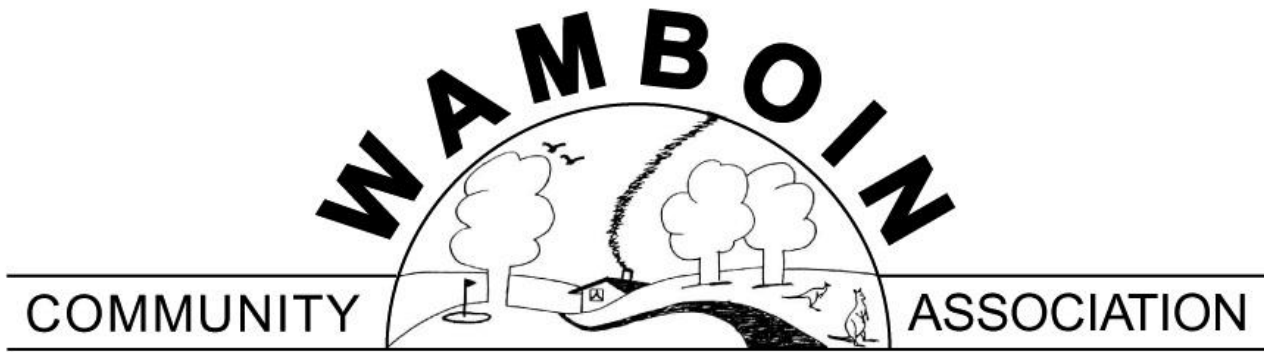


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Snakes – Spring Talk – Wamboin Hall Tues 17 Sept 7:30 pm

Author Catherine Bird

Key herbs for LAMINITIS support



Nutritional support for a horse who suffers laminitis is vital. For the horse that is prone to laminitis, clivers is a useful daily supplement to improve the integrity of the hoof as it is one of the most nutritional herbs available and especially high in Silica.

With the older horse whose circulation may be sluggish, hawthorn berry is a further support and full of bioflavonoids that improve the elasticity of the supportive connective tissue that can become strained when the feet are sore while improving the health of the blood vessels that supply the feet.

For the horse that has low grade inflammation in his feet, turmeric powder will help lower the levels of discomfort. Often when there is systemic inflammation, there may also be arthritis in joints or irritated tendons and ligaments, with these horses adding ginger powder to the mix will increase the efficacy of the turmeric in a similar way black pepper is sometimes used.

For pain relief, where there is ongoing pain yarrow combines well with turmeric as a general management and recovery approach. Devils claw powder can be very effective with acute stages, however if the horse is already on Bute, do not combine these two as you could increase the toxic effects of the drug or irritate the horse's gut. For the horse with a sensitive gut, white willow bark is a gentler option and hawthorn berry will increase the potency of this herb if needed.

Once a horse is through the acute stage, using liver herbs to address the two phases of detoxification will help cleanse the effect of the stress on the body. Dandelion root or St Mary's thistle powder will address phase one, while turmeric powder will address phase two so that any residual drug therapy is not recycled back into the body and the recovery period can then follow on with clivers, restoring integrity to the hoof.

For the horse where stress has been a trigger to the laminitic episode, chamomile flowers will support the nervous and hepatic systems, and help the muscles that have become tense while the feet have been sore.

Choose your herbs carefully when dealing with laminitis, keeping the selection simple also helps not to overload the horse further with too many herbs. Combining a nutritional herb with an anti-inflammatory herb and liver support herb is often enough to start restoring health, and a maintenance program can follow on with nutritional and circulatory support once the hoof is sound again.

For correct dosage rates on the herbs mentioned in this article please contact Carol when placing your order.

Copyright: Catherine Bird, who is also the author of a Healthy Horse the Natural Way, has been an equine natural therapist for 27 years working closely with Country Park Animal Herbs for over 13 years offering advice to their clients.

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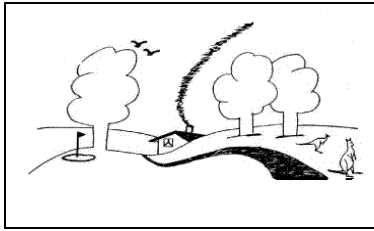
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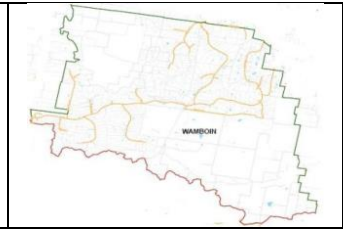


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Wamboin Community Association Presidents Paragraphs



Well a lot has happened in Wamboin over September including a drop of rain. We received 32mm this month to top up a little to those dwindling rainwater tanks. This is still down on our average of 52mm but better than in 1994 when we only had 3.0mm for the month. Who can remember in 1978 when we had 150mm. It's probably a good time to check those gutters and clean out any blockages to ensure you maximise the precipitation you catch in what's looking like a dry summer

The 2019 Bonfire and Fireworks Night – A perfect night drew a record crowd to the annual Wamboin Bonfire and Fireworks night. The gate takings were a record, the raffle was a record and the fireworks were spectacular. It really showcases our community, not only for our local residents but for their friends and family from near and far. I have to say a huge thankyou to Sam and Col, Diana and Keith. Without their effort the night would simply not happen. A thanks to all the community groups who turned up in an attempt the feed the hungry hordes, all the sponsors who provided the raffle prizes and a big thank you to Acclaim Contractors for suppling the excavator to heap up the bonfire and Charman Earthmoving for floating the excavator to and from Wamboin. Also a big thanks to the nights co-host, the Wamboin Rural Fire service.

Kowen Moonlighter Trail Run – around 250 brave and hearty souls came to Wamboin to tackle the forest for the Kowen Moonlighter Run. Starting at 6pm and finishing at 6.00am, the 12 hour run followed a 7.5km loop. This event is growing bigger and bigger each run and brings a truly unique experience to our Wamboin visitors. A huge congratulations to all the organisers and volunteers . Well done Pat and crew.

Christmas Carols – The Christmas section is already in Myers! From the 1st of October there are 85 days till Christmas (feels like we just got over the last one). So pencil in your diary, that the famous Wamboin Carols Night is on the 6th of December at 7:00 pm. More details in the upcoming Whisper.

