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## Bywong News

Hi all,

I am filling in for Steve our Illustrious leader for the next little bit and thought a quick note (or paragraphs) to let you know what has been happening in the last month.

Firstly, we have the Bywong Car Boot sale.

Many of you will know that the last Bywong Car Boot Sale was in 2019: Covid cancelled it for 2 years and in 2022 it was held in Wamboin. But now it is back in Bywong and with your involvement it can be back with a vengeance! The idea is to bring your car boot with things to sell; other people will bring theirs and do the same.

If you are interested in holding a stall there is a charge of \$20 . See the ad for all the details - but let's make this one a good one! It is a major fundraiser for the BCA who use the money to Bring Bywong together and put back into the community. There will be an ATM on site but do bring cash.

The other good thing that happened this Month was Rebecca Ryan, the CEO of QPRC, came to talk with the Bywong Community. She brought with her Ms Ruth Ormella, the new Director Development and Environment. We all had a good chat on many topics that ranged from the consultation and impact of the proposed rate rises, how we can improve resources such as the Library, and how bug bears like the delays in Development Applications were being fixed. Of course, there was some good discussion about the roads and road safety in the area.

Rebecca said in this discussion that she would very much appreciate any feedback and communication from the community.

The BCA is also as ever, looking for some new members and we are putting together a Calendar of events for the year. These recently have included the popular Winter Trivia night and the Christmas community drinks. We are seeking other events that can bring the community together over the next year or so.

So, please let us know if you would like to be part of the association, or have some ideas about functions and events that you would like to see. The association meetings are held at the community hall on Birriwa road on the third Thursday of the month and everyone is welcome.

So on behalf of Steve and the Committee, have a good month see you at the next meeting or the car boot sale.

- Justin Jarvis

**For the Diary: Car Boot sale 26<sup>th</sup> of March.(the day after the state Election)**

## GREENWAY WALKS AUTUMN 2023

**The Building Community Resilience Program in Bywong and Wamboin is supporting Greenways Walks with guest speakers and community get-togethers.**

**10am Sunday  
12 March**

Meet at 105 Clare Lane for a shady 3km walk. Learn about weed management from our QPRC Biosecurity Officer.

**9:30am Sunday  
2 April**

Meet at the Bywong Hall to walk to Birchmans Grove and return to the hall for scones and a cuppa. (This walk was curtailed in Spring 2022 due to wet weather) Our local QPRC Rural Support Officer will be sharing his experiences in the Black Summer Fires.

**10am Sunday  
7 May**

Meet at the Bywong Hall for our most ambitious walk, the Mill Post Hill loop. This walk will take 3.5 - 4 hours, bring your lunch. After the walk, you are welcome to join us for afternoon tea in the hall.

### Want to know more?

Keep an eye out in local media and community Facebook pages each month for our articles on upcoming events.

To view Greenways maps go to [www.bywongcommunity.org.au/greenways/maps-and-walks/](http://www.bywongcommunity.org.au/greenways/maps-and-walks/)

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March and it's (mostly) been quite warm. It's been a busy start to the year.

1. **Meet The Candidates Night.** With the NSW State elections looming for the 25<sup>th</sup> March, the Wamboin Community Association is busy organising a Meet The Candidates Night so local people can come and hear the candidates for our area; what they have to say and what they propose to do if and when they make it to the State parliament. This event will be held on **14<sup>th</sup> March at 7:30pm** at the **Wamboin Community Hall**. In the past these events have been well attended and give local people a real sense of the candidates they will be voting for. So come along on the 14<sup>th</sup> and Meet The Candidates .
2. **Wheels of Wamboin.** Pete Evans is working hard to bring off another Wheels of Wamboin. This event occurs on **15<sup>th</sup> April** which coincides with our April Market Day. It is truly an event not to be missed so put it in your calendar and come along and see some great cars (although technically the only qualification for entry is that the vehicle **must** have wheels! How many is not specified). More information about this up-coming event can be found on our webpage.
3. **Wamboin Sign.** I know that many of you have been either anxious or curious about the stone sign that marked the entrance to Wamboin from Sutton Road onto Norton Road. The WCA Committee have the issue well in hand and the sign will be repaired in the next few months.
4. **Return of the Regional Independent.** For about two years now Wamboin has been without the local paper the **Regional Independent** (not to be confused with our own local magazine **The Whisper** which is published monthly). Now largely due to the efforts of Keith France we are now able to obtain the paper again by visiting one of the four paper mail boxes that Keith has organised. These are located on the corner of Sutton and Norton Roads (near the broken sign); at the Hall (right beside the recycling bins); on the corner of Norton and Bungendore Roads; and near the bus shelter on Woolshed Lane and Macs Reef Road. All you have to do is drive up and open the letter box and take one. Copies will be placed in these areas each Thursday so residents can once again have access to a weekly paper. Thank you to Keith who was largely responsible for organising this and for the small, hardworking crew who assembled the boxes in quite hot weather so that we could use them..

That's it for now. Hope to see you all at our Meet The Candidates Night and remember to come along to our monthly meeting held on the **3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday** of every month at **7:30 pm at the Hall**. - *Jenny Richards – President*.

## Wheels of Wamboin 2023 - Family Gatherings

It's been quite busy time of late with car shows in the local area. A couple of weekends ago ducked down to Shannon's Wheels at Queanbeyan and last weekend it was the Canberra Mustang Show. It really showed what being part of the car family is all about. The Shannon's Wheels event was a lot like the Wheels of Wamboin with many marques and cars of all vintages, shapes and sizes. It was great to see the marquees set up between the cars with the club members sitting down talking about their marque of cars and the finer details of why, occasionally they might cease to function and how to get them to function again. It really is like an extended family at the regular family get together. The ones where your grandparent, uncles and aunts, cousins and brothers and sisters all come together from all walks of life and a common thread of family and blood glues you together. I think cars give people of all ages, demographics and persuasions a chance to come together with common ground and something to bond over in a similar way.

