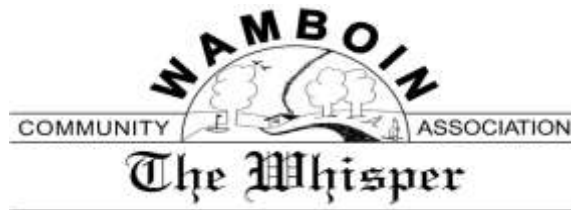


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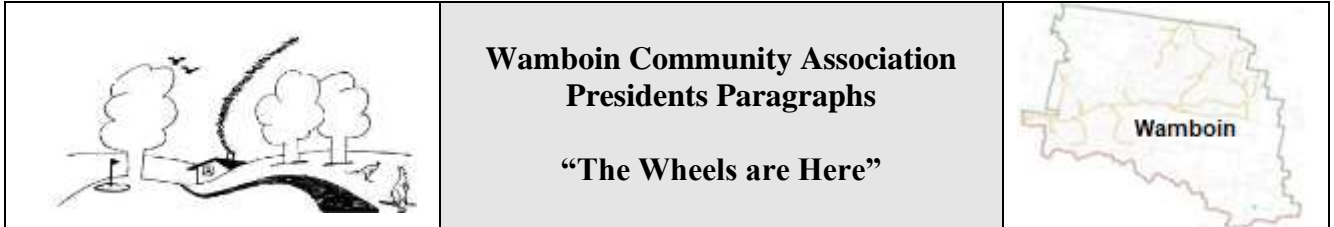
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The Wheels of Wamboin - Yes the great day is upon us this month. Please clear a spot on your calendar for Saturday April 17 from 9.00am to come down to the Wamboin hall for a morning of automotive magic. The day is for all vehicles great and small. It doesn't matter if your ride is bright and shiny or dull and dusty, everyone and everything is most welcome. The Wheels of Wamboin is an opportunity to bring that old girl out of the shed for everyone to ponder, to spark a conversation or to say, I had one of those and remember a fond memory. Keep an eye on our Facebook page and the WCA website for any late changes.

Wamboin Markets – The markets are held this month in conjunction with the Wheels of Wamboin event. Come down to buy some local produce and fare and mingle with the local community and don't forget to grab one of Lou's great coffees. Hours from 9am to 1pm.

Recycling Clothing – many regulars at the markets might have noticed a stall of recycled clothing. The stall offers donated recycled clothing and all profits are distributed to five local charities. This is a great initiative and is a win/win for everyone. At last month's markets it was noticed that most of the clothing is for women with very few men's and children offerings. I encourage everyone to have a clean out of good quality, clean preloved clothing items and bring them to the markets for Kaye and her crew to find a new home. It would be great to have some men's items for the Wheels of Wamboin. Just bring them down on the day

May Markets – while I am on the subject, the May markets will be open to horse gear and garden/farm equipment stalls. Contact Meriel our market convener if you have any questions (via Bywong and Wamboin Facilities and Contacts page in this issue).

Wamboin Social Drop-In Group– is back in action every Thursday from 10am – 12 noon at the Wamboin Hall in Bingley Way. It is an informal get together, morning tea is provided and participants can stay for a chat or have a game of scrabble, table tennis, or play cards. There is a wide cross-section of men and women attending, varying in ages. The timing of the Thursday morning drop-in group coincides with the Queanbeyan Palerang Council mobile library bus and its fortnightly visits to Wamboin Hall. If you have any questions, or want to ask about transport, please don't hesitate to contact Narelle Pumphrey on 0438 917 206 or pumpbnjc@westnet.com.au -

Thumbs up for QPRC – at the April markets you will notice that Council has sealed the entry from Bingley Way to the recently place asphalt at the fire shed. This will make a huge difference to hall and our events. It will eliminate the dusty carpark and allow us to expand our market stalls. Well done Council .

Spring Talks - we have a few ideas for this year's up coming three spring talks to be held over Sept/Oct/Nov but would also like to hear ideas from the community. Please email any suggestions to secretary@wamboincommunity.asn.au by 30 April.

QPRC Mobile Library: – will be at the Wamboin Hall in Bingley Way on Thursday April 8th and Thursday April 22nd from 10.30am to 11.30am. A great opportunity for kids and their grandparents to enjoy this great service over the school holidays. Refer to the article in this months Whisper. This is a case of use-it-or-lose-it!

WCA Meeting – Next Meeting will be held at 7.30 pm, Tuesday 20th April at the Wamboin Community Hall.

By the way Buona Pasqua! *We are Wamboin* Peter Evans - President.

The Wamboin Whisper: The Whisper is a monthly community newsletter established in 1981 by and owned by the Wamboin Community Association. The Whisper is published at the start of each month, excluding January. It is distributed to every letterbox in Wamboin, Bywong and Queanbeyan Palerang Council residents just southeast of the Federal Highway. Each issue goes to volunteer deliverers by the first Sunday of the month and is also then available at www.wamboincommunity.asn.au. Any proceeds from advertisements in The Whisper after printing costs go to the Wamboin Community Association.

