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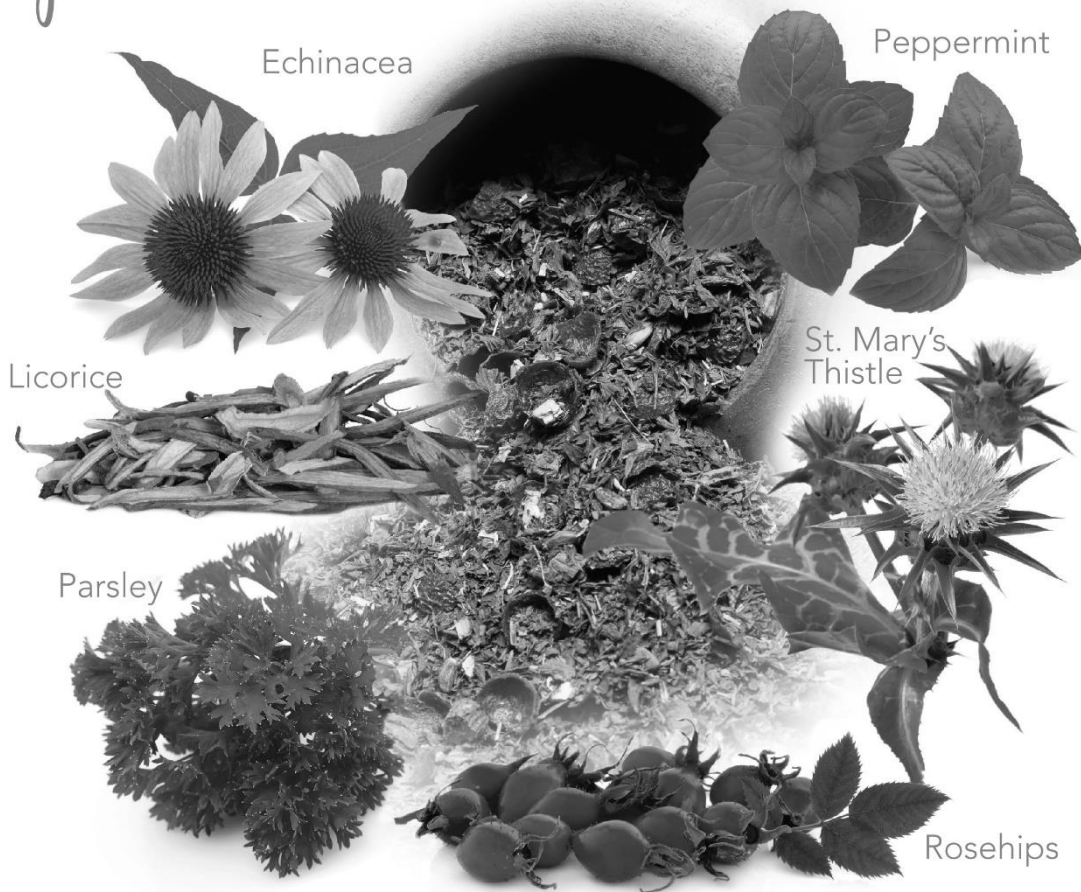
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The Wamboin Community Association's Annual General Meeting is in the Wamboin Hall at 7:30 pm Tuesday night, 18 April. We need help. We try to produce for residents, sometimes collaboratively with the Fire Brigade the Bywong Community Association and the Wamboin Hall Committee, events like Fireworks Night, Meet the Candidates, Christmas Carols, Spring Talks, the Markets and the Whisper. We support the many other things run independently by residents and groups, like Wheels of Wamboin. All this takes volunteer time and new ideas. If you live in Wamboin, come along and join the Community Association.

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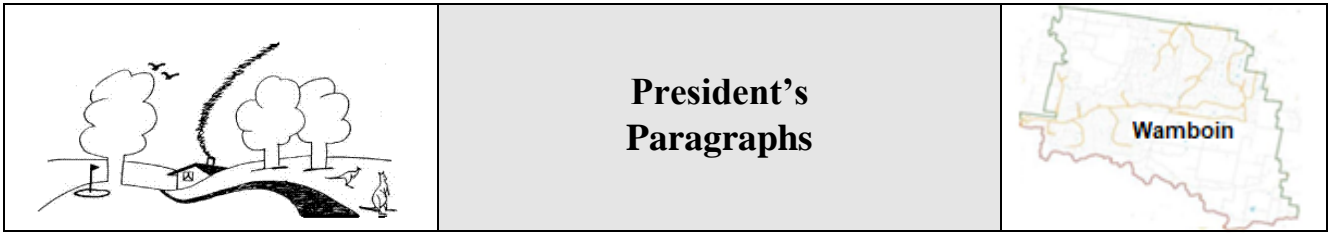


