

Welcome to Wamboin

A Guide for New Residents



This document and the accompanying “Handy Hints for Life in Wamboin” are available on the Wamboin Community Association’s (WCA’s) website, <http://wamboincommunity.asn.au>. Contents were correct at time of publication. The documents are updated and printed by volunteer members of the WCA. For all enquiries, including adding a new Community Group, or suggesting an update, or to request a printed copy for yourself or a new neighbour, please contact the WCA Secretary via email, secretary@wamboincommunity.asn.au

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The Wamboin Community Association Inc. (WCA)

The Wamboin Community Association, or WCA for short, is a residents' group that represents the Wamboin community and supports the community groups that are active in the Wamboin area. The WCA, as an entity, is recognised by federal, state and local government as the primary contact point within the Wamboin community.

Who are the WCA's members?

Members of the WCA come from all walks of life, but share one thing – an interest in making life in Wamboin better for all current and future residents.

What does the WCA actually do - in practical terms?

The WCA provides a forum for all members of the community to discuss local issues and concerns. This might be at the WCA monthly meeting, or through contact with the committee members.

The WCA has an active group of members who volunteer their time and wide-ranging skills throughout the year for the benefit of the community.

The WCA has a long history of achievements in establishing and maintaining local facilities, organising a wide range of events for all residents (and visitors!) to enjoy, and successfully advocating on behalf of all Wamboin residents with local, state and federal governments.

Members' contributions and activities include:

- construction, improvements and ongoing maintenance of community facilities such as the Wamboin Community Centre (Hall, playground etc.) at 112 Bingley Way
- production of the long-running monthly local newsletter, *The Wamboin Whisper*
- organising the monthly Wamboin Home Produce Markets
- organising monthly, annual and ad hoc events (e.g. Bonfire and Fireworks night, Wheels of Wamboin car show etc)
- maintenance of roadside blackboards at the entrances to our area for all residents to use for display of community notices (use chalk only please!)
- maintenance of the WCA website, <http://wamboincommunity.asn.au/> including a "Local Events Calendar"
- coordination of an electronic notice board (on Yahoo Groups, see above website for details)
- liaison with community groups that are active in the Wamboin area (e.g. Wamboin Rural Fire Brigade, Play Group, Pony Club etc.)
- inviting local, state and federal candidates to Meet the Candidates public meetings prior to elections, and of course,
- production of this New Residents' Welcome Pack...

Additionally, the WCA represents the interests of the Wamboin community in local, state and federal government issues. Such advocacy is often undertaken in conjunction with the neighbouring Bywong Community Association and other community groups such as Landcare and the Wamboin Rural Fire Brigade. The WCA also has a long history of association with the former Yarrowlumla and Palerang Councils and the current Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council through attendance at significant Council meetings and participation in community consultation on matters relevant to Wamboin residents e.g. Local Environment Plans, Development Control Plans.

Examples of the success of this advocacy and representation range from:

The Wamboin Community Association Committee appreciates any suggestions for inclusion or updates for future editions of this Guide.

Please send your ideas to secretary@wamboincommunity.asn.au



- ensuring the Macs Reef Road landfill “tip” was replaced by the Waste Transfer Station
- maintenance and expansion of the Greenways network
- provision of new bus shelters for the area’s school children
- the re-instatement of the acceleration taper from Macs Reef Road onto the Federal Highway
- successfully challenging the NSW Government’s rate valuations and proposed Council rate increases
- ensuring residents’ views are considered by Council during planning for infrastructure building or maintenance, or other planning matters.

Are you a member? If not, why not?

To achieve our aims we need the support of as many Wamboin residents as possible. Membership is open to all in the Wamboin community and simply requires a willingness to participate and an application form. You will find Membership Forms in this Pack and on our website.

You are very welcome to come along to a WCA meeting.

The WCA monthly meetings provide a forum for not only members of the WCA, but all residents of Wamboin, plus local community, social and sporting groups to update on their activities and discuss local issues and concerns. Additionally plans for WCA events such as Bonfire & Fireworks Night or Meet the Candidates sessions are made. The monthly meetings are a great opportunity to meet your neighbours, learn from others and become active in your local community.

