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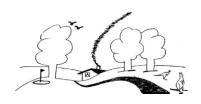
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Wamboin Community Association Vice President's Paragraphs



Wamboin Community Association General Meeting - Summary

Date of Meeting: 21 June 2016 Meeting Chaired by: Peter Evans, Acting President, WCA

General outline of topics discussed: Acting President Peter Evans reported that at a Committee meeting on 31/5/16 office bearers were elected as follows: President (Acting) and Vice President – Peter Evans; Vice President - Jenny Richards; Treasurer – Keith France; Secretary – David McDonald; Other Committee Members – John van der Straaten; Lance Schultz; Jenny Warren - Assistant Secretary. Peter advised that there are vacancies on the Committee and asked that new members are actively canvassed for the WCA and the Committee.

Regular brief reports were delivered by the WCA Committee and other WCA members including Ned Noel, indefatigable volunteer Editor of the popular Wamboin Whisper and Lance Schultz, dedicated co-convener of the Wamboin Home Produce and Craft Market. Representatives of a number of other community groups also reported on issues of interest to Wamboin area residents relating to activities at St Andrews Anglican church, the Wamboin Pony Club, the Wamboin Play Group, Council, Wamboin Rural Fire Brigade, Wamboin Golf Club, Landcare and Greenways.

The Acting President Peter Evans thanked John van der Straaten for his work in securing the attendance of seven of the nine candidates for the Federal electorate of Eden-Monaro Meet The Candidates event held on Thursday 16 June. He went on to thank other Committee members for organising another well attended and successful event.

Various land-line and internet outages were reported and discussion covered technical aspects of land-line and internet service, including new satellite services being offered in the local area and the NBN future strategy for fixed wireless for our area.

Information pertinent to Wamboin residents: Elsewhere in this issue you will find an invitation from the organisers of the WCA Home Produce and Craft Market, Lance and Meriel Schultz, inviting all Wamboin residents to participate in a community discussion on the strategic direction of the Market. What do you want your community Market to deliver? Do you regularly attend the Market? If so, what attracts you and keeps you coming back? If not, why not and what would make you come back? Please see Lance and Meriel's invitation for more information and please bring your feedback and ideas to the July WCA meeting, 7:30pm, Tuesday 19 July. - Jenny Warren, Assistant Secretary, Wamboin Community Association



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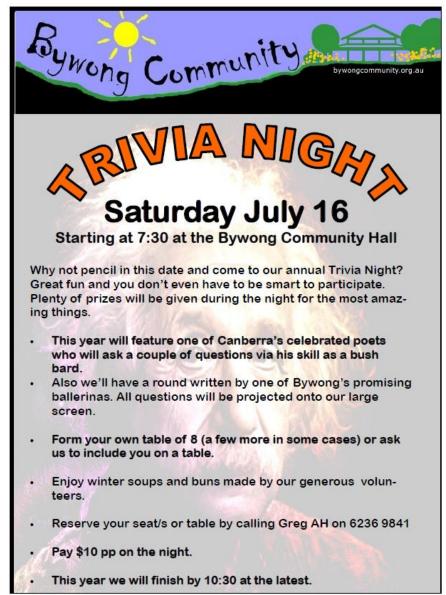


Bywong Community News www.bywongcommunity.org.au

Anne Goonan, President

The big event for July is





Hope to see you there.

Children's Playground for the Hall: Planning for this is progressing, with the DA for Council the priority. Hopefully this will be submitted in the near future, but given the changed situation with regard to local administration, it it is possible that the approval process may take longer than usual.

2016 Trivia Night: This is scheduled for 7.30 pm on Saturday evening of 16 July 2016. A nominal charge of \$10 per person will be asked, but this is a small price for what has traditionally been a very entertaining and informative event. If you would like to book a table or perhaps join an existing one please ring Greg Gougeon on 6236 9841.

2017 Car Boot Sale- Preparation: The BCA committee is continuing forward planning for the 20th anniversary event in 2017. Hopefully this will be an especially memorable Boot Sale and any suggestions or ideas for inclusion in 2017 would be most welcome. All offers of help in running the event would also be welcome.

If you have any enquiries or suggestions regarding the 2017 event please email us at - president@bywongcommunity.org.au **Next Bywong Community Association meeting:** Monday July 11 at 7.30 pm.

