facebook or Council's website for more information. As always, please get in touch if I can be of any assistance.

- Cheers, Ross MacDonald, Councilor




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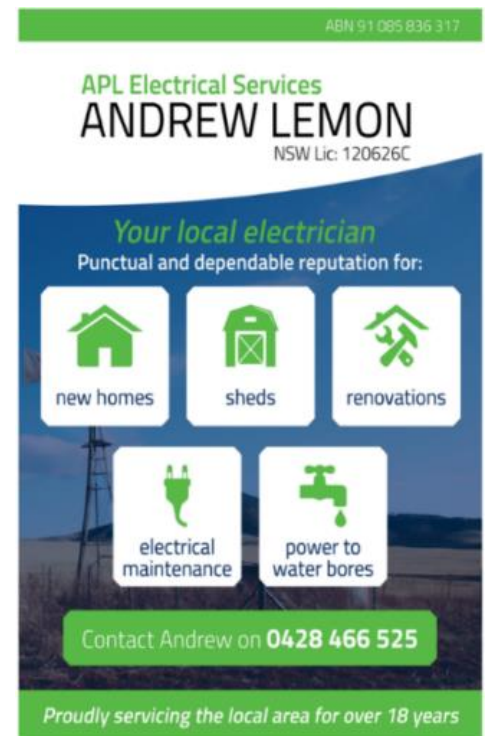
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What the Heck Chapter 43

How many of you noticed that Chapter 43 was not in last month's edition? Well I was having a rest last month because there is only so much a human brain can tolerate until it packs it in, and I would like mine to keep going for a bit longer. So the WTH article may become a casual, non-monthly article, or it may at times have a different author. I have made a request for another author from the SRMD group with just one person offering who is always busy and short on time as well. But one can only keep asking. And maybe miracles do happen.

In the meantime the church folk are working their way through Lent. Lent is the period of 40 days (plus 6 Sundays) from Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday, when Christians fast, that is to give up 'something' in recognition of the 40 days fast by Jesus before he began his ministering. Originally it was food and drink from which one should abstain, so the 6 Sundays were excluded from the 40 days because Sundays were feast days. Those early church leaders were cunning, weren't they?

However it does not have to be a food, as many tend to think, maybe a luxury or a habit, just something that is of importance to you personally and that you would rather not do without. Try it and test the strength of your willpower.

The beginning of Lent, Ash Wednesday, has been and gone. We held a service at Wamboin where last year's Palm Sunday leaves were burned and the ash used to make the sign of the cross on the attendees forehead, a symbol of Christ's crucifixion.

The preceding day was Shrove Tuesday, which in many countries is marked by festive meals, and social gatherings. Here it is commonly referred to as Pancake Day when you can pig out on pancakes. So if you missed it you will have to wait nearly twelve months for your pancakes, or you can have them any day you desire because there is no rule or regulation as to when one can eat a pancake.

If you would like to join us at an Easter service, please do so. We invite all to our little churches, regardless of your Christian persuasion. For times and locations of Lenten and Easter services please see the advertisement elsewhere in this edition.

-Alan Rope, Rector's Warden

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The Travelling Stock Reserves of the Wamboin/Bywong area, part 2: Schofields and Smiths Gap TSRs

David McDonald (david [at] dnmcdonald.id.au)

In The February 2026 issue of *The Whisper* I introduced the Travelling Stock Reserves (TSRs) of our area, and provided information on Gambles TSR on Sutton Road. Two other TSRs are found locally, Schofields TSR at Bywong and Smiths Gap TSR at the foot of Smiths Gap.

Schofields TSR

This is a somewhat sad TSR, lacking its former positive attributes. It was notified in the *Gazette* on 12 September 1881 as a Camping and Water Reserve, no. 125, ‘area about 60 acres’, i.e. 24 ha. It is now TSR R1002475, Category 5 (‘TSR that are no longer used or valued for any of the above reasons’), just 3.6 ha. The Reserve was labelled as TSR No. 38 under the former Braidwood Rural Lands Protection Board. It is on both sides of Bungendore Road, Bywong: three triangles separated by roads, with the eastern triangle’s southern tip at the Gum Flat Creek crossing, and the north-western triangle’s southern tip where Emu Flat Lane joins Bungendore Road. The eastern part (2 ha) is difficult to access owing to its fencing; it is a paddock with few biodiversity values. The southern segment (0.6 ha) is largely pine trees. The north-western segment (1 ha) contains a small area with a surprisingly high level of biodiversity between the unwanted exotic plants.

Schofields TSR is named after the Schofield family who farmed there (Emu Flat) from the mid-1800s, including two selections taken up there in 1883 by James Schofield (senior) (b. 8 Jan 1807 Mossley, Lancashire, England, d. 14 Mar 1901 Emu Flat, Bywong), convict and bootmaker. In 1848 he married Maria Ablett (b. 1815 Richmond NSW, d. 08 Jan 1884 at Creekborough) in Queanbeyan. It is reported that ‘The ferocious epidemic of scarlet fever in 1876 claimed three children of James Schofield, the bootmaker, within a fortnight’ (Lea-Scarlett 1968, p. 159).

