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**WCA SPRING TALK – Tuesday, October 15, Wamboin Hall, 7:30 pm**  
**Lachlan Gilchrist from Lake George District Fire Control Centre**

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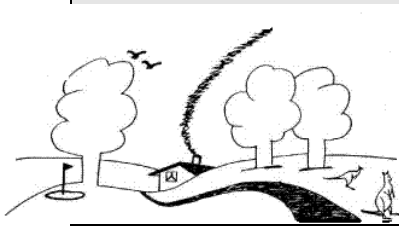
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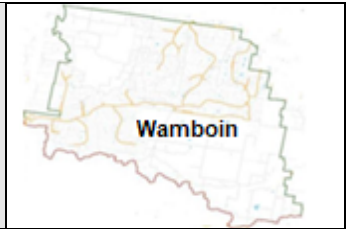
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## Wamboin Community Association President's Notes



Well Spring is here with some wild weather and hopefully nicer days. There is a lot going on for the rest of the year.

- 1. Bonfire and Fireworks Night.** The annual Bonfire/Fireworks Night was held on the last Saturday in August. It was a wild night for wind so much so the executive decision (made at 6pm) was that the bonfire itself was too dangerous to light. Perhaps because of the weather numbers were down however everyone who did come (and we still had well over 1,000 people) enjoyed themselves. The fireworks were not effected by the weather and were spectacular and all service groups reported good attendance and profits. So on reflection a good night was had by all. The bonfire itself was lit by the fire brigade on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September with a small number of residents watching and enjoying the event.
- 2. Meet the Candidates Night.** The Wamboin Community Association with the Bywong Community Association hosted a successful Meet The Candidates Night on 3<sup>rd</sup> September. This was for the approaching Local Government Elections. At least 52 residents attended the night and most people seemed happy to meet the potential councilors.
- 3. Community Talk.** On the **15<sup>th</sup> October at 7:30 pm** a community talk will be held at the Hall with a representative from Queanbeyan Fire Control to discuss the up-coming bushfire season and how people can be prepared, what to do etc. There should be more information about this event further on in the Whisper, so if you have any questions or queries about the approaching bushfire season come along. As mentioned it will be held at the Community Hall Bingley Way and begin at **7:30 pm**. Tea/coffee and refreshments will be available afterwards to enjoy.
- 4. Community Christmas Carols.** Claiming the date for our annual Christmas Carols event. This is a non- denominational community event to finish off the year on **6<sup>th</sup> December at the Hall**. The event begins at **7:00 pm** and is a lot of fun. Please come along. Entry is a present under the giving tree for someone less fortunate **PLUS** a gold coin donation for the sausage sizzle BBQ and drinks. All proceeds go to the Salvation Army. So come and enjoy yourselves and if any children want to be part of the Christmas Play please contact me – **Jenny Richard, President, on 0490020165** to organize parts. Hope to see you there.

### WAMBOIN COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CAROLS

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# Key herbs for laminitis support



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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## Bywong News

Hi Community! I am very pleased to say that I was re-elected as President of the Bywong Community Association at our most recent AGM on 19<sup>th</sup> of September.

The BCA committee includes some new members and members with a vast experience. I really enjoy the collaboration we have as a team and the opportunity to bring many perspectives that represent our community and its varied needs.

Over the next year I will continue raising the profile of the BCA, holding events for the community and representing those who live in our area. To this end, I think a calendar of events will help bring us together as a community. Moving forward, dates for all our meetings will be up on our BCA Facebook page and here, in the Whisper.

We would also like to invite more people to come along to our meetings, whether you are an ongoing committee member, have a passion project, or are curious to see what is happening and provide some input. We know not everyone can make a regular commitment but we welcome all contributions in whatever way, shape or form. So if you have some time we would love to see you at one of our regular meetings or invite you to engage with our Facebook page.

We will be using Facebook a little more this year so please engage with our posts this will improve our reach and also get a better sense of community priorities. For those who are inclined, here is a QR code that will take you directly to the Bywong Community Association Facebook page.

Our job as the BCA is to represent our community so let me know how we can work together to keep it vibrant and connected!

### Meeting Dates are the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month.

7PM at the Bywong hall.

Everyone is Welcome.

October	17	
November	21	
November	23	Community day
December	No meeting	
January	16	
February	20	
March	20	
April	17	
May	15	

-Justin Jarvis

President, Bywong Community Association

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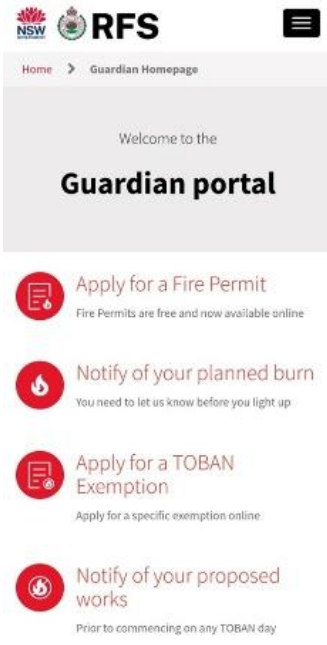
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## Callouts and what we have been up to.