Home Produce Market – is back in full swing. The next market is on Saturday 19 October 2019 in the Wamboin Community Hall, 9.00 am 'til noon. Come along to our market to enjoy a variety of stalls, including lots of fresh fruit & vegies, healthy juices, Lou's fabulous and famous coffee, egg & bacon rolls, jewellery, cards, lollies, dried fruits & nuts, cakes, sausage rolls, quiches, craft, knitting, preserves, and more. See you there! The Fire Shed will also be open, and members of the Wamboin RFS will be in attendance to answer any questions you may have relating to preparing for the early onset of the fire season.

Spring Talks – The Spring talks have started, because it is Spring of course! Our September speaker was Dr Steven Crimp, Research Fellow of the Climate Change Institute at ANU. Stephen presented a great talk and raised some great questions from the assembled throng. Our October Spring Talk is the "Snake Talk" with Belinda Hogarth Boyd for Wildcare. This talk is always popular and is especially relevant for new residents and residents with children and pets. Come along on Tuesday October 15th at 7.30pm to hear about our local inhabitants. In November we will have Neville Plumb the QPRC Team Leader Biosecurity Weeds speaking on local weed identification and he will bring along examples to help you spot them on your piece of utopia. Even better bring some of your own in a plastic bag for identification.

Wamboin Social Drop-In Group – the drop in group is on 10am – 12 noon every Thursday. Drop into the Wamboin Community Hall for morning tea and social activities. Everyone is welcome.

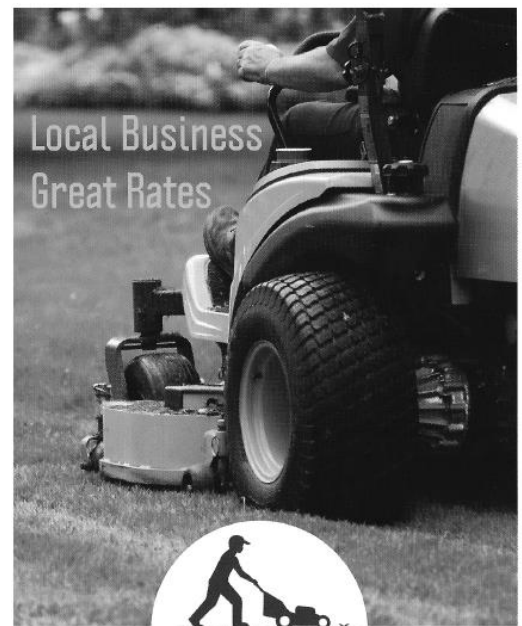
Bush dance – In March 2020 we are planning a fundraising bush dance for drought relief for the farming community who will no doubt still be doing it tough . Keep your eye out for further details. Take your partner by the hand !!

Table Tennis – Every Thursday evening table tennis is on at the Wamboin Community Hall between 6 & 8 p.m. All are welcome (you don't have to be an expert). Come for as long as you wish. Light refreshments will be provided & a gold coin donation will help cover costs. Contact Mike on 0406 606 238, mikemuston@gmail.com for more info. See you there.

WCA Monthly General Meeting –The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 15 October 2019 at 7.30 pm at the Wamboin Community Hall.

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Bywong Community Association News – October 2019

BCA invites nominations for the inaugural **Bywong Young Community Supporter** and **Young Achiever Awards**, to be presented at the Christmas Gathering on Friday 6 December. See the separate flyer in this Whisper for more details.

Bywong Christmas Gathering: Friday 6 December 2019, from 6pm at the Hall. This year we'll be running a revamped event, but the aim remains the same: To Bring Bywongians Together! More details will be revealed next month.

Don't forget the **Littlish Library** next to the Bywong Hall. No membership required, just take home an interesting looking book and donate one of your own in return.

The **BCA AGM** was held on Thursday 19th September. All positions were open for nomination/election. The 2019-20 committee comprises: Mike Wilkins (President); Jeanette Krah (Vice-President); Steve Walker (Secretary); John-Pierre Favre (Treasurer); Peter Zimmerman, Attilio Sciannimanica, Kerry Cox and Bob Angel (Ordinary Members).

Recycle Right. To make sure we are all doing the right thing, and that our recycling can be fully used, see the Recycle Right tips elsewhere in this Whisper.

A reminder to register your interest in the **Wamboin, Bywong and Sutton Region (WBSR) fibre optic network project**. For more information and to sign up/register your interest, go to the WBSR fibre network project website: <https://sites.google.com/site/wamboincommunications/home>.

Keep in touch with BCA via the **BCA website:** www.bywongcommunity.org.au and **BCA Facebook Page**, where we welcome YOU to contribute your ideas and/or get involved.

-Mike Wilkins, President, Bywong Community Association, 0417458320

Email: president@bywongcommunity.org.au



How to Recycle Right!

#Recycle Right is a new region-wide campaign asking us to make some simple changes to our recycling routines. It is essential that we have clean recyclables that can be sent off for remanufacturing in Australia and overseas. This information is taken from the #Recycle Right webpage at <https://www.tccs.act.gov.au/recyclopaedia/recycle-right>.

ONLY recycle:

Hard plastic bottles and containers with the symbols 1,2,3 or 5

Glass bottles and jars

Steel and aluminium cans

Paper and cardboard

NO Soft Plastics

NO soft plastics, including bags, plastic wrapping, chip packets and bread bags

NO degradable nor biodegradable plastic bags – these belong in the landfill bin

NO Small Items

Put **NOTHING smaller than a credit card** into your recycling bin, this includes:

Drink bottle lids (including milk bottle lids) [Keep them for Lids 4 Kids collections]

Bread tags

Bottle tops

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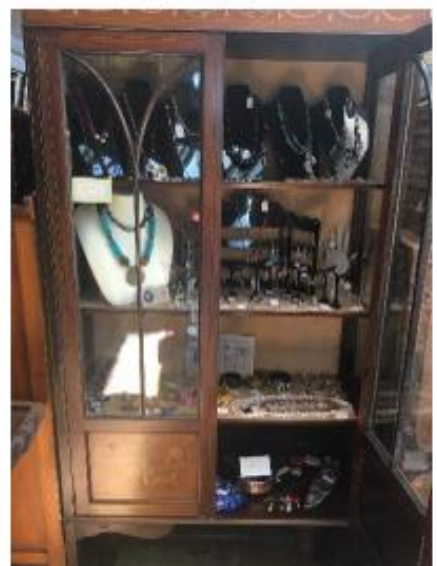


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The Bushfire Danger Period will commence in the Lake George District (QPRC area) at midnight Monday - 1st of October. Permits for burning in the open will be required from then until the end of the fire season, usually at the end of March unless conditions dictate a variation.