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1. **Meet The Candiudates Night.** On the **14<sup>th</sup> March** the Wamboin Community Association held a **Meet the Candidates Night** for locals to get a more personal look at the local candidates running for the State election. We were ably assisted by the Acting President for the Bywong Community Association – Justin Jarvis who co-chaired the night with me. It was an excellent turnout of both Candidates (6 in all) and audience. We had about 70 in the audience who asked various questions to the candidates that concerned them and things around the Wamboin/Bywong/Bungendore region. Naturally a night like this doesn't just happen so I owe a big round of thanks to David McDonald and Diana Boswell for organising the event; Ian Donald for timekeeping; Justin Jarvis for co-hosting; Gai Donald and Zoe Richards for providing the wonderful refreshments and Ned Noel who came early in the day to help me set the Hall up. Thank you all of you.
2. **AGM.** Our next meeting in April (the **18<sup>th</sup> April**) will be our **AGM** as well as our usual monthly meeting.. This will begin at **7:30 pm** at the **Community Hall, Bingley Way**. I urge everyone to come and sign up for the WCA. Membership is free and members have voting rights. Come and have your say in your Community. I hope to see as many of you as possible at the April Meeting.
3. **Wheels of Wamboin.** **Pete Evans** is currently working hard to bring about the next **Wheels of Wamboin**. Always a popular event this attracts a wide variety of vehicles on the oval for people to admire. There is usually plenty of food on offer as well. The Wheels will be held on **Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> April** which will coincide with our monthly market day. So come and enjoy looking at the vehicles and the Markets.

That's it. I really do hope to see as many of you as possible at this next month's meeting especially our new interest groups like the Playgroup and others. Hope to see you around. - *Jenny Richards – President.*

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### Bywong News

Hi All,

Another month has come and gone so swiftly, Steve will be back on deck shortly so we look forward to having him back.

The highlights of this month were obviously shared between the Meet the Candidates Night with the Wamboin Community. The election has now been run and won and the return of the Car Boot Sale. It was held last weekend and was such a great event. We have a very special thanks to our local power house, Merle, for doing the lion's share of the organising. The event has been away for a few years, Wamboin hall last year and another victim of Covid for the years before. Spirits were not dampened by the unplanned rain deluge the day before and certainly did nothing other than whet the resolve of the community.

A record number of sellers arrived at the break of dawn to set up their wares with buyers not far behind. Many people got a bargain, many people cleared space in their sheds. Everyone seemed to have had a good day. To add to the spirit a number of community organisations were invited and were able to come and make the day even better. The RFS ran a delicious BBQ. They also had their tanker and Firewise displays, the Bungendore Lyons club came with their free book stall, the Gearys Gap and Wamboin Landcare brought an eyewatering array of local plants for sale, the Bungendore Guides treated us to "more than Devonshire tea" in the hall, whilst the Geary's Gap Pony Club brought us a pair of ponies to pat. The fundraising stall was selling some impressively decorated Gingerbread Cars to raise funds for the Bungendore Medical Aids inc. Possumwood let us know more about their work supporting injured wildlife and native animals, Abbeyfield were able to let us know more about their plans.

A special thanks to the QPRC library bus who were able to spark a few minds. A big thanks and thumbs up to some really important local businesses, Sharon from the Regional independent who supported us with advertising space, Sullivan's waste who gifted us the bins, Jaki who supplied coffee and hot chocolates to the hoards and Lorne who supplied the ATM that kept the sales flowing.

A MASSIVE thanks to Merle who did so much to get this event back up and running. We could not have done it without her. A huge thank you to all who came on Sunday to sell and buy. It was a great event. It is now back on the annual calendar. Keep an eye out next year for the date and time of the biggest Bywong Car Boot Sale!

There are a number of events in the BCA calendar and these will all be advertised shortly. The next BCA meeting is on the THIRD Thursday of the month, 20<sup>th</sup> of April. Please feel free to come along. Thanks again for being part of such a great community. - Justin Jarvis.

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# The Wamboin Firefighter



It's been a busy month for the brigade. There were various callouts for smoke sightings, MVA, assist police rescue at Lake George and the biggest commitment this season at the Curraweela fire. This fire grew to a final size of 4437 Ha, Wamboin



Brigade spent 312 hours over 6 days and nights with 17 firefighters on 3 Wamboin appliances. Many of the Lake George Zone brigades also made a similar commitment, and RFS members spent many thousands of hours on the fire ground.