Wamboin Brigade has been busy in the last month, with 8 callouts. 2 x MVA's, 1 x unknown fire, 2 x grass fires, 1 x tree alight and 2 other fire calls. The Get Ready Weekend event saw 23 locals visit our Community Engagement Team to discuss fire plans, property protection and other fire related issues.

## October 1, 2024, will see the start of the 24/25 fire danger period.



Every year, the Rural Fire Service attends hundreds of fires which start due to careless use of fire and in some instances, these have been lit illegally. Under the rural fires Act, penalties of up to \$5,500 and up to 12 months imprisonment can be applied for breeches of the Act. Civil lawsuits can also be brought against persons responsible for fire, by those seeking compensation for losses sustained. From October 1, until 31 March (could be extended), fire permits will be required for any fires in the open (excluding cooking fires and small fire pits). This fire season will see an updated online portal RFS application process, which the preferred way is to apply for a permit in the fire season. Once you have found the "Guardian portal" you will be guided through the system to complete an application. This process is to ensure there is consistency across the organisation for compliance and enforcement. It allows members of the public to apply and manage their fire permits. It also streamlines and enhances how the RFS manages administration and reporting requirements under the Act, Regulations, and policies. Once your application is completed and submitted, you will receive correspondence as to if your proposed burn is approved or denied, and if you will need an onsite inspection by a "Fire Permit Officer" to ensure that your proposed burn complies with requirements. An application is NOT a permit. We will endeavour to issue a permit within 72 hours of the application being received by the RFS, but in some circumstances, there may be delays beyond our control which may make the process longer. Please allow plenty of time ahead if you need to burn. As well as a permit, notification of your planned burn must be submitted online as well, 24 hours prior to lighting up. Burn notifications are required 365 days a year, to notify other fire agencies, and you must notify all your adjoining neighbours. Permits in the bushfire danger period can be cancelled at short notice due to elevated fire danger ratings, Total fire bans and other weather conditions. If you plan to regularly burn, it is advantageous to create an account with the RFS to manage all your applications and notifications. If

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## A special visitor will be at the Wamboin Community Hall to speak about the coming fire season.

Guest speaker, Inspector Lachlan Gilchrist from the Lake George District Fire Control Centre, will speak at the Wamboin Community Hall on October 15<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm. Lachlan is intending to give a talk about a predictive overview of the fire season, pinch points of risk to community and how to best prepare. With a return to normal fire season, with a dry start already, planning and preparation is more important than the last few years. Residents from Wamboin, Bywong and Sutton Park are strongly encouraged to attend, and will be able to ask questions and speak with our community engagement team. Refreshments will be available. Till next time, stay safe!

- Don Evans

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## September Golf

A very windy September 1<sup>st</sup> saw 12 very brave starters for a Spring Trophy, 3 stick Par Event sponsored by the Masons. A 3 stick Par Event is a hard game at the best of times but add a raging wind and it becomes cruel, but golf can fit that description on some days. With a Par Event if you played to your handicap you finish up with a score of zero.

Regular players absent were the Urquharts who have traded our beautiful windy weather for time in tropical Queensland, and the Gordons who are wrestling anacondas whilst swimming with piranhas in South America.

Back in the Clubhouse, out of the vicious wind it was decided not to ask for Spit the Dummy or Googly Ball stories, as they would only bring back memories of the unforgiving wind.

The regular barman, acting as MC thanked Joan and her team for running the Savoury Spud stall on Bonfire Night, which raised money for the Golf Club. That busy lady also provided the traditional Spring Rolls and nibbles for the après golf.

Ted's Joke was about Larry who claims that as he gets older he is getting more worried about the Hereafter. He says that he often walks into a room and then thinks "what am I here after"!

Junior winner was Robert Thomson. 9 Hole winners were Dave Hubbard from Pete Harrison then Ewan Prest. 18 Hole winner was David Bailey from Tim Barter.

For the record, I will note all scores. 9 down: Steve H. 8 down: Tim. 6 down: Chris, Matt, Robert. 5 down: Steve L. 3 down: Cameron, David, Larry. 2 down: Ewan. 1 up: Pete. 2 up: Dave.

October 6<sup>th</sup> golf day will be sponsored by Pete Harrison and would be a good day to massage your handicap for the November Open. Register at the Hall at 1215. - **Lofty Mason**

## The Wonderful Women of Wamboin



The Wonderful Women of Wamboin (WWOW) meet on Mondays 10–12 at the Wamboin Community Hall. Over the years some of us have knitted hundreds of soft, stuffed trauma teddies for the Queanbeyan Ambulance Service to help comfort children and the feeble. Di Stoll continues the tradition such that we've lost count how many she has made.

We are a disparate group of women from different walks of life with varied interests. But that's what makes us interesting. So if you would like to join us, pop in on Mondays excepting the last Monday of the month when we often go out for lunch. Contact: Gail Ritchie Knight (0416 097 500, [whirlwind1@argonite.com.au](mailto:whirlwind1@argonite.com.au)).



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- Tug of War
- Young Woman Competition

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Judging for this year's Young Woman competition will be on Friday 11 October at The Carrington Inn of Bungendore from 5:30pm. If you are interested in being involved or know a local young woman who we should contact Kate O'Connor at [horses@bungendoreshow.com.au](mailto:horses@bungendoreshow.com.au).