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The final market before our winter break went well although (perhaps because of the wet weather) we had fewer people coming through and buying. Coffee stall was very busy though and offered not only coffee but soup as well! There was some excellent produce on offer and 25 kilos of mandarins off a (single) Canberra tree and 20 kilos of grapefruits off a backyard tree in Sydney went quickly! Sally's cooking is always popular and it's just the right time of year for pies, sausage rolls and lasagne! Jon brought apples, 3 varieties of splendid potatoes, his heavenly smoked trout and his yummy gluten free bread. As usual the bacon and egg rolls were popular, as were Jenny's scones. We have some new craft stalls as well as the regulars and we tried the winter woolies 'bring and buy' sale again which went well. Thanks for everyone who brought items for sale. The left overs will, we hope, be appreciated by St Benedicts in Queanbeyan. They run a range of services for people on low incomes and for those who may be homeless or at risk of homelessness.

There will be a Wamboin Community Association meeting on Tuesday 19 July at 7.30pm at the community hall at which the future of the markets will be an item for discussion. Please come along with your views and ideas for the future of your local produce and craft market!

The markets will fire up again in September – and yes = the first one is on the same day as the Wamboin evening fireworks! *Please support your local market*!

A Concert For Bungendore Jazz, Broadway And Light Classical

To be held in the War Memorial Hall on Molonglo St in Bungendore on 6th August at 5:30pm.

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Sky Mustard

I have recently been notified by NBNco that the new Sky Muster satellite service was available at our address, Norton Road, and pointed me to providers in the area. Great, I thought, must check this out. However, having done so I am highly disappointed at the plans being made available, the costs and the caveats regarding speed and 'fair use'. I have taken this up with NBNco but they keep responding with 'half truths' and marketing hype.

We currently have an ADSL 1 connection which provides 3.5Mb/s download with a 100GB plan for around \$70/month bundled with a phone. The best NBN plan provides 'up to 12Mb/s' and 60GB of download during peak hours and this for \$140/month. There is no bigger plan available and some have 20Gb/month.

The literature is misleading as they keep on saying I can get 150GB/month, which is true, but..... I can get 60GB/month during peak hours and 90GB/month in off-peak hours. The issue is that peak is 7am - 1am and off-peak is 1am - 7am. So for 18 hours per day I am in the peak period and only 6 hours per day am I in off-peak. This means that I will effectively get half of my current download for twice the price.

The other items of interest are that 12 Mb/s is the maximum speed with the rider that you are actually unlikely to ever get this speed due to location, weather, equipment, other users, etc. etc. and that NBNco have a 'fair use' policy that seems to be very vague and contradictory. If you breach the 'fair use' policy NBNco will cut your access speeds to ISDN speeds, i.e. 128Kb/s for the rest of the month. This 'fair use' policy can kick in when you have used 90% of your monthly download, when you have exceeded a certain limit per day (it is not defined what this limit is) or if you seem to be using more than your 'fair share' of the capacity. At 128Kb/s the internet would now become unusable and many pages, particularly government and banking, would timeout before ever displaying.

I have been checking NBN access and our nearest town Queanbeyan (20km by road) has NBN fibre that allows connections at up to 12M/s with 200GB peak download for \$59.90 per month. I cannot even get this 'bottom end plan' on the Sky Muster NBN as the max on all plans is 60GB during peak an the minimum price is \$140 per month. So it is twice as expensive for half the data using the satellite service.

As a government organisation which is being sold as 'levelling the digital divide' for which all tax payers are paying shouldn't this be the case? In fact NBNco seem to be creating a 'digital divide' by ensuring a publicly funded, i.e. tax payer funded, organisation caters only for those in towns whilst ignoring the needs of those not in towns. To lower the 'digital divide' all NBN plans should cost the same to the consumer, so a 100GB should cost the same regardless of delivery technology. If 1000GB, any time, is available (iiNet will provide this for \$79.99/month) via fibre at 25Mb/s any time, then this should also be provisioned on all technologies.