When: Third Tuesday of every month (except January)
Time: 7:30 pm
Where: Wamboin Community Hall, 112 Bingley Way, Wamboin (next to the Fire Shed)

In colder months, the fire is pre-lit and roaring by the time the meeting starts. The ‘formal’ meeting is always followed by a much less formal gathering, sharing stories that may become part of Wamboin’s folklore.

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 (see contact details below).

Contacts

Please see our website for full contact details <http://wamboincommunity.asn.au/contact>
President president@wamboincommunity.asn.au
Secretary secretary@wamboincommunity.asn.au

The Association is incorporated in NSW and has adopted NSW Fair Trading’s model constitution with some amendments to reflect local circumstances. The WCA’s constitution can be viewed on our website.



The Wamboin Whisper

The Whisper

Established in 1981, *The Wamboin Whisper* is the newsletter of the Wamboin Community Association. It is published each month, except January. Thanks to our advertisers, many of whom live in the area, it is a free publication. Even more importantly, thanks to our dedicated team of distributors, your neighbours, it is delivered throughout the Wamboin/Bywong/Sutton East area.

Current edition and archives are available on the WCA website
<http://wamboincommunity.asn.au/thewhisper/>

The Whisper is edited by volunteer Ned Noel, 17 Reedy Creek Place, Wamboin NSW 2620, Ph. 6238 3484.

Contributions from readers are welcome and help to make *The Whisper* more interesting for all. Whether you have a news item of interest, or you'd like to pose a question to the community, or your child would like to report on a matter of interest to other local children, contributions should be submitted by email whisper@wamboincommunity.asn.au or delivered to Ned's conventional mail box before the last Sunday of the month, for inclusion in the next month's edition. Please address all enquiries about advertising or inclusion in the Young Entrepreneurs section to Ned.

Wamboin Community Hall

Wamboin's Community Hall is at 112 Bingley Way. Depending on the type of activity, the hall can comfortably accommodate up to 120 people. Various local groups have permanent bookings throughout the year. The hall is also available for private hire; it is not available for teenage parties or birthday parties up to 25 years of age (this is because we have had problems on previous occasions, which unfortunately spoils it for many).

The hall has a full kitchen with refrigerator, stove, hot water, microwave and sink. A servery connects through to the hall. Tables, chairs and gas barbeques are available for hire together with, or separate from, hall hire. There are full toilet facilities adjoining the hall.

Full audio visual facilities are available in conjunction with hall hires enabling presentations, TV or DVD screenings, music, large community meetings etc. Please contact the WCA Secretary for more information, secretary@wamboincommunity.asn.au

A free Wi-fi public hot spot was installed by local internet service provider OOKI in 2018 and is available during events and hall hires:
Network ID: WamboinCommunity Password: Community (case sensitive).

For further information contact Joan Mason on 6238 3258 or joan.mason@internode.on.net

HISTORY NOTE: The Hall complex (hall, annexe, kitchen, toilets and playground) is owned by Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council and managed by a Council sub-committee (Section 355), representative of Council and local community members. However, it was conceived, built, extended and continues to be maintained by volunteers from within the community.

Wamboin Rural Fire Brigade

Wamboin has a very active volunteer fire brigade. The Wamboin Rural Fire Brigade:

- area covers the localities of Wamboin, Bywong, Sutton Park, Bidges Rd and EagleHawk
- is on call at all times every day of the year. Bush fires, motor vehicle accidents, house fires, assisting the SES and other emergency organisations, are all things the brigade can be involved in
- relies on members of our community to give their time to become members of the NSW Rural Fire Service (NSWRFS)
- understands and accepts that the time members can put into brigade activities has to be balanced with their commitments to families, employment, other priorities etc.



There are many ways members help the brigade operate. Aside from fighting fires, members provide vital assistance with the communication and radio systems, maintain the brigade's equipment, organise crucial catering services, help with community education, assist with the administration of the brigade, and work in the essential fundraising activities. The choice is yours.