### COMPETITIONS

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## Nature Notes – September 2024

The first month of Spring has given us some variable weather. We've had a few sunny days that have given us temperatures in the twenties, but also some clear cold nights that have resulted in white frosts. Not to mention several days of high winds strong enough to damage some of the trees. But, we have also had a enough rain to keep the country green.

Most of the local Wattles have passed their peak flowering period, although the Green Wattle (*Acacia decurrens*) is still carrying a few bright yellow flowers.

A few more of the pea plants are beginning to show some colour. The low-growing, prickly-leaved *Daviesia genistifolia* is bearing yellow and dark orange flowers and the Creeping Hovea (*Hovea heterophylla*) is still carrying dark mauve flowers. The similarly coloured tiny flowers of *Glycine clandestina* are also making an appearance. This is a delicate climbing plant that often twines itself through other native plants, sometimes giving an attractive display of contrasting colours. The more robust climber, *Hardenbergia violacea* (False Sarsparilla), is providing flowers of a darker purple colour.

The yellow-centred white daisy flowers of the Hoary Sunray (*Leucochrysum albicans*) are beginning to appear along local roadsides. There is a golden-yellow form of this daisy along the road between Bungendore and Tarago. They disappeared for a while after the fire there several years ago, but a few patches of them have returned now and are flowering at present.

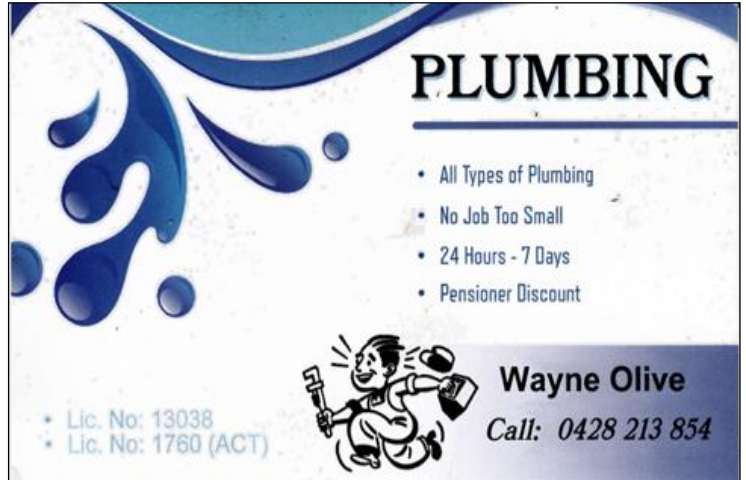
Other yellow flowers around in Spring include those on the Common Buttercups (*Ranunculus lappaceus*). Buttercups usually grow where there is plenty of moisture in the soil. But the small Austral Sunray (*Triptilodiscus pygmaeus*) grows well on quite dry ground. This one has tiny yellow button flowers.

The birds are beginning to contemplate nesting. Recently, a Magpie was hopping around with its beak full of something fluffy and a Pied Currawong was picking up a bunch of dry grass stalks.

Lizards and snakes are beginning to appear in the warmer weather. A neighbour recently sent me photos of a couple of Brown Snakes stretched out together. And I got a bite from a rather ungrateful (but non-toxic) Shingleback Lizard I was moving from the road.

The insects are all busy too. I recently found a new nest of Jumping Ants (*Myrmecia* sp.), a small neat pile of soil, twigs and tiny gravel. These insects react quickly to any disturbance and can give a nasty sting.

On a gentler note, the Kangaroo joeys are just emerging from their mothers' pouches and hopping around in the sunshine to explore their part of Wamboin. -  
by Jo Walker



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## Bird Of The Month

By Luke Downey

I chose the Little Eagle for October, a small eagle that is quite scarce and declining locally but I have seen a few times recently.

**Little Eagle (*Hieraaetus morphnoides*)** Size: 45-55cm (wingspan 150cm) Status: Rare breeding resident

The Little Eagle is small by eagle standards but still quite a sizeable and stocky bird nonetheless. They exhibit a dark crown and face with a small crest that can be raised, feathered legs, a square tail and a distinctive pale "M" shape across the upperwing. The species occurs in two colour morphs; the more common pale morph is a buffy-white below and grey-brown above, with pale underwings in flight and a pale panel in the outer primaries (flight feathers) which contrasts strongly with the otherwise dark primaries and wingtips. The less common dark morph is a rich dark brown overall, with dark underwings. Immature birds are variable, often rufous, developing paler or darker mottling as they reach adulthood. In flight, Little Eagles soar effortlessly on flat wings, with 5 clear dark "fingers" at the wingtips, barred flight feathers and tail, and rufous along the leading (front) edge of the wing. The species exhibits a very stable, controlled flight unlike some similar species like Whistling Kites which can have quite a lazy flight pattern. Little Eagles have a thin high-pitched call, a whistling 2-3 syllable "pip-it-it" or single "kleep". The species is quite scarce and declining, especially locally where it has been declared vulnerable in the ACT and NSW. They have large ranges and territories and occur singly or in pairs, making their distribution quite thin across the landscape. Unlike some species which remain on territory year-round, recent tracking has shown many of the local Little Eagles undertake long distance dispersal, travelling widely as far as Queensland and South Australia. Recently I have been seeing a pair along the Federal Highway between Sutton and Canberra, which is an area I have seen them on multiple previous occasions. This pair has a territory and breeds in the area, and they can sometimes also be seen along Sutton Road. There are also pairs on some urban Nature Reserves in Canberra such as Red Hill and Black Mountain. Outside of their territories the species wanders widely and can turn up anywhere from time to time, though they prefer open wooded areas with a good food supply (particularly rabbits and small birds). They tend to avoid the most barren and densely treed or forested areas.