## Fire Season Ends

The current fire season is expected to finish on 31<sup>st</sup> March. This means from April 1, you will not require a permit, **BUT, you must notify the RFS via the online portal and ALL your adjoining neighbours all at least 24 hours prior to lighting up.** Here is the link: <https://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/fire-information/BFDP/burn-notifications>

A word of caution! Although it will be out of the fire season, there are still large amounts of long grass around and it is still very dry. A windy day comes with a risk, as autumn fires do happen if you don't use common sense, checking weather conditions, being in attendance and having a water supply available should things go wrong. Remember, if a fire escapes your property, and damages another person's land or property, you will face the full extent of the law! Please do the right thing, keep your pile burns small and easily manageable. 17 firefighters

## Wamboin Rural Fire Brigade – Built by the locals!

Back in 1972, this area was known as “Canberra Country Estates”. It was felt that this name wasn't appropriate and at a meeting of 60 locals, some names were suggested, one of which was Wamboin. In July 1981, that name was adopted and gazetted for the area to be known from then as Wamboin. The area in the 1970's was under the jurisdiction of the Sutton brigade, and it became apparent by the community, that we should make steps to be involved with the then “NSW Bush fire brigades”. We soon became part of the Sutton brigade, the locals built a fire shed in Cooper Road, and we soon had two fire trucks. By 1984, Wamboin brigade was formed and again the locals took the challenge to build a permanent fire station in Bingley way.

In the early days of the brigade, a high percentage of the locals became active members of the brigade. It was common to think along the views that “If we don't start doing things for ourselves, we won't be protected”. Groups like the Community Association, Golf Club, and Playgroup etc. were formed because of the needs of the community and assets like the Hall, toilets and other buildings were ALL built by the locals. Many of the brigade's key members are still active within the brigade, with some well over 40 years contribution to the Wamboin brigade. It's a typical scenario across volunteer organisations in Australia, where the members are ageing at growing rate. The average age of RFS members across NSW is now over 50.

Wamboin has had some luck with recruiting some new, younger members and we hope this trend continues. We hope they stay with the brigade, and move up the ladder to become crew leaders and field officers in the future. Without these people, many brigades will find it difficult to continue. The rewards in being a member of the RFS are huge. It's something that Australians have done for years. It does need a commitment, and hopefully a long term one. All our members always find the time for the brigade and their family so if we can do it, maybe you can too! Contact our brigade if you are interested.

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## Wheels of Wamboin 2023 - It's going to be Super

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The year In some really exciting news and a first for the Wheels of Wamboin, our great supporter Shannon’s will be bringing their new big green Super Rig to the event. The Super Rig state-of-the-art hospitality, entertainment and information centre. It has a roof-top deck, barbecue facilities and plasma screens, with the latest gizmos, there are state-of-the-art driving simulators and gaming consoles on board, making the Shannon’s’ Super Rig an entertainment hub. The Super Rig will also feature a display of motoring memorabilia and special vehicles (maybe even the Goggomobil Dart might be onboard).

Peter and Brenda from JBS Collectables will be there again with their metal signs and automotive wares along with other automotive stalls and all the usual Wamboin Home Produce Market stalls and Lou’s coffee. The Wamboin RFS will have the BBQ fired up and an ATM will once again be operating on the day. Our great friends at Contentious Character will provide the prize for Peoples Choice on the day (and bring along their Chevy Belair).

In other news we will be sharing our profits this year to three worthy organisations:

**Possumwood Wildlife** - is a local (on Joe Rocks Road) self-funded facility that helps with the recovery of severely injured and traumatised native animals and undertakes engagement and research to learn more about the behaviour of these unique animals. The work done at the recovery centre and fully equipped licensed veterinary hospital is made possible by private donations. The facility relies on voluntary staff, including veterinary nurses and a visiting veterinarian and takes in around 400 to 500 injured, injured, ill or orphaned wild animals each year.

**Camp Quality** - is an Australian children’s cancer charity that has been improving the quality of life for kids facing cancer for 40 years. Camp Quality brings positivity, fun and laughter back into the lives of kids facing cancer. They are there for children and their families, from the heartbreaking news of a cancer diagnosis, through every step of the experience.

**Wamboin RFS** – Our very good friends at the local bush fire brigade who make the day possible. The Wamboin RFS has assisted with our event since the start and you will see the volunteers on the day manning the gate, marshalling parking and providing the all important BBQ.

