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SUNDAY 29TH AUGUST, 1993, 7:00pm

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Fire Brigade	Chris Powell	Captain	238-3434
Scouts/Cubs	Tony Brown	Group Leader	238-3235
Brownies	Sandy Huckstepp	Contact Person	238-3430
Pony Club	Jenny Millet	Secretary	238-3301
Play Group	Pip Deveson	Co-ordinator	238-3294
Hall Bookings	Joan Mason	Bookings	238-3258
Yarrowlumla Council	Peter Greenwood	Mayor	238-3358
Golf	Peter Flynn	Golfer	238-3479
Craft Group	Ruth Lambert	Co-Ordinator	238-3414

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WAMBOIN COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION REPORT FROM THE PRESIDENT

Those of you who received the Yarrawlumla Council Newsletter may have noticed that we, in the Yarrawlumla Shire, no longer have a Shire President, we now have a Mayor. Congratulations to Peter Greenwood on being the first Mayor of Yarrawlumla. It's to be hoped that this will not result in a rise in rates to pay for the Mayoral robes of office.

At the last WCA meeting Ruth Lambert gave a brief talk on what the Greening of Australia people will be doing at their property on Saturday, 24 July. It should turn out to be an interesting and informative day.

Also, the new Editor of the Whisper, Ned Noel, attended the last meeting and explained his plans for future editions.

The next meeting of the WCA will be held at the Community Hall on Tuesday, August 17, commencing at 8:00 PM. All residents of Wamboin, Yalana, and Clare Valley are welcome to attend and air their views.

Peter Flynn
President
July 25, 1993

THE GRAND AND GREAT WAMBOIN CURRY NIGHT

WHEN: SATURDAY, AUGUST 28, 1993

WHERE: COMMUNITY HALL

TIME: 8:00 PM

**NAMES TO: CHRIS POWELL 238-3434
PETER FLYNN 238-3479**

**COME ALONG AND SHARE YOUR FAVOURITE CURRY
AND SAMPLE THOSE OF YOUR FRIENDS**

PRIZES GALORE

CURRY JUDGE: BOPEP BROMHEAD

DONT BE LATE AND MISS THIS SOCIAL OCCASION OF THE YEAR

YARROWLUMLA COUNCIL NEWS

New Local Government Legislation was enacted by the NSW Government on July 1st. Whilst there are quite a number of changes many of these will not be too obvious to ratepayers. One "cosmetic" change however is the dropping of the word "Shire". From now on you now live in Yarrowlumla and your local council will be known simply as Yarrowlumla Council. The name Shire President disappears and I am now the Mayor. Not quite sure how to take that but I expect it will be business as usual at the Council. City Councils such as Queanbeyan will still retain that title, however the Aldermen in city councils will now also be called Councillors.

Some other changes imposed on us are a new accounting system, an annual State of the Environment report as part of the Annual Report, quarterly rate billing instead of annual, as at present, (although there has always been the option to pay by installments) to name just a few.

Some of these changes could take up to two years to implement and will have some cost impact on Council. Rate pegging will still apply so I don't expect that there will be any dramatic increases in rates.

Community Association: I wish to congratulate Peter Flynn as our new president of the Wamboin Community Association. Other people have also taken on Community roles for the first time and I wish them all well for the next twelve months. As a Councillor on Yarrowlumla Council I am always keen to hear the views of all ratepayers on all local issues. One of the best ways for anyone to express their ideas or concerns is through your local Community Association and I am usually available on the third Tuesday of each month to attend the meetings of the Wamboin Association. I would like to encourage all members of the community to join in these short meetings and take part in local community or Council matters. Yarrowlumla Council is deeply involved in Community Consultation around Yarrowlumla (Shire) and I look forward to meeting you and listening to your views.