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The new season of markets fired up on the 3rd Saturday of September. By all accounts it was a welcome activity for locals after some cold and windy weather. Plenty of stall holders returned and a couple of new people joined them. The RFS were on hand with information about preparation for bush fire season. The 'cafe' returned to its former setting in the back room and was a popular meeting place as usual. Young Noah's fund raising for the Cancer Council - plus his rally car for the 'lunch box rally' proved popular and a formal presentation from the community bank bungendore was made. Once again thank you to the bank and to all our generous Wamboin supporters. Next market will be third Saturday of October and I'll be back from holidays by then. See you at the markets!

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## WAMBOIN WEATHER – rainfall and temperature records

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### September Rainfall Stats

September rainfall to the 29<sup>th</sup> .... 21.25mm  
2024 total rainfall to 29/9 ..... 520.25mm

### October Rainfall Stats

2023 October rainfall..... 35.5mm  
Wettest October. 197.5mm in 1976 & 2022  
Wettest October day... 59mm on 17/10/76  
Driest October..... 4.5mm in 2006

### October Temperature Stats

2023 Oct. maximum..... 29.7°C  
Hottest October day.... 32.4°C on 31/10/19  
Coldest October day.... 6°C on 11/10/12  
(snowed)  
Average day temperature..... 18.7°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..... 63.0mm  
2023 September rainfall..... 17.75mm  
2023 total rainfall to 29/9..... 471.75mm  
48yr Av. to end of September.. 497.8mm

Average October rainfall..... 61.7mm  
Average no. rain days in October..... 9.3  
Highest no. rain days..... 21 in 1976  
Lowest no. rain days..... 2 in 2006

2023 Oct. minimum..... 0.5°C  
Oct. 2023. Av. max 21.8°C & min 6.0°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)

16<sup>th</sup> September 2024 was the equal coldest September night with -4°C with the 1<sup>st</sup> September 2012. The average September night temperature (minimum), to the 29<sup>th</sup>, was 0.9°C below the 47-year average of 4.6°C, whilst the average day temperature (maximum) was 3.3°C above the 47-year average of 14.6°C.

## Notification of Pending Kowen Forest Closure

Conservation Service will be conducting an aerial weed control operation within the Kowen Forest during Oct-Nov 2024. All operations meet safety and environmental requirements of the Environment Protection Act 1997, as per EPA Authorisation No. 0011. Weather permitting, the affected 35 ha will be closed to the public for approximately 1 week while the program is implemented. Forest Closed signage will be in place at entry to affected areas during operations. For more information, please contact ACT Parks and Conservation Service Forest Management Team via email; [ForestEnquiry@act.gov.au](mailto:ForestEnquiry@act.gov.au)



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## How do I care for my Landcare plants?

By Leanne Brown

At our plant sales, Landcare members are often asked about the best techniques to plant and protect your precious tubestock. Here is a summary of the steps to follow when you bring your plants home.

**Plant as soon as you can:** Plants are grown and sold to carefully timed growth phases and you will often find that plants are positively jumping out of their tubes. Don't delay getting them in the ground. Plants will need daily water, and their growth will be inhibited if they are left in the tube for too long or if they dry out too much. Planting is best done in the Autumn or Spring growing seasons. Don't plant in the heat of Summer or in the hottest, middle part of the day and avoid planting in Winter if possible.

**Dig a much wider hole than you think you will need:** Some Landcare members have found creating a long trough for planting with a mechanical ripper can be much more effective to encourage plant growth, than digging a single planting hole for each plant. However, ripping is only feasible for large, in-line plantings. Even then, a single rip is unsuitable, as roots will grow straight along the ripline as the path of least resistance. Plants grown in single riplines can be unstable in high winds due to roots growing in a single direction along the ripline. When ripping, two to three rips are needed in proximity (around 300mm apart) to ensure roots can spread in all directions. If you need to dig, use a mattock as simply using a spade in our heavy, rocky clay soils can create a hard barrier impervious to root growth. Dig a hole about twice as deep as the pot is high and 2-3 times as pot is wide, then break up or disturb the sides of the hole to enable easier root penetration.

**Water the plant and planting space well:** Ensure that the planting soil, and tubestock are moist before and after planting. Ensure plants are mulched with clean weed-free mulch and follow up with watering at least once each week in the first few weeks, easing off as plants become established.