It is only a gold coin donation on entry or you can donate what you like knowing all monies will go to these very worthy causes. If you are an entrant on the day please try to rock up before 9am to avoid disappointment as I’m sure the oval will fill up fast

See you there – Peter Evans



## Drawings of Us

By J.P. Favre



Gail Ritchie Knight, along with her husband Ron Knight, bought their property in 1988. Friends in Canberra said ‘OMG, why have you bought all the way out there?’ Who’s laughing now. It takes just 20mins to drive to Queanbeyan, Canberra or Bungendore. However it was years before they moved out, meanwhile enjoying many a weekend camping with friends on the property.

Gail joined the Wonderful Women of Wamboin (WWOW) about 15 years ago. It was set up by the well-known Claire Ayling who had left a huge legacy providing an opportunity for local women to meet. Many of us live on acreage and without shops in the area we’re unlikely to bump into the locals down the street. Through WWOW, Gail has met many women in the area, most she would not have met otherwise. Another bonus is that over the

years, WWOW has performed charitable works and raised money for a number of local organisations.

In her retirement, Gail is busier than ever, attending the inaugural J-P Favre’s drawing classes for example. She belongs to the local Wamboin/Bungendore Book Group and Sutton Landcare Group. She attends pilates at Gundaroo and is also a committee member of the Gundaroo Film Society. As well, she is a committee member and Journal editor of the Australian Native Plants Society Canberra region. Through the Native Plants Society, Gail has enjoyed many bush walks and field trips both local and interstate. Her over-riding passion is Australia’s native flora and fauna and she feels privileged to live out here where she can commune with nature every day.

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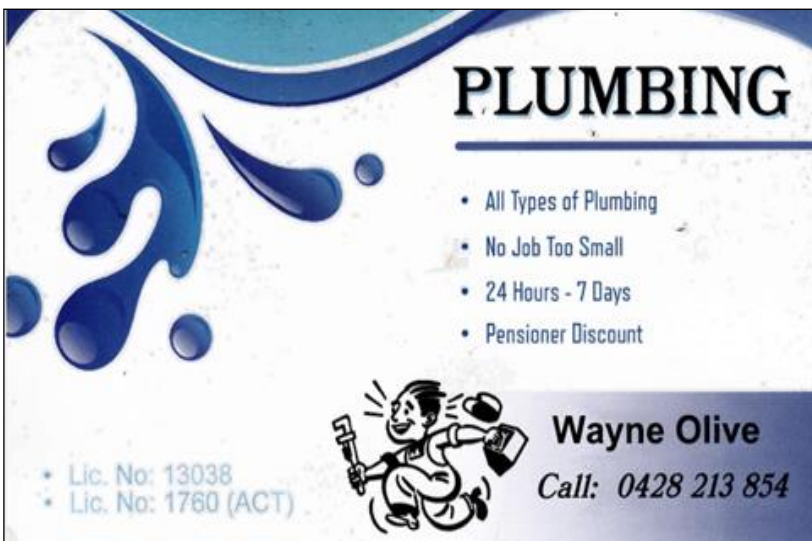
I just got back from holidays in time for the market. Many thanks to Joan for setting up the stalls for me! It was a fairly quiet market as quite a few stall holders were unwell or away.

But, don't forget the April market will be combined with the **Wheels of Wamboin** event so is sure to be lively and busy! It will run from 9-1pm to match the hours of the Wheels event. Come and check out the garden produce, baking, flowers, plants, bonsai, quilting, craft of all kinds + our recycled clothing stall. **Landcare** will have tube stock for sale too.

- Got a question about Wamboin ? – visit the **WCA information stall**.
- Got questions about fire protection and property management? - visit our friendly **RFS volunteers**.

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. 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.

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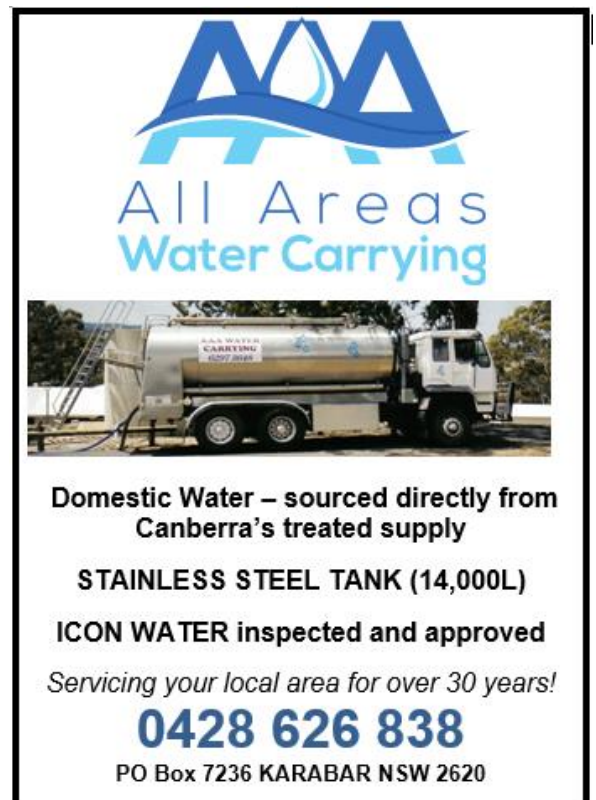