Fire Control Officer Resigns: I am sad to advise that Richard Donarski, our FCO for almost three years has been forced to resign due to ill health. Richard was very well known and respected throughout our Council area but the efforts of controlling our 13 Bush Fire Brigades through many emergencies including bush fires, motor vehicle accidents, and other emergency service activities, in what has sometimes been a 24 hour per day job, has taken its toll. On behalf of Council, and I am sure all those who knew Richard through the Bush Fire Brigades, I wish him well in his new career and especially for his health.

Tom Daniel Appointed Fire Control Officer: Whilst it is disappointing to lose Richard Donarski I am delighted to announce that well known fire fighter Tom Daniel has been appointed to the FCO position. Most of us associated with the Fire Brigade know Tom well and I am sure the appointment will be a popular one. Tom has been a past Captain from Bungendore Brigade, was a Group Captain for a few years in charge of many major fires and recently has been the Deputy FCO for the Council. I congratulate Tom on the appointment.

Yarrowlumla Local Environment Plan 1993-Stage 1 has now been approved by the Minister after a lengthy delay. This now clears the way to proceed with Stage 2 and hopefully will be through Council and out for public comment within the next six weeks. Stage 2 could have some implications for parts of Wamboin with some possible developments waiting in the wings. Please be assured that before any decisions are considered by Council the ratepayers particularly through the Community Association will be invited to express concerns or support. I will certainly keep you informed of these matters.

Shire Engineer Visits Wamboin: Bill Ellsion, Yarrowlumla Engineer (Shire Engineer as he was then) recently visited Wamboin as part of what he hopes will be an annual visit to all parts of Yarrowlumla. Bill met with members of the Community Association and as a result there have been a number of improvements through our area. Street name signs have been replaced and the entrance to the Community Hall has been graded and vastly improved. I am also hopeful that I can arrange some wheely bins in place of the rusty 44s at the community hall. Our roads are in a quite reasonable state of repair and I will certainly encourage these visits on an annual basis.

Please be assured, as especially to our more recent members of Wamboin, that I am always available to assist in Council issues that you may encounter. Please do not hesitate to call me if I can be of assistance.

Peter Greenwood (Councillor)
Yarrowlumla Council

Poppet Road, Wamboin, 238-3358

WAMBOIN VOLUNTEER BUSH FIRE BRIGADE

REPORT ALL FIRES TO 299-1502 (24 HOURS)

CALENDAR: August 3 7:30 PM AGM and TRAINING
 September 7 7:30 PM TRAINING (Basic Training Starts)
 October 1 BUSHFIRE SEASON STARTS - NO FIRES WITHOUT A PERMIT

Next basic training course to start on the September training night. We would like to see as many people from our brigade area as possible. You don't have to become an active member of our brigade, although we need all the help we can get. Part of the brigade's job is to run education programs to help people help protect themselves in bushfire and disaster situations. We feel the basic bushfire fighter's course is a good place to start. The course includes topics such as:

Basic Safety	Fire Behaviour	Bush Fire Suppression	Fighting Fire with Water
Hazard Reduction	Communication	Basic First Aid	

We also do a section on familiarisation with the brigade's fire fighting equipment. We also explain how we run this brigade and where we fit in with the Council's commitment to bushfire protection. The course is open to all people from our brigade area.

We have had one call out this month to a grass fire between Joe Rocks Road and Claire Lane. Crew members were:

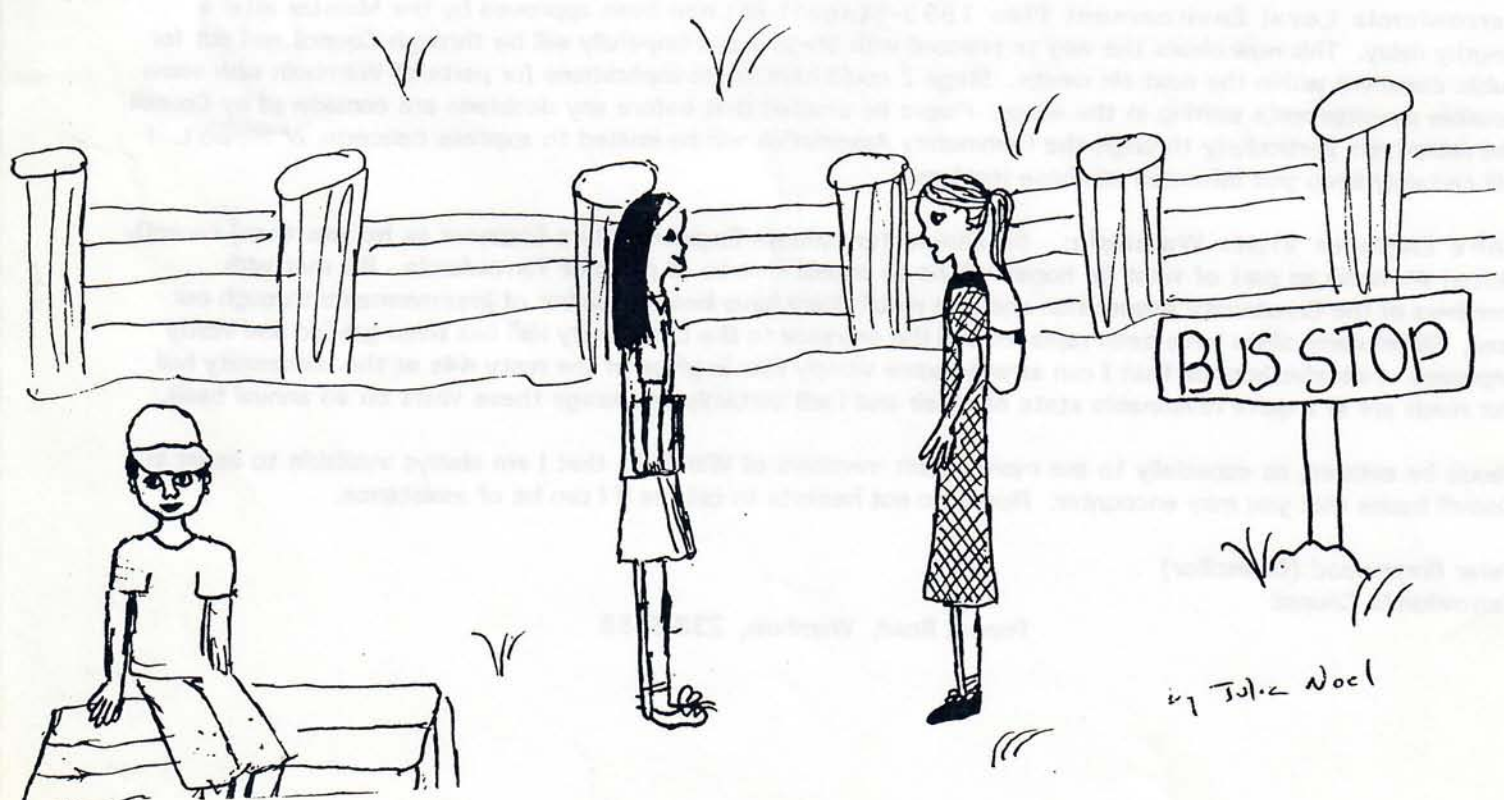
Dave Rivers	Dave Hubbard	John Upton	Tony Martin
Charlie Montesin	Les Worden	Andrew Upton	C.J. Powell (Captain)

RAINFALL AND TEMPERATURES IN WAMBOIN FOR JULY

(17 year statistics supplied by David Robertson, Cooper Rd)

Average Rainfall	62.15 mm	
Wettest August	170 mm	1985
Wettest Day	35 mm	6/8/85
Driest August	17 mm	1978
Coldest nights	-2C	1/8/79
Hottest Day	20C	30/8/82

July Rainfall to 28.7.93	128 mm
Average July Rainfall	59.5 mm
Total 1993 Rainfall to 28/7/93	444 mm



MONDAY KIDS CLUB

Are you a "Primary School Kid" looking for a fun time?