Why is NBNco continuing to sell the public incorrect information? The Sky Muster satellite is a slap in the face, but is being sold as a great saviour. If the plan prices were the same and there was no random (at NBNco's unspecified/unclear 'fair use' policy) throttling then it may be a good thing. - John Gough, Norton Road

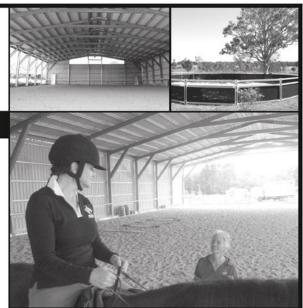
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Bill Cartwright Another Original Local Farmer Passes Away

by Alan Rope

William [Bill] Ambrose Cartwright, born 1926, passed away on 21st May. He was one of the few remaining old farmers left in the Sutton Road region, two others Ken Hardy and Stirling Kershaw passed away earlier this year. Bill is survived by his three children Robyn, Peter and Paul, eight grandchildren, and eleven great grandchildren.

Bill was the fourth generation of the family to farm in this area. His forebears, John & Eliza commenced farming in the Sutton - Gundaroo area in 1853 after their ship, the "*Earl of Charlemont*", was wrecked off Barwon Heads, near Geelong; escaping in the clothes they were wearing and a babe in arms. Bill's great-grandchildren are the 7th generation still in the district, so they probably now qualify as locals.

Bill had lived and worked all his adult life on the family farm 'Woodbury', south of the Sutton village and extending south across the Federal Highway along the Sutton Road. Bill was not well known in the Wamboin community now but he had been very active in the Sutton Community groups for over 60 years, including St Peter's Anglican church, the Sutton Bush Fire Brigade [now Rural Fire Service (RFS)] [he received his 65-year badge/bar last year], community association, school and local hall committee.

Bill's attachment to Wamboin came through his service with the Sutton RFS before the formation of the Wamboin RFS, and with St Peter's Anglican church before the formation of St Andrews. Bill helped fight the large fires of 1979 & 1985 impacting this area. His other link to Wamboin is through the property his father John (Jack) Cartwright owned in Wamboin consisting of 1400 acres near the corner of Norton and Poppet roads. His father ran 1000 merino wethers on the property. It was eventually sold in the early 1970's after Bill's father and mother had both passed away. The property was sold as a sheep grazing property but the new owner was able to have it re-zoned to small acreage blocks and thus commenced the development of Wamboin as we know it today. A beautiful place to live for around 1700 people.

The poem on the next page is written by a Cartwright family member about Bill. The writer wishes to remain anonymous.



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In the cool early morning mist, two shapes slowly materialize unclear in the mist at first, two horses and their riders appear cold morning air turns to steam and swirls from horse's nostrils Three startled grey Kangaroos, ears attentive, quickly disappear

Nature's beauty abounds, unspoilt by human hands Look carefully, the mark of early settlers can be seen history told through moss, mortar and rusting pans crumbling chimneys, rocks and iron precariously lean

Who knows the untold story from these piles of stone The young rider ponders the lives of these early folk Maybe squatters, settlers or in William Guise's employ Did a wife and children share their struggles and hope

The young man recalls six weeks spent beside one hut Two lads trapping rabbits for pelts, Bill and his cousin Jerry with a wiry grin Bill remembers a quarrel over cold food Outside the tent a fist fight soon saw the matter buried

Ten years have passed and rabbits and tents are long forgotten A thousand weathers to muster, count, then move eight long miles Beside him sits his father Jack, with pallid face and furrowed brow Three years on the western front, forever changed Jack's smile

Fourteen hundred acres in which to find the scattered sheep Soon kelpies run the mustered sheep through the 'cockies' gate The old Sutton Road's sharp rocks bruise the sheep's soft feet Spring shearing tomorrow, at old Woodbury, is the sheep's fate

Few know this history or still remember an earlier Wamboin Houses replace old settler's huts, now tumbled to the ground Roos by the thousand, replace sheep that grazed upon the land Roads zig zag and cars speed past, but the history still abounds