Permits are free of charge and are issued by volunteers from our brigade authorised to do so. If you need a permit, please allow plenty of time to allow for a site visit by the permit-issuing officer.

Friday afternoon won't work for a Saturday burn! You can contact the Lake George Office on 61280600 during business hours to get contact details for your permit issuing officer in order to organise a permit. Remember- reporting of fires is ALWAYS to triple-zero (000). All the rules and requirements can be found at <https://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/fire-information/BFDP>

USEFUL LINKS AND CONTACT INFORMATION

Wamboin Rural Fire Brigade	http://brigade.wamboincommunity.asn.au
NSW Rural Fire Service	www.rfs.nsw.gov.au
Queanbeyan Fire Control	6128 0600

A Short Story Picturing What Life is Like for Many Farmers Now

By Karyn Thompson, Norton Road

I slowly rise from bed, not wanting to wake the Mrs. I walk through the house, not wanting the kids to see me cry.

I open the front door and stand on the porch – the clouds are grey. Maybe it will rain today? Maybe? The dam is dry. There is no water for our stock - or what's left of them. The stock we do have, I'm now sure what to do with. They are hungry – I can see their bones. We have been hand feeding them for months now, but it's still not enough. We can't sell them – they are not worth anything. If we shoot them at least we get to eat.

We need to plant crops, but with no rain in sight, what's the point? The crops will just die. I look over at our water tank- its dry too. We have had to buy in water but that only lasts so long – showers are short, washing up done in a bucket, hand washing clothes – what else can we do? We need the rain.

There's not much food in the house. At least the Mrs can cook with what we do have – she never complains. Oh how much I love her for that. She is my rock, but she doesn't see me cry.

Our neighbours, Jack and Esme have been here since Adam was a boy. They have never seen it so dry. They are in their 80's now. We must go and see them, but I really can't afford the 136 kms return trip in diesel. I really don't know how much longer I can cope. Maybe Jack can knock some sense into me? I let out a big sigh. I look up to the clouds and the sun is starting to poke through.

Another day without rain. I hear the door open. Her hands run around my waist. I close my eyes and breathe in, slowly let it out. My hands move to hers. "You alright love" she asks. "Yeah" is all I can manage. I don't want her to see me cry.

I take a breath again, "man up" I think to myself. I turn around and hug her. Another day without rain.

"It will be alright love, we will get through this" she says. Not really I think to myself. No rain. No food. No feed. No money. No fuel. Mortgage payments. Lease payments. Hungry stock. It all adds up.

The kids didn't have a birthday this year. Christmas– there won't be much for them. Another day without rain.

(story to be continued next month)

NOMINATIONS SOUGHT FOR THE INAUGURAL 2019 BYWONG COMMUNITY YOUNG ACHIEVER'S AWARDS



Do you know of a local youth who you think deserves an award for helping their community in one form or another?

Do you know of a local youth who is trying to achieve a goal in any area of human endeavour like the arts, sports, singing, dancing, writing, science, etc, etc. (No reasonable topic will be rejected...)

..If so, then nominate the young person who you think deserves an award by writing a few words explaining why the youth should be given the award. Give reasons if financial support is sought as well as the granting of the award.

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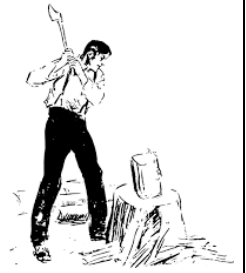
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Expect to find: Garden Produce, Plants, Succulents, Native tube stock, Indoor plants and cut flowers, Knitted goods, Crocheted toys and other craft, Home made cosmetics and skin care products, Art work, Recycled furniture, Home baking, Fudge, Jewellery, Jams and Preserves, Freshly brewed coffee, Honey, Local organic porkand more. **See you at the markets**

First of the Wamboin Community Association's Spring Talks

Dr Steven Crimp on *A Changing Climate-risks and opportunities.*

- Data, Discussion and Amazing ideas. September 17 at Wamboin Hall.

Despite the climate extreme of wind, snow and sleet on the night, some 50 hardy community members came to hear, learn, debate, and thoroughly enjoy the first of the Wamboin Community Association's Spring talks. For those of you who missed the talk or would like to look at the data sources, Dr Crimp cited the Berkely Earth project describing land surface temperatures going back 250 years; the global warming visualization 1880-2017 created by Antti Lipponen of the Finnish Meteorological Institutes; the Special report (2018) by the Intergovernmental panel on Climate Change (IPCC); the Global Carbon Project (2016); the ACT and NSW regional climate modeling (NARCLiM)project; and of course the ANU Climate Change Institute.

Closer to home, Dr Crimp pointed out that, in 2030, we can expect the climate of our area to be similar to that of Bathurst today. The average daily temperature will be about 1 degree C above now, there will be more extremely hot days, an increase in high fire risk days, and lower rain falls in winter and spring with the possibility of more rain in summer and autumn and higher evaporation (backed up by our local Wamboin Weather data (rainfall and temperature records collected over 44 years) which indicate a trend to lower annual rainfall and a very dry August/September.)

Adaptation is thinking smarter and Dr Crimp described a range of innovative changes that have been implemented by individuals and businesses across Australia e.g. a desalination plant linked to hydroponic farming and energy production; harvesting water from solar farms. Many of us left feeling inspired to change our patterns of land use. – Diana Boswell for WCA



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Kowen Moonlighter - 7 September 2019

By Kevin Rowe, the 3 score+ Trail Runner

Our team name is 200plus. We are a relay team and the total of our ages is over 200 years.

After last year's Moonlighter it seemed like such a good idea to form a relay and run for 12 hours through the night. The weather in Wamboin in September can be counted on to be balmy and warm. What could go wrong.

Our strategy is for each runner to start with two circuits or 15 kms. David Rowe would then complete another two circuits, David Watts would complete one, Steven Rowe would complete two and I would do one more circuit. This will give us 105 kms in 12 hours.

Pam gave the briefing at 5.45pm. The 12 and 6 hour solo and relay runners headed out at 6.00pm. Our first runner David Rowe was off and running. For the rest of us we now face the long wait before it would be our turn to run. We retire to the hall and to our caravan I had parked at the hall. The plan is to have a rest before going out into the cold.

