

The Whisper

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THE MARKETS ARE COMING!

Our own monthly Produce and Craft Market will resume on: **Saturday 15 October 2005**

Now is the time to start planting and crafting so that there are plenty of tempting items on offer. New stallholders are always welcome. For details contact Tony Power on 6238 3028 or email poweraj@acslink.net.au.

WAMBOIN COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION President's Paragraphs

The rubbish Bins near the Hall entrance are for rubbish generated by the Hall and Brigade Activities.

Recently someone filled the bins with cut-up carpet and other household rubbish. The result was that these bins were too full to be useable for a community function. I have no wish to go through the bins looking for clues however the dumping of household rubbish in these bins must not continue.

Rates: Our August meeting was attended by Mayor Bransdon, Councillors Moore and Gardiner and Palerang General Manager; Peter Bascomb. These Council representatives went away with no doubts about the dissatisfaction of the Wamboin community as regards the recent rates hike. We were told that the General Rates were actually a wealth tax with no regard to services! Figures showed that although our area has 25% of the total UCV value we only pay 23% of the rates. Just goes to show that figures can prove anything! As regards services one of our residents at the recent phone survey voted for a services cut, rather than a rate increase. This selection was driven by curiosity because they couldn't work out what services they had that could be cut. Our concern is about the future inequity of rates. Now that we have been given this hit (*some of our rates were increased by more than the final reduced total rates of other residents of the Shire*) consider if next year all rates go up by an even 5%. This will mean the lowest rates will increase by \$15 and your rates will increase by \$50. Services, Equity and Fairness seem to have gone out the window!

The team has now finished laying blocks for the walls of the Hall **storeroom extension**. Now it's time for doors, windows and the shower recess. Due to the plumbing of the shower area, Don Evans will take the opportunity to replace the sink in the entry with a cleaners' sink. This will also enable us to install a decent broom cupboard. Does anyone know of a cleaners' sink looking for a good home?

The Bonfire Night is Saturday, September 17. This night is the major, and sometimes the only, fund raising activity by some of our groups. Thanks to contributors the bonfire is building up quite well. Please continue to bring and stack bonfire type material to ensure a good one. The various stall holders, old and new, promise an improved food supply. Parking areas will be marked out and the Firies will guide you to these spaces. Please remember that fireworks may upset pets so ensure your animals are safe. There is an advertisement elsewhere in the Whisper.

The **Wamboin Produce Markets** are due to start up again on **October 15**. Tony Power will have more information on these community social days.

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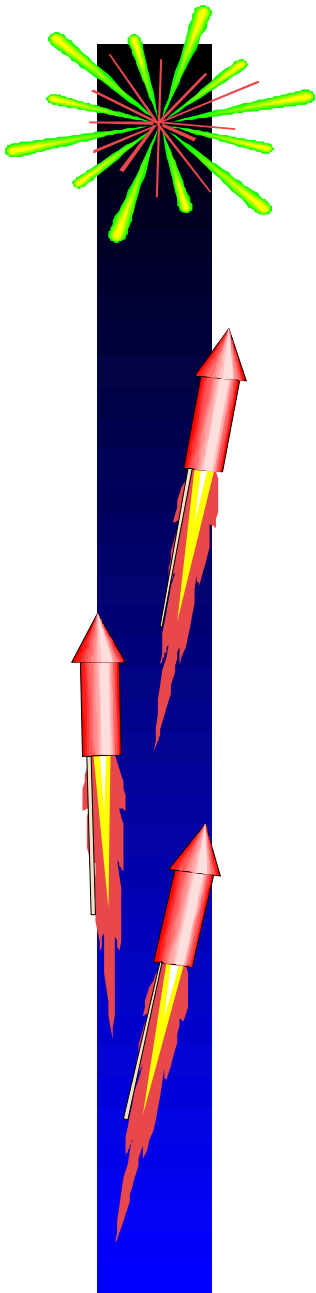
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Bywong Community News

compiled by Morag Cotsell

Election of Office Bearers: The Community's Annual General Meeting re-elected Warwick Cathro and Judith Miller President and Secretary respectively for the coming year. Warwick Dix is the new Vice-President, and we are still looking for a Treasurer. The duties are light, and we would be delighted to hear from anyone prepared to help out. The President presented his annual report, which provides a good overview of the Community's activities for those who are new to the area. The report is available on the Community's website www.bywong-community.org.au.