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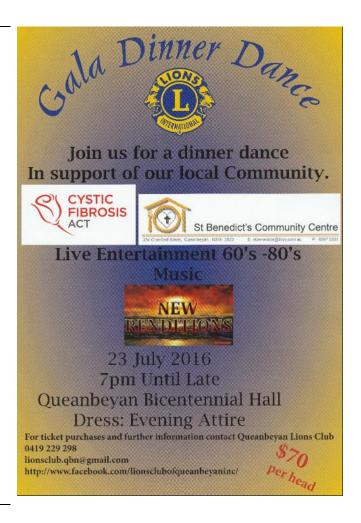
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New Wamboin Brigade Committee

The Wamboin Rural Fire Brigade held its AGM on 14 June, resulting in several changes to the Field Officers and brigade committee. Matt O'Brien was elected Captain, and Don Evans Senior Deputy Captain. Five Deputy Captains were elected: Dave Cochrane, Geoff Foster, Nev Shroder, Cliff Spong and John Taubman.

The other Committee members are: Peter Greenwood (President), Kevin Rowe (Vice President), Jane O'Brien (Secretary), Nev Shroder (Treasurer), Cliff Spong (Training Officer), Tim Barter (Equipment Officer), Pauline Chambers (Support Crew Coordinator), Rod Williams (Community Engagement Officer), and general committee members John Freeland and Heidi Lodi.

Burning Off

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but it does lead you to think about these four steps:

Have you had a family discussion about what you are going to do?

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STEP 2: PREPARE ready for bush fire season.





Keep all the bush fire information numbers, websites and the smartphone app.

Are you and your home prepared or can you be by the next season?

Again the website offers some really useful assistance to help with that discussion and planning.

- Download a guide to making your bush fire survival plan
- Download the Bush Fire and Your Home fact sheet
- Download the Prepare, Act, Survive fact sheet

Have a browse and see how you get on.

Brigade Activity

During June we had four callouts.

Friday 3 June. 9:56 am: a crew of 5 in a heavy tanker responded to a rubbish/hazardous materials fire burning in an enclosure behind the Eaglehawk resort. The crew returned to station at 12:08 pm.

Sunday 5 June. 1:30 pm: a crew of four in a heavy tanker responded to vehicle crash on the Federal Highway, returning to station at 2:30 pm

Friday 10 June. 3:25 am: a crew of three in a heavy tanker responded to a vehicle crash in Sutton Rd, returning to station at 4:00 am.

Saturday 11 June. 6:30 pm: A crew of five in a heavy tanker responded to a fire on a property in the Federal Highway Service Rd, which turned out to be an un-notified pile burn. They returned to station at 8:00 pm.

USEFUL LINKS AND CONTACT INFORMATION

http://brigade.wamboincommunity.asn.au Wamboin Rural Fire Brigade

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captain@brigade.wamboincommunity.asn.au or 0409 991 340 **Wamboin Brigade Captain**

What is the Wamboin Community Association and how can you get involved?

In a new regular Whisper feature, the Committee of the Wamboin Community Association (WCA) will publish a summary of proceedings of the monthly WCA General Meeting for the information of the Wamboin community.

Membership of the WCA is growing thanks to a number of Committee initiatives including the Wamboin New Residents' Guide and of course the ever-popular Wamboin Whisper which you are currently reading. The WCA is very active in organising regular and ad-hoc events including the **Home Produce and Craft Markets** on the third Saturday of every month (except July and August), **golf** on the first Sunday of every month, the **annual bonfire and fireworks night** and **Wonderful Wheels of Wamboin** car show and hugely popular **Meet the Candidates events** during local, state and federal election campaigns. We also maintain the much-loved **roadside blackboards** at the entrances to our area for all residents to use for display of community notices as well as the **WCA website**, **http://wamboincommunity.asn.au/** which includes a link to our **Yahoo Groups electronic notice board**.

All residents and rate payers of Wamboin are invited to attend the monthly meetings which are held at the Wamboin Community Hall at **7:30pm on the 3rd Tuesday of each month** except January. Meetings typically run for 1-1.5 hours. In winter the fire is lit earlier in the day to ensure a warm Hall on arrival. All meetings are followed by convivial and informative conversation over light refreshments.

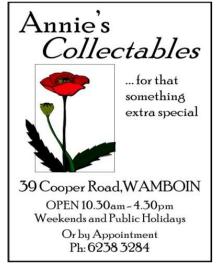
Whether you're new to Wamboin wanting to meet other members of our community and find out how you can get involved in our very active Community Association, or a longer term resident who'd like to get back in touch with what's really going on in our community, you'd be most welcome.

