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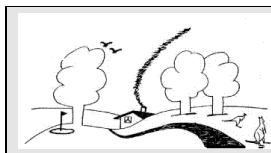
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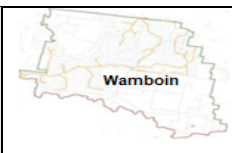
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President's Notes



Well the weather is slowly beginning to warm up which is nice.

1. Meet and Greet Council. On September 16th on a particularly nasty early spring night, a small but dedicated group met with representatives of the local Council. Attending from Council were Rebecca Ryan (General Manager), Jacquelyn Richards (Director Community, Arts and Recreation) and Ross Macdonald (local Councillor). Seventeen community members braved the weather and although the gathering was small a surprising amount of items were discussed. These included the Mac's Reef Road corner upgrade which was quickly pointed out by locals how it needed further consideration to its traffic safety issues. I'm pleased to see that the sign at the end of Norton/Bungendore Road has been lowered so that those of us who are shorter can see over it and don't have to come out into busy traffic. But a whole range of issues were tabled in this friendly atmosphere and discussed. They include:

- Land use planning including the complying development proposal;
- Draft Waste Strategy and local waste and recycling;
- Playgroup facilities (notably the cubby house)
- Community plan;
- Wildlife friendly fencing around the area;
- QPRC Library Service and how helpful this is;
- Thanks for approving the Hall use grant applications for those groups who applied;
- A misspelling (by Council) on the Playgroup sign on the fence at the Hall;
- The section 355 Committees' mandatory training which was considered a bit much;
- Accidental clash of Wamboin's Bonfire/Fireworks Night with the Bungendore Bites and suggestions that some sort of community calendar might be a good idea.

As you can see a lot was discussed by this small group and it was a productive and friendly meeting.

2. Monthly Markets. Our monthly Market days returned after their winter hiatus this past September. So remember the 3rd Saturday of each month is market morning in Wamboin.

3. Christmas Carol Night. Just claiming the date for our annual Christmas Carol Night which will be held on **Friday 5th December**. Plans are now well underway for this event which is always a lot of fun.

Well that's it for now. Remember all residents are entitled to attend our monthly meetings held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at the Community Hall Bingley Way. Hope to see you there. - **Jenny Richards – President**.

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BCA Community Update: Hello Bywong (and Wamboin) Community. We're excited to share that all existing committee members have been returned unopposed. Thank you to everyone who continues to support the BCA. We want to remind all community members that you are always welcome to attend meetings, share your thoughts, and help shape our direction. Your voice matters, and your input is always appreciated.

Looking ahead, we're exploring various funding opportunities to improve local facilities. To make the most of these, we'll be developing a simple strategy for the BCA. We invite everyone to contribute ideas, suggestions, or feedback—whether it's about facilities, events, or community priorities. This is your chance to help guide future improvements and ensure they reflect what matters most to our community.

Upcoming Key Activities: - Community Day – October: Focused on improving access to the Greenways.
- Christmas Drinks – Date first Saturday in December: A festive gathering at the hall to celebrate the season.


Proposed Meeting Dates:

These are Generally the third Thursday of each month.

- 16 Oct - 20 Nov - 15 Jan - 19 Feb - 19 Mar - 23 Apr - 21 May - 18 Jun - 16 Jul - 20 Aug - 17 Sep – (AGM)

Some of the meetings during Winter may be online so that will be easier to join in. (and Possibly warmer) We will be advertising on the Bywong Community Association Facebook Page and we love using the Blackboards so keep an eye on them.

Call to Action: If you have ideas, concerns, or suggestions—big or small—please reach out or come along to a meeting. Whether you're a long-time resident or new to the area, your perspective is valuable and can help shape a better future for everyone. Let's continue working together to make our community even better! I also would like to add a personal thanks to the Committee who are working really hard in the background. - **Justin Jarvis**



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Fire danger period has started! (From October 1 until March 31)

What do you need to know if I want to burn in the open?