Bush Dance -Change of Date: The Community's spring Bush Dance will now take place in the Community Hall on Saturday 8 October. This is a change of date from 22 October as the musicians from the Monaro Folk Society have a conflicting engagement on the original night. However, they will again provide their lively music on 8 October and Diana will provide the calling of the dances. So, no need to know any of the dances, it's fun to learn and enjoy the dancing at the same time. This is a great family event, with an emphasis on ensuring that children enjoy themselves.

Thanks to Country Energy: The Community is grateful to Country Energy Regional Manager David Bellew, who fielded audience questions after giving a frank and informative talk to members after the Annual Meeting.

Next Meeting: The next general meeting of the Community is on 16 October at the Community Hall. Watch the notice boards for details. We hope to have another very interesting speaker.

End of horse era' sale

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In 1960s research work by a Canadian student at ANU unravelled the details of the structure of these rocks around Queanbeyan. He showed that large overturned folds were overprinted with younger upright ones. This was the first demonstration of such complex structures in Australia. Since then many road cuttings have been made throughout this area exposing new material. Being now retired, and a visiting Fellow at ANU, I have commenced a study of these rocks between Bungendore, Gundaroo, Sutton and Queanbeyan to check on the validity and extent of these complex structures. You may see me with a red Subaru Outback suspiciously peering at the roadside rocks.

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(Editor's note: For years Blair Lamont, then Garry McComb and sometimes Fiona Cox at one area vet have written articles for the Whisper. Rebecca Forrest, of another vet practice, lives in Wamboin, and has also offered to provide articles. In the interest of fairness, the three vets will, at least for the short term, take it in turns to provide readers with veterinary information they judge to be of interest.)

The average horse lives to be approximately 20 years of age, although many ponies and a few horses live for 30 years. Older horses and ponies (over 15 years of age) need a little extra care to ensure that they remain healthy and happy in their retirement years.

Feeding: Older horses and ponies need access to good quality feed and pasture as their nutrient demands increase because their digestive system becomes less efficient in converting food into energy and body tissues. This is more important if the horse is still in work. There are several commercially-available feeds specifically made for the older horse and your veterinary surgeon will be able to help you decide which would best suit your horse's requirements. A multi-vitamin and mineral supplement may be necessary if you are not feeding a 'complete' feed. If pasture is poor in quantity, hay should be fed. This need not be the best quality but should be quite readily digestible. Clean water must be available at all times.

Teeth / Dental care: Regular, annual, attention to dental care will enable all horses and ponies to make best use of the feed that it is receiving. Efficient food conversion by the horse into energy and body mass results in better economics!!! This keeps both horse and owner happier. A visit by your veterinary surgeon / equine dentist once or possibly twice a year, is necessary to ensure that sharp enamel edges or overgrowths ,ie. hooks on the cheek teeth, are removed. Older horse's develop cavities in their teeth as do humans. These cavities cause the tooth to loosen within the gum. These teeth need to be removed such that food does not wedge between the loosening tooth and the gum and to prevent a tooth root abscess developing. Tooth damage and abnormal growth can be recognised and dealt with when internally examining the horse's mouth. The clinical signs the horse may exhibit when dental problems are occurring maybe weight loss, dropping food when chewing, pocketing food between cheeks and cheek (back) teeth. The pocketed food between the teeth and gums makes the horse look like a "chip munk" with puffed out cheeks.

Hoof care: Feet should be kept trimmed even if the horse or pony is not being exercised. This helps the horse move freely and reduces the risk of abnormal hoof growth and associated foot pain developing due to hoof wall cracks. Regular hoof care reduces the risk of a hoof abscess developing thus enabling the horse to move around paddock comfortably and will help maintain quality of life.