Members of the community can seek advice or support from the WCA in matters of local interest or concern. If you wish to raise a subject at a meeting, please initially contact any member of the Committee as follows.

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⁻⁻ Jenny Warren, Assistant Secretary, Wamboin Community Association





For The Record - Another Successful "Meet The Candidates" Event

Thursday 16th June saw seven of the nine candidates for the Federal electorate of Eden-Monaro discussing their visions, policies and a little about themselves at a **Meet the Candidates** evening jointly hosted by the Wamboin Community Association and Bywong Community.

You are reading this after polling day so have the advantage of knowing which of the nine invited candidates was elected as our Federal representative. However at the time of the **Meet the Candidates** event, and at the time of writing, the outcome for Eden-Monaro was being hotly debated in our local and national media. Did the so called bellwether electorate go the way of the government as it has done since 1972, or did we break with tradition?

The eighty local residents who packed the Wamboin Hall at 7:30pm were treated to passionate addresses from the attending candidates, professionally moderated by the Bywong Community Association President, Anne Goonan, skilfully time-kept by Peter Reid, and warmed by Lofty Mason's roaring fire.

While introducing the seven attending candidates, Anne informed the audience that the Christian Democratic Party (Fred Nile Group) candidate, Ursula Bennett, had sent her apology and that the office of Liberal candidate, Dr Peter Hendy MP, had advised that he would not be attending, an announcement which drew obvious disappointment from the audience. The seven candidates who did attend were:

Order of Presentation	Candidate	Party
1	THALER, Andrew	Independent
2	KELLY, Mike	Labor
3	FRIEND, Don	Veterans Party
4	RYAN, Tamara	The Greens
5	BUCKLEY, Ray	Independent
6	GROSMAIRE, Daniel	Independent
7	SEYMOUR, Frankie	Animal Justice Party

The nature and content of the candidates' presentations and 'Q & A' session will have been ably covered by our local newspapers. This article simply aims to thank the audience for coming out on a chilly winter's night, once again demonstrating that our community is engaged, interested and well informed.

Thanks also to the attending candidates, some of whom travelled long distances to be there and all of whom came with a positive attitude and an obvious willingness to share their vision, ideas and time – in fact the last candidate didn't leave until 11pm!

In summary, the event was a showcase for our grassroots democratic process and your Community Associations urge you to turn off your TVs and PCs and put down your mobile devices and come along in person to future **Meet the Candidates** events, be they for local, state or federal government elections. - *Jenny Warren*, *Assistant Secretary*, *Wamboin Community Association*

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VIEW Celebrates the Queens 90th Birthday with High Tea

by Maureen Boss, Publicity Officer

To celebrate the ninetieth birthday of Queen Elizabeth II, the Lake George Day VIEW club dressed as the Queen or one of her guests for High Tea and Parlour Games. The table was greatly admired - linen and lace tablecloths, polished silver teapots and tableware, crystal milk and sugar sets, delicate China cups and saucers, three tiered High Tea plates, photos of the

Queen and small vases of flowers.

High Tea began with a homemade pea and ham soup served in dainty china teacups with teaspoons, followed by ham and pickles, salmon with cream cheese and curried egg sandwiches. Traditional English scones were accompanied by champagne flutes filled with traditional trifle, a variety of delicious cupcakes, petit fours and slices, and cute little novelty teacups made with biscuits, marshmallows and hundreds and thousands. A feast fit for a Oueen!

Customary Parlour Games were played and small groups also competed in a Trivia game themed around the Queen's life and English history. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed High Tea and the nostalgia of the day and it was a

special moment for Nancy-Lea Legge and Jude Smythe who were welcomed officially and presented with their new members badges by the Queen herself dressed in her ceremonial uniform and medals.

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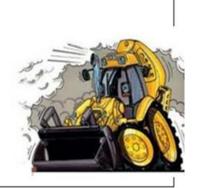


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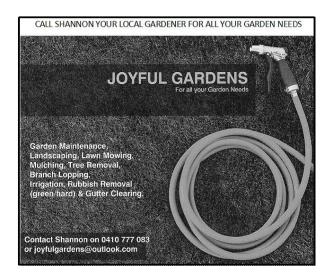
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Bonfire And Fireworks

Memoirs by Lofty Mason

The earliest Bonfire at the new Bingley Way Reserve was on Queen's Birthday 1983.