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## Bird Of The Month

By Luke Downey

For April I chose the Yellow Thornbill, a small bright yellow bird which I have been seeing frequently lately.

**Yellow Thornbill (*Acanthiza nana*)** Size: 10cm

Status: Uncommon breeding resident

The Yellow Thornbill is a tiny bird, but noticeable due to its bright yellow colouration on the underparts. They are an active bird, usually foraging for insects in the canopy of trees, and may be hard to observe well, but the yellow colouration usually stands out enough to detect the bird. They are duller olive-yellowish on the back, and brown on the wings and tail, with a dark eye, and pale streaking on the cheek. Yellow Thornbills are the least common of the five Thornbills in the local region, the other four being Brown Thornbill, Striated Thornbill, Buff-rumped Thornbill, and Yellow-rumped Thornbill. Yellow Thornbills are more common at the coast; although they can be found a considerable way further inland. They are more fussy than other Thornbill species with respect to where they occur, and whilst they will occur throughout forests and woodlands, they specifically prefer groves of trees with fine foliage, for example needle-leaves Casuarinas or Callitris, or bipinnate leaves of Acacias. I don't see them too often locally, but there have been a few hanging out in some dense Acacias along our road. They like to occur in flocks, usually associating with larger



mixed species flocks of other small birds, such as other Thornbills, Robins, Fairywrens, and Honeyeaters. Their call is usually a harsh, deep "chi-zit-zit". They are similar to the tiny Weebill, which has a pale eye, and prefers more open woodlands, is also less rich yellow, without the facial streaking, and has a different, more musical call. The White-throated Gerygone is similarly vibrant yellow but has a white throat, darker brown upperparts and head, and a musical call. Make sure to keep a look out for this bright little bird, and perhaps if you are heading down the coast you may be more likely to see them there. They also can be seen at birdbaths. (Photo from Google Images)

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## Wamboin Golf – March

Sunday 5 March 2023. An group of 12 golfers ventured out to play in the Wamboin Golf competition sponsored this month by the Bailey’s and the Gordon’s. We thank them for the refreshments and prizes.

The competition was played using the Western course this month using the stableford format. With a result that will keep the handicapper busy, and mean a new ornament for the front gatepost, Vicki Still was the winner of the 18-hole competition with 44 points. David Searle finished second with a normally credible 39 points, while Tim Barter took out third place with 36 points on count back from Paul Griffin (36 points).

The 9-hole competition was taken out by Dave Hubbard with 17 points from Gerard Ryan (15 points) and Nev Schroder (13 points). Should she not have been one of the sponsors, Deb Gordon’s 19 points would have taken the win. As there were no juniors playing this month the Bradman award was presented to the golfer taking the most strokes for the game. The scores for the 9-holers were doubled for comparison. Colin Urquhart was the recipient of the award. (Score for the benefit of the handicapper only.) Ball winners for longest drives and nearest the pins went to: Tim Barter (3), David Bailey, Ken Gordon, Nev Schroder, Dave Hubbard, Pete Harrison, Col Urquhart, Vicki Still.

The googly ball was presented to Lofty Mason (despite not playing) as it was presumed he had lost his marbles after Nev presented evidence that he found on one of the holes at Lofty’s place. The dummy spit was not awarded at all this month as apparently everyone was on their best behaviour.

A little (well maybe none) light was shone on the ongoing saga of Col’s missing seven iron with the theme of TEDS joke being the inability of getting out of some challenging situations using a seven-iron.

Next month, the competition to be held on Sunday 2 April is the Wamboin Mini Masters, sponsored by the Wamboin Community Association. The competition is a 12-hole event in which the golfers play 6-holes (2 at the hall and 4 at Lofty’s) before handing in their card and returning to play the same holes again. The prize for the winner being the prestigious green jacket. After completing the 12-holes, golfers test their talent on the three novelty holes played at the hall.