Disease conditions affecting the older horse and pony: Older horses and ponies are more likely to suffer from tumours (cancers) which may be of the skin or internal organs. Hormonal conditions, such as Cushing's disease may develop. Clinical signs of Cushing's disease include long hair coat that is not shed in the summer time, recurrent laminitis (founder), drinking and urinating excessively. This condition can be managed once diagnosed by blood tests. Degenerative diseases such as arthritis and muscle weakness, allergic respiratory disease and diseases of the liver and kidneys are more common in the older horse. This seems like a daunting list but most horses and ponies can and do lead happy and comfortable lives even in the presence of one or more of these conditions if they are well managed. Attention must be paid to appetite, attitude, and response to the environment, and owners should look out for behaviour changes, which indicate a change in health. An annual examination and blood test by your equine veterinarian can check for signs of infectious, inflammatory, parasitic and metabolic diseases resulting in early detection and treatment if necessary.

Vaccination and worming: As they become older, horses and ponies become more susceptible to the damaging effects of parasites and infections. The maintenance of regular worming and vaccination programs is essential to reduce the risk of ill health. Horses should be worm drenched at least at the change of every season, ie. at the start of summer, autumn, winter and spring. The drench at the end of summer / start of Autumn should contain a chemical against "bots", as the bot flies are very active in summer laying their little yellow eggs on the horse's hair coat. The drench at the end of winter / start of spring should contain a chemical against tapeworms as the tapeworms multiply within the horse's intestinal tract over the winter. Tetanus vaccination should be given once a year.

And finally Most old horses and ponies are able to lead a good quality life for many years after their working life is over. They are often excellent companions for younger horses or orphan foals. They can also be a wonderful first introduction for young children to the joys of just having a horse around. However, it is important that we make sure that they are still enjoying their lives. This can be clearly and honestly assessed by people who know them, their demeanour and their behaviour. Old horses and ponies should not be left to suffer and when they are no longer enjoying themselves, for incurable reasons. Humane euthanasia should be discussed with your veterinary surgeon, earlier rather than later if the time is reached. However painful a decision this may be, it may be a kindness to your loving loyal friend.



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The Wamboin Firefighter

A newsletter from YOUR volunteer rural fire brigade compiled by Cliff Spong with help from many members of the Brigade (Wamboin Brigade's website is www.wamboin-fireshed.com)

**Fire permits are not required if you want to burn off or light fires in the open. Please notify your neighbours and your fire brigade Captain 24 hours before you light up.
RING 000 TO REPORT FIRES OR SMOKE SIGHTINGS.**

From the Captain's Desk



It has been another quiet month as far as incidents are concerned. No major fires and no motor vehicle accidents. It hasn't stopped people ringing to report smoke or to let me know they intend burning off. There was a little excitement for a short while one Saturday evening when a motorist travelling along the Federal Highway rang 000 to report a large grass fire near the side of the road. Your brigade responded well and three crews were chomping at the bit to get to the fire. While the call reporting the fire had been made in good faith, the fire turned out to be a pile of trees and vegetation created after some clearing work along a fence line near the highway. All crews were turned around as the fire was well contained and presented little risk of spreading.

The weather has been kind again, thankfully. As some green tinges have been appearing in the paddocks and the ground fuel remains damp in the mornings and evenings, many people have been taking the opportunity to burn off piles of prunings, cleared vegetation and the like. It is still pleasing that many residents have been notifying their neighbours and their fire brigade beforehand. Even ACT Forests notified the Fire Control Centre during their recent campaigns in Kowen Forest when they have carried some hazard reduction burns recently.

Depending on when you receive your copy of The Whisper it will be less than four weeks before the start of the next fire season. From the 1st of October fire permits will be required if you feel the need to do any burning off. If previous years are anything to go by there will be some people who will leave things to the last minute and beyond. If you need to burn off please try to get it done before the beginning of the fire season. Who knows what the exact weather conditions will be during the fire season? It is possible that we may not be able to issue the permits for when it is convenient for you to carry out the burn.

Our program of driver instruction has been going each Sunday morning over the past month. I would like to thank our small team of instructors as they patiently and introduce the learners to the art and science of truck driving. For many it is an exciting and daunting task learning to drive the fire brigade trucks. It is a far different exercise to driving modern cars. Double shuffling, or for some of the ancients amongst us, double declutching, is proving to be a challenge and a rewarding experience when it all goes correctly. Reversing a large truck through a twisting course of witches' hats using only the mirrors to judge the route is yet another challenge. However, it is pleasing to report that the few learners who have stuck to the program are progressing well. There is no noise of crunching gears and the numbers of crushed witches' hats is rapidly declining! It is likely that this program will be continuing for several weeks yet. I would like to thank our learner drivers for their patience as well. Many have been driving for a long time and as we all develop individual ways of driving this has meant that some things have to be unlearned and different skills and techniques applied. I would also like to thank all those local motorists who have been very patient when they encounter one of our vehicles slowly making their way around the area.