Wamboin Fire Station – 112 Bingley Way Wamboin

There are 22 brigades in the NSW RFS's Lake George Zone (LGZ). The brigades often work together during incidents in the LGZ. Members can also be called on to attend major fire incidents elsewhere in New South Wales and interstate.

Most, if not all, members of our fire brigade had little experience fighting fires before joining the brigade. The RFS provides training programs to make sure members have the skills to handle all fire brigade work safely and properly. These skills also come in handy on our own properties. All the necessary basic personal protective equipment needed to fight fires is provided by the NSWRFS.

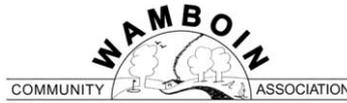
Camaraderie and sense of community spirit are strong in the RFS. You can make life-long friendships. Most of all, you help make your community a safer place.

Fire awareness is important for anyone living in a rural area. The NSWRFS and the brigade urge all residents to prepare a Bush Fire Survival Plan.

The brigade has a trained Community Engagement Team to give advice, conduct public presentations and make on-site visits to your property at your request. You are always welcome to ask the Team for their advice or assistance.

While all fires and other emergencies should be reported via '000' (triple zero), contact for other reasons can be made through the brigade Captain on 0409 991 340, or by email at wamboincaptain@gmail.com or, the Secretary wamboinsec@gmail.com.

For a more personal approach, the Team also has a table at the monthly Wamboin Home Produce Markets held at the Community Hall. There they can discuss issues with you, arrange a property visit or give you suitable literature.



If you are interested in becoming a member of our fire brigade, or if you want to know more about the RFS, fire protection or a bush fire survival plan, visit the brigade's website at <http://wamboin.rfsa.org.au/> or contact one of the people listed below.

Contacts

Brigade website <http://wamboin.rfsa.org.au/>
Captain M: 0409 991 340
E: wamboincaptain@gmail.com

Neighbourhood Safer Place

A Neighbourhood Safer Place has been established at the Wamboin Community Complex, 112 Bingley Way, Wamboin. This site includes the Community Hall and the Fire Station. It is emphasised that this is a ***place of last resort***. Better facilities and accommodation are available in Bungendore and Queanbeyan, depending upon the direction of threat posed by the approaching bushfire.

New residents are strongly encouraged to attend one of the fire brigade's briefing sessions when this and many other relevant topics will be addressed. Sessions are advertised through *The Whisper* and on the community notice boards.

Community Firewise Groups

A small, but steadily increasing, number of Community Firewise Groups (CFWG) are being established within the community. These groups generally include around twenty or so adjacent properties with a common level of risk from wildfire. If you have purchased a property within one of these groups you can expect a visit from the local group Convenor to explain the concept to you and ask if you wish to continue participation. This will also be addressed in the brigade briefing session mentioned above.

Resident Requested Property Visits

The brigade offers a free property visit service to discuss any property protection issues which you might have. This is especially useful for newcomers to rural living. A visit can be arranged either through the Captain (M: 0409 991 340) or by visiting the brigade stall outside the fire shed during the monthly Wamboin Home Produce Markets.



WCA Events

The WCA organises the following events. They are vital for fostering a sense of community and as fund-raising opportunities for local community groups. Volunteers to assist with organising, set-up and clean-up are always welcome and appreciated. Contact the Wamboin Community Association if you can assist, committee@wamboincommunity.asn.au

All these events are advertised in *The Whisper*.

Monthly and Annual WCA Events

Home Produce Market – monthly September to June

From September to June, on the third Saturday of each month, 9:00 am – 12:00 noon, we hold a Home Produce Market at the Wamboin Community Hall in Bingley Way. Local residents sell seasonal home-grown fruit, vegetables, eggs, garlic, herbs, plants, cut flowers and home-made jams and pickles. There are craft stalls too with beautiful jewellery, hand sewn cards, embroidered towels, felt toys and scented candles - to name a few. The egg and bacon rolls are famous, and as with the excellent barista coffee, queues are common. It is a great place to come to meet your neighbours and to see what others can grow and produce in and around Wamboin. We welcome new stall holders and new ideas to keep this local market vibrant and busy.