You may remember this night. It was freezing with a chill factor of less than 0°C. The wind blew an absolute gale. Our caravan was rocking in the wind. And we were running in the dark!

We cheered David as he completed his first circuit and now the plan was for him to call as he approached the end of his second circuit so the next runner was ready. That didn't work but we did get a missed call so we knew he was on his way.

Out of the dark it looked like David is coming into the transition area, its 7.30pm. A quick handover and our next runner is off. We are just ahead of our estimated times.

It's hard to relax or to have a nap and I am not tired. It's all about the anticipation of being ready for your turn. The wind is howling. Our second and third runners have completed their circuits and its now my turn.

I am ready in the transition area as Steven runs in. Its 10.37pm, a quick handover and I am off. The night is black but my headlight lights the way. Bingley Way is very empty. Most of the short course runners have finished. I am on my own in the dark.

Leaving Bingley it's an uphill climb into the bush section of the track. I am off the road and now on the track. The track is very well defined and easy to follow in the dark. Great job Pam. I just have to watch for rocks that want to trip me up and the overhanging trees that want to knock me out. It's a single width track with not too many opportunities to pass. A runner comes up behind me and I am casting a shadow from their light. This is a bit disorientating so I move over so I can be passed. Back on my own its easier to focus without the lights of other runners.

What are those lights to my right? I look over and then nearly trip on a rock. Don't get distracted Kevin. Focus. What is that light shining through the trees? Surely, we don't have to climb that high. Oh, that's the moon.

More twists, turns, avoiding rocks and ducking under trees. I am at the halfway point. I am told I must hold out the baton so the chip registers on the timing cables. I am thinking it must be downhill from here, I mean it is halfway. Wrong, a quick turn and it's another hill to climb. This is a great track to run and the bush is thick enough that there is little wind in here.

I get to the site of the old CSIRO weir. This is good news. I am close to finishing the bush track. A steep climb and soon I am back on the dirt road and then Bingley Way. I reach the Community Hall, hold my baton out as I cross the timing cables and I am off again. Another 7.5 kms to go.

It's after midnight and there is no one around. I am on my own with my own thoughts about my pace, breathing and energy levels. There are far fewer distracting lights on the single width track. I pass the halfway mark again and I am on my way home. I am back by about 12.30pm. I pass on the baton and stagger into the hall to catch my breath and to warm up.

Some soup seems to be a good idea and then a snooze. There are still lots of people in the hall handing out food and words of encouragement. The wind continues to howl. Steven is dozing in the caravan and David our visitor from Victoria is asleep in his car. I climb under the doona to get warm. I have about four hours before my next call. I don't think I sleep but those four hours go very fast.

I am out again in the wind waiting for the transition. Its 4.30am and its still a very dark night. They tell me the the early morning hours are the toughest; it's not a natural time to be out running. The wind continues to blow and there are fewer people around the hall. I can see Steven coming down the drive. I grab the baton and I am off. My legs are not that swift. I warm up as I run up a very empty Bingley Way and back into the bush. I have never been out running at 4.30am. I am very aware that tripping is more likely when you are tired. I must lift my feet, keep a comfortable pace and focus on the track.



There are shadows that look like wombats, no they are just tussocks. Was that something in the bush? Maybe a wallaby. I have passed the halfway check point and am looking for the CSIRO dam. My pace is slowing and the hills seem steeper. Onto Bingley and I am off. No use holding back now. I turn my lights up, no need to conserve the battery, I am going home. Oh, for a shower and to get out of this wind. Is that dawn breaking through the trees?

I pick up my pace and pass some twelve hour solo runners. They are exhausted and I feel bad passing them so easily. Someone calls out 'its ok, he's a relay runner' and I feel better, someone has apologised on my behalf.

David is there waiting. If he can get to the halfway point before 6.00am we will have broken the record. Its 5.35am. He grabs the baton and takes off. He has 25 minutes to cover 3.5 kms. In these conditions this will be a tough call.

The three of us retire to the hall to stare at the electronic scored board. There is a letter N which means David hasn't reached the halfway checkpoint and right above it is the time. The time ticks by as we wait for that N to become a Y which means we would have the record.

23 seconds! We missed the record by 23 seconds. David could see the checkpoint through the bush and sprinted as best he could on that track. He crossed the cables 23 seconds after the 6.00am cut off.

In the end a great result, we had covered 105.7 kms in just over 11.5 hours. We won the 4 person relay. My fellow relay runners immediately started to plan next year and smashing those 23 seconds. I am thinking I just want a shower.

Thanks to Pam and her team for another great Kowen Trail runners event. Pam has designed and maintains such a great course. Thanks also to the RFS and other volunteers that make these events so much fun.

Final results for the 12 hour runs

Relays

200plus	105.7kms	11hrs 39 min
Stop Crying Start Trying	67.95kms	11 hrs 20 min
Dirty Crows	90.6kms	11 hrs 04 min

Solo

Mens	Brett Easton	90.6 kms	11 hrs 25 min
Womens	Isobel Ross	90.6 kms	11 hrs 55 min



Bonfire Night Raffle Saturday August 31, 2019

Winners: Drawn by Lofty Mason (pictured) on the night

Prize	Name and number of ticket
Pork Bundle	Sylvia green N71
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Lolly box	Brooke green E090
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Interesting Wine from Keith	Maddy pink H85
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It might not feel it yet but the end of year is approaching faster than we might believe and so too is the annual Wamboin Community Carols Night! Put on by the Wamboin Community Association this is a wonderful way to celebrate the end of the year with a community get together. This is a nondenominational event and the emphasis is on the community enjoying themselves particularly the younger residents. Admission to the event is a gift under the Christmas tree for the Salvation Army people to take to someone less fortunate.

The night features carol singing ably supported by local music group Poetry in Motion, the telling of the Christmas story (in its rather unique style), a BBQ (gold coin donation which also goes to the Salvos), and of course the arrival of Santa to distribute gift bags to the children. The date for this extravaganza is 6th December 2019 at 7:00 pm sharp at the Community Hall in Bingley Way. So please come along and enjoy yourselves. Parents of children wishing to perform in the Christmas Play are invited (PLEASE) to ring Jenny Richards on **6238 1329** as soon as possible to organize parts.