1. Think ahead! Allow at least 7 days for an approval to be processed.
2. Fire permits are now required. You MUST apply to the RFS via their online portal. You will be given an application number only. The following is a link, or just Google search "Fire permits NSW"
<https://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/fire-information/BFDP> If you don't have a computer or smart device, you can contact the Queanbeyan Fire Control Centre on 61280600 (Business hours only)
3. Your application is only that. IT IS NOT A PERMIT TO LIGHT A FIRE
4. Once your online application is completed, it is sent to the brigade, then assigned to a Fire permit officer.
5. You will be contacted to arrange an on-site inspection by a permit officer. (remember, we are all volunteers, with jobs, so we have to fit it in with our own busy lives too)
6. Your proposed burn is subject to strict conditions in the fire danger period. Non-compliance will result in a refusal to issue a permit.

Location - away from buildings, powerlines, fences, trees etc and should be in a cleared location

Materials - should be dry vegetation only and any logs should be less than 150mm. No building materials, treated timber or rubbish is to be within the pile.

Controlling the fire - You must have a pressurised water supply available at all times. (House or dam/bore pump with hoses, or a portable fire fighting unit on a trailer) before you light up, and other tools necessary to control or extinguish the fire. You must have the physical and mental ability to light, maintain and control the fire.

7. The permit officer will then assess your application and will be contacted online as to whether your permit is approved or denied.
8. If your permit is approved, you will get a fire permit approval number.
9. You will now have to notify via the RFS "Notify your planned burn" online. This is a simple quick process and as you now have an approved fire permit, will be completed easily.
10. All your neighbours that join your property or opposite side of the road must be notified personally, or a letterbox drop (which most people do) at least 24 hours prior to the fire being lit.
11. Lastly, you always have to check for total fire bans and weather conditions (especially wind speeds) for the time the fire is burning and ensure that it is completely extinguished by the time the permit period expires. The fire control centre can cancel fire permits at any time if the weather conditions are deemed to dangerous to light a fire.

These rules have been in place for decades. Each year, hundreds of pile burns escape, some damaging neighbouring properties. If you damage someone else's property, you will be subject to whatever the law throws at you, and is usually handed over to the police. Lighting a fire in the open in the fire danger period (excluding a small cooking fire) without a permit can have a minimum \$1100 fine. The RFS only wants a safe process of burning to protect lives and the community. The majority of people that conduct pile burns each year, know the process, complete the task without incident and that is all we ask.

For more information on burning on your property, visit the RFS website, search "Before you light that fire" or "Standards for pile burning" which are two great publications explaining the safe way to conduct pile burns and what is required.

Till next time, stay safe! - **Don Evans** (Deputy Captain)

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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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September Rainfall Stats

September rainfall to the 28th..... 66.0mm
2025 total rainfall to 28/9 469.0mm

October Rainfall Stats

2024 October rainfall..... 30.0mm
Wettest October. 197.5mm in 1976 & 2022
Wettest October day... 59mm on 17/10/76
Driest October..... 4.5mm in 2006

October Temperature Stats

2024 Oct. maximum..... 27.3°C
Hottest October day.... 32.4°C on 31/10/19
Coldest October day.... 6°C on 11/10/12
(snowed)
Average day (max.) temperature.... 18.8°C
Warmest October 2017
Av. day temp. 22.8°C & night 8.0°C
(high. 23.7°C in 2019)(high. 9.4°C in 1977)

Average September rainfall..... 62.1mm
2024 September rainfall..... 22.25mm
2024 total rainfall to 28/9..... 520.25mm
49yr Av. to end of September.. 498.8mm

Average October rainfall..... 61.1mm
Average no. rain days in October..... 9.2
Highest no. rain days..... 21 in 1976
Lowest no. rain days..... 2 in 2006

2024 Oct. minimum..... 0.2°C
Oct. 2024. Av. max 21.8°C & min 6.4°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 (min.) temperature.... 7.3°C
Coldest October 2012
Av. day temp. 16.9°C & night 3.2°C
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Thank You to QPRC Council – Playgroup Grant Success !

We are pleased to share that our playgroup has been awarded an \$800 grant from Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council. This funding covers our annual hall hire fees for the use of the Bingley Way Hall facilities, ensuring that playgroup can continue to run for the next 12 months at no cost to families. We want to say a huge thank you to everyone who supported us in applying for this grant. Your support helps us keep playgroup running as a free, accessible, and welcoming space for families across the community.