For details: Lance & Meriel Schultz 6238 3309 or LMSconsulting@bigpond.com

Spring Talks Series – monthly September to November

In Spring each year, the WCA organises the annual Spring Talks Series. Bringing the community together to discuss topics relevant to life in our rural-residential area, the aim of the Spring Talks Series is to entertain, inform and encourage active participation in our community. Held immediately after the September, October and November WCA General Meetings at the Wamboin Community Hall, 112 Bingley Way, Wamboin, at 7:30pm on the third Tuesday of each month of Spring. An opportunity to listen, ask questions and learn from an interesting range of local experts and other guest speakers. In the past we've heard from guest speakers on subjects as diverse as living with snakes, legal and insurance matters for rural living and equine health, with regular appearances by representatives of various government agencies such as Council's Animal Management Officers, Bungendore Police, Local Land Services, and our local, state and federal representatives.

Clean Up Australia Day – March (event cancelled by Council in 2018, future uncertain)

Disappointingly just prior to the 2018 event, Council withdrew their support for our local volunteers to clean up our roadsides by refusing to register Wamboin and Bywong's roadsides as an approved site. The WCA continues to make representation to Council to overturn this poor decision.

Previous editions of this guide advertised Wamboin's participation in this long standing (27 years) event as:

- *first Sunday, we join the national Clean Up Australia Day effort to clean up our roadsides, Greenways and waterways & a great opportunity for neighbours to get together to clean up your street.*



Wheels of Wamboin – April

- third Saturday in April, coincides with the Home Produce Market
- a very well supported show of vehicles – anything on wheels – cars, motorbikes, caravans, bicycles, we've even had a pram! Regional car clubs are increasingly supporting the event with 175 entries in 2018 from as far as Port Stephens and the Riverina.
- watch *The Whisper*, roadside noticeboards and www.facebook.com/wheelsofwamboin/

Wamboin Curry Night - August

- all attendees bring a curry, which is shared. Tables and chairs are supplied. Otherwise, it is 'bring your own everything'. There is a gold coin donation. This is a very popular night and bookings are essential
- watch *The Whisper* for the date and time

Bonfire and Fireworks Night – September

- held in late September prior to the commencement of the fire season, this is the most well-attended of all WCA events
- a major fundraising event for a range of local community groups who sell food and drink
- the flaming bonfire can be seen from space
- the fireworks display is by a professional pyrotechnics company and always impresses the crowd, young and old.
- The event schedule is as follows:

5:30 pm	food and drink stalls commence trading
6:33 pm	bonfire lit
7:03 pm	fireworks display

- the entry fee is shared between the WCA and the Wamboin Rural Fire Brigade, who support the event by assisting with car parking, traffic control, entry fee collection and protecting the surrounding private properties and visiting vehicles should they be affected by escaping embers or fire
- the crowd grows every year, with visitors attending from far and wide
- bring your picnic rug, picnic chairs and tables and settle in for an enjoyable evening
- the community is generally invited to contribute vegetation to the bonfire, so this is a great opportunity to clean up your property before the start of the fire-season. Of course, we don't want toxic materials such as treated logs, plastics or tyres (yes, they have been dumped there in the past). Watch *The Whisper* for details.

Christmas Carols, Santa and Christmas Pantomime – a Friday in December

- at Christmas the Community Hall becomes the venue for communal and robust renditions of Christmas songs, traditional and modern, led by local professional musicians
- Santa arrives on a fire truck (after the carols) at 7:00 pm with treats for the children
- always unpredictable and often spontaneously acted, the children's pantomime is delightfully entertaining
- watch *The Whisper* for the date and time, and details of how your child can participate in the pantomime.



Special WCA Events

The following events are arranged by the WCA as required. In this sense, the WCA acts as a facilitator to ensure all members of our community have the best opportunity to hear from and speak to our political representatives and candidates, representatives from other government or community sector organisations, or guest speakers, on topics which may be of interest to the Wamboin community.

Watch *The Whisper*, the roadside blackboards and local newspapers for details of such meetings and do try to get along to lend your support to your neighbours and the broader community.