The Mustang show was very different with over 160 cars of one model over nearly 60 years. This was an opportunity to see the evolution of one model from the 1964 ½ to the latest seventh generation car. It was great to see the cars lined up in yearly intervals show how motoring has evolved from the original quite simple car that just about anyone could so a service on to today's computer driven and sophisticated machines where I wouldn't know where to start. The original cars were a real work of art with flowing lines and coke bottle hips, hand drawn and clay modelled. Today these cars are all drawn and developed with computers and 3D CAD modelling. I really like how designers still incorporate design cues dating back to the 60's and 70's in today's high tech world.

The Wheels of Wamboin is a chance for both. You can come along and see the family car maybe you grew up with, your first car or maybe that one you always wanted. It's chance to talk to likeminded enthusiasts who are more than willing to talk about their automotive marvel or just remember those memories of simpler times. You can also see how the car has evolved through the decades with a wide variety and models on display. From a Model T to a Tesla. Living automotive history will be on display. See You Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> April from 9am till 1pm.

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A total fire ban means no fires out in the open. A total fire ban helps limit the potential of fires developing. During a Total Fire Ban, you cannot light, maintain or use a fire in the open, or to **carry out any activity in the open that causes, or is likely to cause a fire.**

General purpose hot works (such as welding, grinding or gas cutting or any activity that produces a spark or flame) are not to be done in the open.

The NSW RFS strongly recommends you reconsider activities such as such using a tractor or slashing, to help reduce the chance of a fire starting on your property

**Why are Total Fire Bans declared?** - Bush fires are more likely to spread and cause damage on days when the weather is very hot, dry and windy. These are usually on days when the fire danger rating is Extreme or Catastrophic. To reduce the risk of fires damaging or destroying life, property and the environment the NSW RFS Commissioner may declare a Total Fire Ban.

**Can I use an electric barbeque?** - You can use an electric barbeque for cooking as long as it is under the direct control of a responsible adult, who is present at all times while it is operating, and no combustible material is allowed within two metres at any time it is operating.

**Can I use a gas barbeque?** - You can use a gas barbeque under the following conditions: It is under the direct control of a responsible adult, who is present at all times while it is operating;

No combustible material is allowed within two metres at any time it is operating;

You have an immediate and continuous supply of water; and

The barbeque is within 20 metres of a permanent private dwelling such as a home; or

The barbeque is within a designated picnic area and the appliance is approved by Council, National Parks or State Forest.

**Can I use a barbeque or pizza oven which burns solid fuel (e.g. wood, charcoal or heat beads)?** No. A barbeque or wood fire pizza oven which uses solid fuel, such as wood, charcoal or heat beads, cannot be used outside during a Total Fire Ban.

**Can I use fire during a Total Fire Ban if I have a fire permit?** - Permits are suspended on days of total fire ban. Permits may resume after the total fire ban is lifted, as long as the permit hasn't expired

**Using machinery such as slashers, mowers or other grass cutting equipment** - It is becoming more frequent that many fires start from grass cutting equipment. Most rural properties aren’t like golf courses. They aren’t flat, meaning the blades and guards often make contact when they flex over uneven ground, also rocks. Sparks occur with both of these. Long grass, fencing wire, electric fence tape all are attracted to moving parts, pulleys, shafts and belts. Just like rubbing two sticks together, they will produce heat and will easily ignite grass. As the TOBAN rules clearly state that you cannot “**carry out any activity in the open that causes, or is likely to cause a fire**” so if an investigation proved you caused the fire, you might be prosecuted and liable for damage to other properties.

Lighting a fire on a TOBAN day will attract a on the spot \$5500 fine. If a fire escapes your property, and destroys life, property or the environment, fines of up to \$132,000 and/or 14 years gaol, can be imposed.

### Useful links

Wamboin Rural Fire Brigade	<a href="http://brigade.wamboincommunity.asn.au">http://brigade.wamboincommunity.asn.au</a>
NSW Rural Fire Service	<a href="http://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au">www.rfs.nsw.gov.au</a>
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## Nature Notes - February 2023

Jo Walker

Summer is ending, and the dam is full and the vegetation still green and flourishing. Temperatures are still quite high (quite a few above thirty degrees during the month). And rain falls fairly regularly, so it looks as if the countryside will be green for some time yet.

Most of the local plants have finished flowering now. Many of the Scribbly Gums (*Eucalyptus rossii*) flowered prolifically this summer and are now developing loads of little seed capsules. Some of the Red Stringybarks (*E.macrorhynchos*) have taken over flowering duties, and a few of them here are covered in cream flowers.

The Cauliflower Bushes (*Cassinia longifolia*) flowered heavily this summer, although their flower-heads are fading now. But the pyramidal clusters of straw-coloured flowers of *Cassinia quinquefaria* have taken their place. And the tall slender Hickory Wattles (*Acacia implexa*) are still bearing a few cream flowers.

White-winged Choughs deserted my place for a while, but a small flock of about ten birds has returned. There seems to be a bit of antagonism between them and the Magpies – a pair of Magpies were seeing the Choughs off their patch here this morning. The aggression isn't always in that direction though. A year or two ago, I heard a very distressed Magpie calling from outside. On investigation, I saw four Choughs pinning a male Magpie to the ground and pecking it viciously. When I got closer, the Choughs flew off and their victim flew up into a tree where its mate was waiting. It seemed to be all right, but it was a very savage attack.