**Special tips on protecting plants:** We are often asked for ideas on how plants can be protected from rabbits and kangaroos. Chicken wire guards are the best solution if possible. Plastic guards are useful as condensation recycles water when it drains to the ground. While they can create a warm microclimate conducive to growth, if left in place too long, plastic guards can prevent air circulation, potentially overheating plants. Remove plastic guards once plants are established, before the plastic can inhibit growth and break down and pollute the landscape when they eventually break free and blow away. Stakes can be useful but don't tie your plants too tightly as they need to grow and develop their own stem strength. Rocks or mulch placed around the stem can be helpful but should be placed two to five centimetres away from the stem to allow it to breathe and grow.

**Fertiliser:** It's likely you will only need to fertilise once or twice shortly after planting to assist with establishment, or from time to time to boost the growing season. Use mild, organic, specially formulated low phosphorus native fertilizer such as blood and bone or pelletised slow-release native fertiliser mixed with compost or worm castings

**These planting tips** will ensure your plants are jumping from the ground on your block instead of from their tubes! Landcare will hold our first plant sale for Spring at the next Wamboin community hall markets on 19 October, 9am-12.00pm.

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## Beekeeping

The beekeeping season has started again and I just finished my first hive inspections. Two have survived the winter well but unfortunately I have lost one. It happens. Last season was probably the worst I have experienced in keeping bees in Wamboin for 14 years. I did not harvest any honey, I fed them regularly because they were clearly struggling to build up colony size and honey stores. Requeened in March and merged weak hives with strong ones. Hopefully this season will be a bit better with more bee friendly conditions. However, that might be wishful thinking. The Varroa mites are established now beyond the Orange and Sydney areas. It is only a few hundred kilometers away from us and if we are lucky then this season will be our last without having to manage this pest in our hives. The mites will get to us eventually because beekeepers move (infected) hives from one location to another for pollination services or following nectar flows. Through swarming from managed and especially feral colonies and drifting from mainly drones (male bees) from one hive another. All beekeepers should be registered with DPI (Department of Primary Industries). Especially now that Varroa mite is so close it is super important. Also, registered or not, everybody that has a beehive must now do an alcohol wash, sugar shake or soapy water wash as per the General Biosecurity Duty and the Code of Practice of that colony at least monthly to test for mites. The result (positive or negative) must be sent to the DPI. Once you have mites detected in your hive your beekeeping methods are changing. It will get more complicated, probably less fun and eventually you will need to treat them with chemicals (miticides) or if you don't want to do that maybe euthanise the colony. Beekeeping with Varroa is still possible. That has been done all over the world for decades. The mites have only just arrived in Australia and we have to adjust our beekeeping practices. I encourage everyone who has a beehive or is going to have one to educate themselves on how to keep bees with Varroa infestation. The times that you could plonk a (flow) hive in the garden without any beekeeping skills and or interest are probably over. If you just let them be you will create mite bombs that make it worse for the beekeepers who are trying to control the infestations.

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.

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But if St Andrews was for sale, how would it have been marketed?

*For Sale: 25 year old church building, excellent condition, feature stained glass window, prime location, zero nearby facilities, air conditioned, Wi-Fi connected, iffy mobile coverage, one large family room (can be two roomed if folding glass doors closed), one office, zero bed, zero bath (toilet only), kitchen (sink and cupboards), 20 cars (none under cover), expansive gardens, bell tower (with bell), gazebo (actually lych-gate). Suit henpecked husband with low hygiene and on a starvation diet.*

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### Wamboin Thursday Social Group

We are really pleased to advise that the group has received a Category B Annual Community Grants donation from Queanbeyan Palerang Regional Council which will go towards the hire of the Wamboin Hall for the Drop-In Group in 2024/25. This ensures that the group will continue and continues to provide a networking opportunity for people who live in the Wamboin/Bywong area. The group operates every Thursday morning from 10 – 12 noon at the Wamboin Hall, Bingley Way and if you have a Thursday morning free, we would love to have you pop in for a tea/coffee, chat or a game or scrabble, rummikub or cards. . – Narelle Pumphery

### Can you write something for the November Whisper?

Thank you to each of the 100 or so of you who together created and distributed and through ads paid printing costs for this October Whisper. Guidelines for content are;

- Written by a Bywong or Wamboin resident and signed so as to let readers know the author is real and local
- Respectful of the many lifestyles and viewpoints among us
- Related to living in Wamboin and Bywong
- Not printed elsewhere
- Run as an ad if seeking income

Deadline for the November Whisper is 7 pm, last Sunday of October, so that's Sunday, 27 October.