Meet the Candidates

The Wamboin community is well known to local, state and federal members and candidates. Prior to every Council, State or Federal Government election, the WCA invites all candidates to a Meet the Candidates event. In some cases, the WCA event was the only time during an election campaign where all candidates were in the same room, addressing the crowd in front of each other. The Wamboin community is well practiced at putting candidates through their paces.

Local Consultations - Roads, Telecommunications and Other Local Issues

The Wamboin community is also not backward in explaining local issues to representatives of government, service and infrastructure providers.

As an example, in 2015, NSW Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) suddenly changed the line markings at the intersection of Macs Reef Road and the Federal Highway. After strong representation to the Minister for Roads and our local, state and federal representatives, the RMS sent a representative to explain their decision. After listening to local residents for over an hour, the RMS subsequently reversed their decision and reinstated the original line markings.

Other groups and organisations

Anglican Church

The Anglican churches of St Andrew, Wamboin and St Peter, Sutton, warmly welcome everyone, of any denomination – or none. Services are at 9am; the first and third Sundays of each month at St Andrew's, the second and fourth at St Peter's.

The little church on the corner of Norton and Poppet Roads is home to our Kids Club on Friday evenings from 4:30 pm – 6:00 pm during NSW school terms, study groups during Advent and Lent, and the community groups – WWoWs (the Wonderful Women of Wamboin) on Mondays from 10:00 am – 12:00 noon, and the Book Group on the first Wednesday evening of each month. The church community is a warm, caring group, sharing morning tea after services and regular social occasions. We especially welcome new residents – and “older” ones - and we love children.

Phone Bronwyn Elliott on 6238 3539 (Church Warden) if you have any queries, including baptisms and weddings.

Book Group

Are you a reader? Do you like to mix with other readers? The Wamboin Bungendore Book Group welcomes all men and women who like to extend their normal limits of reading to books they may not necessarily have chosen themselves, and who like to share their views on what they read with like-minded people.

We meet on the first Wednesday of every month except January at 7:30 pm at St Andrew's on the corner of Poppet Road and Norton Road.

Please contact Sally Saunders on 0419 303 229 or sally.saunders1@bigpond.com

Bywong Community Association (Inc.)

Bywong Community Association (BCA) – (registered as Bywong Inc) is a residents group aimed at strengthening connections between local people in Bywong and acts as a forum for raising and resolving local issues. BCA raises funds for local community organisations, including the Wamboin Rural Fire Brigade, through a range of events and activities. Annual events are the very popular Car Boot Sale, the Bywong Trivia Night and Christmas Drinks. The BCA President writes a monthly column for *The Whisper* with details of these events, monthly meetings and local Bywong news. The Bywong Hall located on the Les Reardon Reserve, is a Council facility and available for private hire through the BCA website.

Visit the BCA website for up-to-date information and useful links, www.bywongcommunity.org.au/

FuturePLANS (Palerang Local Action Network for Sustainability)

Palerang Local Area Network for Sustainability (FuturePLANS) is a not for profit community group located in the local government area previously known as Palerang, NSW. The environmental objectives of FuturePLANS are to protect and enhance the natural environment through increasing the environmental sustainable development capacity of local communities by providing advocacy and secretariat support for local initiatives. FuturePLANS also provides programs, education and training that encourage locals to get involved in sustainability projects.

Examples of FuturePLANS projects include a community power pre-feasibility study, collaboration with the Bungendore Farmers Market, public transport signs, waste reuse and recycling, local



spinners and weavers group, creation of biodiversity corridors and administration of the Land for Wildlife Program.

For further information or to discuss a project in which you are interested contact us and we can provide guidance and secretariat support to make your environmental project a winner.

