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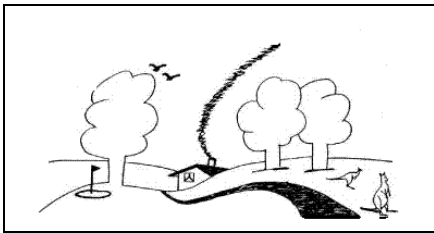
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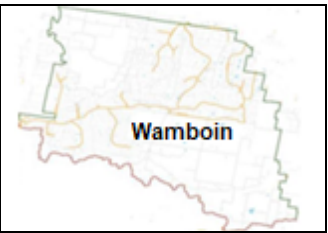
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President's Page

(Jenny Richards is away)



QPRC attending Wamboin Community Association October General Meeting



QPRC's General Manager, Rebecca Ryan, and the Director Development and Environment, Ruth Ormella, will be attending the Wamboin Community Association's October General Meeting.

They will share updates and information on Council activities including an update on the Planning Proposal for Complying Development in the C4 Environmental Living Zone.

When: 17 October 2023

Where: Wamboin Community Hall
112 Bingley Way, Wamboin

Time: 7:30 pm – 8:30 pm

Please also note that a separate Community Workshop for the whole Wamboin and Bywong community will be held in the coming weeks to discuss the topic of complying development in the C4 Environmental Living Zone. Additional details will be confirmed.

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Hi All,

This month has been a slightly disjointed one for me.

I have been away for a few weeks and enjoyed being completely unplugged from the world for a week up near Coffs harbour. The BCA meeting that would normally have been last week has been pushed a week and, by the time you read this will have happened.

The plan for this meeting is to have a little pause and consider the place of the BCA and how we can best provide support and representation to our local community. There will most certainly be more information after we that meeting so watch this space. I asked last time if people had any ideas of what our community association could look towards or focus on. I got a few response but really keen to get some more . Please let me know by email president@bywongcommunity.org.au or reach out.

One of the things coming up this month to be aware of is the planning information session the QPRC are holding. They will be attending the WCA meeting on the 17th of October and intend to hold information sessions for the entire community at a later date. So keep an eye out for that.

Important info for this month is the dates of the next few meetings. BCA meetings are the 3rd Thursday of the month this includes 19 October and 16 November.

I look forward to sharing more in the next meeting of seeing some of you at Wamboin Community hall for QPRC information nights. - Justin Jarvis

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Key herbs for LAMINITIS support



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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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The September market had a big boost from 12 horse gear stalls! Quite a bit of buying and selling went on and some swapping! Many thanks to all those who responded to our advertising campaign and to those who helped promote it. We were lucky with beautiful weather for the morning.

The winners of the story competition were announced and prizes presented by one of our judges, Jill Gregory. Such a great response and very big congratulations to all of the entrants for taking the time and imagination to write such creative stories. See elsewhere in this and future Whispers for publication of the following and other stories.

In addition, we will try our best to collate all the stories into a published booklet, so that we can showcase our local talent and share our stories and the wonderful descriptions of this beautiful area we live in.

1st Place:

Adult:	Maureen Good	Il Gatto
Senior:	Imogen Hales	Tendrils of Mist
Intermediate:	Cherry	The Adventures of Chestnut, the tiny Antechinus
Junior:	Lachlan Tanner	Culena, the Bungendore Frog
Tilly Tanner.	The Sugar Glider visits Bungendore	

2nd Place

Adult:	David McCarthy	Come run with me
	Mary Beneforti	Border Wars
Intermediate:	Thomas McCutcheon	Alien Terror

Highly Commended (in no particular order):

Lesley Page	Wamboin Winter Story + illustrations
Gary Lea	Tell me
Joan Ambrose	The Sport of Kings and Crooks
Sam Baker	To get to the other side
Imogen Warren	The greatest secret of Poppet Road
Merle	An eventful start to the day
James Houlcroft	A visit
Tilly Devenport	The Whisperer
Alannah Austin	The Kangaroos

All of the stories will be printed in the Whisper, beginning with four stories, in no particular order, in this issue.

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WAMBOIN WEATHER – rainfall and temperature records

(48 years from Cooper Road) by Christine Rieber

September Rainfall Stats

September rainfall to the 24th 14.75mm
2023 total rainfall to 24/9 468.75mm

October Rainfall Stats

2022 October rainfall..... 197.5mm
Wettest October. 197.5mm in 1976 & 2022
Wettest October day... 59mm on 17/10/76
Driest October..... 4.5mm in 2006

October Temperature Stats

2022 Oct. maximum..... 24.0°C
Hottest October day.... 32.4°C on 31/10/19
Coldest October day.... 6°C on 11/10/12
(snowed)
Average day temperature..... 18.6°C
Warmest October 2017
Av. day temp. 22.8°C & nights 8.0°C
(high. 23.7°C in 2019)(high. 9.4°C in 1977)

Average September rainfall..... 63.9mm
2022 September rainfall..... 76.5mm
2022 total rainfall to 24/9..... 626.5mm
47yr Av. to end of September.. 498.3mm

Average October rainfall..... 62.3mm
Average no. rain days in October..... 9.4
Highest no. rain days..... 21 in 1976
Lowest no. rain days..... 2 in 2006

2022 Oct. minimum..... 2.3°C
Oct. 2022. Av. max 18.1°C & min 7.7°C
Av. Oct. temp... 13.0°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)

September 2023 has been hotter than average, and is on track to be the hottest September on record. To the 24th of September the average daytime maximum temperature was 19.9°C which is 1.3°C hotter than the next hottest September in 2019 and 5.5°C above the 47-year average. The forecast for the rest of September on BoM is for average day maximums of 25°C giving an average of 21°C for the month. The average night time low temperature was however, were slightly lower than the average (4°C compared with 4.6°C). Whilst the rainfall was less than 25% of the 47-year average.