Contributions to the Whisper: Contributions from all residents are encouraged, valued and the main content of the newsletter. The current editor is Ned Noel, 17 Reedy Creek Place, Wamboin, 2620, phone 0409 997 082. Paul Downey of Cooper Road also shares in doing the editing. Please email contributions to either whisper@wamboincommunity.asn.au or to nednoel@optusnet.com.au or mail them or drop them off. On contentious matters the Wamboin Community Association will strive to maintain a balanced view, by seeking advice from the editorial team and by seeking alternative views to be published in the same edition. The deadline for each issue is the last Sunday night of the month before, so the **deadline for the May 2021 issue is 7 pm Sunday night, April 25, 2021. Advertising prices**, per issue, based on rough fraction of inside the margins A4 area: 1/8 \$24 1/6 \$29 ¼ \$35 1/3 \$44 ½ \$70 2/3 \$87 Full Page \$140. email or phone inquiries to the editor as above.

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Bywong Community Association News – April 2021

Here's hoping you and yours had a happy Easter.

There's again not much to report this month! The BCA Exec met to discuss whether to hold the Bywong Car Boot Sale around Easter as is traditional, or to revamp it or replace it with something completely different. A raft of great ideas were canvassed for a significantly modified event, but the continuing uncertainty over COVID restrictions on events means we will not schedule anything (outdoors) for at least a few months, which in effect means Spring! In the meantime, if you have suggestions for events (new/revamped) to "Bring Bywong Together", please email the address below and I'll get back to you to talk it through. Whatever community events we decide on, this small group will need your help - watch this space and the local social media groups for how/when you can pitch in! Best wishes.

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The weather had a fair bit to do with it. However it is also because our community have been responsible in their activities that can cause a fire. Thank you.

The end of the Bushfire Danger Period means you will not need a permit for burning off vegetation. But, you will still have to notify our local Fire Control Centre (02) 6128-0600 during business hours) or do an online notification (www.rfs.gov.au)

Also it is a requirement to notify your neighbours at least 24hrs prior to lighting up. It's a good idea to check the RFS website and look up "Standards for Pile Burns" and Before you light that Fire".

These guides help you to prepare and advise you how to safely burn off vegetation, what is and is not allowed to be burnt as there are restrictions.

If you see smoke or a fire do not ring the Wamboin Station, Ring "000" for all emergencies better still get the EMERGENCY PLUS app from your App Store.

USEFUL LINKS AND CONTACT INFORMATION

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Saturday 17 April 2021 9 - 1 pm (note the longer time frame this month)

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Despite the rain we had a great turn out for the market. More than 150.

I have a good quality umbrella that was left behind by a someone at the market this month. Call or message me to claim.

This month we had plenty of garden produce including figs, quinces, raspberries, tomatoes, salad leaves, zucchini, rhubarb and more. A young entrepreneur, Cherry - helped by her Mum - sold delicious biscuits, brownies and more and raised over \$100 for the Indigenous Literacy Foundation. Cherry also learned to calculate correct change and add up the numbers of offerings she sold and total up the gains at the end. Each month the family will donate proceeds to a different charity of their choice.

We used the 'back room' for the clothing stall this month and the extra space and the fact that it was out of the rain, meant sales were good. Proceeds totaled over \$160 and have been donated to ACT Animal Foster and Rescue Inc – for their work caring for, training and rehoming rescued dogs.

Most of our regular stallholders were there and there was 'baking-a-plenty' to choose from and plenty of craft, jewellery and art work for sale. Landcare brought a huge number of native tube stock plants to sell. Both sellers and their many customers – thanks to the fire brigade – had a pleasant and dry experience, safely sheltered inside the fire shed. Bacon and egg rolls sold out and coffee was plentiful, warming people up on a grey, windy and drizzly morning. For those of us born and brought up in the UK – felt like home!!

APRIL MARKET

LANDCARE: A SECOND HUGE SALE OF NATIVE TUBESTOCK. Timing is right for autumn planting so assess those empty spots on your property or in your garden and come along to fill them up!

PRODUCE ALERT:

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- Joan will have sausage rolls for sale both in packs and hot to eat on the spot.
- Plus our usual array of home made cakes, biscuits, strudel, scones, quiches and more.
- Plenty of garden produce still to sell before winter. Lots of pickles and preserves.

CLIMATE CHANGE: CANsign Inc. is a Gundaroo based, not-for-profit organisation created in response to the Black Summer Bushfires of 2019/20. Many people on the NSW coastline started painting their fences with "We Want Climate Action" signs. CANsign now provides quality signs to those that want to support the campaign. For more information, and to see what the signs look like, please visit <https://cansign.org.au/>. You can get your signs from David at the market to show support for action on climate change NOW. You will have noticed these yellow and black signs popping up along Norton Road and other Wamboin/Bywong locations. Do your bit. Learn what CANsign is all about.