I thought the Koels weren't going to turn up here this summer but heard one calling for a while recently.

I haven't seen a snake here so far this summer. Of course, there's still time for one to turn up! The Cunningham's Skinks that used to spend a lot of time near my house and in the garage seem to have moved on. But, there was a large Blotched Bluetongued Lizard in the garage a few days ago. And my dam is still home to quite a few Long-necked Turtles. They are obviously still breeding there – I recently saw five of them floating on the water – two adults, one half-grown and two small ones about ten centimetres long.

There have been plenty of Dragonflies down near the dam too. But a lot of the previously plentiful insects are still missing. There were hardly any Christmas Beetles this summer and no noticeable influx of Bogong Moths. And I can't remember when it was I last heard one of the big Ghost Moths flying against the windows during the evening. But, there were a few Cicadas calling here last week -and, after the rain, the Mole Crickets give a bit of a chorus. And the butterflies, mostly the Common Browns, have done well this year.

I'm sure we all agree that Wamboin is the best place to live – but it can also be dangerous! With a storm approaching rapidly a few days ago, I went to close the door on the south side of the house. Just as I got there, there was a blinding flash of lightning and a simultaneous crash of thunder that shook the house. I'm so glad I wasn't outside! A Stringybark tree along the creek got a direct hit. The lightning follows the moisture in the trunk of the tree to ground, but explodes outwards blowing off the fibrous bark and shattering the wood into long lance-like splinters that it hurls for several metres. So – if the lightning strike doesn't get you one of the lances might!

But, I still think Wamboin is the best place to live!



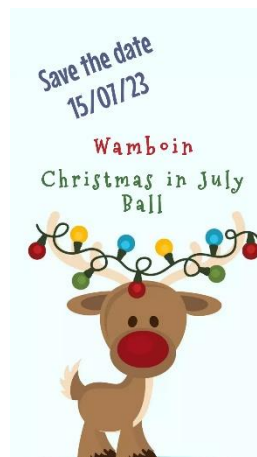
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## A Quiet Saturday Morning

You know the ice cream will melt if you don't get it home and in the fridge. It's the last Saturday morning of January and our grocery shopping for the week is done. It's a warm morning and we need to get the frozen stuff home and in the fridge. Nothing special about the day.

We have left Queanbeyan and are on Sutton Road. We are driving past the driving school. On this day however there is a smoke column rising to our right, towards Kowen Forest. From the colour of the smoke it doesn't look like a grass fire or even burning bush. Probably just a small pile burn that should not be happening on a hot morning. It's close to the forest and that's something of a concern.

We drive on and the smoke continues. This must have been burning for a while and surely someone has called 000. Lots of cars would have already driven past the smoke. The debate goes on in our car, should we call this in; should we investigate; what about the frozen food; I'm ready for a coffee; someone must have already called it in.

We approach Kowen Road and turn right, we decide what the heck it will only take a moment to check it out.

We turn up Kowen Road and the smoke continues and it's maybe a little more intense. We drive past a car with someone outside the car leaning in talking to the driver. They must have called 000.

I drive on and there it is, just off Kowen Road, on the verge a car is fully alight. It's roaring and the fire is close to igniting the nearby paddock.

I call 000 and am put through to the fire operator. The operator asks me for my location and then says, 'I can see exactly where you are'. I explain the fire is right in front of me. I am always impressed by the wonders of modern technology. He asks what type of vehicle it is, is there someone in the car? It's a small car, not a truck and it's fully engulfed in flame. Whether there is someone in the car is not something I can answer. The operator calls the fire brigade. From the operator's response it is clear no one has already called 000.

I explain to the operator I will ask the people in the car behind me if they know anything about the burning car. I also need to get further away from the burning vehicle since I don't know what it might contain and whether something might explode. I turn my car around and with that the car behind me throws a U turn and is out of there. Curious, I think.

I keep my eyes on the fire and call 000 again when it looks like the grass in the paddock is about to take off. A grass fire this close to Kowen Forest is to be avoided! The operator says he will call the truck that's on its way.

Suddenly Stupid arrives. Stupid comes roaring up Kowen Road. I try to wave him down so he doesn't come too close to what is now a raging fire. Stupid doesn't stop. He drives straight past the fire and stops just after the fire, gets out of his car and walks back to the fire. He takes a quick look at the burning car at close quarters and returns to his car throws a U turn and drives back past the fire and on to Sutton Road. Stupid gives me a big smile and a wave as though he has just experienced the highlight of his morning.

Two more cars arrive. They are locals and want to help to extinguish the fire with tractors and graders. I explain a tanker will be arriving any minute and with that I can see flashing lights on Sutton Road.

The ACT fireies drive past me and they have hoses deployed and water flowing in seconds. The fire is under control and will be extinguished in short order. Kowen Forest is safe. Another car arrives, I explain to the passengers the road is closed and that the ACT fireies are on the scene. It turns out they are the residents of the house further up Kowen Road. To say they are anxious about their house would be an understatement. I assure them all is ok, their house is not under threat but they might have to wait a little while before they can get past the fire truck.

Excitement over, we drive home, keen to get the ice cream into the fridge and I'm ready for a coffee.

Why am I telling this story? My take aways that I would like to share with the Wamboin and Bywong communities are these:

If you see smoke and think 000 should be called make the call and don't assume someone has already called 000.

If you can provide an accurate location of the fire that will make all the difference in ensuring the trucks get to the right place, quickly.

If you need to investigate the source of the smoke stay well back, you have no idea of the risks the fire may pose.