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Wamboin Golf – September 2019

Sunday 1 September. First the Great Wamboin Curry Night, then the Wamboin Fireworks, then the Wamboin Spring Trophy. “Could it get better?” I hear you cry. Well, yes it could. But it didn’t. The region suffered the towering disappointment of a lost opportunity but your correspondent will get to that in due course. As in all things, golf takes precedence particularly in Spring when surly Winter’s bitterness is soothed as if by a lover’s breath. The birds of the air and the beasts of the field whirl and prance with joyous energy and Nature dons her multi-coloured raiment to trip the light fantastic up the lanes, through the hedges and down the dells. And each golfer of the region emerges from their chrysalis to contest the ancient trophy which features two genuine bed springs. The occasion was sponsored as usual by Joan and Lofty Mason whom we thank for the prizes and the repast, especially Joan’s celebrated spring rolls. The sponsors declared a three-club day determined by stroke play. And thus, the nymphs and shepherds of the area darted off into the woods with a hey nonny nonny and other bucolic Spring-type sayings.

Back at Titania’s leafy bower, as Captain Oberon checked our cards, we gasped in awe at the thrilling news that POTUS Donald “Blow-Your-Own” Trumpet had made a bid for the Palerang part of the QPRC. I’ll give you some background. When Donnie was just an up-and-coming real estate agent he visited Wamboin where he formed a close attachment to a brushtail possum (*trichosurus vulpecula*). It now sits on his head everywhere he goes. He refers to it as the GOP (Grand Old Possum). It engendered an affection for the area and its prescient residents who saw in him a latent political genius of Lincolnian proportions. Now he bestrides the world like a Colossus – as my old mate Bill Shakers puts it – building golf course resorts here

and there. Imagine his delight when he remembered that Wamboin already has its very own PGA-rated 18 hole course! But our risk-averse council knocked it back. Did they learn nothing from the Greenland debacle?

Wiping tears of disappointment from his eyes the captain introduced our guests Lisa Whitney, Karen Thompson, Katie Urquhart, Nick Hewitt and Brigit McCloud. Apologies were accepted from Sue Narmee and Anne Droyd. Ted Evans lectured us on GP waiting room etiquette. Googly balls were awarded to your correspondent for losing more than two balls in the same dam and Nick Hewitt for losing his ball in the embers of the previous night’s bonfire. The encouragement award again went to Robert Thompson (the lad’s a prodigy). LD and NTP ball winners were Pete Harrison 2, Ken Gordon 2, John Whitney 2, David Thompson, Paul Griffin, Lisa Whitney and Samuel Urquhart. Junior comp winner was Phoebe Beckett. Winner of the nine hole comp was John Whitney on 36 strokes reduced to 28 by handicap. Runner-up was Colin Urquhart 41/29. Winner of the 18 hole comp was Pete Harrison 91/63 from Paul Griffin 81/67. A blessing on all who took part!

Next month’s comp will be for the Oktoberfest Medal. Pull out the old beer stein and lederhosen and join us at the Hall on Sunday, 6 Oktober at 12.15pm for the accustomed and prompt 12.30pm start. Please note, for your added security we are installing milk crates on every tee and green. - Larry King, golfer

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Irrigation Water, Soil Nutrients and Salt

On 8 October 2019 at 7:30pm at Sutton school, Dr Richard Stirzaker from CSIRO will talk with Sutton Landcare Group about improving crop yields through better management of irrigation water, soil nutrients and salt. Dr Stirzaker is an authority on soils and soil moisture.

As a part of his work at CSIRO Agriculture and Food, Dr Stirzaker is involved with the Virtual Irrigation Academy (VIA) where anyone can learn about improving crop yields. The 'Chameleon System' is a way of measuring soil water by producing colour patterns that show whether the soil is too wet or dry, how deep rain and irrigation moves into the soil and where roots are taking up water. However water, nutrients and salt have to be measured together in order to really understand what is happening. VIA has become a global network where monitoring sensors are buried on farms around the world and data are shared on the VIA website. The presentation will be followed by supper and an opportunity to ask further questions.

-Arnold Dekker, Coordinator, Sutton Landcare Group

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Wamboin Social Club. A meeting place - every Thursday, 10.00 & 12.00 at the Wamboin community hall. Pop in for a coffee & chat or linger longer and join in a game of ping-pong, card games, scrabble etc. All are welcome - young and old, bring a friend. Contact Denise 0400 310 685 for information.

Wildcare training. Beginners possum care course will be held at the Karabar community centre, 183 Cooma St, Karabar, on Sat, 11 May 2019, between 9.30 a.m. & 4.30 p.m. BYO lunch. New recruits are welcome to attend and join Wildcare. For more information, contact training@wildcare.com.au, or telephone 6297 3442.

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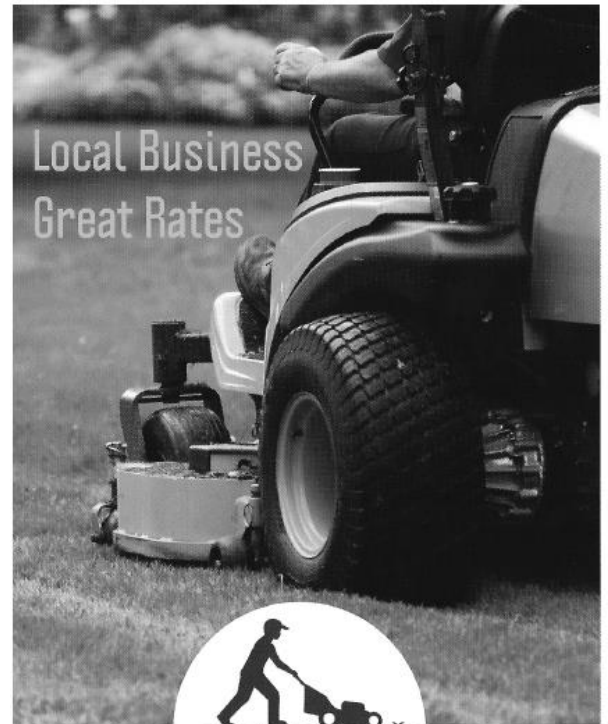
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Living with snakes in Wamboin! Wamboin Hall, Tuesday October 15, after the meeting starting at 7.30pm

Belinda Hogarth-Boyd, Wildcare Snake Co-ordinator for our region will present an overview of local snakes and their habits. Wamboin-based handlers will be on hand to share some personal experiences and to be known by locals. We may discover that we already know a snake handler! It will be an informative and practical presentation with good discussion on this topic which has meaning for us all, and further chatting over coffee and cake afterwards. For further information, please contact Diana Boswell on 0439461909 or diana.boswell@wamboincommunity.asn.au

Water for Wildlife

As we rapidly move through the warmer months, you could consider providing extra water on your property for our local wildlife. Most places are currently very dry, so normal water sources may not be available or could dry up as we head into a hot summer. Providing water and extra shade for the animals that visit your property is an obvious way to help. Fill bird baths and



place water vessels at ground level – with sticks or rocks laid for smaller creatures to climb in and out.