"HANG IT ON THE COMMUNITY CLOTHES LINE": This stall continues to be popular. So far we have donated over \$100 on each occasion to Cancer Council NSW, St Andrew's Church, Wamboin, Possum Wildlife Sanctuary, St Benedicts Community Centre in Queanbeyan and ACT Rescue and Foster Inc for dogs in the ACT and regional NSW area.. The proceeds from the sales will be rotated through these selected charities. Unsold items will be passed on to local charity shops.

You can swap something you bring for another item on the stall or purchase an item for \$5.00. Hanging racks and coat hangers are provided. We encourage you to sort out your cupboards and bring along clean and useable items of clothing. See you at the market!

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Saturday 17th April 2021

9.00am to 1.00pm

(in conjunction with Home Produce Markets)

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A bonus on the day is the opportunity to pick up some healthy bargains at the monthly home produce markets. There will also be freshly brewed coffee and a sausage sizzle and BBQ all with Covid Safe plans in place.

Please follow us on Facebook for any updates closer to the day or our website at <https://www.wamboincommunity.asn.au>

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- KOREAN FRIED CHICKEN LOLIPOPS**
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- BEEF MACHOS (GF)**
Sour cream, guscamole, cheese, corn salsa 22
- FRIES**
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BREADS FROM THE WOOD FIRED OVEN

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- GARLIC & CHEESE FOCACCIA (V)**
Garlic oil, mozzarella 10
- GARLIC, CHEESE & BACON FOCACCIA**
Garlic oil, mozzarella, bacon 12
- BRUSCHETTA (V)**
Fresh tomato, mozzarella, basil, balsamic dressing 15

BURGERS

- ALL BURGERS SERVED WITH FRIES**
- THE EAGLE HAWK (GFA)**
Double beef patties, cheese, bacon, caramelised onion, lettuce, tomato, beetroot, egg 25
- CHICKEN BREAST BURGER (GFA)**
Lettuce, tomato, bacon, smashed avocado, chilli mayo 20
- BBQ PULLED PORK BURGER (GFA)**
Slow cooked shredded pork, Asian slaw 22
- STEAK SANDWICH (GFA)**
On sourdough, lettuce, tomato, caramelised onion, fetta, mayo 23

PUB CLASSICS

- CRUMBED CHICKEN BREAST SCHNITZEL** 21
- SERVED WITH A CHOICE OF TWO SIDES**
Garden salad, pan fried seasonal vegetables, creamy potato mash (GF), fries
- SAUCE**
- DIANNE** gravy, green peppercorn, mushroom, chimichurri, creamy garlic & parmesan
- PARMIGIANA** 23
Smoked ham, San Marzano sauce, mozzarella
- MEXICANA** 25
Tomato salsa, mozzarella, guacamole, sour cream
- GODFATHER** 25
San Marzano sauce, spicy sopressa, ham, mozzarella
- EXTRA SAUCE** 3
- TOP YOUR SCHNITZEL**
- BANGERS & MASH (GF)** 22
Hand made pork sausages, creamy potato mash, peas, sweet onion gravy
- PANKO CRUMBED LAMB CUTLETS** 38
With a choice of two sides and sauce
- VEGGIE LASAGNA (V)** 20
Mushroom, zucchini, eggplant, mozzarella
- CHICKEN KIEV** 24
Creamy potato mash, asparagus, garlic butter
- BEEF SALTINBOCCA** 26
Pancetta, prawns, shallots, creamy garlic & parmesan sauce, creamy garlic mash
- LEO'S NASI GORENG** 21
Indonesian fried rice, satay chicken, pickles, egg, prawn crackers
- TEXAN BBQ PORK RIBS 500G** 42
Charred corn cob, coleslaw, fries

FROM THE OCEAN

- FISH N CHIPS** 21
Beer battered flathead, tartare sauce, lemon, fries
- 1KG MUSSELS (GF) (DFA)** 25
Garlic cream and white wine sauce, crusty bread
- PRAWN LINGUINI** 18
Creamy garlic & chilli sauce
- PAN FRIED SALMON (GF)** 32
Pea mash, blistered cherry tomatoes, broccolini, béarnaise sauce

FROM THE GARDEN

- GRILLED PRAWN & SMOKED SALMON SALAD (GF)** 26
Lettuce, tomato, cucumber, red onion, creamy avocado dressing
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BUTTER Chilli, pink peppercorn & horseradish, nori seaweed, garlic	
Extra Sauces/ Extra Butter Complimentary Hot English Mustard, horseradish, sriracha	3



Bird Of The Month

By Luke Downey

For April I chose the Australian White Ibis, a fairly common waterbird which has in recent times become a scavenging bird in many cities.