Don't put yourself at risk trying to stop the rubber neckers that might turn up. Common sense is not always on the scene.

If it's a burning car and there is a car parked nearby it might be prudent to record the rego number. I am pretty sure this car was deliberately torched and I didn't record the rego number of the first car on the scene.

Living in the bush as we do requires us all to be alert and aware of what's happening around us, complacency is not an option.

**-Kevin Rowe, Wamboin Resident**



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## What the Heck: Chapter 10

By Alan Rope

In the last few chapters we have talked about plans to upgrade St. Peters in Sutton, but the thought of extension is not exclusive to the Sutton church. There was a move in the late naughties to extend St. Andrews in Wamboin.

Many readers will recall being at Wamboin services, particularly Christmas Eve services, where every available space was occupied, including in the small meeting/socialising room at the rear of the church. The desire to incorporate the whole congregation into the one room was initially solved by removing the wall and replacing it with fold-up sliding doors. The doors were closed when congregation numbers were smaller or open for bigger gatherings. But that still did not sit right with some members. Casual talk began about extending the building. Due to the size and shape of the block, an Easterly extension would have to be underground, to the south it would end up on the road, and to the North it would encroach on the Schultz' property and they, as the original benefactors of the land had been so generous, that to suggest we ask for more, was not even considered. A knockdown and rebuild was totally out of the question. The only possible option was an extension to the West. Plans were drawn, and a proposal put to a congregational meeting, for an extension of the building which would increase the capacity by about one third. This was to be achieved by (hypothetically) running a saw through the building at the point of the above mentioned fold-up doors and pushing out three metres or so the section comprising the meeting room, vestry, kitchen, and toilet. The created gap would then be replaced with floor, walls, ceiling and roof, allowing an increase in the seating capacity of the church. As the ground slopes down to the west this would also add the prospect for an underfloor storage area, or if excavated a little could create a meeting room.



Unfortunately it was not quite as simple as it sounded. It would require, amongst other things, re-location of water pipes, power, the Lych-gate, and front entrance. But it was doable. There was at least one builder prepared to look into it and prepare a quote.

But the biggest hurdle was internal.

As with all community group organisations, when proposals like this arise they come with varying opinions. There were members who were dead against it, members who were wholeheartedly supportive, and those who wanted to sit on the fence. Several meetings were held with many pro's and con's raised, till eventually, the idea just faded away. Other matters arose and took prominence in the decision making of the church.

However all is not lost. The Vestry has agreed to turn their attention to St. Andrews once the Sutton building is completed.

## Wamboin Thursday Social Group

The Thursday Social Drop In Group operates each Thursday morning from 10 – 12 noon at the Wamboin Hall, Bingley Way. If you have some time free on a Thursday morning pop in, have a cuppa and chat. We love to welcome new people to the group.

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## Mulch the Hall

Hi everyone. We will be spreading mulch on the Wamboin Hall gardens on Wednesday the 15<sup>th</sup> of March beginning at 8.30 am and finishing at about 11 am. There is about 50 cubic metres to spread so whatever help you can provide would be appreciated. Please bring a wheel barrow and fork or mulching fork. If anyone has a bobcat or any other equipment for moving mulch that would make the job much faster. The plan is to make the area look better and to reduce the amount of weed growth and therefore maintenance required.

Morning tea will be provided at about 11 am to finish the day on a social note and give you some reward for your labour! Please let me know if you can come and what tools/machinery you will bring so I have an idea of numbers.

Thanks very much. - Vicki Still, 0404 013 898 or [vickistillnow@gmail.com](mailto:vickistillnow@gmail.com). (On behalf of the Wamboin Hall Management Committee)

## Can You Come Up With Something for the April Whisper?

Thank you to each of you who delivered, ran an ad in or wrote something for this March 2023 Whisper. Without you it would not exist. The Whisper is one of the many ways we who live in Bywong and Wamboin have of talking to each other – informing, inviting, warning or entertaining. It is only here today because over a hundred of us took a bit of time to make it happen: 50+ deliverers, 20+ writers or other text or photo contributors, and 25+ advertisers. If you can come up with some content for the as yet non-existent April 2023 Whisper, please consider yourself invited to do so. It should be at least connected to living in Bywong or Wamboin. If it will help you earn a living, pay for it as an ad, put your name as the author so readers can rely on the knowledge you are an identifiable person living out here. Remember to respect the wide variety of views and backgrounds among residents of our 1300+ homes.. Ned Noel, volunteer editor on behalf of the Wamboin Community Association

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## New Automated External Defibrillator (AED) at the Wamboin Hall

The Australian not-for-profit organisation ‘Heart of the Nation’ has recently supplied and installed a new AED--Automated External Defibrillator—on the wall of the Wamboin Community Hall, 112 Bingley Way, Wamboin. It is located near the entrance to the women’s toilet. This is an initiative of the Hall’s owner, the Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council.

Heart of the Nation explains that the AED ‘... is a device which is placed on a person who has had a cardiac arrest, in an attempt to save their life. Use of an AED within the first three minutes of a cardiac arrest has shown to improve lifesaving outcomes of patients from 10% up to 70%. The AED is used to deliver an electrical shock to the patient's heart in an attempt to "restart" normal, spontaneous electrical activity within the heart.’ It is used in conjunction with cardio pulmonary resuscitation (CPR). Further information is available at Heart of the Nation’s FAQ page <https://www.heartofthenation.com.au/aed-facts>.

Who can use an AED? ‘Literally, almost anyone - even an 8 year old child - could use an AED. They are almost self-working, and have pictures showing how to use it - from placing the pads on the chest of the patient through to shocking them with the device. Even in an emergency situation, the instructions are clear and easy to understand. Most AED’s (if not all) have voice prompts that talk you through the process of using the device so that it can have the best chance of being used successfully to save a life.’ We understand that the Wamboin Hall AED has voice prompts.