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I would like to put out a request for all brigade members to consider their training before the next fire season starts. As things have been quiet for some time it has been a natural consequence for many to skip the regular training sessions. The pressure isn't there. The crises seem a long way away and other things get in the way. It can come as a rude shock how easily we forget how to properly operate the fire fighting equipment if we don't keep up the practice. Basic skills need practicing and the more advanced skills suffer if the basics are rusty.

On Sunday the 28th of August we conducted a demonstration hazard reduction burn at the rear of the community hall, near and around the dam. For the very few residents who came along, I think they had an entertaining and educating afternoon. After the free and hearty sausage sizzle, your brigade put on an excellent display of coordinated teamwork in demonstrating some of the features and hazards associated with hazard reduction burns. The picture opposite shows some of the small crowd watching the first part of the exercise.



On Saturday the 1st of October, the start of the fire season, we will be having a working bee at the fire shed to carry out some repair work and check all equipment is fully operational. Our Senior Deputy Captain, **Andrew Dunn**, will be organising and managing the work on the day. The fun will start at 0800 and refreshments, including lunch will be provided. All members are requested to attend to work on the trucks and associated equipment.

Andrew is preparing a list of other jobs and will contact members and other helpers directly.

The fire season starts very soon. If you need information about preparing your properties and what to do if fire threatens, please look at our website. If all else fails, please give me a phone call on 0409 991 340 or 6236 9220.

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Bungendore's First Art Show in the Gardens

The Bungendore Evening View Club is planning a Spring Art Show to raise much needed funds for the Smith Family.

Local artists will have their work showcased in the exquisite gardens of "The Old Stone House" in Bungendore on the weekend of 19 and 20 November 2005. All works will be available for sale, just in time to buy that something special for Christmas. At this stage, local artists are invited to participate in this unique show by exhibiting up to three hanging works each, although if space permits this might be increased closer to the exhibition. Please contact Helen Newton on 6238 0743 or Helen.newton@agest.com.au if you are a local artist and you wish to register or if you require more information. All proceeds from this exhibition will go to the Smith Family. – Julie Plowman

Lake George Day VIEW Club – September Luncheon Meeting

Lake George Day VIEW Club's next luncheon meeting will be on Tuesday 20 September 2005, commencing at 11.30am, at the Eagle Hawk Rydges Resort, Federal Highway, Sutton. The cost is \$20.00. We welcome new members (over 18) and guests. Guest speaker will talk about the Organ Donation program. For bookings please phone Kerry on 6238 0603 by Thursday 15 September. VIEW Club is a valued part of The Smith Family. Please phone Lesley (President) on 6238 3717 for further information about Lake George Day VIEW Club.

Dementia Awareness Month

by David Nielsen, Community Dementia Worker RN, Queanbeyan Community Health Centre

Last year with your support we were able to make Dementia a National priority. New South Wales has a third of Australia's dementia sufferers, around 70,000 people. This is projected to increase to 227,200 by 2050. The cost to Australia on last years figures was 6 billion dollars annually. This year the Queanbeyan Dementia Working Group is running a number of events during Dementia Awareness Month.

On Wednesday the 21st September, a Memory Expo will be held at the Bicentennial Hall in Queanbeyan. This will be an information day on issues that may affect people as they age. We will be giving tips to enhance memory, as well as legal and health issues that have a special relation to aging. This is a FREE day with giveaways, and will commence at 9.30am. Morning tea and lunch will be provided and you need to reserve your place by ringing Therese on 62989233. Dr Michael Davis, a Geriatrician, the Queanbeyan Chamber Magistrate, and Elizabeth Huppatz, the Greater Southern Area Health Aged Care Nurse Consultant will be there to inform us on important issues in relation to aging and lifestyle.