The construction of the Hall had not begun at this time. The fire site was about 30m to the South Eastern side of the present Hall. Fireworks could be legally purchased and used by 'responsible people'. By 1988 the law had changed and only trained people were allowed to present Fireworks in pubic. The WCA had several members trained by Howard Fireworks in Sydney. The next State restriction was that only professional Fireworks people could present a display. Fortunately we have established a good working relationship with a company who provide a brilliant display each year. I have spoken with a group of people who come from Sydney each year. The drawcard is that it is so close 'they feel part of the show' and also that their kids love the Bonfire, something they don't have in Sydney. Looking back, the excitement of a string of Tom Thumbs thrown into a group of people or a flare tossed into someone else's box of fireworks was pretty dangerous but fortunately no one was hurt.

From the first Bonfire the occasion was seen as an opportunity for local groups to raise funds. As well as admission charges that were first brought in for 1988 to offset the cost of the professional Fireworks, local groups have benefitted from the sale of food etc. Initially the food stalls were surprised by the hungry customers and often sold out quite early. Gradually, supply caught up with demand ensuring all were happy. Several commercial firms have been refused access to stalls as this is the major, and sometimes only, fund raising activity by some of our Community groups. For the first Bonfires the Fire Brigade spent the previous weekend training with chainsaws and clearing fire hazards. The resultant dead trees were transported to the site and made up the bulk of the Bonfire material. Nowadays the Brigades are restricted in their non-fire fighting activities and the annual Bonfire is only possible because of the cooperation of the local community who take this chance to clean up their properties. The Brigade is always on standby in case the fire gets out of control or the Fireworks cause unwanted spot fires. Initially the Community grounds could accommodate car parking for all comers. However, as the Bonfire/Fireworks gains in popularity, with the addition of many non-Wamboinians, parking has been a growing problem. The Fire Brigade members do a sterling job with parking direction, however cars parked on both sides of the road from Norton Road to about 155 Bingley seem to be the norm.

The lighting of the 1984 Bonfire was timed for 6:03. This was because an advertised time of 6 o'clock was taken to be sometime between 5:45 and 6:30. We had people arriving at 6:25 and complaining that the Bonfire had finished. (The Bonfires were much smaller in those days). These precise times have continued today with allowance made when the date was changed from Queen's Birthday weekend to the third Saturday in September. This change was made due to the normally inclement weather experienced in mid June. The first of the September fires drew twice the crowd as the previous year and today an estimated crowd of 1800 is normal.

Several lightings remain in my memory today. The first in when Fire Captain, John Finn set a trail of drip torch fuel to achieve a stand off ignition. When it didn't catch he moved in a few paces. The resultant ignition went both ways. One towards the fire and the second between his legs. Talk about a fire dance! Then there was the time we must have overused the drip torch fuel because there were witnesses who swore the whole Bonfire lifted about a foot on ignition. Finally there was an occasion when some rabbits had taken up abode in the Bonfire. I will leave out the details.

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Rain, hail or shine...there was nothing that could have marred the occasion when Bishop Stuart visited St Peters to celebrate Communion on 12th June. There was not a spare pew in the little church, and afterwards the Bishop viewed the plans to expand the facilities at St Peters with great favour. Even the Yass Council, which regards the Sutton district as an area marked for progress, is, in principle, encouraging the proposed extensions. However, something that couldn't wait for the wheels of bureaucracy to turn is the Norwegian spruce that was recently planted in the church paddock to take advantage of the soaking rains. It should be a good size and ready to be decorated with Christmas tree lights by December.

St Peters Patronal Festival was commemorated on June 26th, with a brunch of hot soup and crusty bread washed down with some excellent local wine to celebrate the Birthday of St Peter, after whom the church was named. The next SRMD social gathering is a Winter Pot Luck dinner at St Andrews on July 23. A warm welcome in a cosy setting is extended to all. Kids Club is in recess for the NSW school holidays, but will resume with the new term meeting at St Andrews each Friday

Church services are held at St Andrews, Poppet Road, on the first and third Sunday of each month, and on the second and third Sunday at St Peters. All services start at 9am, and are followed by a scrumptious morning tea and a chance to catch up with others in the community.