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Wamboin Thursday Social Group

The Thursday Social Drop In Group operates each Thursday morning from 10 – 12 noon at the Wamboin Hall, Bingley Way. If you have some time free on a Thursday morning pop in, have a cuppa and chat. New people are very welcome to attend.

QPRC Mobile Library

The QPRC Mobile Library bus will be at the Wamboin Hall from 10.30-11.30am on Thursday 5 and 19 October 2023. This is a great opportunity to borrow books, CDs, audio books, and the staff are always willing to help. Please support this great service. After you have visited the library drop into the Social Group and have a cuppa.

Thank You

We have been very touched by and grateful to our Wamboin neighbours and friends as we mourn Rob. Your flowers and messages of love and support have been warming for us in this horrible time. We were very moved to see so many members of the Thursday Social Club and other Wamboinites at his service. To know so many held him in high regard professionally and socially was a beautiful thing for us to see. Thank you all for your kindness. – Lisa, Jack, Sam and Max Brunswick

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Border Wars

a short story by Mary Beneforti

I was out for a morning walk, when out of nowhere the idea hit me. A wall! That's what we needed. I raced home, humming and skipping, and got straight to work. It wasn't long before I was down on the laneway with a trailer load of (locally sourced) dirt and rocks. It also wasn't long before the Council ute drove up. A man put down his window and said, 'Hey madam, what are you doing?' I looked at him and asked him how much time he had.

Like most things in life, it had all started with talk about the weather. It turned out that the property we had bought in Bywong bordered on neighbouring Wamboin, separated by a laneway - the laneway where I was now building the Wall. I met my Wamboin neighbours Wanda and William soon after we moved in. We exchanged mobile phone numbers and so it began. I may be guilty of having started it all. Oh, it was harmless enough to start with: How's the weather across the border? Sunny in Beautiful Bywong, etc. But then somehow it escalated.

'I see you've got the WWOW over the border today,' I texted Wanda one windy morning, feeling rather clever.

'???' she texted back with a thinking emoji.

'The WWOW: the Wild Winds of Wamboin,' my return message explained.

'I think you're confused with the Wonderful Women of Wamboin. Nothing to do with the weather,' she replied.

'Whatever... Balmy on this side of the border. Apparently, we're under the influence of the Bywong Bipole,' I typed, giggling to myself, thinking I'd have Wanda stumped for sure.

It took a while for her next text to light up my screen. 'Indian Ocean Dipole? Positive or negative?' she inquired. I didn't know there was an emoji for looking rather smug. But Wanda knew all the emojis. Clearly, I needed to upskill. And deepen my knowledge of ocean weather patterns.

'Positively a good day for the Wheelies of Wamboin. Your local bus stop hoon will be at it again,' I replied.

'I think you mean the Wheels of Wamboin. Great event! Anyway, everyone knows the bus stop hoon lives in Bywong with all the other bogans.'

Ouch! Wanda was on fire. I didn't know there was a bogan emoji either. It was kind of cute. But this was no time for dwelling on the attributes of emojis. I needed to think of a good comeback and quickly. 'It's the season for them, isn't it?' I messaged. 'And so tasty! I'm planning to catch some tonight and put them on the barbie. Come over if you like.'

'BOGANS not BOGONGS,' her reply message shouted.

A week or so later, I couldn't help myself. I sent Wanda another slightly provocative text. 'Are you going to the Bywong Ball this year?' my text inquired.

'Wamboin Ball,' she replied. I thought her absence of alliteration and appropriate emojis was a bit curt, so I dashed off my next text.

'Fake news. We're having our own. It was advertised in the Bywong Banter. I know, I delivered it to myself just last week.'

'Wamboin Whisper,' her exasperated message came back. I really liked the exasperated emoji. I'll have to remember that one.

'You're entitled to your opinion,' my next message said. I was starting to feel a little cantankerous. You can see how these things go. My subsequent message was quite unrelated and a little unkind.

'I'm sick of all the weeds from Wamboin (and the Wabbits).'

In a split second, she replied, 'Yeah right and what about all the blackberry from Bywong? (no Wabbits here).'

 At least we agreed on Sifton from Sutton. Thumbs up on that one and a smiley face. We ended on a good note that day.

Another week or so went by before I got another text from Wanda. 'Do you want to join us for the Great Curry Night of Wamboin? Come over the border. It'll be fun.' It was a nice invitation and I really like curry, but I couldn't help myself, so I texted back.

'No thank you. We're having the Bywong Biryani Night and the Bywong Bonfire that same night. Feel free to join us our side of the border.' I got a really angry emoji back this time. No words. Perhaps I had gone too far.

So, there I was, building the Wall and explaining all of this to the Council guy, and shedding a tear or two. He was nodding sympathetically so I was thinking he probably lived on my side of the border.

'I really like Wanda and William,' I was saying, 'but I can't control the border any longer. Too much traffic. E-traffic in particular. The only way is to build the Wall.' Oh no, I thought, I know what's coming next. I could already see the little smug smirk coming on his face. Smugness is a lot more terrifying face to face. I knew he was going to suggest a firewall would be more appropriate than earth and rocks.

But then he said, 'Have you got Council approval Madam?' I don't think he was joking.