Recent research has shown that with a hotter, drier climate, many Australian mammals and birds are being adversely affected. For example, during a 2009 heatwave a quarter of Gunnedah's koala population was wiped out. The myth that koalas don't need to drink has been dispelled with a study assessing koalas' use of drinking stations provided in their range.

One related change is to eucalyptus trees – their distribution and leaf composition – which is impacting on leaf-eaters (folivores, eg koala, glider, possum) that rely on the trees. Folivores mostly derive their water requirements from the foliage they eat; under normal conditions, water obtained from the leaves is sufficient intake. During extended hot and dry summers, however, leaf water content may not be adequate, leading to dehydration of the animal. (Eating more leaves won't help due to toxins in the leaves – low levels can be tolerated in folivores.)

Providing water could be one way for land owners to help these tree-dwelling animals in their habitats. Artificial water stations – developed for the Gunnedah region as 'Blinky Drinkers' – were found to be very useful to maintain biodiversity.

Initially put out for koalas, video cameras revealed these stations to be of use to many thirsty tree-dwellers: possums, gliders, koalas, bats, owls and other birds... among others.

The North West Local Landcare Service, in conjunction with University of Sydney researcher Dr Valentina Mella, recently published guidelines *Providing Water for Koalas*. These guidelines can be applied to a range of our native arboreal wildlife, and advise property owners on how to set up tree-accessible water stations. These guidelines are accessible via this link: https://northwest.lls.nsw.gov.au/data/assets/pdf_file/0008/847142/NWLLS_USyd_KoalaDrinkerBrochure.pdf

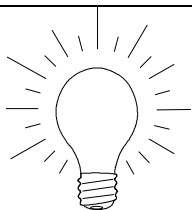
Putting out water for ground dwellers is fairly popular, but please also consider our native tree-dwellers. If you are able to secure a sturdy, shallow pot or container up a gum tree, and keep it clean and filled regularly, the wildlife will no doubt appreciate the water greatly during hot days and in times of low rainfall. You could also instal a camera to check who is visiting it! Again, smaller visitors such as butterflies and other insects will also take advantage, but simply placing a stick (or netting/chain/gauze) so that they can crawl out will prevent many from drowning.

Water made available for wildlife during dry, hot days and nights will be much appreciated!

Please always call Wildcare on 62991966 (or relevant wildlife group) if you see a native animal in distress.

-Merran Laver, for Wildcare

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Bird Of The Month

By Luke Downey

For October I chose the Striated Pardalote, which is a small, colourful bird with a nice call.

Striated Pardalote (*Pardalotus striatus*)

Size: 9.5-11.5cm

Status: Fairly

common resident

The Striated Pardalote is a very small bird, which is pale yellow underneath, with a brown back and black wings with white stripes and a red spot near the tip. It has a short, black tail and a black head with white flecks and a pale yellow eyebrow. Its bill is very small and well suited to its habit of gleaning insects off leaves. These birds are often found in pairs or small groups. They often associate with other small birds such as thornbills and robins. The Striated Pardalote's other names include Pick-wick and Wick-a-wick and these names refer to the bird's distinctive call, a whistling "Pick-a-wick". They nest in tree hollows or in holes that they excavate in river banks. The Striated



Pardalote occurs throughout Australia, although there are different forms throughout its range. Around Wamboin, it is fairly common, although it is sometimes difficult to see up in the treetops where it lives due to its small size. Despite its small size its call can be heard from far away.

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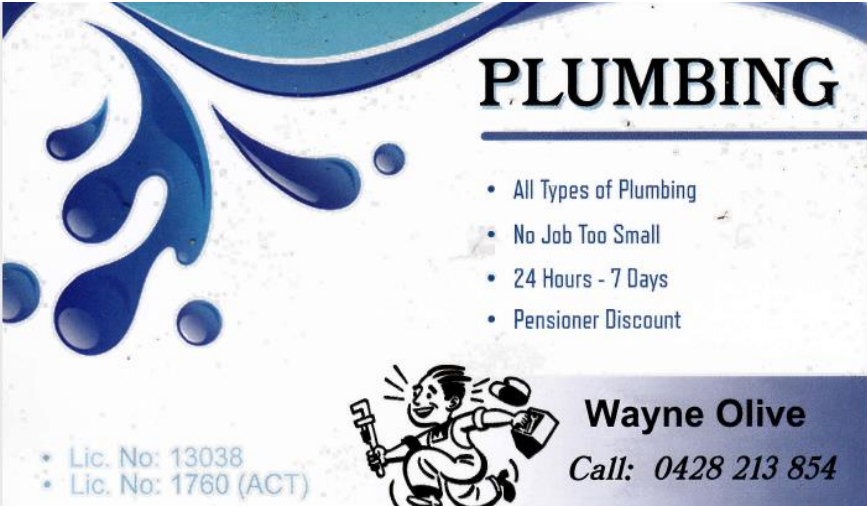


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September Rainfall Stats

September rainfall to the 29th 37.75mm
 2019 total rainfall to 29/9 302.50mm

Average September rainfall..... 62.8mm
 2018 September rainfall..... 19.75mm
 2018 total rainfall to 29/9..... 267.25mm
 43yr Av. to end of September... 491.2mm

October Rainfall Stats

2018 October rainfall..... 25.75mm
 Wettest October..... 198.5mm in 1976
 Wettest October day... 59mm on 17/10/76
 Driest October..... 4.5mm in 2006