Further information and contacts:

FuturePLANS

Melinda Hillery

Mobile: 0427 440 335

PO Box 313 Bungendore NSW 2621

Email: enquiries@futureplans.org.au

Website: www.futureplans.org.au

Golf Club

Wamboin has a somewhat different golf course. Two of the 18 holes are at the Community Centre (Wamboin Hall/Fire Shed) with the remaining 16 spread over five local properties. On the first Sunday of each month we meet at the Wamboin Hall in Bingley Way at 12:15 pm. "Green fees" of \$5 are collected and after a briefing for the day's competition, groups hit off on different holes to ensure a more even finish time. All putting surfaces on our golf course are raked sand 'greens'. All ages and skill levels are welcome. There are some very talented juniors and some seniors who should know better. Many city visitors to Wamboin have been enticed along and really enjoy the day. Then it is back to the Hall where tall stories are told and prizes presented over nibbles and refreshing drinks. Partners, friends and relatives of the golfers also join in this social activity.

Interested in joining in? Call Peter Greenwood on 6238 3358 or Lofty Mason on 6238 3258 for further information.

Greenways Management Groups

There are two groups involved with the Wamboin and Bywong Greenways network:

1. Section 355 Greenways Management Committee consisting of a Council representative and local residents who oversee the good management of the corridors, in cooperation with the community and user groups for the benefit of the conservation of nature and use by the community.
2. GRoW - Greenways Renewal Working Group. The role of this group is to expand the existing Greenways network. The co-ordinator for the GRoW group is Nora Stewart (02) 62303305.

To help maintain the Greenways in good condition as a community resource for the use and enjoyment of all, a number of rules apply including:

- noise to be kept to a minimum and users must respect private property and the adjacent residents' privacy
- carrying firearms or other weapons, hunting activities, camping and the lighting of fires is prohibited
- all rubbish to be removed and all gates should be left as found
- dogs should be under control at all times
- remain on the defined track and no collection of natural or archaeological items.

For more information visit <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Greenways-Bywong-Wamboin/263890970305480> or <http://www.bywongcommunity.org.au/greenways/>

Lake George View Club

Lake George Day VIEW Club (LGDVC) was established in 2004 and our members generally reside in Bywong, Wamboin, Bungendore, Tarago and Sutton. "VIEW" stands for the *Voice, Interest and Education of Women*. VIEW is one of Australia's leading women's volunteer organisations and support networks and empowers women to have their voices heard on issues of importance for the future wellbeing of Australian society.

LGDVC meets on the third Tuesday of each month, 11:30 am for 12:00 noon at the Bywong Community Hall. Come along and meet with other women from all walks of life, establish lasting friendships and help disadvantaged Australian children and their families by supporting the work of The Smith Family's *Learning for Life* educational sponsorships and programs. Volunteering and fundraising are optional.

Guest speakers offer members a way to explore a diverse range of interesting and educational topics. Additionally we offer members and friends the opportunity to go on social outings, themed events, attend large VIEW Area events and visit other local VIEW Clubs.

LGDVC is a small friendly club and we welcome new members and guests.

Further information can be obtained by phoning Pauline on 6238 1996, Email: lakegeorge.viewclub@gmail.com or visit our Blog: <http://lgdviewclub.blogspot.com>

Land For Wildlife

The Land for Wildlife (LFW) program is a voluntary property registration scheme that aims to assist landholders who wish to manage part or all of their land for biodiversity and wildlife habitat on their land. There is no cost and the title of the property is not affected. The Land for Wildlife program is available to landholders who have properties with half a hectare or more of native bushland and are willing to manage their property in an environmentally sustainable way. Land for Wildlife can enhance the productivity of small bush blocks to larger farming and grazing operations.

The Land for Wildlife assessment includes an individual visit which generates a plant species list for your property, and the opportunity to discuss any land management issues of concern to the landholder.

FuturePLANS administers the LFW program in the Wamboin/Bywong area and organises workshops and information sessions for members.

Further Information and Contacts:

Alex James

Land for Wildlife Co-ordinator

Mobile: 0406 338 850

Email: landforwildlife@futureplans.org.au

Websites: <http://www.futureplans.org.au>

Landcare

The Gearys Gap/Wamboin Landcare Group holds monthly plant propagation sessions, regular plant sales and occasional field days and community planting sessions. All activities are notified to members via email and also advertised where possible in *The Whisper* and the *Bungendore Weekly*.

Membership is free and all hands are welcome! If you would like to join, please send an email message to the secretary, Kathy Handel (contact details below).