This year we will be highlighting that Dementia Services assist all people including those from different cultural backgrounds. During the month we will also be running Multicultural Days in conjunction with the Multilingual Centre in Rutledge St Queanbeyan. These will be provide support and education on communication and memory that will aim to enhance the lifestyles of people as they age. Refreshments and giveaways will be provided FREE and more information can be obtained by phoning the Multicultural Centre on 62 976110. A Special information day on Dementia will be held for Health Professionals on the 15th September at Queanbeyan Hospital. More information can be obtained by phoning Therese on 6298-9233.

To further promote Dementia Awareness Month, the Queanbeyan Dementia Working party are running a 7 week course to be held at the Carrington Hotel in Bungendore. This will commence on October 13th, and will focus on 'Living with Memory Loss'. The program is free of charge, and will be held for two hours on the same day each week. Light refreshments will be provided. For more information and to reserve your place, contact David Nielsen of Queanbeyan Community Health Centre on 62989233, for a full assessment.

WAMBOIN GOLF CLUB – AUGUST GST HANDICAP

The August competition was the (delayed) GST anniversary handicap event. This competition was sponsored by France Harrison and Associates Accountants. The game was a "Wamboin modified Canadian Foursomes" with a GST factored handicap!?!? (But we had a calculator on hand to help with the mathematics!) Welcome to first time player John Anderson. (Hope he comes back!) Ball winners for the long drives and nearest the pin holes were; Paul Griffin x2, Ken Gordon, Tim Barter x2, Bob Mettam, John Anderson x2 and Peter Greenwood. Nine hole competition won by Joan Mason. Second in the GST Handicap was the team of Charles Guscott and Tim Barter with a score of 63.1. Winners were Ken Gordon and Steve Miners with a score of 60.6 Our many thanks to Keith and Kathy for the trophy presentations and the eats.

- Peter Greenwood, Golf enquiries 6238 3358

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THE STABLE DOOR

by Ian Coillet
Our endangered ecosystem

Several months ago I recall picking up a copy of the Viet Nam News and reading an article (by Sanjay Suri) on the then recently released Millennium Ecosystem Assessment report. The main message? Yipes!! As many as 60 per cent of life-supporting ecosystems are being degraded around the world. According to the news report the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment (MEA) which was carried out by 1300 scientists in 95 countries warns that this degradation could get significantly worse over the next 50 years.

The ecosystems said to be most under threat are freshwater, fisheries, air and water regulation, and the regulation of regional climate, natural hazards and pests.

According to the article, the report said that degradation of 15 of the 24 ecosystems examined means an increased likelihood of potentially abrupt changes that will seriously affect human well-being. These would include the emergence of new diseases, sudden changes in water quality, the collapse of fisheries and shifts in regional climate. Apparently, some commentators say the report does not go far enough in suggesting solutions – and that and it doesn't really finger who amongst humanity is mostly responsible. It doesn't address the economic question of protecting (the world's ever-dwindling reserve of natural resources in the move toward trade liberalisation. But, as one commentator said, as the work of 1300 scientists it carries a certain credibility and therefore there should be a lot of interest in what the report is saying.

The newspaper article listed some of the key findings of which I've room to only mention a couple;

- ◇ the atmospheric concentration of carbon dioxide has increased by almost a third since 1750, and 60 per cent of that increase has happened since 1959;
- ◇ one quarter of the world's coral reefs and about 35 per cent of the mangroves, in countries surveyed, were destroyed or badly degraded in the last decades of the 20th century;
- ◇ more than half of all the synthetic fertiliser ever used has been used since 1985, causing water pollution problems around the world;
- ◇ wealthy countries cannot insulate themselves from ecosystem degradation;
- ◇ the degradation of ecosystems is harming many of the world's poorest people and is sometimes the principal factor causing poverty.

The article said the Assessment stated that significant changes in policy could reduce many of the bad effects from rising pressures on ecosystems, although the changes required are large and not happening. It mentioned a number of ways this might be done. The article said the Assessment found that only four ecosystem services have been enhanced in the last 50 years: increases in crop, livestock and aquaculture production, and increased carbon sequestration for global climate regulation.

Apparently drawing from the Assessment report, the article went on to say "The overriding conclusion of this assessment is that it lies within the power of human societies to ease the strains we are putting on the nature services of the planet, while continuing to use them to bring better living standards to all. Achieving this, however, will require radical changes in the way nature is treated at every level of decision-making and new ways of co-operation between government, business and civil society. The warning signs are there for all of us to see."