We hope you can join us at the community hall at 12.15pm on Sunday, 2 April for a 12.30pm start. – Ken Gordon



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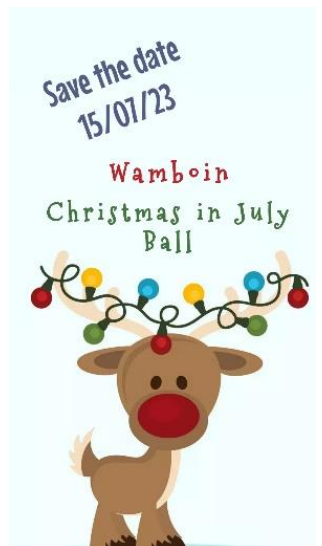
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## A Chronology of Wamboin and District, Part 14: November 2002 to June 2004

David McDonald

The fifth edition of an historical timeline of our local area, titled 'A Chronology of Wamboin and District, NSW', has 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 two-page synopsis for readers seeking a brief overview of the history of the area.

This is the 14<sup>th</sup> 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 2002 to Jun 2004, 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
2002, 8 Nov	The name 'Wamboin' was assigned as a 'Rural Place' by the Geographical Names Board of NSW, with co-ordinates 35°15'24.3"S, 149°17'04.3"E, which is Norton Road midway between Poppet Road and Fernloff Road.
2003	A community walk across Lake George took place this year. See 15 Mar 2004 for information on the 2004 walk.
2003, Jan	The devastating bushfires in the Brindabella Range, Canberra, and region. The Wamboin Volunteer Rural Fire Brigade was heavily involved in firefighting in both the ranges and parts of the ACT. In February the local community recognised this service by way of a barbeque for the volunteers and their families.
2003, Jun	The Wamboin Community Association Inc. and the Bywong Community Inc. presented submissions to the NSW local Government Boundaries Commission (and others) opposing the proposal to abolish Yarrowlumla Shire and to amalgamate the eastern part of the Shire, including Wamboin and Bywong, with the Queanbeyan City Council. It was argued that doing so would be '... detrimental to the character of our rural community and would not serve the interests of the Wamboin residents. An amalgamation of eastern Yarrowlumla with either Gunning, Tallaganda or Yass Shires or with all of them would be preferred because of their community synergy of interest and for the financial benefit to the Gunning and Tallaganda Shires'.
2003, c. Aug	On behalf of the Wamboin Community Association, Don Evans erected three signs displaying maps of the Wamboin/Bywong localities that had been prepared by Paul Brugman.
2003, 19 Aug	At the monthly general meeting of the Wamboin Community Association, Tony Power suggested 'that a produce market be held once a month in the Hall. He suggested that stalls be limited to local produce, eg preserves, plants, livestock, etc, ... After discussion, it was agreed that a trial be held in the Community Hall forecourt.' The first market was held on 18 Oct 2003, organised by Tony Power. It was referred to as the 'Excess Local Produce Market'.
2003, Sep	Councillor Peter Greenwood wrote that 'Council has given final approvals and operating hours for the Lambert Winery on Norton Rd. This is a magnificent development and will be a great, high quality attraction for Wamboin and the wine industry in the Canberra region ...'
2003, Sep – 2004	Extensive lobbying by the community about the poor mobile telephone reception in the Wamboin/Bywong district.
2003, 30 Nov	The St Andrew's Anglican Church congregation erected a lychgate to commemorate David Robertson's contributions to the community and, especially, to the erection of the church. The lychgate was dedicated at a service there on 30 Nov. 2003. David died in 2001.
2004, 11 Feb	Yarrowlumla Shire Council dissolved, and Eastern Capital City Regional Council (ECCR) proclaimed. It amalgamated the former Tallaganda Shire with most of Yarrowlumla Shire and small parts of Cooma-Monaro Shire, Gunning Shire and Mulwaree Shire; Wamboin was part of it. Cr Terry Bransdon (former Mayor of the former Yarrowlumla Shire Council) appointed Administrator.
2004, 15 Mar	'The Second Great Lake George Crossing by Foot' took place: a community walk across the dry bed of Lake George; one was also held in 2003. Organised by Larry King and Steve Lambert, some 30 community members set out from Rocky Point (the 'Luckdale' property of Peter & Beverley Keatley) and 'cycled, ran, walked or golfed' the 8 km from there to Gearys Gap, where a BBQ awaited them. The funds raised went to the Wamboin Bushfire Brigade fireshed extension. Ian Coilett's report on the event, published in the April 2004 <i>Whisper</i> , was in verse form!
2004, Apr	It was reported in <i>The Whisper</i> that 'Each year somewhere in Australia the national Australian & New Zealand Police and Emergency Services Games are held. This year the event was held in Perth ... The only competitor representing the NSW Rural Fire Service, and from the Wamboin Brigade, was Alison Spong. Her fire fighting training came in handy with the temperature in the low forties each day and the temperature of the track between 52 and 55 degrees. She brought back a swag of medals in the 18-29 years age group ...'
2004, Jun	The Lake George Day VIEW Club was formed. It meets monthly at the Bywong Community Hall.