Playgroup is a relaxed weekly gathering where children from birth to school age can play, explore, and learn in a safe environment, while parents and carers connect and share experiences. It's about building friendships, strengthening community ties, and giving our children the best start through play. Thanks to the generous support of the community and Council, families can look forward to another year of free playgroup at Bingley Way. We warmly invite both returning families and newcomers to join us. 10-12 On Tuesday during the school holidays. - **Clare Camilleri**



Wamboin Home Produce and Craft Market - Saturday 18 October 2025 9-12md

Contact: Meriel Schultz 042 261 4304 Email: imsconsulting@bigpond.com

Our first market back after the winter break went well. Not much in the way of garden produce - not surprising given our long cold winter. Stallholders enjoyed catching up with each other and sharing news. We had a good crowd coming through after a slow start to the morning. Our buskers kept us moving along and added to a happy atmosphere.

We are looking for people or community groups who would help with the Community Clothing stall on market days. This is voluntary but we could consider the proceeds going to a charity of your choice or to boost funding for your community group. The stall is popular and it would be a shame to close it down. Message me on the number above if you are interested. Please check out the photos and range of stalls plus news about the markets on the Market Facebook page. Either google 'Wamboin Market' and follow links to the Facebook postings or put in:

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Bee Swarms

The beekeeping season has started again and I just finished my first hive inspections. The two hives that I manage here in Wamboin have survived the winter well. I found a good size brood nest, just two small hive beetles and (what a relief) still no dreaded Varroa mites after the alcohol wash test. Last season was again not productive from a honey harvest point of view. Yes they made some honey but that was what the bees needed to survive winter and come back healthy in spring. I have made the mistake in the past by taking out ripe honey too early and/or too much assuming that what I harvest will be replaced later with the next summery nectar flow. There was no next nectar flow or not big enough and ended up feeding them a lot or even lost the hive due to starvation. Advice about feeding your bees, I would not recommend offering your bees sugar syrup late autumn and during winter. You will introduce a lot of moisture in the hive and it won't evaporate because of the lower outside temperature and smaller number of bees. The humidity in the hive increases to a level that they can't handle and molds will develop. The frames are getting really dirty and pathogens will also increase. Just another stress factor that they have to deal with. In my opinion it is mismanagement if you need to feed them in winter. They should have their food sorted before. If, as an emergency, you have to feed them so late in the season, offer them dry fine sugar inside the hive. Try to avoid introducing more water into the hive.

Another thing about feeding sugar syrup. I use two different solutions, spring 1 : 1/1.5 water sugar. Autumn 1 : 2 water sugar. The thinner solution tends to be consumed quicker, raising brood. The thicker tends to be stored more, good for winter stores.

Hopefully this season will be a bit better with more bee friendly conditions. However, that might be wishful thinking. I have ordered my miticides and read up about the management options. I don't like the idea of putting these chemicals in the hives but there is no choice. 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 and foraging bees make contact on flowers. 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 monthly (except winter) to test for mites. The positive result must be sent to the DPI. Once you have mites detected in your hive and the number of mites go over the threshold you eventually will need to treat them with chemicals (miticides) or if you don't want to do that maybe euthanise the colony. Currently the threshold is 5+ mites on a 300 bees sample in spring and 9+ mites on a 300 bees sample in summer. If you don't use the miticides the colony will slowly but surely die.

No beekeeper producing and offering honey for human consumption can claim a chemical free apiary and therefore honey anymore. Yes there are two organic miticides. Formic acid and Apiguard. However both have unwanted side effects like honey taint and inability to harvest honey comb. 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 in it are over. If you just let them bee you will create mite bombs that make it worse for the beekeepers who are trying to control the infestations.

My beehive down the coast in Mollymook always had a much larger small hive beetle load than the ones over here but it was manageable with different types of beetle traps. However, on my first spring inspection I was confronted with a very heavy Varroa infestation. It was obvious to see with the naked eye and drone brood uncapping. I did an alcohol wash to determine the number of mites per sample. I stopped counting at about 50 mites per 300. As I mentioned before, the treatment threshold is 5 at the moment! In this case euthanasia of the colony and cleaning up is my solution.

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 take them away, and also happy to help if you are a new(ish) beekeeper. - **Adrian Meijer**, Weeroona Drive, 0427 101550



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Bird Of The Month

By Luke Downey

For October I chose the Western Gerygone, an uncommon summer migrant that has been gracing some of the local woodlands with its melodious song recently.