- Ned Noel, volunteer editor on behalf of the Wamboin Community Association  
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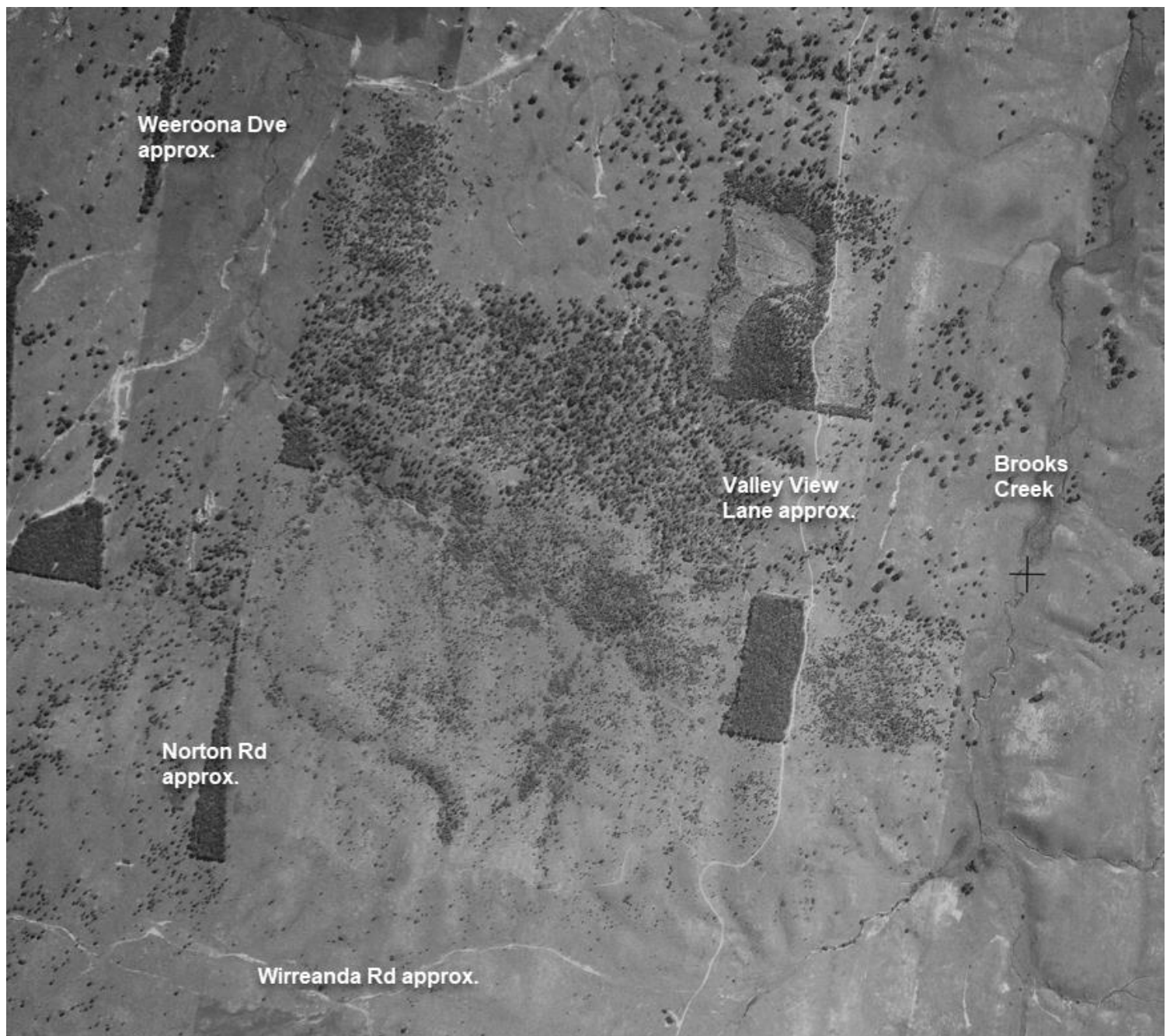
## Trends in Wamboin's vegetation cover with changing land use patterns