According to the article, the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment report is the first in a series of seven synthesis and summary reports and four technical volumes that assess the state of global systems and their and their impact on human well-being. The four-year assessment was designed by a partnership of UN agencies, international scientific organisations, and development agencies, in consultation with the private sector and civil society groups.

Further information can be found at "www.millenniumassessment.org" including some overarching statements from the assessment board of directors. It's well worth a visit.

And to all those green thumbs in our local Landcare Activities group – guys, it's such a joy to see the tops of all those little seedlings you planted along Weeroona Drive many months ago now that they are peaking their little bushy heads above their protected enclosures. Fabuloso!!!

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Case Study shows impact of property valuations

By Cr Terry Bransdon, Mayor of Palerang Council

Ratepayers are querying how a 3.5 per cent capped rate rise can translate into increases exceeding 30 per cent. They've asked if it is reasonable or equitable?

Our case study family, ratepayer X, lives in the Wamboin fire district. Last year they paid \$890 in rates. In 2005-06 this family will pay \$1182 – an increase of \$292. And with the waste management charge, the increase over last year will jump by a total \$432 or 48.5 per cent. X wants to know what general rates pay for. Well they help pay for maintenance of local roads, our parks and gardens, libraries, community services, our sporting facilities/grounds, town planning, building safety checks, food inspections, dog and cat control, support of community buildings, support for tourism, weeds inspection and suppression, support for the Rural Fire Service and the SES.

General rates are a tax, some say a wealth tax. And unlike income tax or GST, which mostly is automatically deducted or applied without much customer visibility, we all notice this local government tax. The Council's rate bill comes in the mail, we write out cheques, or transfer funds or pay the rates by credit card.

X asserts the principle of equity should apply and that rapidly rising land valuations close to Canberra only translate into wealth when people sell and move out.

In recent years property values have skyrocketed close to Canberra. X bought in Wamboin in 1992. The property valuation history of X's 16 hectares of land (40 acres) is: 1992 : \$72,540; 1994 : \$97,000; 1998 : \$175,000; 2002 : \$225,000; 2003 : \$322,000 X appealed against the 1998 valuation. But the appeal was disallowed on the basis of the value of property sales in the area. All Palerang properties are now rated on a 2003 valuation and if available last year X would have paid \$1088 (an increase from 2003-04 of about 27 per cent). But X received only a 3.85 per cent rate increase – slightly more than the average capped increase.

If \$1088 had been paid in 2004-05 the increase this year to \$1182 would have been 8.61 per cent, still more than double the 2005-06 capped 3.5 per cent increase.

With rates being cut significantly on properties further away from Canberra even an increase of more than double the capped 3.5 per cent is not equitable.

Wamboin's average rate is \$840. Average ratepayers on rural residential properties further out pay about half this amount.

Braidwood's average residential rate also is less than half that of Bungendore's.

Is it fair that they should pay double that of other shire ratepayers. Is it equitable for ratepayers close to Canberra to be getting an increase of more than 30 per cent in general rates while other ratepayers (still getting the same or better services) have their rates cut by similar amounts? Neighbouring councils have solved the problem by having more sub-categories to separate high-value areas from low valued ones and then varying the percentage ad valorem or base or minimum rates.

Palerang to establish youth council: Palerang Council agreed this week to establish a Youth Council aimed at encouraging young shire residents to advise on issues facing our younger citizens. The Youth Council will give Palerang Council a better idea of the issues facing young people in Palerang, allow them input and to make recommendations that could influence our decisions on youth policy, programs, facilities and services. The move to establish the Youth Council follows an approach to the Mayor by a Bywong resident, Debra Parish, who has worked extensively with other Australian Youth Councils. She has volunteered to work with the Council to establish the body which will involve the shire's young leaders, aged between 12 and 16.

A Youth Council was set up in Tumut Shire in 1998. Its achievements have included promotion of a positive profile of youth to the broader community and an active involvement in increasing entertainment, recreation and support for the shire's younger community members. Activities the Tumut Shire Youth Council has initiated include concerts, discos, food stands at festivals, youth forums, scholarships, drop-in centres and internet cafes.