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## What the Heck: Chapter 11

Each year there are four months that have five Sundays and seeing as our two churches have services on alternate Sundays, Wamboin the first and third, Sutton the second and fourth, where would one go to church on these fifth Sundays? The answer is that we alternate these four days so it is necessary to check the noticeboards if you want to attend the service.

A five Sunday month can be any month other than February, except in a Leap year when 1 Feb is a Thursday. Your next opportunity to go to a weekly church service five times in a February is 2032, so you don't have a real long time to wait. But meantime there will be plenty of opportunities to attend a fifth Sunday service in the other months.

This month has a fifth Sunday (30 April) and the service will be held at Wamboin and starting at 10.30am, with a group lunch somewhere after the service, but that is all I know.

Fifth Sunday services at our local churches are varied in starting-time, presentation, duration, style, and the only way to see what is happening is to attend. It could be a musical extravaganza, a talk fest, a movie show, a food feast, maybe a rev-you-up sermon, (or, but mostunlikely, a very boring sermon, but if this is the case the seats are comfortable and silent snoring is permitted). Come along this month and be surprised at what happens, like I will.

Our churches operate under the auspices of the Anglican Church of Australia, previously the Church of England, so used to be known as the C of E. Some wags were known to say their religion was C and E, Christmas and Easter. Whether this name fits you or not, and regardless of your branch of religion, you are welcome to attend church with us this Easter. There will be a service at Wamboin on Good Friday (7 March) at 0930 and another at Sutton on Easter Sunday (9 March) at 0930.

If you have not been into either of these local churches, make this year the year you do come and look inside, you may be pleasantly surprised. – **Alan Rope**



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- Kangaroo joeys are the size of a jellybean and weigh 1 gram at birth
- They can't hop backwards
- There are 60 species of kangaroo (known as macropods)
- They can hop 8 metres (25 feet) in a single bound
- Their tail is used as a fifth limb
- Their lifespan in the wild averages at 8 years but that increases to an average age of 25 in captivity. In general terms though, many live to around 20 years old in the wild.
- They have a grooming toe on the inside of both feet which has two little nails which they use to scratch themselves and get right into their ears.
- When they shake themselves they look extremely uncoordinated.
- They are left-handed. Researchers have discovered that they use their left hand 95% of the time (unless they want to scratch themselves on the right hand side...that's a bit difficult to do with their left hand - their arms are so tiny 😊)
- Arms are also what they use to cool down. They lick their forearms and that cools their blood.
- Gestation for embryos is only five weeks. They are then born and use their forearms to drag themselves into the pouch.
- A female can pause the pregnancy. Gestation can become dormant with the embryo pausing development until the doe's body sends out hormonal signals for development to recommence.
- Dormancy of a joey can relate to the pouch not being available at the time of pregnancy. Once the pouch joey becomes an at foot joey, development recommences.
- Dormancy of a joey can also be triggered by inappropriate environmental conditions.
- A female kangaroo has two teats and can produce two different kinds of milk, to simultaneously feed a newborn and an at foot joey, both of which require different levels of protein and fat.
- There is a 'World Kangaroo Day' which is on 24 October every year. Who knew.
- There is always a dominant male in a mob.
- Eastern Grey Kangaroos are one of the largest macropod species.
- Kangaroos have the highest birth to adult weight ratio of any animal. A male can reach 90kg in weight which means they grow to 90000 times bigger than when they were born.
- Each roo has its own smell so become very possessive of their own pouches when in care; to the point of there being a bit of biffa if someone else decides to jump in.
- Sometimes joeys in care will tolerate sharing their bag with another joey they consider to be 'part of their mob'.
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## WAMBOIN WEATHER – rainfall and temperature records

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### March Rainfall Stats

March rainfall to the 26<sup>th</sup> ..... 42.25mm  
2023 total rainfall to 26/3 ..... 182.0mm

Average March rainfall..... 59.5mm  
2022 March rainfall..... 36.75mm  
2022 total rainfall to 26/3..... 160.75mm  
47yr Av. to end of March..... 178.4mm

### April Rainfall Stats

2022 April rainfall..... 93.25mm  
Wettest April..... 174.5mm in 1989  
Wettest day..... 70mm on 20/4/84  
Driest April..... 0.5mm in 1997