Western Gerygone (*Gerygone fusca*)

Size: 10-11cm

Status: Uncommon breeding summer migrant

The Western Gerygone is a tiny bird that is visually very plain: it is almost entirely grey-brown, paler below, and darker on wings and tail, which has distinctive white spots on the edges. If seen well, their red eye is quite striking, especially with the short pale eyebrow above and dark lores. They have a small dark bill and dark legs. Sexes are similar, with immatures being duller, with a dark eye and yellowish wash below. Like some other small birds, the Western Gerygone makes up for its plain appearance with its pleasant melodious song. They give a distinctive rolling trill-like call, likened to "falling leaf" melody, that pitches up and then down repeatedly, finishing abruptly. They are very vocal and hearing the call is often a good indicator of their presence.

Their call differs from the similar call of the White-throated Gerygone which is entirely descending from the beginning and lacks the ups and downs in pitch throughout the call. Western Gerygones typically occur as singles or pairs among mixed flocks of other small birds (e.g. Thornbills). They forage very actively in the canopy and foliage, feeding on insects. They favour drier open woodlands and scrub, avoiding denser and wetter forested areas where the darker brown Brown Gerygone is found. Sometimes they could be confused with the Jacky Winter, which differs by its complete white edge on a black tail, dark eye, upright stance and a very different call. Western Gerygones are a summer migrant to the local region from inland and northern Australia, and are beginning to arrive at the moment along with many of our other summer migrants. Make sure to keep an eye and ear out for them. (Photo from Google Images)



Wonderful Women of Wamboin October Whisper Report

As usual WWOW has been meeting on Mondays at the Wamboin Hall, 10:00 am - 12:00 noon for a cuppa and chat. Though sometimes we do have a variation to our hall meetups. Monday the 29th September we will have headed out for lunch, which we do every few months. On the Public Holiday (6/10) we will be meeting at someone's house for morning tea. WWOW is an informal get together, so we don't do official reports etc, it is a social get together to chat and catch up.

Many ladies bring some craft to do whilst we chat and catch up on the week's happenings. Did you know that in 2018 WWOW was invited by the Bungendore Quilters to be the special Guest Exhibitor at their Annual Quilt Exhibition? This showcased many of the crafts that WWOWs make and filled the stage with a wide array of items such as bags, quilts and mini banners. The Bungendore Quilters have another exhibition coming up soon, some of our WWOWs are also members and will be exhibiting. If you head to their website you can see some of our displayed items from the 2018 exhibition. <https://www.bungendorequilters.com.au/guestexhibitors>

WWOW has in the past also had a crafting challenge for member's to be creative. One particular challenge was to make a treasure bag. The results were an array of beautiful bags to contain that special something. We have many talented crafters in our group, with some being award winners in their speciality! Some of the WWOWs are not crafters and that is perfectly okay too, you don't need to craft to be a WWOW.

WWOW has also recently been awarded a QPRC Community Grant to cover our hall hire costs. This is a great initiative from council to support many organisations in the council area, to cover hire costs of council buildings. We are most grateful to have been accepted as a grant recipient, and congratulate all the other recipients as well.

WWOW welcomes all women to come along, so if you are free on a Monday morning, come along and say, hello. It is a great opportunity to make new local friends. - Merle Ketley



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Protecting Our Native Birds: What to Do During Breeding Season

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In many cases the bird may have injuries that are not obvious or be too young to be out of the nest. Even if the parents are feeding a baby on the ground, the baby is still vulnerable to predators and the elements. A makeshift nest rarely works - if the parent is sitting on another nest, the one in the makeshift nest is exposed to the weather and predators.

Please call our 24/7 Wildcare Helpline on 6299 1966 for guidance before taking any action. Our Helpline can also locate a nearby experienced bird carer or rescuer to assess the situation and advise on the next steps.


Other ways you can help during breeding season:

- Always keep cats indoors or in enclosed outdoor spaces.
- Keep dogs on leash, especially near bushland or park areas.
- Avoid trimming trees or shrubs where birds may be nesting.
- Educate children to observe wildlife without disturbing it.
- Install nest boxes for native species and keep bird baths clean, making sure there is a safe way to exit for small birds and other small wildlife like lizards or insects.