The congregations support Pethum, a young boy in Sri Lanka to enable him access to a few more opportunities in life, and contribute to St Benedicts, Queanbeyan, caring for those in need. Both churches are available for Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals. For further information: Ven Dr Royce Thompson 0416 265 600, Robyn Robertson 6238 3202, Alan Rope 0429 434 944.

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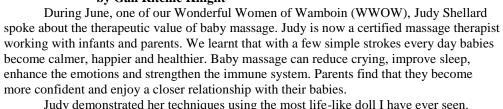
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The Wonderful Women of Wamboin

by Gail Ritchie Knight



Judy demonstrated her techniques using the most life-like doll I have ever seen. When she lifted it and held it close to her it became all too much for me. I was instantly taken back all those years ago to the time when I held my own little babies. I was in need of serious counselling, thankfully however with the help of my companions I was able to get my act together and continue listening to Judy's talk. Judy lives locally and you can contact

her on 62383050 or judyshellard@gmx.com.

Another activity we embarked upon was the sewing of fabric Christmas trees we plan to

give to children later in the year. We took on various tasks: cutting out patterns, pinning, sewing and stuffing. I should have chosen stuffing. I'm good at that. Instead I joined three other WWOW and sewed. These three were fantastic, producing many pieces ready to be stuffed while I managed to complete just one. Well, it wasn't my fault my machine kept on snagging. But I didn't get upset. I decided to laugh it off such that someone thought I'd laid an egg. And that's what WWOW is all about. Getting together for a cuppa and a chat and along the way bring joy to people's lives.

All women are welcome at St Andrew's church, corner of Norton and Poppet Roads, Wamboin on Mondays 10 am–noon. For more information contact Gail Ritchie Knight 0416 097 500 whirlwind1@argonite.com.au











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Wamboin 15 years ago – from the Whisper, July 2001 Circulation: 900 by Robyn Robertson

From: LANDCARE NEWS by Jacquellyn O'Leary "There has been much debate about the value and uses of roadside verges recently in this community, following the actions of several utility organisations. The electricity authorities are concerned about the growth underneath powerlines; Telstra wants an easy pathway to lay cables; the Fire Brigade sees fire danger; some residents want them cleared to reveal kamikaze kangaroos; Council is responsible for removing growth which may obstruct drivers' vision and others think it is part of their property to mow or plant as they see fit. Landcarers tend to see the verges as areas to extend wildlife corridors or to preserve remnant vegetation. All are welcome to join in the discussion. 9am, Sunday July 22, 2001."

Was it resolved?

Wamboin Golf – June 2016

Mahogany Ridge, Sunday, 5 June 2016. Outside, Huey was throwing it down by the bucketful. The legendary

Wamboin golf course was wetter than Harold Holt's flippers. The Captain called off the first 18 holes, leaving only one left to play. With fire raging and rain doing a clog dance on the roof of the Community Hall the Captain gracefully thanked our sponsors, Steve and Ruth Lambert for providing solid and liquid fuel. Remarkably, everyone scored a prize of the famous Lambert Vineyards bottled goods, even the many non-golfers who just turn up for the fellowship.

Conversation inevitably turned to the greatest geopolitical development since the fall of the Berlin Wall, i.e. viz and to whit: the creation of the Peoples Republic of the Greater Palereanbeyan Conurbation. Yes, folks, despite the Herculean efforts of our champion State member, Seve Bolero, to defend our independence we are sliding like Jonah into the gaping maw of the Queanbeyan whale. At least we'll have three golf courses. And continuing stability is assured because Premier Beard has appointed Queanbeyan supremo, Mr Timothy Working



Trousers, to run the show (much like a feudal baron) until new Council elections next year. And you thought an eight-week federal election campaign too long and boring!

The googly ball went to Pete Harrison who will forever remain the Mayor of the former Palerang Shire—and thus entitled to the dole, horse-drawn transport and meals-on-wheels for life. The dummy spit was awarded to those councillors who refused to accept with becoming grace the treachery of the Sydney silvertails. Nearest the pin and longest drive were both won by Mr Working Trousers for (a) scoring the top job and (b) agreeing to drive all the way to Braidwood for Council meetings.