Come along to the Hall at Wamboin, fortnightly, on MONDAYS, commencing June 15th, 4pm to 5.30pm, where games, activities, singing and afternoon tea will be provided.

For those kids getting off the Sutton/Wamboin school bus, there will be an adult to meet you at the Wamboin Hall.

Is there anyone out there who wants to help with Kid Control, Afternoon Tea, or perhaps Strum a Guitar or Play any kind of Musical Instrument for us?

For information: The Rev'd Chris Littlejohns, ph 248-8399 (St John the Baptist, Reid)
Venetia Larson-Tacon, ph238-3260
Sue Picker, ph 238-3325

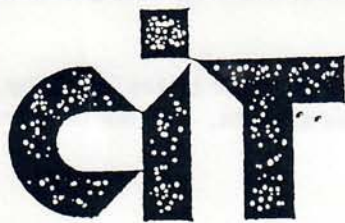
ECUMENICAL CHURCH SERVICE

WAMBOIN COMMUNITY HALL

Third Sunday of each month 8.15am

Conducted by clergy and lay readers of St John's Church, Reid

Please share this time of worship with us and enjoy a cup of tea or coffee after the service



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KOWEN FOREST

by Aidan Flanagan, Extension & Public Use Officer, ACT Forests,
Policy & Community Liason Section, Weston, A.C.T.
in response to a request to provide information for the Whisper

The pine plantations of the ACT have been part of the landscape of Canberra since 1915 when the slopes of Mt. Stromlo were planted to combat serious erosion problems initiated by rabbits. Now 15 million people each year pass through the production forest of Stromlo as they drive to work along the Tuggeranong Parkway and 620,000 people a year visit the plantations for active and passive recreation. However ACT Forests are not an idle part of the landscape. They also produce logs to supply the ACT based forest industry which is responsible for the livelihood of 600 people, while generating a turnover of about \$70 million per annum.

The 16,000 hectares of pine plantation in the ACT are managed by ACT Forests which is a small but entrepreneurial section of the ACT Government's Department of Urban Services managed by a band of professional foresters that take pride that ACT Forests is "more than just a pine forest". Kowen Forest consists of over 5,000 hectares of productive (softwood) timber, and several hundred hectares of native forest reserves.

Molonglo Gorge and the Kowen Escarpment nature reserve is the largest of these natural areas. Kowen Forest is an area of both high recreational and environmental importance to the Canberra region. The recreational area contains BBQ and recreational facilities, including an extensive children's playground. The area also contains the Molonglo Gorge walking trail which follows the Molonglo River for about 3 km and terminates at the Blue Tiles picnic site.

The Molonglo Gorge Reserve area, about 220 ha, is recognized as one of the ACT's most important conservation sites. Geologically, the area marks the western position of the Queanbeyan Fault Line (dated at about 30 million years), and the steep slopes and rock formations make this a focus for geological education groups. The flora is dominated by stringybark, scribbly gum, and apple box, with red-leafed, currawong, and silver wattle understorey. The area also contains black cyprus pine, cherry ballart, and a stand of rare bull oak (*Casuarina leuhmanni*) for which ACT Forests is currently formulating a management strategy aimed at its protection. Molonglo Gorge faunal populations include wallabies, kangaroos, wombats, and echidnas. In addition to many common birds, raptors are known to nest in the area - Brown Goshawks, Little Eagles, and Boobook Owls.

ACT Forests also manage nearly 1,200 historical aboriginal cultural heritage sites. At Kowen, these include the oldest graves in the region and buildings from the mid to late 1800's. The graves are those of two young daughters, Margeret (aged 7) and Elizabeth (aged 8) Cloverwell, who were tragically drowned in a flash flood on December 31, 1937.