David McDonald

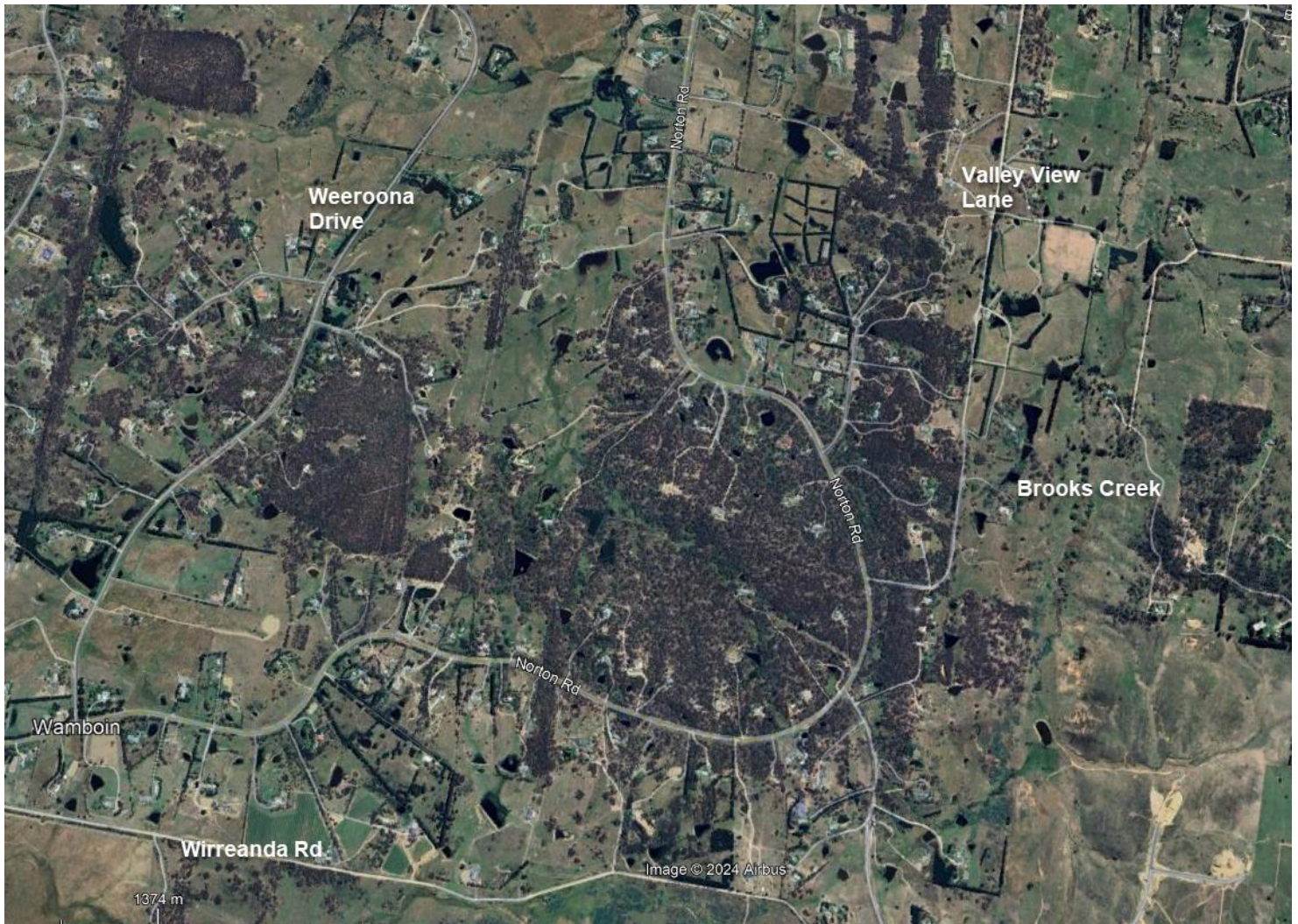
The 'President's Para' in the September 1990 issue of the *Wamboin Whisper* (p. 3), penned by Malcolm Harrington, highlighted the marked changes in Wamboin's landscape following the closer settlement that commenced in the early 1970s. Malcolm wrote:

*Welcome to the beginning of spring. The wattle trees and daffodils are splendid in their yellow bloom. After his address to the August meeting. David Rouse, from Yarrawlumla Council's Town Planning office. told me of how desolate the landscape was in this area twenty years ago when he first surveyed it for subdivision. There had been some years of drought and the land was barren and dusty. He commented that the area looked much the better for the dams, trees, gardens and orchards that the residents have introduced. It's heartening that an environment can be improved rather than just degraded by people. The colour of spring and the proliferation of trees in Wamboin is largely due to the efforts of residents. and in some cases with the sponsorship of the Community Association. This is one of the reasons that I feel good about living in this area.*

The changes can be seen, to some extent, in the two images of Wamboin's Clare Valley area, below. They cover approximately the same part of the landscape. The first is from a 1956 aerial photography run sourced from Geoscience Australia Historical Aerial Photography, Film no. CAC89, Run 2, Frame 5043, date 29 March 1956, © Commonwealth of Australia. The second is satellite imagery from Google Earth Pro, dated 17 January 2023.







Notes:

The first image, the aerial photograph from 1956, can be accessed online at [https://historicalaerialphotography.s3-ap-southeast-2.amazonaws.com/Scanned/CAC/CAC89/CAC89\\_frame5043.tif](https://historicalaerialphotography.s3-ap-southeast-2.amazonaws.com/Scanned/CAC/CAC89/CAC89_frame5043.tif). LARGE FILE WARNING: 257 MB.

The second image, the 2023 one from Google Earth, is reproduced in colour in the October 2023 *Whisper* which is available online at <https://www.wamboincommunity.org.au/thewhisper/>.

### ***The power of movement***

As someone with a body, just like you, I believe that keeping our bodies moving in different ways is important, **no matter age or ability**. For me that looks like practicing yoga regularly, diversifying the ways I sit, stand move throughout the day, and training my strength, balance, mobility and body awareness. I do all of this so I can keep doing all the other **things I love with ease**, like playing with my kids, camping, hiking and running. For my mum it's gardening and playing with her grandkids. For my brother it's adventuring, cycling and climbing. What we love to do may look different for each of us, **but moving and being able to move well** helps us to enjoy it fully.

One of the beautiful things about movement is that it is **adaptable to everyone**. Whether you're running after your kids or grandkids, gardening, hiking, or simply moving through daily life, having a body that's strong, mobile, and balanced helps you do what you love with ease. That's exactly what I want to help you tap into with the upcoming **'Balance and Play workshop'**.

Join me for a session of **playful exploration** where we'll move, laugh, and discover new ways to build strength, balance, and coordination. This workshop is perfect for anyone wanting to **move with more confidence** in their everyday life, no matter your current level of strength or flexibility. Come ready to play with movement & balance and leave feeling empowered.