At first glance, it appears that the large yellow cabinet containing the AED is locked, but that is not the case. **Note that the AED contains a tracking device and, if the cabinet is opened, an alarm will be triggered, so please do not open it unless there is a sudden cardiac arrest emergency, and you are going to use the AED to help resuscitate the casualty!**

Inquiries are being made concerning opportunities for training on the use of the AED. If training becomes available, we will advise the community via *The Whisper* and social media.

-David McDonald, Hon. Secretary, Wamboin Community Association Inc.



## Wamboin Home Produce and Craft Market Saturday 18 March 2023

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The market is auspiced by the Wamboin Community Association. We accept any produce you have grown or made and some second hand goods, but no selling-on of commercial products. I think someone managed to sell a rather smart motor bike at the Christmas market. Certainly plenty of interest!

We encourage ‘young entrepreneurs’. The cost of a trestle table or spot for your own table/trailer/ute etc remains at \$5.00. These proceeds are returned to the Wamboin Community Association and the Hall Management Committee. The funds contribute towards hire of the hall and insurance.

Call or email me (see above) if you are interested or would like further information. Spaces in the hall are getting pretty rare but there is ample space outside. **And we are still looking for volunteers to run the community clothing stall.....** Supporting the market is a key part of our Wamboin/Bywong community. See you there

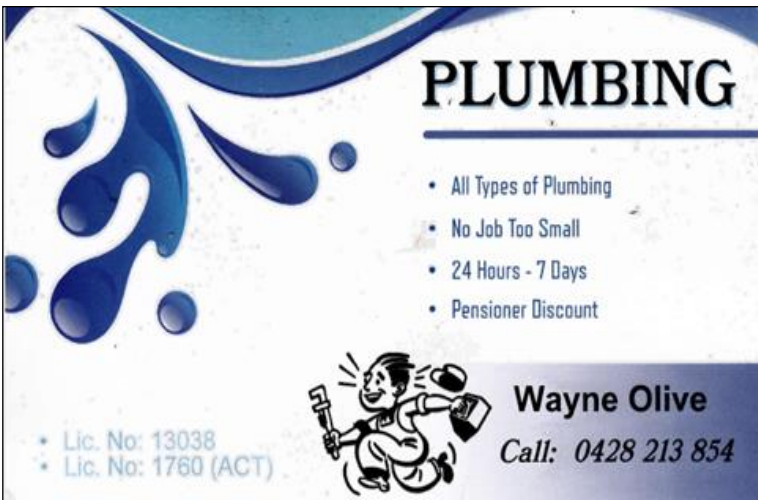


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## War On Weeds

I looked for a good joke about weeds, but can't find one, probably because they are no laughing matter. There are many reasons why so many of us enjoy living in a rural environment but, despite all of the positives, there are certainly some drawbacks and one of those is definitely the proliferation of invasive introduced weeds.

**WEATHER.** The recent year or so of wet weather and mild temperatures hasn't helped and I am sure many have noticed the increased spread of blackberry and St. John's Wort, amongst others, along the road verges and in the paddocks in our locality. There are also many other priority weeds (Biosecurity Act 2015) that we have in the area but the weather conditions have resulted in a vastly increased germination of the weed seed banks for all of them. Left uncontrolled and to their own propagation devices, with the help of birds, furry wildlife and the wind from vehicles, the problem is only going to get worse as the years roll by. I can recall a time here 40 years ago when the only weeds I had to worry about were the occasional thistles and briars. Now, it's a very different story.

**RESPONSIBILITY.** So, whose responsibility is it to control or suppress their spread? It's a national problem and there is much in the way of legislation and strategies at all levels of government, but in the end it's down to us, the landholders, private and public, and whether there is a willingness to accept the legal and moral responsibility to do what is necessary. There is little to be gained by shedding blame onto the various levels of government or neighbours. At its most basic level, that is a buck passing exercise to others who are just as constrained budget wise as we are. Regardless of how we look at it, we end up paying for it one way or the other. That said, the above is no excuse for the deplorable lack of responsibility for the acres of weeds we all see on surrounding public and private land. We get to partly address that by whom we vote to represent us. At our level, it's down to us and our neighbours because weeds don't respect boundary fences nor who owns the land. They just spread exponentially, year after year. If that means preemptively spraying small infestations along public road verges at our boundaries before they march across our fence lines, then it's just sensible to spend a little now than a lot later. In years past, Palerang used to do a good job of that in Wamboin etc but I have not recently noticed any such activity by QPRC, but I am not around everywhere every day.

**CONTROL.** There are many websites that can help with weed identification and management methods for controlling weeds in NSW. NSW WeedWise is a good one; QPRC has useful information, as do websites belonging to some herbicide manufacturers, though the mention of the latter is not any kind of endorsement. The choices for control are varied – biological control, manual, mechanical, herbicides, or a mix of those - and depend on individual choices. In practical terms the choice depends on the size of the infestations, time, means and cost. There are also many weed management contractors in the surrounding region. The ultimate solution is strategies to stop propagation, whether by seed, fruit, rhizomes, or canes.

**BOTTOM LINE.** Life is all about choices. Our family choice is to maintain the value of our property as best we can and we regard a weed infested property as very unattractive to future prospective buyers, especially if they plan to run horses or other stock. It's also part of us trying to be good neighbours and not pass our weed problems onto others. So, is your weed management strategy as it should be, or is it that you really don't care about your own property value and that of your neighbours? Your choice entirely.