Australian White Ibis (*Threskiornis molucca*)

Size: 65-76cm (wingspan 1.25m) Status: Uncommon breeding resident

The Australian White Ibis is a familiar Australian bird. Traditionally a bird of wetlands and waterside areas, they have benefitted rapidly from humans and are now a common sight in many cities. They have joined seagulls and ravens (crows) as birds that are often referred to as trash birds (seen at tips or scavenging rubbish) and this has led to these birds being nicknamed “Bin Chicken”. These birds are mainly white with black legs, tail, bare neck, head and bill. They often have a red stripe underneath the wings which is a patch of exposed skin (often seen when flying). Their plumage becomes yellow-brown with age as it gets stained from mud. Australian White Ibises can be found singly or in flocks, often with

Straw-necked Ibises (which are much darker on the back). When in flocks they often fly in a V-formation. These birds are occasionally seen on dams throughout Wamboin, where they feed on yabbies, small fish, frogs or other food items in the water. They can also be found probing the ground in grassy areas for worms and other bugs in the soil. They rarely breed locally, usually breeding in large colonies in the Murray-Murrumbidgee. Interestingly, ibises rarely call as they have no voice box. They will occasionally make harsh guttural noises produced from the throat, but cannot actually make any calls. (Photo from Google images)

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It Really is A Dog's Life

Hello again. It's been wet and I've become a bit of a water baby this year – I'm soooooo pleased I have learnt to swim. I mostly swim in dams but I know where to find some big puddles for swimming in Kowen Forest and on the trails. A lot of puddles nearly disappeared but they are back now. Puddles are also very good to lie in to cool down when I've been running a lot. I like to run... very much... especially when chasing balls... One of my favourite things is to combine swimming in dams with ball games. It's even more fun when I've got extra humans to help. At Gretta's, our humans throw the balls and I take a running leap into the water to get my ball. I can leap out a long way and sometimes I can time the leap so I come up with the ball in my mouth!! The humans are trying to throw the ball a very long way out to see how far I will swim. I can swim all the way across the dam. So can Gretta. She's more sedate than me so doesn't leap. But she's more committed to fetching the ball and is a great help at getting the ones I leave behind because I've been distracted by another throw... or a duck... or something.

There's not much room for me to take running leaps at my dam. I do try. My friend William comes over with his Nanna. He's three. He's a very good thrower, especially from the jetty. The jetty is interesting – I am tempted to be brave and jump from the end of it... but I've not been that brave yet. I have sort of jumped off the edge – I can almost land on the side of the dam from there. I seemed to just know that I need to be less boisterous than usual when I'm playing with William. That's nice because it means he's not overwhelmed and is happy to play with me. Sometimes I forget to drop the ball – luckily William is very good at reminding me to sit and to drop the ball. One day the humans got distracted and forgot to throw lots of balls for me – they were too busy trying to catch tadpoles. Tadpoles are even faster than me! They dive away just as you think you've got one. I'm told they will become frogs. Frogs are very noisy at my place. I am trying to understand how they can jump so very high – sometimes they come up to my house and jump under my nose – that can be disconcerting! Frogs can also walk up my windows and doors. Very clever. I can't do that.

I've not been convinced that swimming pool swimming is fun. Gretta says it is, especially when the people are in the pool. I've fallen into Gretta's pool a couple of times – I can scramble out *very* quickly, even at the deep end. I prefer to pluck balls from the surface of the water. Sometimes the humans put the balls on a frisbee and set it off across the water. I have to wait to see where it will reach the side and then pluck the balls off the frisbee – or from under the frisbee – they hide the ball underneath sometimes but I have figured that out!! I show a lot of patience – it's really hard to be still but I know I have to be to get another game. I can use my paw to bring the balls closer to me so I can get them in my mouth. And I can stretch a verrrrrry long way balancing on the edge if it means I can reach the ball!!!

I've told you about my friend Daisy and her field. I love going to visit there. I can play lots of ball games there too. There isn't a dam but Daisy's owners make sure there's a big dish of water for me. I need that after a lot of chasing. I splash the water out of the dish onto my chest to cool down. And I keep the balls in the dish when I'm cooling down – otherwise the humans take the balls and make me rest. (I don't really like to rest but sometimes I need to.) They can be cheeky and put all the balls in a bucket with a lid. Then hide the bucket. But chasing balls is an important part of my job so I have learnt to find the bucket and open it and then there are all the balls for me to play with. Daisy's owners are setting up jumps and slalom courses for dog play. I'm told Daisy is very good at jumps and slalom when I'm not there. (I can do jumps but, as you might guess, I prefer ball games.) When I am there, Daisy is too busy watching me, and trying to decide if she'll come running after a ball. My favourite ball is squeaky. I've worn out a couple of squeaky balls but each time I've been lucky enough to get a new one.

The squeaky ball is nearly as much fun as my latex pig. Pig is a good indoor toy – you can play hide and seek and pass the parcel with pig. Muggles my cat brother isn't quite so sure... He doesn't really like the noise but he does like me so he puts up with it. We snuggle up together sometimes. And we like going on walks around the house yard with our owner. Muggles comes down to my mini field sometimes, to watch me play ball.