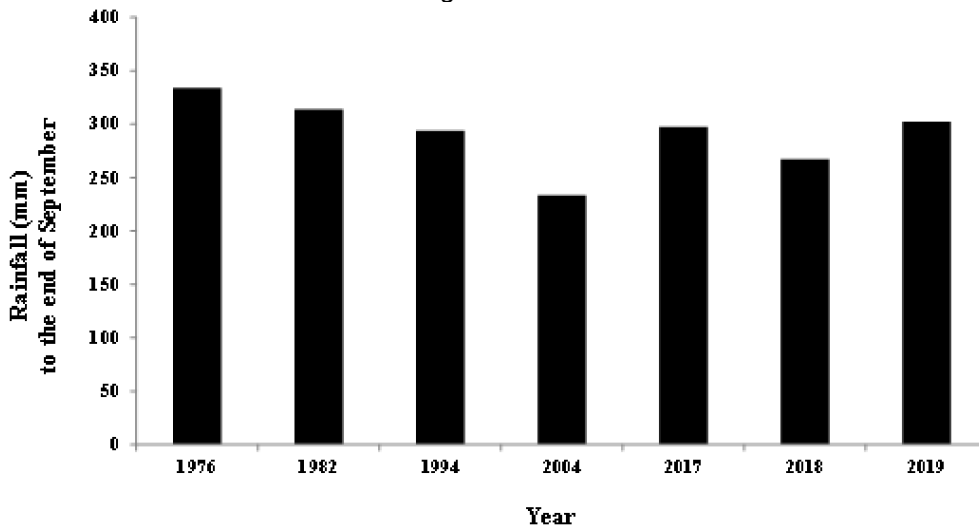
Average October rainfall..... 58.3mm
 Average no. rain days in October..... 9.2
 Highest no. rain days..... 22 in 1976
 Lowest no. rain days..... 2 in 2006

October Temperature Stats

Hottest October day.... 31°C on 28/10/97
 Coldest October day.... 6°C on 11/10/12
 (snowed)
 Average day temperature..... 18.4°C
 Warmest October 2017
 Av. day temp. 22.8°C & nights 8.0°C
 (highest) (highest.. 9.4 °C in 1977)

Av. Oct. temp... 12.9°C (day+night comb.)
 Hottest October night.... 17°C 29/10/77
 Coldest October night..... -2°C (2 times)
 on 18/10/13, 14/10/14
 Average night temperature..... 7.3°C
 Coldest October 2012
 Av. day temp. 16.9°C & nights 3.2°C
 (lowest... 15.8°C in 2009) (lowest)
 Oct. 2018. Av. max 21.2°C & min 7.0°C

The seven years with the lowest rainfall to the end of September are graph below. 2019 is the fifth driest. Between the start of April and end of September Wamboin has had 134.75mm which is 180.65mm below the 43-year average of 315.4mm.



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A big thank you to Jessica Gourlay and Gareth Jones who generously offered to take on the “distributing” to twelve “deliverers” the 267 Whispers distributed for years by John van der Straaten.

Over a hundred Bywong and Wamboin residents work together each month to add a piece to Bywong’s and Wamboin’s community property in print. The 50+ individuals and families listed below donate time to drive, bicycle, run or walk down roads to put a Whisper in each mailbox. Another 30 or 40 business owners, most of them local, pay hard earned money to run an ad in these pages. And 30 or so individuals take time to come up with worthwhile words, for what would otherwise be big white spaces, to trigger in this issue the thousands of readable black toner deposits that Instant Colour Press lays down on each copy to carry invitations, information, musing or stories for the rest of us. So, for one more month, we did it again, thanks to 100 or so of us each doing a part of this issue. – Ned Noel, volunteer editor on behalf of the Community Assn.

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Cheryl and David Steele	Fernloff Rd	34	Jill & Richard Gregory	Canning Cl	17
Julie Veal	Poppet Rd (for all on road)	31	Alan Rope	Sutton Rd	40

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Sue Ward	Norton Rd (Bingley to Weeroona)	32	Anne Gardner	Weeroona Dr (Norton to Majors)	31
Kathy Handel	Norton (Weeroona to Hilltop+Wirndra)	22	Phil Leeson&Coleen Fogarty	Norton Rd (Campbell to Bingley)	32

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Colleen Foster	B’dore Rd to Nrtm Rd	22	Rob Henry	South end Clare Valley	41
Cassie Fisher	Clare Ln	12	Lyle Montesin	The Forest Rd area incl Joe Rcks	65
Dominica Lorima	North end Clare Valley	42			

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Joan Milner	Birriwa Rd & Macs Rf Rd to Harriott	31	Beth Hope	Gum Flat Ln	6
Connie & Hans Bachor	Dnly Dr to Macs Rf Rd incl Bchm Gr	35	Tony Bond	HoganDr/OranaDr/Yuranga Dr	48

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Carol & Clive Boughton	Macs Reef Rd (Bankers to Fed Hwy)	33	Cheryl Warnock	Macs Reef Rd (Nwington to Bankers)	11

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Glen Dorahy	Sutton Park Estate	53			

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Smiths Gap is Now Smiths Gap!

By David McDonald, email david [at] dnmcdonald.id.au, phone 0416 231 860

In the July 2019 issue of *The Whisper*, pp. 22-23, I provided some of the history of Smiths Gap, a significant geographical and communication feature of our area, connecting it by road to Bungendore and beyond. I pointed out that, despite the community at large, and Council in official documents and signage, referring to the feature as 'Smiths Gap', the Geographic Names Board of NSW (GNB) had never registered it as an official Geographic Name. In October 2018 I approached QPRC staff, requesting that they support a proposal that I had documented to have the GNB register the name, and at its meeting on 22 May 2019 Council resolved to initiate the naming process. The proposal was advertised for a month over August/September 2019 and, at the conclusion of that period, the name 'Smiths Gap' was assigned in terms of the *Geographical Names Act 1966* (NSW).

The notification of the assignment of the name is online at

https://www.gnb.nsw.gov.au/place_naming/placename_search/extract?id=MnckjzUIGH. It states:

Description: The gap is located on Bungendore Road, approximately 5kms north-west of the village of Bungendore.

Origin: Known locally as 'Smiths Gap' since at least the 1860s. Named after a local family who lived in the area.

The July 2019 *Whisper* article on the history of the gap, and its naming, is online at

<http://wamboincommunity.asn.au/thewhisper/content/support/archives/2019/1907%20Whisper.pdf>.

A longer version, containing additional details, is online at the Local History page of the Wamboin Community Association's website: <http://wamboincommunity.asn.au/localhistory/>.

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From the Corner

Rating Categories—Last month we took a look at a couple of specific, current issues relating to the rating system. For those less familiar with the system in general, I thought it might help to step back a little and provide some broader context.