RECREATION: There are five formal recreation areas within Kowen Forest:

- Molonglo Gorge, which contains a walking trail, two toilet blocks, 12 BBQ's, 19 picnic tables, two play areas (including children's equipment), and several shelters. This area is closed at night. (Bookings can be made for night events by phoning 207-2486.)
- Blue Tiles, containing three BBQ's and three picnic tables.
- Keoffs, containing one BBQ and one picnic table adjacent to a swimming hole.
- Old Homestead site, containing four BBQ's and a large grassed area, adjacent to a dam and the foundations of an old homestead.

Over 80,000 people visit Kowen Forest. Are you one of them?

VANDALISM: ACT Forests is very concerned about the behaviour of a small minority of people entering the forests from the Wamboin area. Unacceptable activities include dumping rubbish, cutting fences, and using trail bikes (both registered and unregistered) within the forest estate. It is illegal to use any unregistered vehicle within ACT forests, and registered vehicles are restricted to the road network only, and are not permitted in areas of natural vegetation and should not travel more than 40 kph.

Some residents are also cutting hardwood from the area. THIS IS ILLEGAL. Pine wood can be collected (with a permit) for firewood, but otherwise the residents should either buy hardwood or use the wood on their own land. These areas of natural vegetation are rare in the region, and the destruction of this area threatens many rare and endangered species. Fires are not permitted, unless in a BBQ, and camping is prohibited.

Extra security measures are being implemented to protect the natural assets and facilities within the forest estate, and if persons are caught offending, legal action will be taken against the offenders.

Remember, only a few can spoil it for many. If you know who is carrying out these actions, tell them to stop, or contact ACT Forests.

===== FROM THE EDITOR =====

WAMBOIN GENERAL STORE BY YEAR END

The store under construction at the corner of Bingly Way and Norton Road will open by year end, according to Mr. Faiz Rizvi. He says the main energy for the store comes from his wife, Mrs. Suzanne Rizvi. The Rizvis live at the property Shangri La on Norton Road near Weerona Drive.

Things like weather and speed of construction will determine the opening date. The building will be a general store, offering groceries, stockfeed, newspapers, liquor (depending on application for liquor license), and video hire.

Hours are not yet definite, but the Rizvis are looking at something like weekday mornings 7-9 AM, weekday evenings 3-8 PM, and weekends 7AM - 8PM. This sort of schedule has been adopted by similar stores at Burra and Ratcliffe.

TELECOM VS. OPTUS IN WAMBOIN AFTER JUNE 94

According to information provided by calling Telecom, facilities for the Wamboin area cannot yet provide Caller Line Identification (CLI), but are scheduled for upgrade to this feature in June, 1994. This feature is necessary to properly transfer and bill any calls whose long distance portion is to be carried by Optus. It is also necessary for detailed billing of STD calls handled within Telecom. Hence there will be some mechanism, quite possibly a ballot, for residents to nominate their primary long distance carrier around June 1994.

A BIT MORE ON KOWEN FOREST

Thanks to Aidan Flanagan, Extension and Public Use Officer, and Alan Davey, Manager, Policy and Community Liaison Section, ACT Forests, for providing the article in this issue and additional information in an interview at their offices in Stromlo Forest, Weston, ACT. Mr. Flanagan's article is presented in full. A few other items of interest emerged in the interview, and are presented here.

There has been at least one confirmed sighting of a Koala in Kowen Forest in the last year, by a NSW National Parks Officer. It is unclear whether this was the same sighting as that reported on 2CN radio, where a lady stopped and watched a Koala cross Sutton road 7 km north of Queanbeyan and head eastward up the hill.