If this sounds mildly offensive, it's actually very deliberate and intentional on my part. There is no excuse to blindly ignore a problem that is under our control, and for which we as landholders have a responsibility. Don't expect the government authorities to act; they are either broke or simply don't care. It's up to us and our neighbours. **-Andrew Groom**



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### February Rainfall Stats

February rainfall to the 26th .....51.0mm  
 2023 total rainfall to 26/2 .....139.75mm

### March Rainfall Stats

2022 March rainfall..... 36.75mm  
 Wettest March..... 303mm in 1989  
 Wettest day..... 160mm on 15/3/89  
 Driest March.. 3mm (2 times) 1986 & 1998

### March Temperature Stats

2022 March maximum.....30.1°C  
 Hottest March day..... 35°C (2 times)  
 on 9/3/83 & 4/3/19  
 Hottest March night..... 26°C on 9/3/83  
 Average day temperature..... 22.5°C  
 Average night temperature..... 11.7°C  
 Warmest March..... 1983  
 (Av. max day temp. 25.5°C & night 15.2°C)  
 (warmest day temp. 26.3°C in 1998)

Average February rainfall..... 58.8mm  
 2022 February rainfall..... 50.5mm  
 2022 total rainfall to 26/2..... 126.75mm  
 47yr Av. to end of February..... 119.0mm

Average March rainfall..... 59.5mm  
 Average no. rain days in March..... 8.3  
 Highest no. rain days..... 17 in 2017  
 Lowest no. rain days..... 3 (8 times)  
 81, 86, 92, 98, 02, 06, 09 & 18

2022 March minimum.....6.9°C  
 March 2022. Av. max 24.2°C & min 12.5°C  
 Av. Mar. temp.. 17.1°C (day+night comb.)  
 Coldest March day.... 13°C (3 times) on  
 14/3/94 & 3-4/3/12  
 Coldest March night..... 1.1°C on 31/3/19  
 Coldest March ..... 2012  
 (Av. min day temp. 17.3°C & night 8.6°C)  
 (coldest night temp. 7.9°C in 2015)

During the month of March daylight length will decrease by 1.1 hours from 12.7 hours on the 1<sup>st</sup> to 11.6 hours on the 31<sup>st</sup>.  
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## Bird Of The Month

By Luke Downey

For March I chose the Peregrine Falcon, an uncommon species locally which I have seen a few times recently.

### Peregrine Falcon (*Falco peregrinus*)

Size: 36-47cm (wingspan 95cm) Status: Uncommon breeding resident

The Peregrine Falcon is a large falcon. It's flight is somewhat distinctive, being very swift flight with quick wingbeats when hunting, although it often can be seen gliding. It is able to dive rapidly and chase its prey (mainly birds) which can look seemingly acrobatic. In fact, the Peregrine Falcon is actually the fastest bird in the world with its dives recorded at over 300 km/h, which is incredible! The bird itself has dark slate-grey upperparts and white underparts with black barring. The throat and upper breast are white without barring and the head is darker blackish, with a small white "notch" above the shoulder. The cere (base of bill), eye-ring and feet are yellow, with the rest of the bill being black. Younger birds are browner, with buffy mottling and black streaks instead of barring on the belly. In flight, Peregrine Falcons have quite broad pointed wings, which are white underneath with dark barring (see photo).



When gliding, it holds its wings outstretched, but when diving at speed the wings tucked in and raised above the body. The Peregrine Falcon is found all around the world (except Antarctica and New Zealand), but in Australia it is not particularly common, preferring areas around cliffs, or high buildings in cities where it nests on ledges. They are also seen sometimes in open grasslands, woodlands and farmlands hunting other birds. They may also be mistaken for the more common Australian Hobby, which is a noticeably smaller bird and less falcon looking, with rufous-orange underparts, a white semi-collar around the neck, and it also lacks the yellow on the bill and eye-ring. Birds of prey on the whole, seldom call, however Peregrine Falcons may give a staccato "chak-chak-chak" from time to time. Make sure to keep your eyes up in the skies and keep a look out for Peregrine Falcons, as they may be flying around at any time. (Photo from Google Images)

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## Drawings of Us

By Jean-Pierre Favre

Larry and Libby King settled in Wamboin in 1994. Larry was introduced to the camaraderie of the Wamboin community through the golf club. For 14 years he was treasurer of the Wamboin Bushfire Brigade. With Steve Lambert he organised and led the Historic Crossing of Lake George by Foot in 2003 and 2004. Some years ago he took over the golf column in the Whisper, relieving Peter Greenwood of an onerous duty. The column took on a life of its own, becoming more far-fetched and satirical, offending some but amusing many.



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## Recipe For This March 2023 - A Healthy Quick Easy Dinner

By Cindy Scott-Findlay

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<p><b>Tuna, broad bean and lemon pasta</b>                  375g dried large shell pasta (see note)                  1 ½ cups of broad beans shelled from pods.                  1/3 cup extra virgin olive oil.                  1 onion thinly sliced.                  4 teaspoons crushed garlic.                  425g can tuna in spring water, drained.                  2 tbsp lemon juice                  2 tsp lemon zest                  Shaved parmesan, to serve.                  Dried chilli to taste.</p>	<p>Cook your pasta until al dente, drain but keep ¼ cup of the cooking liquid.                  Cook beans for 3-4 minutes or until tender and drain. Sauté your onion, garlic and chilli in a tablespoon of olive oil for one minute over a medium heat. Burnt garlic gives a bitter taste to the dish. Add tuna, broad beans and lemon juice and cook for another minute. Add pasta ¼ cup reserved cooking liquid and lemon zest. Season with freshly ground black pepper and a little salt. Cook tossing for a couple of minutes. Serve in a large bowl with plenty of parmesan on top.</p>
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## Wamboin Golf

Sunday 5 February 2023. An intrepid group of 18 golfers ventured out to play in the Wamboin Golf competition and whilst only 17 completed the round, a great day was had by all (most). The sponsors this month were the Schrodgers and the Whitneys and we thank them for the refreshments and prizes. We welcomed 2 visitors this month: Michael and Trish Ziebell and we look forward to seeing them again.