Daisy and I went to the sheep dog trials one day. We think we'd like to round up sheep... but we don't have any sheep. So we watched a bit and wandered around the showground a bit. There were lots of dogs to meet. Unfortunately I have decided that I need to bark to say hello. That's not the best thing to do when there are other dogs working with the sheep so we didn't watch for very long. (My owner is working to get me to stop doing barking but I'm not being very cooperative on that front at present.) I recognised the sheep trials when they were shown on the news – I had to sit up very straight and watch closely.

My friends Oscar and Sunny have sheep & alpacas and their neighbours have goats. When I went for a play date there, I spent a bit of time watching the goats. Oscar and Sunny have got used to them so didn't understand why I was so interested. Oscar would have much rather we'd had a game. Next time I visit them my owner will make sure she takes one of my special bouncy balls so I can play more with Oscar. They'd prefer I did that rather than round up the sheep and alpacas.

I think my biggest adventure since I last wrote has been staying at a kennel. My owner had to go away for a couple of days so I went to the kennel Gretta recommended. I liked the car ride but then wasn't sure about going into the area where the yards were. There were lots of dogs barking to say hello and I was a bit nervous. But I ended up being very brave and ran passed them into my yard. Luckily I soon discovered that being at the kennel meant I had lots more playmates and I ended up having a lovely time. I might go back again some time.

Did you know there is another clutch of cygnets in Queanbeyan? That's three lots since spring. There are three cygnets. My Queanbeyan friend has sent photos. Luckily they were still there after all the rain. The weir has been very high and the water is running very fast. The swan family has been taking shelter in the reeds – a clever thing to do. I might go and see them this week...

I'm so lucky to have learnt I don't need to live anywhere else. - Molly (with quite a bit of help from Jenny) *Full name supplied*

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Wamboin Church life adjusted by Covid

Last month I told of the problems Covid rules caused by not allowing singing in church. This month things have changed. From Easter we are allowed to sing in church, so as I prophesised last month we will now be able to raise the roof at St Andrews. It is probably after Easter as you read this, so those attending the Easter services can practice, then on Sunday 2 May all of Wamboin can be at St Andrews at 0930 when we can attempt the physically impossible, but psychologically possible, raising of the roof. Hopefully singing restrictions will not be reimposed in the future. Let us hope and pray that Australia has got this pandemic under control, and that other countries will be able to do likewise in the near future.

You will see an advertisement in this edition for our fundraising Candlelight Dinner and Bonfire at the Sutton church on 1 May. Due to current Covid rules this has to be an outside, ticketed sit-down function so if you would like to attend please use the link in the ad and purchase tickets. There will be other entertainment including musicians, kid's marshmallow roasting fire pit, and several other items still being finalised. Planning and confirming acts is difficult with the constant rule changes. We have constructed a small hall on the Sutton site and need funds to complete the internal fit-out. No religious connection required, just a night of entertainment and socialisation for all.

Church services are held at St Andrew's on the First and Fifth Sundays of each month at 0930 and at St Peters Sutton on the Second Sunday of the month. On the third and fourth Sundays a service is emailed out to allow you to hold a personal service. If you would like to be added to the list contact us at peterandandrew2012@gmail.com or phone Pastor Royce on 0416 265 600, Alan 0429 434 944, or Gai 0438 400 634. – Alan Rope



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St Peters is looking forward to welcoming everyone to its fund raising BBQ and bonfire event for our new church hall. The COVID-19 situation is so fluid so we are planning to be safe and sure. Bookings are required and everyone will need to check in with the NSW Government COVID Safe App upon entry. We will have tables and seating areas for everyone to sit and enjoy the music and entertainment and the wonderful bonfire.

Come along and enjoy a night out with the family and help us to get our new hall up and running for all to enjoy. There will be plenty of food, marshmallow toasting for the kids, a raffle of a trailer load of wood, great live music and the warmth of a big bonfire.

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Sunday, 7

March. The Mad Hatter's Tea Party. Not to be confused with the rabble that is still twisting the tail of the poor old Republican Party in

the benighted US of A. No, this time it's the gladsome Wamboin golfing spectacular. The day, superbly Autumnal, was sponsored by Deb and Ken Gordon whom we thank for the sustenance and the loot. And talking of loot, what about the gazillions the charismatic Mark Suckitup of Faceache has trousered through the simple ruse of not paying for anything: e.g. tax in our fair country and the work of journalists? Mark, an attractive mixture of badly disguised greed and petulance, unplugged us from the news content he's nicked from others. Unfortunately he rolled over and agreed to cough up, so all those pictures of Lady Gaga's ugly little dogs are back on the screen. Still, looking at pictures of French bulldogs is less enervating than trying to work out your score on the diabolical Stableford system which, I suggest, would have confounded even the great Alan Turing.