Farmland rebates approved: We have formalised rebates totalling more than \$31,000 to Palerang farmers required to correct an unintended consequence of recent State Government legislation. The legislation when passed at the end of June capped all NSW farmland rate increases to 20 per cent a year for the next five years. It was part of a Bill to enable Councils to apply a special rate on properties with water irrigation licenses. There were 244 Palerang farmland properties affected by the legislation. While they have no water irrigation licenses, because of revised and much higher land valuations near to Canberra, their rates would have risen this year by more than 20 per cent, which conflicts with the legislation.

This is a result of an across the board 3.5 per cent rate increase. When it is applied to Palerang's 900 plus farmland properties at the same base rate and cents in the dollar on each property's land valuation, which is required by the Local Government Act, increases vary wildly, with some way over 20 per cent. Refunding on average \$128.00 was the only way to comply with the legislation. But actual rebates will vary from a few cents to \$1,739.00. Other councils adjacent to Palerang with farmland properties also are issuing rebates where rates increase by more than 20 per cent.

Wamboin Whisper 15 years ago – by Robyn Robertson

August/September 1990 was such a calm, "normal" period that the Whisper reports no outstanding events.

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Wamboin Muse

Jill Gregory

A garden is like a child. If you turn your back, for an instant, it creeps up on you. This has been a month for venturing into the garden, not just to smell the sweet scent of winter honeysuckle and daphne, or to listen to the bees making music in the flowering quince, but to look more closely with secateurs and clippers at hand. I started reducing drought hardy perennials that had had their head over autumn and winter, and was surprised to see how much they had grown and just what they had overwhelmed. I found forgotten plants reduced to a few dried sticks, only recognisable by their labels. I've cut and snipped and pruned and accumulated a pile to be mulched.

It has been a beautiful August. The yellow wattles are about to burst, I heard my first thrush calling its mate, this morning, watched galahs searching for hollows in high up branches and been thrilled by the leafy reflections in dark pools. Every hollow seems to be filled with glinting water. And the sunsets have been pink and grey, like a sky of galahs.

The return of so many birds made me decide to plant the new outer bed with "bird attracting" natives. Cottage gardens are for romantics. We should come to terms with where we live. I read the labels and carefully selected the plants, and then we erected a star picket and chicken wire fence to keep out the marauding kangaroos and rabbits, just until the plants were established. I could accept the unsightly fence because soon I would have a lovely, flowing garden, linked by paths and segmented by arches, filled with native birds, chattering and piping as they flitted from grevillea to banksia. Then I turned my back, just for an instant. Unfortunately, the cockatoos crept up on me and showed their displeasure at being left off the guest list.

I wouldn't live anywhere else.....where else would you find such hopeless souls content to live with a garden shrouded in white bird netting and ringed with star pickets. But, watch out.....spring may yet rediscover the romantic in me!

Rainfall and Temperatures in Wamboin 30 year statistics from the Robertsons

Aug rainfall to 28/8	54.5mm	(Aug 2004	77.5mm)
2005 rainfall to 28/8	353.5mm	(2004 to 31/8	191mm)
Average Sept rainfall	64.9mm	driest Sept	6mm (1994)
wettest Sept	146mm(1978)	wettest Sept day	48mm (19/9/85)
hottest Sept day	24 degrees (18/9/81)	coldest Set day	5 degrees (4/9/82)
coldest Sept night	-2 degrees (4/9/00)		

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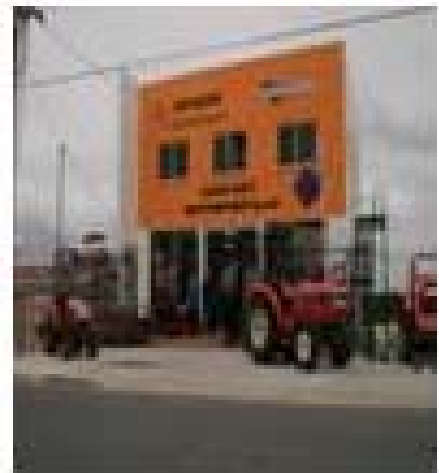
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Bungendore Riding Club