The competition was played using the Eastern course this month. The junior competition and encouragement award was taken out by Emma Crafter. In a closely fought game the winner of the 18-hole competition was David Bailey (88/61 – on count back) from Paul Griffin (77/61) with Tim Barter (73/64) in third place. The 9-hole competition was taken out by Ruth Lambert (59/26) from Ken Gordon (34/30) and Matt Hawke (53/31). No truth in the rumour that Matt gained an unfair advantage by playing in the group which includes the scorer/handicapper, although the handicapper will have a close look at some of the results this month (Ruth, David, Paul to name a few).

Ball winners for longest drives and nearest the pins went to: John Whitney (2), Ken Gordon (2), Larry King, Trish Ziebell, David Bailey and Matt Hawke. The googly ball was shared around several golfers this month. It started with Col after accidentally hitting a fellow golfer with a ball, before moving to Steve (Larry recounted the story of a nearly miraculous shot across Watgertate when the golf ball managed to clear the water and remain in play ... until Steve went to pick it up and move it away from rocks (as allowed under the Wamboin rules) and it dribbled back into the dam and disappear out of sight). Matt was the next recipient after it was noted his scorecard was found on the course (although the cash that came out of his pocket wasn't so lucky – again not truth in the rumour payment was made to the scorer!). After Matt recounted his story the googly ball moved to Deb who had managed to have the ball ricochet off a rock (hard to believe on our course) and leave a dimple encrusted mark just below her elbow. The final recipient of the googly ball for this month was Glenn, who was unable to complete his round after trying to move some earth and rock with his club, only to have it jar his shoulder to the extent he 'retired' hurt.

The dummy spit was nearly not awarded at all this month as for the first time in a long time there were no complaints about the handicaps before the round commenced (or the handicapper wasn't listening). It was finally bestowed on Paul for drawing attention to the use of a 'buggy' on the course and it leaving marks across one of the greens. The defence of this manoeuvre was that the wheels were smoothing out the surface for those golfers following said group. Emma provided us with a 'Dad' joke (new socks, but having a hole-in-one) before Ken provided the Ted Evans Joke involving a husband and wife playing an Ambrose competition.

Next month, the competition will be on Sunday 5 March and sponsored by the Baileys and the Gordons. It will be a stableford competition, but the trusty computer will be available to do the calculations back at the 19<sup>th</sup>. Nine-holers will play the Western course next month. We hope you can join us at the community hall at 12.15pm on Sunday, 5 February for a 12.30pm start. – **Ken Gordon**





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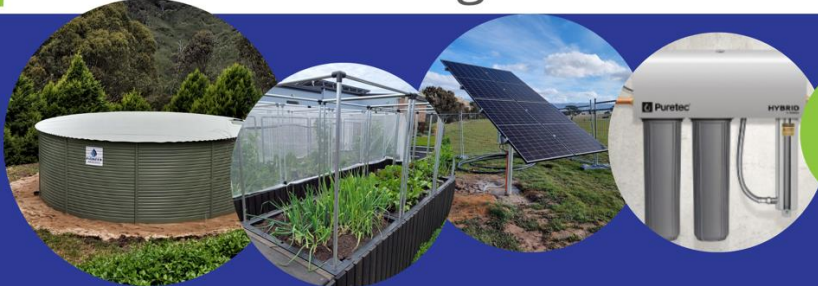


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## The *Regional Independent* has returned to Wamboin and Bywong!



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As readers will be aware, some time ago the editor of the weekly Bungendore-based free newspaper, the *Regional Independent*, ceased having the paper delivered to mailboxes in Wamboin and Bywong. This was a great disappointment to many people in our community who relied on the paper for local news and advertising. The great news is that the *Regional Independent* has returned to our local area! On the initiative of Keith France, the Wamboin Community Association's (WCA's) Hon. Treasurer, four metal boxes to hold the paper were designed and constructed by the prominent Canberra-based metal fabricators Metalworx. They have been installed at the following locations:

- At the school bus stop at the corner of Norton Road and Bungendore Road
- At the WCA chalkboard near the corner of Norton Road and Sutton Road
- At the school bus stop at the corner of Denley Drive and Woolshed Lane, and
- Close to the recycling bins at the Wamboin Community Hall, 112 Bingley Way, Wamboin.

The WCA thanks the *Regional Independent's* editor, Sharon Baxter-Judge, for supporting this initiative, and the WCA volunteers who are placing the papers in the boxes for you to pick up from Thursday mornings onward.

-David McDonald, Hon. Secretary, Wamboin Community Association Inc

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-Kathy Handel, Gearys Gap/Wamboin Landcare Group

## On Intimations Of Mortality

In the company of a good friend, your correspondent recently visited Wagga Wagga, the town (these days a city) of my birth many years ago. The original purpose was to cheer on the Brumbies in their trial match v the Rebels at the start of the 2023 Super Rugby season. But, as you will see, the mission took on a new and adventurous twist. The next day we took, for me, a nostalgic walk around the town. It was disappointing to observe that my statue had been removed from its plinth in the park on Bayliss Street. I guess cancel culture had finally reached the Riverina and the more radical students at CTU had got their way at last. There were, however, many other reminders of the days of my youth, such that my heart was understandably full of emotion, or something like it, by the time we arrived at Wagga Base Hospital, the very place I was born. Sadly, the original King Wing is no longer there, having made way for a shining new facility.