Average April rainfall..... 45.8mm  
Average no. rain days in April..... 7.1  
Highest no. rain days..... 19 in 1989  
Lowest no. rain days..... 1 in 1997

### April Temperature Stats

2022 April maximum.....26.1°C  
Av. April temp.. 13.1°C (day+night comb.)  
Hottest April day..... 31.7°C on 4/4/21  
Hottest April night..... 16.5°C on 13/4/18  
Average day temperature..... 17.9°C  
Warmest April..... 2018  
(Av. max day temp. 24.6°C & night 9.7°C)  
(warmest night temp. 11.0°C in 1989)

2022 April minimum..... 5.0°C  
April 2022. Av. max 20.4°C & min 8.6°C  
Coldest April day..... 8°C (4 times) on  
13/4/94, 27/4/09, 26/4/12 & 22/4/15  
Coldest April night..... -1.6°C on 22/4/21  
Average night temperature..... 8.3°C  
Coldest April ..... 2011  
(Av. min day temp. 14.5°C & night 5.7°C)  
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To everyone: Can you put together something that would make the May issue inform, invite or entertain? It should be at least minimally related to living in Bywong or Wamboin, should respect the wide variety of views we hold, and could invite, inform, question, alert or entertain your neighbours. Deadline is 7 pm, Sunday night, April 30.

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## Canberra Country Estates / Wamboin, 50 years on.....

It's just past the 50 year anniversary since my parents, Sally & Dene Evans purchased their property back in February 1973. Canberra Country Estates (as it was known as) was first advertised in December 1972 as freehold land available, just over the ACT border in NSW. My sister had won a Quarter horse yearling in the Sunday Telegraph "Win your own Quarter horse" competition a couple of years previously, after she had pestered my Dad to buy her a horse. His answer at the time was, 'why don't you enter this competition if you want a horse?' 15,000 entries later, this was the catalyst to buy a rural property and was something that was to change our lives.

The subdivision, just off Sutton Road comprised mainly 5 acre blocks, sealed roads and power available to the street. Norton Road finished at Fernloff Road. My parent's block was in Gallagher Crescent and priced at \$15,000. There were no houses at all built in the area. The powerlines back in 1973 to the roads were only under construction, and took another year to complete. Shortly after, a couple of houses started to be built in Cooper Road, and my parents decided to build in 1976, the third house to be built in the area. A building covenant existed at the time that all houses had to be brick veneer and have a tiled roof.

Things were very quiet out here, no facilities at all. The closest shops were Queanbeyan. Bungendore was a half hour drive.

I was attending school in Campbell. After some enquiries, we found a school bus that took the kids from the Kowen Forest settlement and from properties on the Sutton Road (within the ACT) to Campbell schools. The condition was that you could only be picked up in the ACT so I got dropped off just over the border, on the ACT side.

My sister became friends with the Bingley's and Harriden's on the Sutton Road. The Bingley's were a source of local knowledge and information, as their family had been in the area for generations. Sutton Bush Fire Brigade was the closest brigade and had fire trucks on the larger property owners along the Sutton Road. I remember attending a fire near Gundaroo where my Dad and I jumped on Jack Cooper's fire truck in the middle of the night with only wet wheat bags to put out the flames!

"Canberra Country Estates" name was changed due to local lobbying and by July 1981 was officially changed to "Wamboin". The community was close, most people knew everybody and were involved in most activities. The Cooper Road fire shed, Wamboin Community Hall, toilet block, new fire station were ALL built by the locals. If you wanted something out here, you got involved in some way to make it happen.

Wamboin continued to grow, with subdivision after subdivision along Norton Road, making its way towards Bungendore. It finally stopped near Ryans Road but Wamboin still came to a dead end. Clare Valley Estate started to be developed from Bungendore Road back towards older Wamboin. After a number of fires in the area, the road was built to join both sections of Norton Road so it became a through road and was a means of escape if a big fire was to hit the area.

So much has changed since the early days of Wamboin. Many homes have been sold from the original owners, maybe twice or more! Those original families who did start the community are still around and feel an ownership to the things they built, and things that were achieved when there wasn't so much bureaucracy around. There are many groups, Fire Brigade, Community Association, Golf Club, Play Group, Pony Club, Table Tennis Club, Social group and the Wonderful Women of Wamboin group. All those have enjoyed the comradery with the friends they have met in the Community. I hope the tradition continues, with newer families taking over where the original ones started, to build and maintain the Community and its facilities and continue to make Wamboin such a great place to live! - **Don Evans**



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