Jeeppers, I thought, you can't do anything these days without red tape. Fortunately, just at that moment, there was a big bang. Quite an impressive bang really, and very close by. It knocked Council guy and me to the ground. And the little wall I had been constructing was just a whirly whirly whipping its way across the border to Wamboin.

'WTF!' I exclaimed.

'Not the WTF,' Council guy said. 'But geez, the Majura Training Range is really laying it on today.'

I didn't think the Majura Training Range or the Waste Transfer Facility were involved. In fact, I thought the range was much shorter than that. And closer by. I sent Wanda a text.

'Is William blowing stuff up again?' I inquired. I added the little bomb emoji and an emoji of a 'hear no evil' monkey.

'Of course not,' came the reply. 'Anyway, I'm not home.' So, William WAS blowing stuff up.

I don't know, but I think that blast must have rearranged a few neural pathways because suddenly I was feeling a lot more cheerful. I helped Council guy to his feet, dusted him off and said, 'It's ok, the Wall is cancelled. I'm woke now.' By the look on his face, I don't think he could get away fast enough.

I checked the BOM. 'Sunny with a 75% chance of peace,' it said. Those BOM staff sure are weird.

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September Golf

A glorious spring day for the Wamboin Golf September Spring Trophy event with 18 golfers contesting the event. (Five players for the 18-hole competition and 13 for the nine-hole competition). We welcomed four visitors this month: Dave Faumano, Steve Harrison, Chris Hansen and Cameron Hansen (although a couple of these played in the teams competition last month, but this was their first individual competition. We obviously didn't scare them too much last month!).

The sponsors for the month were Joan and Lofty who we thank for the prizes and refreshments. Eager participants and supporters were not disappointed with the traditional home-made spring-rolls. Lofty declared the competition to be a 'Par' event. In essence you had three scoring choices relative to your handicap: plus, minus or zero. To avoid any confusion the scorer had the trusty computer ready excel spreadsheet to produce the final results.

The golf club would also like to thank the efforts of Deb Gordon, Joan Mason, Sam Urquhart, Marylou Gorham, Lou Griffiths, Marita Corra and Madison Gordon in preparing and running the Baked Potato stall at the Wamboin Bonfire/Fireworks event. We would also like to thank Dave Hubbard for organising the annual Curry night and community members who attended. Funds raised at these events support the funding of our golf events throughout the year.

The nine-hole competition was played using the Eastern course this month. Larry King (plus 3) managed to take out the competition from Deb Gordon (plus 2). The junior competition was taken out by Robert Thompson with a score of plus 2.

The 18-hole competition was taken out by Glenn Crafter (plus 2) on count back from Col Urquhart (plus 2).

Ball winners for longest drives and nearest the pins went to: Glenn Crafter, Col Urquhart, Gerard Ryan, Robert Thompson, Steve Harrison, Dave Faumano, Tim Barter and Ken Gordon. The googly ball was presented to Robert Thompson for teaching his mum to play. Preparing for the Parent and child competition early next year. The dummy spit was awarded to Matt for managing to misplace 4 golf balls around the course, but then passed to Larry King for claiming to be outplayed by Robert Gorham (only to take out the nine-hole competition). Robert Thompson entertained us with his spilt scrabble board joke before Ken Gordon provided the Ted Evans joke which involved an alleged second shot being taken from the ladies tee! Karyn Thompson was awarded the encouragement award for her efforts in preparation of the competition next April. Plenty of time to practice!!

Next month, the October event, will be sponsored by Pete Harrison. We thank Pete in anticipation.

We hope you can join us at the community hall at 12.15pm on Sunday, 1 October for the usual 12.30pm start. We may need to have the big screen running with the NRL grand finals being played that day. Could also be some celebrations/commissurations depending on the result of the AFL the day before. – **Ken Gordon**



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What the Heck – Chapter 17

Spring has sprung and the BoM tell us that we are in for a hot and dry summer. So where does that leave the grounds of the two SRMD churches?

St Andrews church building at Wamboin has gardens all around. How do we keep them alive? When the church was built it was agreed that, from the membership at the time, all agreeable family groups would take responsibility for a section of the grounds, that taking the responsibility for planting, and tending to, their allocated section. Quite a few families took up the challenge and spent a lot of time (and money) creating a garden plot that was theirs. Keeping water up to the plants was a challenge for each family so a small water tank was purchased and installed at the top corner of the block and connected with seeper hose laid through all the gardens, allowing the water when released from the tank, to gravity feed down the hill and water the plants on its merry journey. But this did not solve the problem because it was still necessary to get water into the tank.

Once again the Schultz family (who donated the land) came to the rescue and laid pipe from their dam to the tank and regularly pumped water to allow the system to work. The pumping and irrigating was done by one or more of the family and this action allowed the gardens to establish. During dry periods this was extremely generous as they were using up their precious water supply to benefit the church grounds, and putting at risk their own gardens and stock water reserves. The families who were responsible for a garden section relied on the effort put in by the Schultz family. Without this effort the gardens would not exist today, as established plants surrounding the building.

However as life goes on people leave Wamboin, or forget that their family has a section to maintain. Most of the 'section families' are no longer around to care for their plot, so some areas are struggling to survive and the dreaded 'weed' has arrived. Last year we had gardeners come in for a few days and take drastic action to try to get the worst offenders under control, which was great for a while, but soon nature took control again. One of our members makes regular visits and does pruning and weeding with the thanks of the others. Whilst it is really too much for just one, it is making a big difference, and we are extremely grateful. It is a different story at the Sutton church as there it is mainly grass. But this needs mowing. In recent years it has fallen to Ron and Robyn to keep it looking neat and tidy, with their large mowers, but in years past it was a much greater challenge. Twenty or more years ago you may have seen David Robertson or Russ Ferret, walking around and around behind a push mower. It took them hours and hours, or should I say days and days, to cover the whole block. Five to ten years ago it was Stewart Barrett who took to it on his ride-on mower. But it still took many hours. That effort they put in has resulted in a level, weed free, visually pleasing grass covering on this centrally located village block.