Councils come and Councils go but golf goes on forever. Join us at the Community Hall at 12.15pm for the 12.30pm start on Sunday 3 July for the traditional EOFY shemozzle when sponsors Keith France and Kathy Handel (a name which opens many doors) will insist we add 10% to our handicaps to celebrate the glorious GST anniversary. Meanwhile, a local psychiatrist, Sigmund Shakespeare, has recommended we should stiffen our sinews, summon up the blood and disguise fair nature with hard-favoured rage. Or maybe just suck it up and do our best to load the Queanbeyan Council next year.

- Larry King, golfer and potential branch stacker.

Rainfall and Temperatures in Wamboin – 41 year statistics from the Robertsons			
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The Administrator Tim Overall has, however, announced the composition of the eight-member Local Representation Committee (LRC). The LRC comprises four former councillors from each of the former Palerang (Crs Cockram, Harrison, Hicks and Schweikert) and Queanbeyan (Crs Bray, Cregan, Taylor and Whelan) Councils who will assist him with community matters over the next 12 months.

Importantly, it has been noted that the LRC is not a substitute Council and will play no role in day-to-day dealings that come before Council, these remaining the responsibility of the Administrator. The primary function of the LRC will be to provide advice to the Administrator in handling specific business, generally relating to Council strategies, policies or plans, that is the subject of community engagement. LRC members will also assist with community liaison to the extent that they will be the Council representatives on the various Council-community [Section 355] committees, most of which have been carried over from the former Councils.

Apart from the community meetings to formally introduce the new organisation, this has been the main development at the representational level over the last few weeks. Residents who would nonetheless like to keep up to date with what is happening within the new organisation can subscribe to the new Council newsletter, QPRC News, from the Council's website (http://qprc.nsw.gov.au).

As we all settle into our new roles, I expect that there will be more opportunity to again encounter the sorts of issues that I have been able to discuss here in the past.

Council's Ordinary Meetings are held on the second (in Queanbeyan) and fourth (in Bungendore) Wednesdays of the month (excluding December), commencing at 5.30 pm. Members of the public are welcome. Meeting Business Papers are available on Council's website on the Friday preceding the meeting.

The Palerang Blog—New or related entries in my website Blog (http://peteharrison.id.au/blog) include:

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Wamboin Muse

by Jill Gregory

When you have to dispose of your own rubbish, having first recycled whatever you can, and all that remains is useless and unwanted, two words come to mind ... "Tip" and "Dump". Tip is a word that is said with almost a smile; a pretty, airy sound with limited responsibility. Dump, on the other hand conjures up a stubborn frown and bellows consequences! I'd much prefer to go to the Tip, but I fear the Dump is more realistic. Seeing what rubbish our small household generates, and having to finally deal with the truly unloved stuff ourselves, is quite sobering. Rubbish doesn't just disappear into thin air. Disposing of it with consideration for the consequences takes a little more time and effort.

Sometimes life seems intent on dumping a whole lot on you and those you love, and it seems as if you're lost in a frown of unwanted consequences. But hopefully those detours can be navigated, the potholes avoided and in time you're on the bitumen again. I'm looking forward to the sealed road at the other end of the dump.

We had a dump of a different kind, recently, a good dump this time, of rain, although I wasn't here to see the best of it. I returned to the sounds of rushing water in the gully and the rythmic chorus of creaking frogs. It made me think of rills and burns and cataracts as I squelched through mud and soggy clay and stepped around puddles. New potholes had grown in the driveway and red, orange and snow white fungi under the trees. When the last of the showers passed and the sun peeped out from behind the clouds, the bushes sparkled like Christmas lights. A gentle breeze was rippling the wet leaves. Under a clear sky a white, frosty morning unfolded into a perfect Wamboin winter's day! It only lasted a day but it was magic!

How wonderful to have had such a dump of heavy soaking rain ... and even better, how wonderful not having to plow through sticky mud to offload rubbish at the old Dump. A Transfer Station might sound a bit pretentious ... but it is too smart to be a Tip and without the mud it could never be called a Dump ... I wouldn't live anywhere else.

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