Propagation sessions are usually held from 9:00 - 11:00 am on the first Saturday of each month at the nursery at Geoff Butler's place. For details, contact Kathy Handel or Geoff Butler. Sessions may include education on plant identification (especially weeds), propagation methods and other



topics of interest. Meetings are held during propagation sessions rather than being held separately. The group has a large annual plant sale at the Bywong Car Boot Sale and also regularly sells plants at the monthly Wamboin Home Produce Market.

There is further information on the WCA website:

<http://www.wamboincommunity.asn.au/communitygroups/index.php?op=landcare>

...and on the NSW Landcare website:

<http://www.landcare.nsw.gov.au/groups/gearys-gap-wamboin-landcare-group>

Contacts:

Kathy Handel, Secretary - 6238 3596, khandel@bigpond.net.au

Geoff Butler, Nursery Convenor - 6236 9158, gbu22182@bigpond.net.au

Men's Shed

The Men's Shed provides men with a supportive social meeting place where they can talk to others about health issues, share information, experiences, use the wood and metal working facilities, learn & teach others, and creates opportunities to participate in the community. Lake George Men's Shed operates from the 130 year old railway goods shed just along the track from Bungendore Railway Station.

Contact Gary Harb 0435 255 464 or gary.harb@gmail.com

Play Group

Do you have children of pre-school age or younger? If so, please come to Wamboin Play Group. We meet every Tuesday morning, except for NSW School holidays, from 10:00 am – 12:00 noon at the Community Hall in Bingley Way.

During these two hours the children enjoy inside and outside play, join in with a craft activity and share morning tea. The mums, dads, grandparents and carers enjoy a relaxing morning, chatting and drinking cups of tea/coffee. We are always happy to welcome new families to our group.

Contact Linda Uzubalis, Convener on 0410 294 420 or email Linda.uzubalis@gmail.com or check out the website: <https://wamboinplaygroup.wordpress.com>

Pony Clubs

Wamboin

The Wamboin Pony Club is located at 79 Canning Close. Our rally days are usually held on the second and fourth Sunday of each month from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm followed by lunch. Pony Club is ideal if you are aged from 4 to 25 and own or have access to a horse.

It provides access to a safe riding environment where you can gain valuable instruction and experience with riders of all levels of riding ability. Our club instructors are all volunteers and we rely on the support of parents as well.

Riding activities include flatwork, jumping, dressage, sporting, cross country and mounted games. Riders range from those on leads to those competing at State level. We hold a number of events throughout the year and pride ourselves on being a friendly club.

We are affiliated with Pony Club NSW and are guided by their rules and regulations. If you are interested in joining or would like to find out more information see our website at www.wamboinponyclub.org.au, email our club secretary at wamboinpcsecretary@gmail.com or call Club President Peter Evans on (02) 62383043 - you can also find us on Facebook.



Bywong (Gearys Gap)

The Gearys Gap Pony Club (GGPC) is situated at the Les Reardon Reserve, Birriwa Road, Bywong. Rally Days are usually held on the second Sunday of each month. Other events include ODE's, gymkhanas, training sessions and instruction clinics. We have great facilities including our sand dressage arenas, show jumping arena and cross country course, and of course the great community hall that caters for all including disabled access and facilities. GGPC was affiliated in June 1978 and is a member of Zone 16 of the Pony Club Association of NSW - Zone 16 covers the area bounded by Yass, Canberra, Michelago and Bungendore. GGPC is a fun, friendly and safe place and we welcome all levels to come and join our club at any time. For more information see our website, <http://www.gearysgapponyclub.org.au/> and Facebook page.

Scout Group

Due to the lack of leaders in Wamboin the Scouts are currently amalgamated with the Bungendore group. Website: <https://sites.google.com/site/bungendorescouts/home>

Small Farms Network

The Small Farms Network – Capital Region is a grassroots information service for people who own or live on small to medium sized rural properties around the Capital region. We run field days, paddock walks and other events packed with information relevant to managing small farms in our local area. You can sign up to our email newsletter and find more information on our website.