It is intended to include a small garden area in front of the hall, and, thanks to the Hardys, quite a few trees have been planted alongside the driveway with the Agapanthus. These will need regular watering to keep alive, which will probably fall on one family's shoulders.

Meanwhile over the rest of the expansive grounds the grass will keep growing. And that means mowing! Or watering if a drought! At least around the buildings. - **Alan Rope**



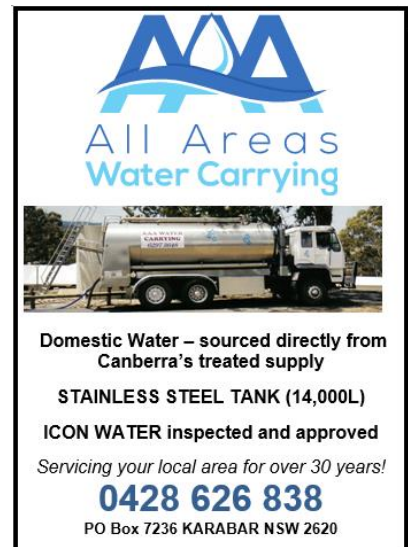
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Come run with me. a short story by David McCarthy

I was out for a morning walk, when out of nowhere came my dog, Buster. He rushed up to me, wagging his tail and panting. His eyes showed that he was pleased to see me and he jumped around me. You'd think he hadn't seen me for ages, which wasn't the case at all.

I broke into a run along the greenery at the side of Norton Road and he joined me. He ran far more than I did, going ahead of me and turning around as if to say 'Hurry up. What's keeping you.'

There's a little church on the right hand side, up the hill a bit. I don't really know much about it, although I think I've been in it before. I don't remember much about what it looks like inside. Outside it doesn't look much like the other churches further out in the bush. They are much older and often made of stone. I don't know much about what's inside them either. But this one has a gravel path that goes all around it, so Buster and I could easily run it in a big circle. After we'd been running like this for a while I made a turn into a side street on the right just when Buster had bounded ahead on our original road. As usual, he looked around for me but couldn't see me. He ran back to where he had last seen me and there I was, halfway to the first peak on the side street. He rushed to me while I laughed and he grinned when he reached me and we continued to run together.

Further along the side street we came to the Fire Brigade hall where many community events are held. I've been to many of these in the past, but I don't go any more. We jogged around the playing field next to the hall. Or rather I jogged and Buster explored, looking for rabbit burrows and other interesting things, keeping me in his sight so he know where I was.

Out of the driveway and back onto the road. We continued in the same direction as before for another few kilometres. We hadn't seen anyone else so far but this is not surprising; the children were at school and everyone else was at work. Or so I thought. In any case there was no-one to chat with, or even to run along beside. We didn't see many houses. Most of them are set well back from the road and the front gardens are full of trees and the ground is fairly hilly. But I know they're there.

The road ends in a cul-de-sac containing five property boundaries. These properties have very narrow frontages, much narrower than suburban front fences are. Buster and I ran up the drive of the middle one. This drive had a few bends and I kept my eyes peeled in case someone was at home. The drive ran through many silver wattle trees which provided shade for some kangaroos which sat underneath them and seemed to be watching us as we passed. No-one was home so we ran around the house and paused at the top of the hill and looked across the countryside in all directions. I imagine the owners of the house pretended that they owned all that land with someone else to look after it. Win-win situation really.

Buster jumped up on me, his big brown eyes imploring me to get going again. He didn't seem to either need or want a rest. So we ran back down the drive and along the road we had come along. At the end of the road we turned right and continued in the direction we had started. We ran past more driveways showing where the houses were located, up and down hills and taking bends in the road. It seemed that we were the only ones out this morning. This suited me - and Buster seemed happy enough too.

There is something really good about running through the bush like this. The scenery is restful on the eyes and the sounds of birds punctuating the silence add to the pleasure of the experience. But to get the most out of being in Nature, you really have to be alone, allowing the outdoors to flow over you and envelope you in its mystery and beauty. It's just not the same in a car. Horrible things cars.

We continued up the main road. It seemed that Buster could run for ever, but by now I was getting a bit tired. I slowed to a jog and then started walking. At the top of the next hill I turned back and started to retrace my steps. Of course, Buster was way ahead of me, a couple of hundred metres ahead, but he soon returned and joined me on the way back down Norton Road.

Eventually we reached the end of Norton Road, where it forms a T-intersection with Sutton Road. I stopped at the stone cairn which marks the entrance to the village. The cairn was badly damaged when a small truck veered off the road and smashed into it. Unfortunately I was standing by the cairn when the truck hit it. Actually the truck hit me first before destroying the cairn.

It was probably for the best that I was killed in the accident, given the extent of my internal injuries and perhaps that is why I have vague memories of the inside of the church we ran past. Buster can still see me, although no-one else can, and he enjoys joining me on my morning runs. Without him, I know I would be very lonely indeed.

August Golf

(Due to a mistake on my part, the above article was not printed in the September Whisper - Ned Noel, editor)

On Sunday 6 August the Wamboin golfers ventured on course to compete in the deferred EOFY Ted Evans Memorial GST competition. The sponsors for the month were Judith, Kathy and Keith. Typically this competition involves pairs of golfers participating in an American Twosomes. To assist players understand the complexities of the competition a rule sheet was provided, with interpretations open to each team! The interpretations for 2023 were very liberal as evidenced by the returned score cards.