James senior’s son James William Schofield (1853–1933) and his wife Catherine Duncan (1856–1925) inherited the property from James’ father. Lindsay (2008, p. 604) advises that ‘The place of James and Catherine Schofield in the history of the Bywong community is remembered in the naming of Schofield Road in their honour’.

The Bungendore Road bridge over Gum Flat Creek is known as Schofields Bridge. Note the nearby Schofield Hill and Schofield Trig. Members of the Schofield family still live in our area.

Smiths Gap TSR

The location of this TSR is somewhat enigmatic. First, it is TSR R1001963, 8.92 ha (22 acres), category 2: ‘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 reserve was notified in the *NSW Gazette* on 20 May 1873 as a ‘Reserve from sale for the camping of travelling stock’, C.R. no. 33, parish of Wamboin, ‘on the Gundaroo and Bungendore Road’. At that stage it comprised 35 acres (14 ha). Today the TSR occupies only the southern side of Bungendore Road at the foot of the Lake George Range, and retains 63% of its original area; the remainder formerly lay on the northern side of the road.

Within its bounds is the well-known swimming place, originally the Smiths Gap gravel pit, long referred to locally as ‘the quarry’.

The reserve derives its name from Smiths Gap itself. That designation was in local use from at least the 1860s, though not formally gazetted until 2019. The road through the Gap—known in earlier days as the Gundaroo Road—was opened in late 1870 or early 1871. The Gap commemorates William John Smith (1824–1896) and his family, who held selections at the top of the Gap.

The enigma alluded to above is this: the land was reserved for the overnight camping of travelling stock, and their drovers.

But it is predominantly steep, rising sharply up the sides of the Gap. I cannot imagine how it could function as a TSR. Perhaps—and this is purely speculation—a draftsman at the Lands Office in Sydney thought it would be a good location for travelling stock to camp, on a creek at the foot of the range, not realising that the reserve actually rises up the side of the range!

If you are keen and fit enough to visit, grab your trekking poles, park at the swimming hole and walk up the dirt road on its north-western side. You will soon reach the western boundary fence and (with difficulty) can follow it NW to parallel Bungendore Road. Despite the high prevalence of blackberries, serrated tussock and other weeds, the TSR has some biodiversity values, with 60 bird species recorded from there in eBird. On my recent visit, a pair of wedge-tailed eagles was gliding along the Lake George Range above the TSR.

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We would love to see you there.

Just recently one of the group members celebrated her 90th birthday. Valentine Deacon was born in Calcutta, India on 14 February 1936 and has lived in the Wamboin area for many ears. Val is pictured in the photo – she is in the centre of the front row.

If you want to have a chat abo ut the group, please give me a call on 0438 917206 or email

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- Narelle Pumphrey, Convenor

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Burbong, or Burobong, as it was originally called, is thought to be the place name for the area in the general vicinity of a ford across the Molonglo River, near today's Molonglo road and rail bridges in southern Kowen. Like so much of the local First Nations culture, the meaning of the word has been lost. Following the dispossession of the region's First Nations inhabitants, Burbong became home to a number of settler families, and by the late nineteenth century, Burbong was home to a thriving rural community. For the next dozen or so editions, we will explore a number of Burbong's sights, including: the ruins of four homesteads, a mine, a mountain,

a railway station, a heritage-listed bridge, and a village that never was, among others. But first, directions.



Bingley Way Entrance (A): Enter Kowen at the Bingley Way horse entrance (B) and turn left, following the fence line until you get to the first intersection (sign posted) with Jack's Break (C). Follow Jack's Break for 4.3 km, passing the intersection with Fearnside Way (D), climbing the hill, and continuing on past the intersection with Macquarie Rd (E) (sign posted). Turn left off Jack's Break at the third left turn after Macquarie Rd (F) (near the top of the final hill before Jack's Break descends down to the Molonglo River). Follow this road down the slope past the first intersection. At the next intersection (G), take the left fork and descend down to River Rd, turning left. The entrance to Burbong is the first right off River Rd (H). The road descends down to the ford across Glenburn Creek (I) (near its confluence with the Molonglo River). The total return journey from this point is 15.6 km.

Burbong Entrance Commencing at the Kings Highway entrance approximately 1 km east of the Pinewood Close intersection (J): Follow the road up past the mobile phone tower and down past the entrance to the train tunnel (K). From here, take the third right turn (L). At the next intersection (M), turn right and travel the 100 m to the very next intersection and turn left. Follow this road to the next intersection (N) (with Colverwell's Boundary Rd). Continue straight on through the intersection and down to the ford across the Molonglo and up to River Road. Turn right and take the next right turn (I) down to the ford across Glenburn Ck.

Charcoal Kiln Rd Entrance (O): From the entrance off Kings Highway, travel across Weber Ck and take the first left turn (P) (Atkinson's Rd). Climbing up and over Mt Atkinson, take the right turn (Q) down to the barbed wire fence line running east to west. At the fence line, turn left (R). At the next intersection (S), follow the mown path straight ahead (west). This path will take you past the ruins of Collier's Homestead, after which the path joins a road. Turn left and follow the road, which meanders west to the ford at (I). Do not attempt to cross either ford after significant rain, as the force of the current can be dangerous. **Peter Komidar, Wamboin**

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