By staying informed and taking small steps to protect vulnerable native birds during breeding season, we can all play a part in supporting healthy native bird populations.


To provide critical care to sick, injured and orphaned native animals across our service area Wildcare relies on the generous donations from the community. **Please consider helping our mission by donating to our public trust - go to wildcare.com.au for full details.** - Krystal Hemsworth, Communications Coordinator, Wildcare Queanbeyan, 6299-1966





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Adventures

We were asked to rehome Ms Ewe in 2021. She had been living in a large, lush backyard in Garran for many years. However, her owner's boys had grown up and left home and sadly their dad, Geoffery had passed away. Marian was down-sizing to a townhouse and Ms Ewe was in trouble. Not a pair to turn away an animal in need and with acres to spare what could we do but offer to take her in. Years ago our son, Lachlan, had always wanted a cow but we were living in Canberra so it was impossible. Hey why not start now with a sheep I thought.

So she came out to Wamboin. Denley Drive to be precise. A new chapter in her life. We kept her in a paddock near the house to begin with to keep an eye on her as she settled in. Our two horses stared and snorted eyeing her with suspicion. Our three dogs crouched and circled with curiosity! However, Ms Ewe's calm and non-reactive temperament soon saw them all getting along beautifully.

After some weeks we saw Ms Ewe's confidence grow. We opened our house yard gates and saw her happily venturing far and wide in our 2 front paddocks. We felt very relieved as life doesn't always go smoothly with new animals! Surprisingly Ms Ewe had no name when she arrived. Paul, who has always been a pro at naming numerous foster and rescue dogs we've had over the years strangely seemed at a loss for ovine inspiration. Out of the blue I thought back to my school days (way, way back) and remembered a lovely girl, Beverley. She came from a big sheep and wool farming dynasty at Yass. So Ms Ewe became Beverley. Curiously, original Beverley's beautiful curly hair quite resembled wool now I think of it - in a good way you understand.

(As it turned out we could have waited with the naming as little did we know fantastic naming ideas were heading our way.) Much to our delight and surprise other Wamboin residents seem to have rather taken to seeing dear old Beverley (most of our animals are seniors like ourselves) wandering around in our front paddocks. Who would have thought! They tell us they find amusement at locating her when driving past which is kind of cute. Can't beat those simple pleasures I say.

By now I guess you are wondering why I'm rambling on about Bev. The real purpose of this story is to thank the kind neighbours who have dropped notes in our mail box expressing their appreciation regarding Beverley and her movements. We had a lovely card from a resident down Birchman's Grove. Our latest note was anonymous. I do hope the shy author doesn't mind but I just had to copy it and share it below as it is so clever. I couldn't let it pass without a big thank you. This seemed the only way. We think it is brilliant!!

-Janey Wallace (Pedersen.) (p.s. I do get in a ewe-phoric mood when I think of those lines by Ewe fan on Denley!)

"Dear Home Owners,

I am feeling a little sheepish (not ram-bunctious) as I write to ewe, but I wish to comment on your mobile statue on the property. Not wishing to ram home any of your ideas, but I do like the challenge of looking for the ornament as I drive past in my Lamb-orghini, regardless of the wether. Sometimes, I wonder if I should stop for a drink with it in the paddock, as there must be a baah, or watch its favourite movie, Ram-bo.

I just don't want to be fleeced - but if I'm feeling sad it would be a good way to shear-up.

I do hope a kangaroo doesn't mate with it, because you'll end up with a woolly jumper. Of course, if you have another statue like the first, they can have a relationsheep. Have you considered putting it on ewetube, or doesn't your computer have enough ram?

Ewe herd it here first and I hope this put you into a ewe-phoric mood.

As an aside, what is its name?: Wooliam Shakespear; Baa-rack Obaam-aa; Ewe Hefner; Baa-rbra Streisand; Fleece Witherspoon; Baa-braham Lincoln; Gordon Ram-sy; or (my favourite) Woolly Nelson? - Kind regards,- **Ewe fan on Denley!"**



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Origins (1982–1989): The Yass River Valley Revegetation Scheme (YRVRS) was the first known group of 'Landcare' style format, which commenced around 1982. The Scheme was started by Peter Cosier Environmental Planner and Megan Cousins Planning Officer, both of Yass Shire Council, with involvement of a number of Yass Valley farmers. Peter became a prominent member of the Wentworth Group of Concerned Scientists. The founder and ex-convenor of Gearys Gap/Wamboin Landcare, Geoff Butler, was the botanical/horticultural advisor for the YRVRS for some years after its commencement.