Bungendore Riding Club is for horse riders aged 18 years and over. The Club meets once a month at the Bungendore Showgrounds and provides the opportunity to participate in a great range of equine activities. All standards of riders are catered for. The Club has provided a wide range of activities to members in 2005. As well as instruction days in polocrosse, dressage and jumping, there have been trail rides along the Wamboin greenways and in Namadgi National Park. The Club's next rally day is on 25 September 2005 and will be a fun day learning more about musical riding, horse dentistry and dressage. The Annual General Meeting will be held at lunchtime and will include the election of the 2006 Committee. The Club is holding its annual One Day Event "Chicken Run" on Sunday 16 October 2005. This event is not just for Club members but also for the public. There are 2 classes of entry. One class is designed for those who would like to "have a go" at eventing. The rules are more relaxed, the showjumping course is designed so that the jumps can, at least, be stepped over and the jumps on the cross country course feature a "chicken" option. Dress is neat and tidy. The other class caters for more experienced riders looking for the experience to step up to official eventing. There will be great prizes! For more information contact Marty Walsh on 62 36 9534 or martywalsh@bigpond.com. New members and sponsors are always welcome - enquiries to the Secretary, Helen Blain on 6238 2467.

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Wildcare has had several calls about plovers recently. Plovers are chicken-like birds, but with longer legs and are ground dwelling. People have been picking up young chicks thinking they have fallen from a nest. So if you find what might be a young plover on the ground just leave it alone, as it may be close to its nest. Adult plovers can also appear aggressive and defend their nesting sites.

Wildcare's bird program will start to ramp up over the coming weeks and typically there are a good number of orphaned young birds coming into care. Jill Fox, *Wildcare's* Bird Coordinator, says "If you come across baby birds, particularly unfeathered ones, then you might be able to get them back into the nest. Failing this the bird needs to be kept warm by sitting on either a hot water bottle or heated wheat bag wrapped in a towel and placed in a box. The box needs to be placed in a quiet place and don't attempt to give food or water. And then contact *Wildcare*". For all local wildlife issues, contact

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Nature Notes – August 2005

by Jo Walker

August has been an interesting month –two snowfalls and, today, a temperature of 20 degrees forecast. Lots of grasses and small daisies are still germinating, and the countryside has a healthy green look to it. There’s not a lot in flower yet, but the Silver Wattle (*Acacia dealbata*) is beginning to add splashes of yellow to the hillsides. *Hovea linearis* is also flowering – this little pea plant, with its purple-blue flowers and narrow leaves, is usually found growing amongst tussock grasses and small shrubs that support its rather lax growth.

The two Wedge-tailed Eagles that were a welcome sight here for several months last year before disappearing are back again circling on the updraughts – often chased for a considerable time by indignant currawongs and magpies. The first magpie babies are calling hungrily from a nest in a tall eucalypt along the creek – for the last two years their parents have built their nest under a large clump of mistletoe which nicely shelters the eggs and young from currawongs and other predators. The honeyeaters – Red Wattle-birds, Eastern Spinebills, Yellow-faced and White-eared Honeyeaters – are feeding, nesting and still chasing each other frenetically, and the Rose Robin made another appearance, this time accompanied by a female.

The dam is still vibrating with frog calls, but, so far, no frog-spawn has been deposited. Lots of little Backswimmers have appeared in the water, though. These little insects (usually 15 mm or less) swim upside down in the water with their front two pairs of legs folded and their rear legs, which propel them through the water, held in a ‘V’ position.

While walking up from the dam a few days ago, I noticed something brightly-coloured moving along in the same direction. It was a Mouse Spider, *Missulena insigne*. Although only about 2 cm long, this little creature is very noticeable. It has a dull blue abdomen and bright orange-red cephalothorax and chelicerae (the chelicerae are combined fangs and jaws – the jaws are used to crush prey and the fangs to administer venom). The legs are shiny black, and this spider is usually seen determinedly moving over the ground to find a mate. The female is slightly larger and dark brown, without any bright colouring, and is seldom seen. Because of the distinct difference in appearance between males and females of the species, they were often, in the past, considered to be different species. Mouse Spiders get their common name from the female’s habit of excavating a long subterranean tunnel, often a metre or more deep. Although not lethal, the bite of a Mouse Spider can be painful and cause temporary illness, and male spiders will bite readily if handled – definitely one to be admired from a safe distance.

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