Our visitors this month were Kath and Cameron Hansen who had the privilege of traversing the course in the latest in designer golf carts as provided by Matt. Not very often a Rolls Royce Silver Shadow becomes the golf cart of choice. The nine-hole competition was played using the Western course this month. Due to some confusion with the scoring system, inconsistencies in team structures and lack of technology, prizes were awarded as strategically as possible.

Winners of the 9-hole competition (two-ball) were Pete Harrison and Rob Gorham. The eighteen-hole (two ball) competition was taken out by Glenn Crafter and Col Urquhart.

Matt Hawke and our visitors were awarded first place as a 3 ball best ball team over 9 holes. Tim Barter was the winner of the competition for the single ball competition (it is no wonder the scorer was confused).

Matt Hawke was the recipient of the googly ball for use of an extravagant golf buggy. Vicki Still was awarded the dummy this month after having abandoned us in previous months for the life of a grey nomad. The Ted Evans joke provided evidence that some bad habits are not always bad!

The long-drive and nearest the pin prizes were awarded to Vicki Still (x3), Glenn Crafter (x2), Rob Gorham, Matt Hawke, Cameron Hansen and Col Urquhart.

We look forward to seeing everyone and more back on Sunday 4 September for the famous Spring Trophy sponsored by Lofty and Joan Mason. Bring an appetite for Joan's spring rolls. If you care to join us, we meet at the Wamboin Community Hall at 12:15 for a 12:30 start. – Ken Gordon



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Kowen Kapers - Single Track

So far, we've stuck to Kowen forestry roads but did you know that Kowen also has a huge network of single track trails.

While the forestry roads are great for getting you from A to B, single track trails will take you into the heart of the forest. Whether you are walking, running or riding, the single track experience puts those dusty roads in the shade. Moments after stepping off the road and onto the trail you are in another world. It's dark and quiet and the trails meander along curling back around on themselves in a totally random way - as if embodying the old saying 'it's the journey, not the destination'.

Practically every unlogged coupe in the plantation forest has its own single track. In Sparrow Hill and East Kowen the manicured trails have been created by mountain bike enthusiasts but closer to home, most of the nearby trails have been created as part of the Kowen Forest Ride dirt bike rally. Unlike mountain bike trails, these are more challenging being gnarly and rutted from trail bike use. They are also more ephemeral, as the less well-used trails quickly disappear under a blanket of pine needles. As a result you may find your trail disappearing before your eyes as you go along. The only options then being to retrace your steps or bush bash your way forward!

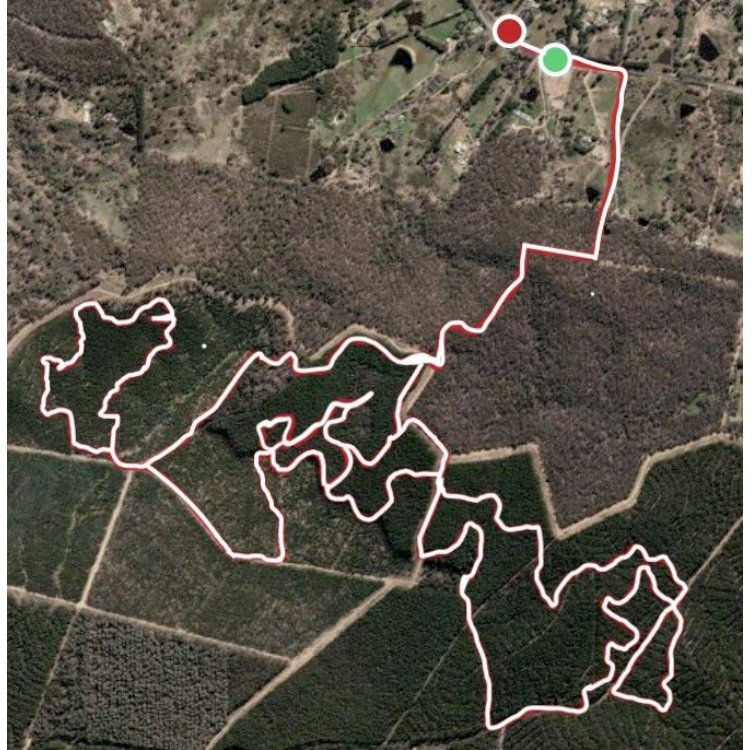
Single track entrances can be difficult to find, but once you get your eye in you'll find them in abundance. To get you started, here are some trails very close to home.

Cooper Road: From the entrance gate, follow the fence line south until you hit the first intersection, 7 Mile Rd (see previous articles for more info) turn left (continuing south) for a further 30 or so metres then walk into the pine forest. You'll soon find a trail running parallel to the road. Follow the trail for your first Kowen single track experience.

Bingley Way: At the horse entrance to Kowen turn right (west) and proceed up the hill for about 30 metres. When you're almost at the top of the hill you'll find a single track entrance on your left - follow the trail and the various connecting trails that traverse the Kowen Range foothills.

And remember, if you get disoriented, head north until you hit the fence line and follow it west until you reach one of the entrances.

I haven't attached any maps to accompany the directions this time as the instructions are pretty simple. Instead, I've attached a map of a recent trail run I did that gives you an idea of just how prevalent single track is. At no stage was I more than 2 km from the Bingley Way horse entrance.