The legislative basis for the levying of council rates in NSW is provided in Chapter 15 of the Local Government Act 1993 (the Act) and the process by which these rates are to be levied is described in great detail in the Council Rating and Revenue Raising Manual (Department of Local Government, 2007) (the Manual).

The starting point for any discussion of council rates will invariably be the up-front disclaimer that council land rates, or *ordinary rates*, are not a fee for service. While there is a legislated obligation for their ‘fair imposition’, they are a tax, effectively a land tax, pure and simple.

The next point of clarification is that, while most people really only focus on, or care about, the bottom line, a council rates notice generally includes both *ordinary rates* and relevant water, sewer and waste *service charges*. Rates and charges are levied quite independently, so for the moment, let’s just talk about ordinary rates.

It may be useful to refer to the principles that were enunciated by English economist Edwin Cannan in his lectures on the History of Local Rates in England, these being the basis for our own system:

"Every inhabitant of a district should be made to contribute according to his ability and everyone who receives benefit from the local expenditure should be made to contribute in proportion to the benefit he receives."

The ‘fairness’ or ‘appropriateness’ of rates may therefore be considered in the light of these two criteria:

- The extent to which those who receive the benefits of council's expenditure also pay for those benefits—the so called ‘benefit principle’
- The extent to which those who pay to support council's functions have the ability to pay for that support—the so called ‘ability to pay principle’

It probably goes without saying that a rate that is fair when judged by the benefit principle may not be fair according to the ability to pay principle, and vice versa.

The Act (Clause 493) further requires that any rating system must include four distinct rating categories: farmland, residential, mining and business. A local Council has a degree of freedom in the way it distributes the overall rates burden across these four categories, but distribution of the burden within any category must generally comply with the principles articulated in the Manual. Further, the rating category used in any given situation must reflect the primary activity undertaken on the property so categorised. As such, any correlation between land use zones defined in a Local Environmental Plan and rating categories is largely coincidental—a rural property, for example, regardless of its size, that is used primarily for residential purposes, will generally be rated for residential use and, similarly, a corner shop in a residential area will be rated for business use.

The Act (Clause 529) also allows for a council, at its discretion, to determine sub-categories for one or more categories of rateable land in its area. This provides an additional mechanism by which to control the equitable distribution of the rates burden within a category. For example (Clause 529 (2) (b)), the category “residential” may be further subcategorised according to whether the land is rural residential land or is within a centre of population.

I chose this example quite intentionally because, as I mentioned last month, the definition of rural residential land in the Act is quite specific (and somewhat exceptional), being land that:

- (a) is the site of a dwelling, and
- (b) is not less than 2 hectares and not more than 40 hectares in area, and
- (c) is either:
 - (i) not zoned or otherwise designated for use under an environmental planning instrument, or
 - (ii) zoned or otherwise designated for use under such an instrument for non-urban purposes, and
- (d) does not have a significant and substantial commercial purpose or character.

These are the only criteria by which any parcel of land may be categorised (for rating purposes) as being rural residential, and if the rural residential sub-category is used, all land that fits this definition must be so categorised.

I will continue this discussion next month.

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

Local Government Rates (September, 2019) You and Your Rates (November, 2013)

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Wamboin Muse

Jill Gregory

I had a text from my son on his daily walk along the path to his grimy inner city train station. He'd seen a well dressed woman 'of a certain age' emerge from the bushes with a bottle of Bourbon and one of coke, and a sheepish look on her face; guilty pleasures! Then he smiled. Suddenly he wanted to tap her on the shoulder and say, "Thank you, you're just like my Mum." My family call me the bag lady for I, too, have a penchant for picking up others' rubbish, and my fingers twitch when I find weeds in public gardens. I can't resist a 'plant out of place'. A quick look around, then I pull it out. But weeds and rubbish aren't quite the same. A few more weeds in my garden at the moment might suggest a normal spring. I'd be happy to be bent double under bushes pulling them out, but rubbish, deliberately dropped or thrown thoughtlessly from car windows is another matter. What do people think they're doing.... or don't they care.

At the Wamboin markets last Saturday, the first markets after the winter break, I came across many people who care. I was chatting over coffee and scones. We started talking about what it takes to build a real community. Our Community hall came about because foundation residents of Wamboin had an idea, got together, and volunteering their time and skills built it; a focal point for a fledgling community. Many years later someone had the idea of a monthly produce market. The idea developed legs. At the time I wondered who would ever have produce to sell, but how wrong can you be! The home grown monthly markets have become a Wamboin institution, and as we looked around we saw many faces, young, middle aged and old, that spelled 'Wamboin community.'

There were young people selling iced cakes, scones, jam and cream and fresh eggs and pasta. Sometimes there are a couple of young buskers delighting us with their music and others climbing and running around in the playground. There were the old hands, with preserves and fresh vegetables, plants, knitted items, hand made cards and the aroma of coffee. There were members of the Fire Brigade, Wildcare, and new faces with new produce. Everywhere there were smiles and a feeling of goodwill as people bought and sold, chatted and caught up with each other; buyers and sellers of all ages, long term residents, new chums, retirees, families and singles, a reflection of a real community.

I went home from the market with my bags bulging. We made a lunch of fresh pasta and chopped rocket with olive oil, crushed garlic and a generous grind of black pepper, and washed it down with the remnants of last night's bottle. Sadly, we have had to become "responsible drinkers"! This was followed with coffee, and caramel slice, taste tested for quality control before being passed on with the cupcakes and coconut ice to the grandchildren; my excuse for buying and indulging in the pleasures of childhood! That afternoon the tube stocks went into the pitiful ground with best wishes and a good drink to keep future rabbits and kangaroos happy, and at next month's market I'll pick up the baby's jacket that I've ordered. The markets give me a real buzz.

The Wamboin environment and my garden has changed markedly over the years as the rainfall has declined, the scrub has thinned out and the animal population has moved in closer and hungrier. I remember, with nostalgia, the roses and cottage garden. Now there are hardy perennials... rosemary, lavender, diosmas and nandinas, and well chosen natives. I feel overwhelmed at times... but I hang on because it's the people who care, who care for each other, the plants, the animals and this place where we live that keep you going.

On some days I really would rather live somewhere else.....but then a cockatoo screeches overhead with a flash of wings, and a stealth like currawang swoops down, seizing the meat from the distracted magpie as the choughs land en masse on the bird feeding stump... and I'm enchanted once again by the natural world.

I wouldn't live anywhere else... because frankly, I don't know where else I'd want to be.

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