Further Information and Contacts:

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Southern Harvest Association

Southern Harvest is a regional food organisation for the Australian Capital region, creates food provenance branding for the region and provides general support of fair food.

Southern Harvest aims to:

1. develop a strong regional brand that provides opportunities for business diversity
2. add value to regional products and services
3. improve the economic sustainability of local agriculture, and
4. promote the region as an agri-tourism destination.

The Southern Harvest website contains maps of the region, a directory of producers and plenty of resources. Subscribe to receive monthly newsletters which contain regional food news, details of food events and special offers.

Website: www.southernharvest.net.au

Southern Harvest Farmers Market

The Southern Harvest Farmers Market (SHFM) in Bungendore is held every Saturday at the Bungendore Anglican Parish Hall on Butmaroo Street from 9:00 am – 12:00 noon. You will find fresh wholesome food, brought to you straight from the farm; grown and made by the community for the community. All food sold at the market is produced within the Southern Harvest region,



which roughly equates to the Australian Capital Region. Our stallholders offer a great range of fruit, vegetables, herbs, spices, meat products, fresh seafood from the coast, local preserves, jams and cheese, eggs, garlic, honey, wine and oil as well as breakfast and lunch, tea and coffee. The Southern Harvest Community Stall is a cooperative initiative for small and backyard growers and makers to test and promote their products with little risk and lots of encouragement. You can bring in your homegrown produce to sell for a small commission or for no fee if you volunteer to run the stall for the day. It's a great way to start selling your produce and see what works for you. The Home Produce Swap with **Totally Locally Bungendore** is held first and third Saturdays from 10:00 am - 10:30 am, bring your excess to swap with other backyard growers and makers. Website: www.southernharvest.org.au/farmers-market/

Wildcare

First, ensure you have the Wildcare 24-hour telephone helpline in your phone - 6299 1966.

Wildcare is the **only** local wildlife group licenced to rescue, raise, rehabilitate and release native animals and authorised to euthanise animals too ill/injured to be rehabilitated. Wildcare is a 100% volunteer run registered charity – there are quite a few members in our area but there is always room for another if you are interested.

Wamboin is home to many native animals including kangaroos, wallabies, a variety of birds, lizards, snakes, echidna, flying fox, microbats, long necked turtles, possums and gliders. Wamboin also has two of the world's most dangerous snakes – the tiger and brown snake. So keep the area around your house neat and tidy. Snakes are shy creatures which will tend to move on if left undisturbed. If you are troubled, Wildcare has a number of snake handlers who can catch and relocate snakes.

Website: www.wildcare.com.au or www.facebook.com.au/WildcareNSW or <http://wamboincommunity.asn.au/communitygroups/index.php?op=wildcare>

WWoW – Wonderful Women of Wamboin

All women are welcome at this active and friendly social group to share stories, news and skills. Many in the group are talented sewers, knitters, beaders and quilters who bring their current project along to work on while socialising. In addition to supporting local and international charities, the WWoW also make items to support local services eg over 500 teddy bears for the Queanbeyan Ambulance service, plus hundreds of drainage bags for women who have had cancer surgery. The group is often visited by subject matter experts from a wide cross-section of interests. Boyfriends of the Wonderful Women of Wamboin (BOWWOW) are invited to various social events. WWoW is not a formal organisation, there is no committee, just friendly and welcoming women.

Mondays, 10am–12 noon at St Andrew's church on the corner of Poppet Road and Norton Road in Wamboin. Contact: Gail Ritchie Knight, 0416 097 500 or whirlwind1@argonite.com.au.

HISTORY NOTE: WWoW was founded by Wamboin resident Claire Ayling, in about 2008. After living in Wamboin for some time, Claire found out that one of her neighbours had given birth. Claire felt terrible that she hadn't even known the woman was pregnant! This was an indication of the fact that if a woman didn't have school-age children, there being no shop or post office or pub in Wamboin, there was no place where people would run into their neighbours. Claire ran an advertisement in *The Whisper* inviting local women to get together using the church hall as the venue. News of WWoW spread by word of mouth and has been growing ever since.