Kowen Events - October/November

Date	Event	More Info
6-8 October	Kowen Forest Ride (including night race) - Kowen Depot	dsmra.asn.au/kowen
15 October	ACT Mountain Bike Orienteering Championships - Long Distance - Sparrow Hill	act.orienteeing.asn.au
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Also, in the coming weeks, we expect to have our first connections to the FTTP network, and we are preparing a media release about this. We'd like to work with you about raising the profile of this milestone amongst residents, as I believe once more people see connections happening it will prompt them to register, if they have not already done so!

I will be able to provide more of a community update piece probably for the next edition. Is this something we can chat a little further about? Many thanks for your consideration, and I look forward to speaking with you further. Kind regards,

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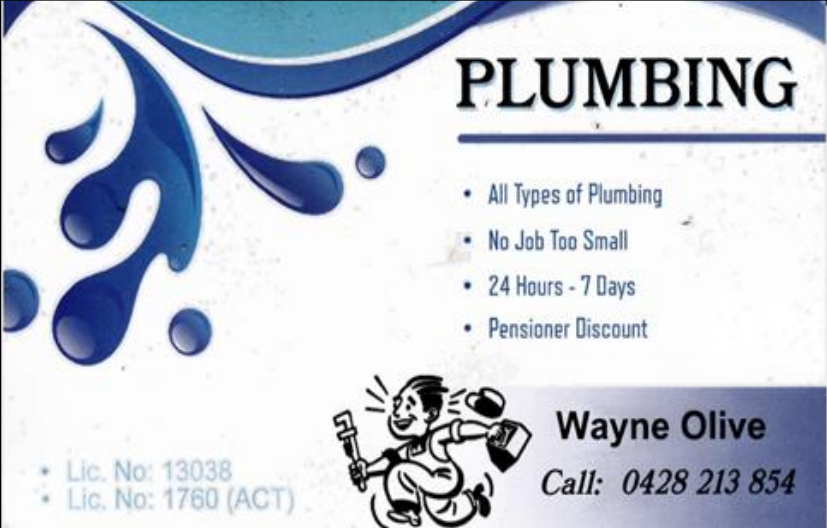
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The Night Of The Long Curry Knives

I asked my old chum, Omar Khayyam, what he thought of The Great Wamboin Curry Night on Saturday, 19 August. (He's an Iranian so he loves spicy food.) He thought for a moment then declaimed as follows; "A book of verses underneath the bough/A jug of wine, a loaf of bread and thou/Scoffing curry in the wilderness/And wilderness is Paradise enou". Well, I didn't think much of his description of Wamboin as a wilderness. Nor did I appreciate his reflection on my table manners. But I did get his point: it doesn't get much better than Curry Night and where else would you want to be? (Alright, save it up and tell me later.) The crowds pre COVID have yet to rebuild but there were still more than 30 curries for our judge, Steve Hunter – a professional - to taste. Naturally, he couldn't pick his own which was a pity – 15 California Reapers almost disguised the taste of the Lederhosen he'd worn to the Wamboin Ball in July.



Curry Night goes back about 34 years when it was the brainchild of organizer, Dave Hubbard (assisted assisted from time to time by other members of the commnity). Like everything we do in this early paradise, it is part of the Araldite that binds us together and raises money for the golf club by gold coin donation. Accordingly, it was pleasing to see many fresh new faces out-numbering the wrinkly. Of course, in these days of low inflation and interest rates plus high investment and productivity leading to higher wages and so on, we could afford more than a gold coin. But your correspondent thinks it's a good idea to maintain the old traditions (not because he's desperately, Scrooge-like mean). I have attended many such nights but do not recall anyone falling ill as a result. It is a testament to Wamboinians' exalted hygiene standards and our wise avoidance of dried, exotic mushrooms purchased in forgotten places.

The winners, judged by Steve, were: in 3rd place with his Jamindian Fusion curry was Mike Dunbar; in 2nd place with her Bobotie South African curry was Adrienne Greenwood; and first place getter was John Helgesen and his Duck & Lychee Red curry. Well done, one and all! - **Larry King, curryophile**

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Bird Of The Month

By Luke Downey

For October I chose the Speckled Warbler, a declining woodland bird I've found nesting near my place recently.

Speckled Warbler (*Pyrrholaemus sagittatus*)

Size: 11.5-12.5cm

Status: Uncommon breeding resident

The Speckled Warbler is a small bird that is actually in the Thornbill family – it is not closely related to ‘true’ warblers from North America or Europe. It is quite distinct in its habits, foraging almost exclusively on the ground, rarely perching in trees or bushes. Speckled Warblers are creamy-white below up to the face, which is streaked boldly black. They are brown above, with less bold black streaking. The crown is darker, with fine pale streaking. Males have a black line on the side of the crown, which is rufous in females. The tiny bill, legs, and eyes are dark. Typically Speckled Warblers are found in pairs, often in association with mixed feeding flocks of other small birds, such as Robins, Thornbills or Fairywrens. They are often first detected by their sweet rolling, twittery whistling song, usually given in bursts for several seconds, with intermittent harsh scolds, and some mimicry. They forage hopping along the ground, taking insects amongst leaf litter or grasses. If disturbed, the flight is usually short and bouncy, with birds in flight exhibiting white tips below a black band on the tail. They may be confused with Striated or Brown Thornbills, but are much paler creamy below, with bolder dark streaking the whole way down to the belly. Female Rufous Whistlers look visually similar but are much larger. Their ground foraging habits and call are also distinctive. Speckled Warblers are unfortunately among many woodland birds in south-east Australia that are now quite uncommon and declining. I don't see them too frequently, so was very pleased to find a pair nesting nearby my place. They nest on the ground among tussocks, which was how I located the nest, as I accidentally flushed one and subsequently located the well camouflaged and concealed entrance. Speckled Warblers prefer higher quality patches of remnant woodlands, especially drier, grassy woodlands. They are quite scarce, but often a pair will be present in a good patch of woodland. So keep your eyes and ears out for this small little bird in your woodland.