The current logging along Sutton Road happens about once every 35 years to each parcel of land, as that is about how long it takes the pines to mature in this area. Kowen forest is the least productive ACT forest, partly because it gets the least rainfall. Trees, in any given area, are harvested in stages between the ages of 15 and 30 years. In Kowen the final crop is cut at around 35 years. All rather than some of the trees in each relatively small compartment are cut because this approach is much more economical than constant partial logging. ACT forests could not give a per hectare because this figure might prejudice contracts currently being let, but suggested NSW Forests in Queanbeyan could give general criteria. The NSW Forests spokesman suggested about \$10,000 a hectare, based on each hectare of pine forest producing, over the 35 year span, about 350 cubic meters pine wood worth about \$30 a cubic meter.

The only approved vehicle access to Kowen Forest is the Kowen Road which goes in at Molonglo Gorge off Sutton Road near Fairbairn Avenue. There is another access point from Wamboin off Cooper Road, but it is restricted to non-vehicular access. A Wamboin fire brigade shed is located near this entrance. This is also the site of continued illegal fence cutting to enable trail bike or vehicle entrance. Repairing fences here costs ACT forests considerable maintenance time and money. Wamboin residents are welcome to walk into the forest at this point for a short distance for recreation, picnics, etc. There are also other pedestrian and horseback entrances to the north edge of the Forest, but Mr. Flanagan and Mr. Davey did not know whether they were from NSW crown forest land, from easements, or from properties.

If a considerable walk or a group outing is planned in Kowen Forest (outside the picnic areas), it is requested that ACT Forests (in Stromlo Forest) on 207-2486 be informed. One reason for this request is that sometimes a number of groups are already scheduled. For instance, on one weekend horse riders came into the forest without checking, and arrangements had already been made for cross country runners, a trail biker club, and archery events. Another reason is to facilitate evacuation in an emergency (like a forest fire).

Mr. Davey stated that if Wamboin residents wished to discuss upgrading access points, they are welcome to contact him at ACT Forests.

JULY GOLF NEWS

by Peter Greenwood

The winner at Stableford was Rhys Ollerenshaw with 43 points (winner of the Griffin/Rivers Cold Country Cup). Taking second place was Dave Bromhead with 40 points. (What a shame to lose 2 strokes off handicap without winning the trophy!)

CAN ANYBODY HELP ?

The Whisper goes to over 300 mailboxes in Wamboin. The people who make this happen are:

Fiona Karmel	Majors Close	25 mailboxes	Peter Flynn	Poppet Road	31 mailboxes
Malcom Harrington	Norton Road	36 mailboxes	David Robertson	Cooper Road	31 mailboxes
Max Klemke	Norton Road	30 mailboxes	Toni Abba	Canning Close	16 mailboxes
Lynette Smith	Yalana	25 mailboxes	Judy Frazer-Janz	Bingly Way	38 mailboxes
Chris Powell	Weerona Drive	52 mailboxes	Chris Powell (again)	Claire Valley	24 mailboxes