The workshop will be held **Sunday 13th October from 1:00pm - 3:30pm at the Wamboin Hall**. For more information or to book head to **[grounded-motion.com/workshops](https://grounded-motion.com/workshops)** – Morgan Hubbard



## KOWEN KAPERS - THE 1950S ARBORETA

By Peter Komidar

In the February 2024 edition of *The Whisper* we were introduced to two Arboretum sites established in 1928 at the inception of Kowen Forest. Arboreta that remain to this very day. But they are not the only arboreta in Kowen Forest. In the 1950s three more arboreta were established on the then easternmost extent of the plantation estate.

One arboretum, sited on the eastern side of the middle arm of Welch's Rd (see last month's article for the strange shape of that road) was planted between 1954 and 1957 but was abandoned in 1958 due to drought. It was subsequently replanted with radiata pine.

Two other arboreta remain somewhat intact. The most significant of which, lies at the bottom of Steep Rd toward the base of Mt Amungula (H). Five species of pine were planted over 1955-56 including ponderosa pine, knobcone pine and Canary Island pine. Two hybrids of ponderosa and a hybridised radiata species were also planted. A few years later species name tags were affixed to a number of the trees - some of which remain to this day.

Ironically, this arboretum was abandoned in 1971 because of the difficulty in identifying the various plots with most of the original marker pegs gone.

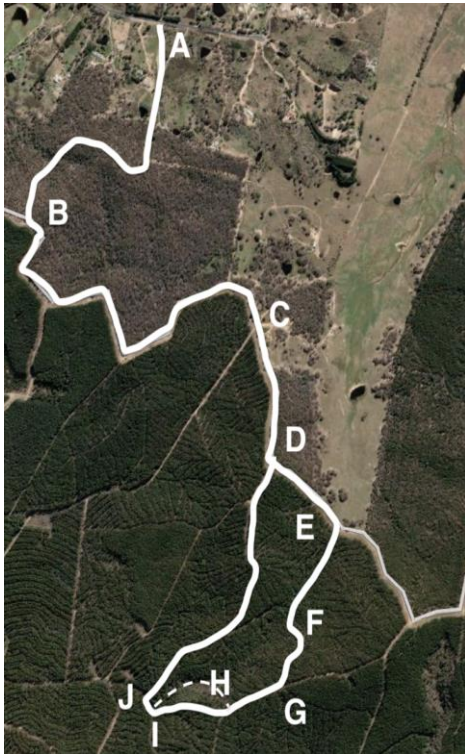
The third arboretum was sited on a peak (D) on Wamboin Break mid-way between Welch's Rd and Mt Amungula. Today, only a small portion of the site remains. Situated on the first intersection east of Welch's Rd, you'll find a large ponderosa pine with a species label attached. Surrounding this are a dozen other ponderosa pines and some very old radiata pines. Sadly, in early September, following severe winds, an old radiata pine, no doubt planted as part of the arboretum, was blown over.

Established in 1955-58, the site originally consisted of six pine species and two hybrids (of which our ponderosa is one). This site was also abandoned in the 1970s, being considered "A poor site with very slow-growing plots, the tallest being a plot of *P. attenuata* x *P. radiata* which was only 7.4 m high at 13 years of age". (This is in all likelihood the large radiata pine that just blew over). The site was subsequently resumed as part of the plantation estate, but the patch abutting the intersection managed to escape that fate.

By the 1970s, the scientific life of arboreta had just about ended. With radiata pine outperforming all species on almost all the sites, research now focused on breeding to further enhance its performance. And so the ACT plantation estate remains a radiata pine monoculture to this day. As if to highlight the issue, a freak hailstorm in 2016 gave rise to a *Diplodia* fungal outbreak in southern reaches of Kowen Forest. As a result, more than 300 hectares (six percent of Kowen Forest or about 200,000 pine trees) had to be harvested early to prevent the further spread of the infestation. A clear warning as to the dangers of continuous monoculture.

**Directions:** From Bingley Way (A), we enter Kowen at the Bingley Way horse entrance (B). Turning left, we follow Wamboin Break. Passing the Welch's Rd intersection (C) we encountered in last month's article, we continue east up a hill (D). After surmounting the hill, we descend into a valley with open fields to our left, and take the first turn right (E). This road ends at a T intersection (F). We turn left here and then turn right at the next intersection (G). Heading downhill we again turn right at the next intersection (H). The

Arboretum is on your right along this stretch of road. Look out for name tags affixed to trees along the roadside. We then continue all the way down the road until we hit a T intersection (I). Turn right and then take the next right turn (J) 100 m beyond. Follow the trail for 1 km to where it joins Wamboin break. Here at the intersection with Wamboin Break (D). On the right hand side of the trail, you'll find a tree with the same species identification tag as those we met on the slopes below. From here we retrace our steps back to the Bingley Way horse entrance and thence to Bingley Way. The total journey is 9 km in length.



Date	Kowen Events – October/November
TBC	Logging operations in Sparrow Hill. No access
September - TBC	Logging operations below Poppet Hill.
20 October	Orienteering ACT - Australian Mountain Bike Orienteering Championships - West Kowen <a href="https://act.orienteeing.asn.au/">https://act.orienteeing.asn.au/</a>
25-27 October	Dual Sport Motorcycle Riders Association - Kowen Forest Ride - Kowen Forestry Settlement <a href="https://www.dsmra.asn.au/kowen">https://www.dsmra.asn.au/kowen</a>