Male



Female

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Bees

The beekeeping season has started again and I just finished my first hive inspections. All four have survived the winter well with no dead mouse on the bottom board this time. To my surprise I found one last year after winter. What I did find was plenty of honey. Not just left over stored honey from last season. I am always careful not to over harvest honey in March. In the past I have lost colonies due to starvation. That is not going to happen to me again. Apparently we have had a relatively warm winter and there were flowering trees and bushes. Those early flowers must have carried nectar that the bees collected already because I saw fresh capped (nice white wax cappings) and ripe honey. Never seen that so early in the season. I am not a scientist but to me it looks like that if flowering and nectar availability starts early in the season, the colony adjusts and starts growing and producing early as well. I have read before that early flowering because of climate change is a problem because the bees are not ready yet, still building up and missing a nectar flow. Maybe the bees adjust and synchronise with the plants and trees.

Another find was an increase in SHB (small hive beetle). I know it is a bigger problem down the coast because of the milder climate. Like I said we had a "warm" winter and SHB liked it. It is a pest, originally from southern Africa and established in Australia. I have to increase the number and variation of beetle traps to keep it under control.

All beekeepers should be registered with DPI (Department of Primary Industries). Especially now that Varroa mite is just a few hundred kilometers away from Wamboin it is super important. Also, registered or not, everybody that has a beehive must now do an alcohol wash of that colony at least every 16 weeks to test for mites. The result (positive or negative) must be sent to the DPI.

From now up to mid summer is the time for colonies to swarm. Every beekeeper should take measurements throughout spring (and in fact even before winter) to avoid or at least discourage their natural swarming tendency. If you find a swarm of bees on your property contact a beekeeper to try to catch the swarm. Don't wait too long. If they choose to settle in your walls or chimney you have a problem. The ACT regional beekeepers association has a list with names and phone numbers of swarm collectors on their website. I am happy to help when I can if you find a bee swarm, and also happy to help if you are a new(ish) beekeeper.

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Get Ready Weekend.

The “Get Ready Weekend” was held at the station on 16th September. 36 residents attended, asking many questions about the fire season and other fire related questions. It was evident that many of those people attending had little knowledge about bushfires, fire plans, and how a bushfire might affect them. Many had only lived in suburbia and had really never been concerned about bushfires. This event, held every year by hundreds of RFS brigades across NSW, is held for the residents to give them a face to face opportunity, to discuss what they need to know living rurally, or in suburbia where bushfire can impact them.

The start of the 2023/2024 fire season starts October 1

With this fire season expected to be similar to 19/20 season, there have been many fires already in the state already. The RFS has had to deal with many hundreds of burns across the state, where they have escaped from the owner’s property. This has been prior to the fire season, so this indicates how dry it has been. Remember, if a fire escapes from your property, you will be held liable for any damage that occurs outside your property.

Burning off is always preferred to be done “out of season” (April 1 until September 30). If you need to burn light any fires from October 1 to 30 April in to open, there are rules you need to follow (by law). Severe penalties including fines can be applied if you break these rules. The rules are there to protect the community.

Firstly, regardless of if you have a permit or not, every day of the year, you MUST check weather conditions, especially winds, check the fire danger rating, and check if there has been a total fire ban. An on the spot fine of \$2200 as a minimum will apply as a minimum if you light a fire on a TOBAN day.

The fire season is different to the rest of the year as you MUST apply for a fire permit. You will need to contact the Queanbeyan fire control centre on 6128600 (business hours) to discuss your proposal and then arrange a Fire permit officer to visit your property to assess you comply the RFS requirements. You must have a reasonable excuse to burn off in the fire season, have a fire of a manageable size, burn only vegetation (no building materials), have the necessary tools and pressurised water supply to manage and extinguish the fire if needed. Don’t expect to get a permit immediately. Our fire permit officers are volunteers, and most have full time jobs. Normally, this will be done out of hours. Once you have a permit, you will need to register it on the RFS online notification portal. The portal will not let you proceed in the fire season UNLESS you have a permit. Lastly, you must notify ALL your adjoining neighbours (all sides) at least 24 hours prior to lighting up.

Lastly if you have a cooking fire, or small fire pit, (1 metre x 1 metre or less) you will not need to apply for a permit. Please always check the weather conditions, have a cleared area and have water supply available for these as it only takes one spark to ignite grass or vegetation.

While all these rules and regulations may seem to make things difficult for you, they are in place for a reason. They are there to protect you, your neighbours, your community and us, the ones that have to deal with a fire. Stay safe.

Useful links

Wamboin Rural Fire Brigade

<https://wamboin.rfsa.org.au>

NSW Rural Fire Service

www.rfs.nsw.gov.au

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A Chronology of Wamboin and District, Part 20: January 2020 to September 2021

David McDonald

The sixth edition of an historical timeline of our local area, titled 'A Chronology of Wamboin and District, NSW', dated 22 July 2023, is available at the Wamboin Community Association's (WCA's) website. Visit

<https://www.wamboincommunity.asn.au/localhistory/> and navigate through the left-hand-side menu Wamboin Locality | Chronology.