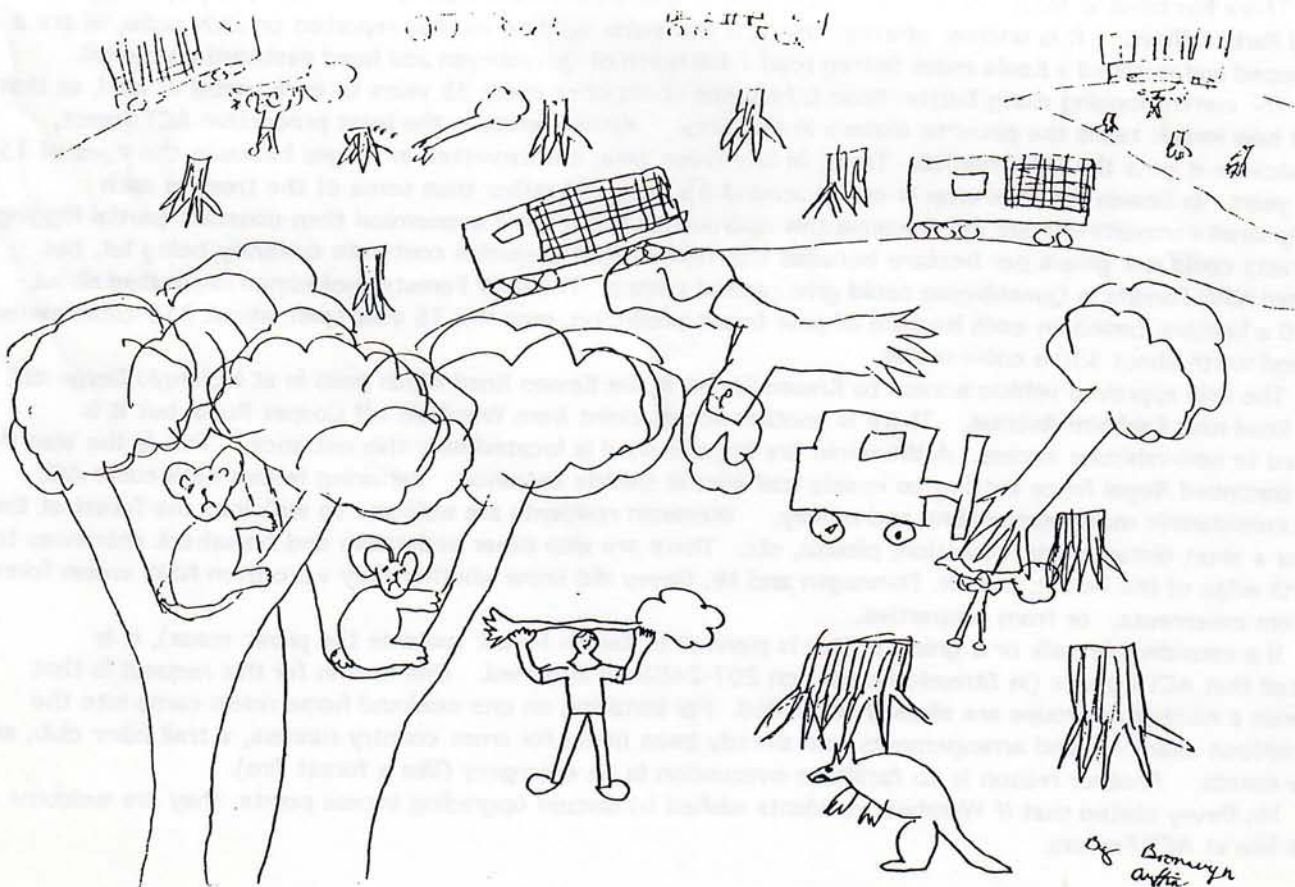
Is there anybody out there who could help with the last two lots of deliveries. A bag of Whispers is delivered to your door. You can pop them into mailboxes at your convenience. It doesn't take long. If you could do either half of Weerona drive or the 24 mailboxes at the entrance to Claire from Gundaroo road, please contact the editor on 238-3484.

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Experienced instructor for novice or nervous riders.

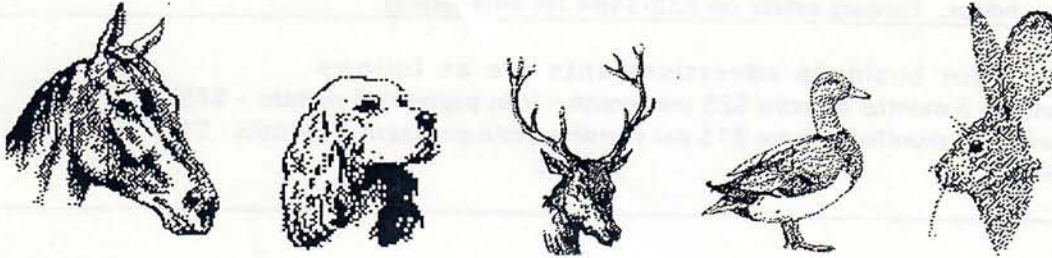
Would you like to improve your riding skills and confidence through lessons? I have taught both adults and children for a number of years in Canberra, specializing in dressage and jumping. I now live locally and can come to you.