Back at Bletchley Park, as the captain struggled with the Enigma code of our scorecards, there was much to wonder at. Such as Italy's refusal to hand over our Vaccine. Actually, I'm not that upset: I'm hanging out for the Perfizzer vax. As for Astra Zeneca, wasn't she the last winner of the Sanremo Song Contest? And what's all this hoo-ha over the colour of Harry's and Meghan's kids? Hasn't anyone ever heard of Edward of Woodstock, the Black Prince? He was the eldest son of Edward III who, as far as I know, never complained about the boy's colour. Next, we deplored those obnoxious virtue signalers who endured an alcohol-free February. Your correspondent, in conformity with General Angus Campbell's advice to make himself less attractive, is now on the so-called "5/2 diet": 5 beers/2 hot dogs. It seems to be working.

The captain introduced our guests, Annie Burne, Steve Miners and Rob Gorham – the latter two returning after long absences. Ted's Joke was told by Dave Hubbard and Keith France. The googly ball went to the person who birdied Short'n'Sweet. Ruth Lambert spat the dummy at the news a certain member couldn't attend because his partner was chopping wood. Phoebe Beckett scored the encouragement award. LD and NTP ball winners were Dave Hubbard 2, Annie Burne, Glen Crafter, Ken Gordon, Col Urquhart, Nev Schroder, Pete Harrison, Vicki Still and Tim Barter. Young Robbie Thompson, with 23 Stableford points, took out the junior comp. Winner of the senior nine hole comp was Nev Schroder 23 from Dave Hubbard 20 and J & L Mason inseparable on 19. Victor in the 18 hole comp was Tim Barter (yawn) 38 from Paul Griffin 36 OCB from Col Urquhart. Congratulations all.

Join us at the community hall at 12.15pm on Sunday, 4 April for the highly-esteemed Wamboin Mini Masters – two rounds of six holes provided you make the cut after the first six - kicking off at 12.30pm on the dot. Remember: Life is a conundrum which will never be solved to the general satisfaction no matter what we do. - Larry King, golfer

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(46 years from Cooper Road) by Christine Rieber

March Rainfall Stats

March rainfall to the 25th 120.75mm
2021 total rainfall to 25th 280.25mm

April Rainfall Stats

2020 April rainfall..... 99.0mm
Wettest April..... 174.5mm in 1989
Wettest day..... 70mm on 20/4/84
Driest April..... 0.5mm in 1997

April Temperature Stats

Hottest April day..... 31.3°C on 11/4/18
Hottest April night..... 16.5°C on 13/4/18
Average day temperature..... 17.7°C
Warmest April..... 2018
(Av. max day temp. 24.6°C & night 9.7°C)
(warmest night temp. 11.0°C in 1989)
April 2020. Av. max 19.0°C & min 8.2°C

Average March rainfall..... 58.6mm
2020 March rainfall..... 115.0mm
2020 total rainfall to 28/3..... 202.75mm
45yr Av. to end of March..... 176.5mm

Average April rainfall..... 45.6mm
Average no. rain days in April..... 7.1
Highest no. rain days..... 19 in 1989
Lowest no. rain days..... 1 in 1997

Av. April temp.. 13.0°C (day+night comb.)
Coldest April day..... 8°C (4 times) on
13/4/94, 27/4/09, 26/4/12 & 22/4/15
Coldest April night..... -1°C on 25/4/13
Average night temperature..... 8.3°C
Coldest April 2011
(Av. min day temp. 14.5°C & night 5.7°C)
(coldest night temp. 3.5°C in 2013)

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Nature Notes - March 2021

Jo Walker

With over 100mm of rain this month and the temperatures forecast to reach the high twenties again at the end of the month, most of the plants in this area are still producing luxuriant new growth and the buds on some of the Spring-flowering plants are already well-developed.

At one stage, after several days of steady rainfall and a few storms, I could hear my creek running even with all the doors shut. Eucalyptus leaves contain several chemicals that are picked up by the rainfall and cause foaming in the resulting run-off. My creek was full of heaps of white froth as the water hurtled down the hillside. - lovely sights and sounds.

Not much is flowering at the moment except for a few golden *Xerochrysum viscosum* (Sticky Everlasting) – although the Hickory Wattles (*Acacia implexa*) along Sutton Road and the lower end of Norton Road were still bearing cream flowers at the beginning of the month. And the heath plants are beginning to provide a bit of colour. The Urn Heath (*Melichrus urceolatus*) is still attracting a few Honeyeaters with its cream tubular flowers and Daphne Heath (*Brachyloma daphnoides*) are covered in large pale pink buds. And the bright pink clusters of tiny buds on the ground-covering patches of prickly Peach Heath (*Lissanthe strigosa*) are beginning to make an appearance.

An interesting find a few days ago was a tiny Horned Midge Orchid (*Corunastylis cornuta*). I'd found a small group of these a few years ago but hadn't seen them since. They grow amongst shrubs and tussocks in dryer areas and are usually considerably less than 10cm tall so are not as easy to find as some of our other local orchids.