It commences with a synopsis for readers seeking a brief overview of the history of the area, and contains 509 entries.

This is the 20th article presenting some items from the Chronology that focus specifically on Wamboin and district, rather than the broader, contextual happenings. It covers the period from January 2020 to September 2021. It is the final article in the series as it brings them largely up to the present time. The full version of the Chronology at the WCA website provides the documentary sources underpinning these contents and, in some cases, additional information, as well as other entries for the time period covered below.

Date	Occurrence/comment
2020, 16 Jan	As bushfires raged throughout southern New South Wales and Victoria, the temperature in the Wamboin district, as recorded by Christine Rieber at Cooper Road, Wamboin, reached 42.6° C. That was the warmest day recorded there in 44 years of weather records. (The Canberra airport recorded a maximum temperature of 44.0° C on 4 January.)
2020, 25 Jan	The first Australian case of what was to be later named the COVID-19 disease was confirmed on this date. 'The patient, a man from Wuhan, flew to Melbourne from Guandong (<i>sic</i>) on 19 January' [2020]. Later that day the NSW Government announced three additional cases confirmed in that State.
2020, 30 Jan	The World Health Organization (WHO) declared the novel coronavirus (later named SARS-CoV-2) outbreak a Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC), WHO's highest level of alarm. This is the official WHO term for a pandemic.
2020, early Feb	Torrential rain fell in the south-eastern part of the continent, continuing into early March in Wamboin, extinguishing the terrible bushfires, clearing the air of bushfire smoke, and breaking the drought that had been raging since mid-2017.
2020, 11 Mar	The Director-General of the World Health Organisation (WHO), Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, officially declared the COVID-19 disease a pandemic: 'We have never before seen a pandemic sparked by a coronavirus', he said.
2020, 25 Mar	The NSW Government announced its decision to postpone the September 2020 Local Government elections for 12 months (to 4 September 2021) owing to the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.
2020, 31 Mar	COVID-19 pandemic: NSW's first whole-of-State lockdown enforceable under the <i>Public Health (COVID-19 Restrictions on Gathering and Movement) Order 2020</i> : 'The Minister directs that a person must not, without reasonable excuse, leave the person's place of residence'.
2020, 4 Jul	By-election for the Electoral Division of Eden-Monaro. Bega resident Ms Kristy McBain (1982-, ALP) was elected. She was the electorate's first female MP.
2020, 27-28 Oct	Bicentenary of the first non-Aboriginal people's visit to Wamboin. Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council declined a suggestion that they undertake a heritage activity to mark the occasion.
2020, Nov	The Western Australian gold-focused exploration company Aruma Resources Limited advertised in the local press its acquisition of mining tenements covering the area from Gundaroo to Wamboin, and elsewhere (their Capital Gold Project) and mentioned exploration with a view to possible mining in the future.
2021, 14 Apr	The rural telecommunications company Yless4U wrote to landholders in the vicinity of Millpost Hill advising that they were applying to build a wireless internet tower atop the hill. Following considerable community protests, a few months later the NSW Government, which was funding Yless4U to build the tower, directed them to find a different location for it. A new site was identified, on private property, later in the year.
2021, 27 May	Bryan Clark and Lucy Kealey registered Clark and Kealey Distilling Pty Ltd with ASIC. The distillery is on their Norton Road, Wamboin, property, and specialises in fine gins. 'Tymephora is the name we have created for our range of gin.'
2021, 24 Jul	The NSW Government announced its decision to further postpone the September 2021 Local Government elections until 4 December 2021 owing to the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.
2021. Aug	The first 3 pages of <i>The Whisper</i> for this month were a reproduction of the first issue of the <i>Wamboin Whisper</i> which was published 40 years earlier: July 1981.
2021, 10 Aug	Census of Population and Housing. Australia's 18 th national Census. Wamboin's population was 1,805, a 5.7% increase in the population since the 2016 census. The median age was 46 years, compared to 44 years five years previously.
2021, 22 Sep	Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council debated a motion, moved by Cr Peter Marshall, to hold a poll, at the next Council election, seeking the voters' views on de-amalgamating the Council. Councillors voted 4 in favour of the motion, and 4 against. The Mayor, Cr Tim Overall, applied his casting vote against the motion, and it was lost.



Title the Sugar glider visits Bungendore

I was out for a morning walk when out of nowhere I remembered my friend the Sugar glider.

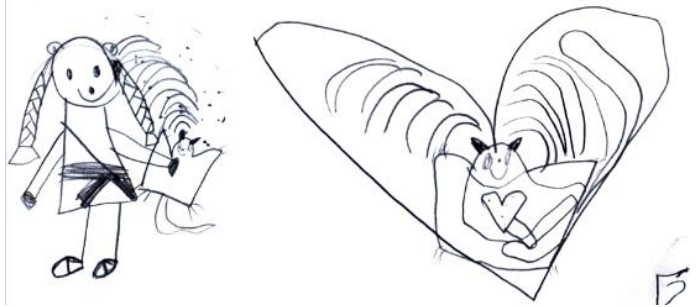
I saw its face close up. I grabbed my nighttime camera and got a little bit close and got a picture before it glided away.



I climbed up on the top of the monkey bars and saw it glide from house to house. I took a picture of it zooming through the sky.

The next day I printed a picture to remember our visitor. The Sugar glider that came to Bungendore.

By Tilly Tanner



On this page and the front cover page are the joint winners of first prize in the short story competition's junior division. The story above is by Tilly Tanner. The story on the front cover is by her brother Lachlan Tanner. Their photo is at left. Over the coming months all the stories from the young person's division and the adult division will be printed in the Whisper.