Nevertheless, I was so overcome that the staff persuaded me to lie down on a bed in the ED – a suggestion I gratefully accepted. When word spread that one of the city's special sons was back I was offered a room of my own at Calvary Riverina to gather my feelings. While there, an eminent cardiologist (I won't identify him; these chaps value their privacy) asked me to assist in a rather tricky angiogram. Naturally I agreed with alacrity. One should never lose the opportunity to extend the horizons of one's experience. I shall gloss over my own modest contribution to the procedure – sufficient to say the great man said afterwards "Larry, I couldn't have done it without you." Wasn't that nice? I politely declined the commemorative plaque, settling for a paragraph or two in the Wagga Advertiser, preferably not in the 'obits'. – **Larry King**

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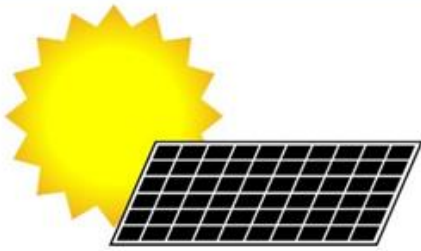
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## A Chronology of Wamboin and District, Part 13: November 1999 to August 2002

David McDonald

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

This is the thirteenth article presenting some items from the Chronology that focus specifically on Wamboin and district, rather than the broader, contextual happenings. It covers the period Nov. 1999 to Aug. 2002, and future issues will continue the series. The full version of the Chronology at the WCA website provides the documentary sources underpinning these contents and, in some cases, additional information, as well as other entries for the time period covered below.

Date	Occurrence/comment
1999, 01 Nov	The Wamboin Community Association Inc. was entered into the Australian Business Register with the Australian Business Number (ABN) 70 482 368 904.
1999, 31 Dec to 2000, 01 Jan	World-wide fears about a possible 'millennium bug' in computer systems failed to eventuate: 'The new century was looking very risky indeed for Australia with potential chaos across the globe as computers ticked over to January 1, 2000. This was Y2K, with the fear that computer systems would collapse, throwing the global economy and Australian industry into mayhem.' On 1 Dec. 1999 an officer from Yarrowlumla Shire Council wrote to the Wamboin Community Association alerting members to the possible adverse impacts of the Y2K bug, including the Wamboin hall becoming '... unsafe to use from a public health and safety point of view ...', i.e. if a total failure of the reticulated electricity system occurred.
2000	First edition of <i>Look after your natural assets</i> published by the Geary's Gap Wamboin Landcare Group. The first author was Maria Taylor.
2000, 17 Aug	The name of the Wamboin Volunteer Bushfire Brigade was changed to Wamboin Rural Fire Brigade.
2001, 5 Jan	Wamboin and Bywong officially designated as 'localities'. A 'locality' is the rural equivalent of a 'suburb' in an urban area. On 2 Apr 2001 the General Manager of Yarrowlumla Shire Council wrote to the Wamboin Community Association (WCA), advising of the gazettal of the locality names, and explaining that '... Council's staff is conferring with representatives of Australia Post regarding the inclusion of the new locality names in the postcode listings and the allocation of postcodes to the localities. In many cases it is anticipated that the same postcode as currently used will apply with the new locality name replacing for example, via Bungendore or via Queanbeyan. The most significant changes are: Bywong generally replaces Geary's Gap ...'.
2001, 24 Aug	'... the Geographical Names Board [of NSW] has this day assigned the name New South Wales', and defined the State's borders. Apparently, the name 'New South Wales' was unofficial until this date.
c. 2002	The Wamboin shop, located at 6 Bingley Way, closed. 'The late John Finn, originally owned the block on the corner of Bingley Way and Norton Road. The block which is only 2.1 acres, was zoned for a shop and residence. After being sold twice, I think, it was finally sold again and a shop was built. The shop ran for a few years before the old Yarrowlumla Council approved it to be rezoned for a "dual occupancy". Sadly the Community was not informed of this and we no longer have a block in the area zoned for a shop' (Evans 2007). We have no record, as yet, of when the shop commenced operating.
2002, 23 Jul	Mr WR Bray, Acting General Manager, Yarrowlumla Shire Council, issued a flyer to all residents of the Shire confirming the new localities' names, including Wamboin and Bywong, requesting that the new full addresses be used and stating that 'You are reminded that roadside mailbox numbers ((RMB's) are not now used and have been replaced by a rural address'. The flyer further explained that, under the new system of rural addressing, 'Property numbers are allocated in a logical sequence based on the distance of the property from the start of a road, odd numbers on the left, even numbers on the right'.
2002, 13 Aug	The Secretary of the Wamboin Community Association (WCA), John van der Straaten, wrote to Australia Post on behalf of the Association about the post box that had previously been located at the Wamboin shop on the corner of Norton Road and Bingley Way. .He noted that the shop and recently closed and the post box removed. He requested that a new post box be set up at the intersection of Sutton Road and Norton Road. On 30 August the Manager Licensed Post Offices NSW Country South/ACT with Australia Post responded advising that 'There are no plans to install the street posting box at this time' in Wamboin, and pointing out that '... the mail contractor for delivery of mail to Wamboin includes mail collection from mailboxes. To arrange for collection an acceptable signal system would be required'.
2002, 15 Oct	The monthly general meeting of the Wamboin Community Association discussed a proposal from a volunteer, Alison Spong, to design and set up a web page for the Association, and possibly to maintain it as well.