I hadn't seen the usually resident pair of Mudlarks for awhile, but they turned up at the beginning of the month with a noisy young one in tow. I don't see Willy Wagtails here much but two did come a week or so ago and stayed for a few days. And another infrequent visitor, a Satin Flycatcher, a male bird, made a quick appearance.

The Yellow-tailed Black Cockatoos had been absent here for some time when about thirty of them appeared here last month. Since then, there have been fairly regular visits, and twice recently I've seen a high fly-past of just over a hundred of these majestic birds.

There was an interesting, but not altogether welcome mammal visitor here a few days, or more correctly nights, ago. A micro-bat flew in when I opened a door after dark and fluttered around. I turned on the lights in every room except one, and, sure enough, after a few wanderings, the little bat made its way to its preferred darkness. I'd opened a window in the dark room and closed the door behind the bat and it made its way to freedom. It's best not to handle bats if there is another way of returning them outside as they can carry disease and can also bite.

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Council Elections—I jumped the gun a bit last time I broached this subject, but who could have foreseen what was about to happen back then? Regardless, here we are, with the revised NSW Council election date [4 September 2021] now squarely on the horizon. I'll have a bit more to say about the election process in the coming months, but I thought that, first up, I might deal with some of the not-so-obvious 'rules of engagement' that might help to inform any decision to nominate as a candidate.

I'll take for granted that any prospective candidate has at least attended a Council meeting or two and has some idea about what might be involved in the 'job'. Mind you, I know of a first-time candidate in a neighbouring Local Government Area (LGA) who was elected Mayor at the first meeting of the new Council without ever having previously attended a Council meeting, so 'experience' is not actually a prerequisite.

Either way, let's take a look at the election process, the ballot paper in particular. To some extent, the order in which candidates are listed on the ballot paper is, quite literally, a lottery. But there is a little more to it than that.

The voting system used for NSW local government elections allows a candidate to stand either as an individual candidate or as a member of a Group of candidates. The voting system also makes a significant distinction between candidates listed as individuals on a ballot paper and those listed within such a Group.

I will note from the outset that it is a distinct advantage to be listed high up in a Group, and almost impossible to be elected as an individual candidate, in the QPRC LGA at least. While much of this has to do with voter behaviour, the structure of the ballot paper has a direct influence on the result.

The ballot paper ultimately lists all of the Groups that have nominated, across the paper, from left to right, in an order determined by lottery. Candidates who have chosen to stand as 'individuals', are listed in the last 'group' on the ballot paper, but within that 'group' in an order also determined by lottery. Here is the next distinction between grouped and ungrouped candidates—the order in which ungrouped candidates are listed on the ballot paper is determined by lottery, but the order in which Grouped individual candidates are listed within their Group is chosen by the Group, automatically bestowing a preference on the leader of the Group for every vote cast in favour of that Group.

It is also evident that being listed first on any ballot paper in a system where voting is compulsory, as it is in Australia, conveys an advantage. Historically, first place on the ballot paper in a Council election can be worth as much as a whole quota of votes (i.e. the donkey vote can be as high as 10%, arbitrarily guaranteeing the election of the first candidate listed, or an extra candidate from the Group lucky enough to be listed first).

The final piece of the Group voting 'puzzle' arises as a result of the fact that Groups of candidates can choose—and they invariably do so choose—to be allocated a 'Group Voting Square'. Group identifiers and Group voting squares appear above a solid horizontal line on the ballot paper, while the names of individual candidates and their individual voting squares, are listed below this line, under their respective Group identifiers. To cast a valid vote, voters can either number Group voting squares—at least one—above-the-line, or the voting squares for individual candidates—at least half the number of councillors to be elected (in the case of QPRC, that's six)—below-the-line. Note that, as there is no (above-the-line) Group voting square for ungrouped candidates, an above-the-line vote automatically excludes all ungrouped candidates from any subsequent voting preference distribution. Given that, historically, 80-90% of voters cast their vote above-the-line, this makes it very difficult for an individually listed candidate to be successful in the presence of Groups and above-the-line voting.

The point of this discussion is simply that, if you were considering nominating as a candidate in the upcoming Council election, quite apart from any other matters that might be relevant, like experience (or not...), you really need to be nominating as a member of a Group. If you're really serious about being elected, as distinct from just supporting the efforts of the lead candidate in your Group, you need to be that lead candidate. If the Group is sponsored by one of the major political parties, if the lead candidate within a Group has an established public profile, or if the Group is lucky enough to score first slot on the ballot paper, being the second or third candidate in that Group might be enough to get elected, but historically, only rarely are more than two candidates elected from within any one Group.

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During this time, people continue with their normal activities, such as gardening, working on rural properties or undertaking home renovations, and sometimes brumating reptiles may be disturbed. If you can leave the reptile where it is (under a log, for example) then that is the best approach. However, this is not always possible, and the animal may need to be relocated to another suitable location. Microbats also become much less active over the wintertime and enter periods of torpor (similar to brumation,) to conserve energy.