Call Leanne or leave a message on 238-3435 (AH)



ALL CREATURES GREAT AND SMALL

a continuing series by local vet DR. BLAIR LAMONT



To start with - a "ticklish" problem - LICE!

July and August are the prime times for the little crawlers to cause trouble, especially in horses and cattle, where the lice are virtually dormant in the warmer months, but of course sheep and goats are frequently found to be infested over a wider time span. Fortunately dogs and cats are seldom affected - but be aware that it can happen.

Lice are "host specific"; i.e., horse lice live only on horses (and donkeys), cattle lice on cattle, etc. (sheep lice may cross infect goats at times). They can live for about 4 days off the host animal and so may be spread from carrier animals either through direct contact, or, indirectly by rubbing against posts, trees, etc., which have been rubbed on by the affected animals recently, or by contaminated gear in horses.

Itching is the main sign - particularly the head/neck and tail root areas, but in severe cases the whole body can be affected. Rubbing and biting cause hair loss and abrasions, and affected animals can lose condition mainly from the constant irritation factor, and sometimes from superficial skin infection. Animals in poor condition often get heavier infections than their healthier mates, so watch those especially.

The lice are 1 to 2 millimetres long and can be seen with the naked eye, on the skin, although a magnifying glass can be handy for "mature" persons!

Treatment is very satisfactory and involves two or three thorough applications of a suitable insecticidal wash or powder at 2 week intervals; in sheep and goats (with caution especially if pregnant), the Pour-On/Spot-On type of single application is less labour intensive and works well but follow directions carefully! In horses the Pour-On "Tiguvon" has been used, but I advise against it if washes are practicable as some skin damage can occur, (the "Equimec" wormer pastes may also have some effect on lice - as well as bots). In cattle, "pour-ons" work well and the new "POUR-ON IVOMEC" wormer also kills lice so is especially useful at this time of year.

Finally a reminder - Now is a good time to be thinking of Pulpy Kidney/Enteotoxaemia Vaccination of all ruminants prior to Spring flush of grass - but more on this soon.

Till next time - Good Health!

Blair Lamont

CAN YOU DRAW OR WRITE SOMETHING FOR THE WHISPER?

Thanks to Bronwyn Griffin, age 10, and David Klemke, age 8, for working to make the drawing you see in this issue. If you are 2 to 18 years old and draw or write something suitable for the Whisper you will be adding interest to the paper. Also, an anonymous donor has set up for the next few months a small cash award of \$1 to \$3 for up to five submissions each month. Size should be a half page or less. Call the editor on 238-3484 for more information, or submit your entry for the September issue to the the editor's mailbox at 28 Reedy Creek Place by 7 pm, Sunday, August 29.

WAMBOIN CLASSIFIEDS

These local classified advertisements are free. Business advertisements attract a small fee (see below) which is donated to the Wamboin Community Association. Please make your cheque out to this association, but post it to the editor. Contact editor on 238-3484 for information.

Rates for business advertisements are as follows

FULL PAGE - \$40 per month - 3 months or more \$25 per month - (min payment 3 months - \$75)
HALF PAGE - \$25 per month - 3 months or more \$15 per month - (min payment 3 months - \$45)
1/4 PAGE - \$10 per month

WORK FOR CASUAL LADIES

Casual Work is available for 2 to 3 days per week
at a local wholesale nursery

You must be female and be between 18 and 40 years of age

You will be required to pick and prepare orders and help
with general plant maintenance

No experience is necessary but the work is quite physical
and a bright positive attitude is essential

If you think you fit the bill arrange an interview
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CHILD MINDING AVAILABLE - FULL OR PART TIME - PHONE 238-3230

GOOSE FOR SALE - QUIET - MALE - \$25.00 - PHONE 238-3230

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