They will rouse themselves in order to eat and drink and then return to a state of torpor. Bats are frequently found inside folded umbrellas, hanging from curtains, and other secure, dark places.



Microbats require a different approach. Any bat that is disturbed during a period of torpor requires the attention of a vaccinated wildlife carer to catch, assess the bat's condition, then provide it with appropriate food and water, before releasing the bat in the locality from which it came. Bats can carry Lyssavirus and unvaccinated people should not handle bats of any kind.

Wildcare Queanbeyan requests that anyone who disturbs a brumating reptile or a microbat ring the hotline on 6299 1966 for advice.

Wildcare Queanbeyan is a volunteer organisation committed to rescue, raise, rehabilitate and release native wildlife in this region. Anyone who encounters sick, injured or orphaned wildlife is encouraged to phone the Wildcare Queanbeyan Hotline anytime on 6299 1966. Bec Quinn for Wildcare - Lesser long eared bat Photo by Melissa Pearce

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The roads of Wamboin, part 12: further information on Kestral Place, Proud Place & Hogan Drive

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Introduction: This is the 12th contribution in a series of articles on the origins of the names of Wamboin's 31 roads. (The Bywong Community's website has corresponding information on some of the Bywong roads.) In the March 2021 issue of *The Whisper* I wrote that I have yet to ascertain the origin of the names of Kestral Place and Proud Place, two of Wamboin's shortest roads. I am pleased to report, however, that the Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council's Records Management team have made a great effort on our community's behalf, and have located files from the time of the Yarrowlumla Shire Council that cover the naming of these roads. Details follow.

As always, readers are invited to contact me, or the Editor, with any additional information, or corrections.

Proud Place: As pointed out in the March 2021 issue of *The Whisper*, Proud Place was built as part of the first subdivision (Canberra Country Estate) that eventually became Wamboin. The first advertisement for land sales in the Canberra Country Estate that I have located was published in *The Canberra Times* on 2 December 1972, page 31.

QPRC Records Team personnel have located, within the old Yarrowlumla Shire Council files, a subdivision plan for Canberra Country Estate which reads (in part) 'Managing Agents Proud Projects Pty Ltd 375 Pitt St., Sydney, Tel.: 61-6679'. While the plan is undated, we can probably safely assume that Proud Place was named after Proud Projects Pty Ltd. The final meeting of the liquidators of the company took place on 5 August 1994 (Commonwealth of Australia Gazette 1994).

Kestral Place. As I speculated in the March 2021 *Whisper*, this road is named after the Nankeen Kestrel *Falco cenchroides*, a small falcon quite frequently seen in the Wamboin area. The road's name is spelled 'Kestral' not 'Kestrel', a not-uncommon spelling error. Kestral Place runs off Denley Drive, near Hogan Drive. The land was subdivided by Neil and Marie Quinn in the late 1980s. At its 19 May 1987 meeting the Yarrowlumla Shire Council considered an application by Neil Quinn to approve 'Kestral Close' as the name for the road that became Kestral Place. Council staff advised (in the meeting papers) that the name reflects 'A variety of bird to be found in the area'. With respect to that road and Hogan Drive, staff wrote 'Whilst the proposed names are not historical as required under Council policy, they are considered acceptable provided Quinneil Street became Quinneil Drive and Kestral (*sic*) Close became Kestral (*sic*) Place, these changes being suggested taking into account the length of road in each case ... It is recommended that Council accept the road names Quinneil Drive and Kistral (*sic*) Place for the roads created through the subdivision ...'. Council resolved '...that the roads created through the subdivision of Lot 17, D.P. 703846 and Portions 99, 176 and 118, Parish of Wamboin be named Hogan Drive and Kestral (*sic*) Place'.

Hogan Drive. The above quotation from Yarrowlumla Shire Council, 19 May 1987, sheds additional light on the naming of Hogan Drive. One of the two developers (Neil Quinn) proposed that what became Hogan Drive be named Quinneil Street, i.e. that it be named after himself. Obviously, Council rejected this proposal, despite the Council staff recommending the name Quinneil Drive. The name Hogan Drive is an appropriate one given the Hogan family's earlier connections to the area. The Council meeting papers do not explain why the proposed name Quinneil Street/Drive was rejected. As Harrison (2018) has explained, the road naming principles in force nowadays (and which are currently under review) '... were only formally articulated in 2014'. They now include the provisions that 'The names of people who are still alive shall not be used because community attitudes and opinions can change over time ... Ownership of land that has been developed is not considered as a significant reason for naming purposes ... It is a requirement that a person is to have been deceased for at least 12 months before an application to commemoratively name a road after them is deemed acceptable' (GNB 2019, p. 99).

Conclusion: This concludes the series of articles on the origins of the names of Wamboin's roads. Please let me know if you become aware of any further information, or corrections, that could be added to the online version of this material which will be posted to <https://www.wamboincommunity.asn.au/localhistory/index.php?op=roads>.

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