The first formally recognised Landcare group formed in November 1986 at Winjallock near St Arnaud in central Victoria, when farming neighbours cooperated to tackle shared land degradation issues. In 1988, the federal Resources Minister, Senator Peter Cook, officially launched two pilot groups, showcasing community-led environmental action. Prime Minister Bob Hawke announced funding in 1989 for a 'Decade of Landcare', establishing the National Landcare Program under the Department of Primary Industries and Energy.

Expansion and Growth (1990s onwards): By 1995 around a third of all Australian farms voluntarily organised into over 2,200 Landcare groups, supported by a national workforce of about 1,000 facilitators and coordinators. Throughout the mid- to late-1990s, state and territory governments formalised catchment management bodies to partner with local Landcare networks to plan and monitor natural resource management. Until 2000, Landcare remained the only global example of its kind, the unique model adapted in more than 30 countries since. Today, thousands of Landcare groups span rural, urban, coastal, and Indigenous communities across Australia and worldwide.


Impact and Legacy: Since its inception, Landcare has:

- Transformed on-ground practices in soil conservation, salinity control, and biodiversity restoration
- Bridged the divide between city and country, fostering partnerships between councils, farmers, and volunteers
- Elevated the voices of under-represented groups, including female farmers and Indigenous communities
- Inspired international adoption of the Landcare model, adapting core principles to diverse landscapes and cultures.


Landcare remains one of Australia's largest volunteer movements, proving that collective, community-led action can drive sustainable change for both land and people.

Now is the time to get involved in your local Landcare. The next Gearys Gap/Wamboin Landcare plant sale will be at the Wamboin Market, 9am-12pm 18 October 2025 and the group's AGM will be on Saturday 1 November, 2025. Email ggw.landcare@gmail.com for more information and find out how you can make a difference.

*This article was drafted with the assistance of Google Ai. References and Further Reading: - 'Landcare' www.agriculture.gov.au - 'Thirty Years of Caring for Our Country - the Landcare Story' <https://landcareaustralia.org.au/>



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Dear Whisperers,

I hope you all had a great September and for those of us parents, grandparents and carers, that you're enjoying the school holidays. We're staying home these holidays with lots of jobs to do around the place to get ready for the warmer months including gardening, tidy ups and making the place less attractive for snakes!

On the work front, the last month has been pretty flat out for me with plenty of travel around the area, Council, community and committee meetings as well as lots of events to get along to. I've also been working on some detailed policy issues relating to transport access, housing and combatting the illicit tobacco trade in our area which I talk more about in my online newsletter you can find through my Facebook page.

There's a lot of reading and research involved in my role but getting around to events is a real labour of love for me - I get to see the awesome work people in our community are doing, chat with residents in an informal setting and also taste test some of the best cakes, biscuits, bacon & egg rolls and sausage sandwiches going! We really have a community of fantastic cooks. At events like the wonderful Wamboin Markets I'm also able to pick up community information as I did for the first markets back since winter and one of the most important pieces of information I want to share at this time is about being bushfire ready.

I'm no expert but we fortunately have lots of people who know what they're talking about when it comes to fire and I've taken their advice to be as prepared as I can be. I've attended six 'get ready weekends' around the area in the last fortnight to meet with our awesome RFS crews about the work they're doing to help our community safe. If you haven't already, then I encourage you to reach out to an RFS Brigade and talk about how you can be fire ready as the weather warms up. It won't take you long and I promise you'll learn some really important information.

Talking of community information, my thanks to everyone who came along to the meeting with Council at the hall recently. Council's General Manager and one of our senior staff came along to hear directly from residents about some issues important to Wamboin. We talked about waste, roads, asset management and the need for infrastructure to support young people living in Wamboin. On the waste front, and following on from the conversation on the night, I'd encourage you to download the QPRC Waste Info app to access your self-haul waste vouchers. If you don't have a smart phone or aren't too tech savvy then we can also help you with email or hard copy vouchers through Council's customer service centre.

I previously touched on transport and housing and I've been thinking a lot about these issues after some recent conversations about how we live, raise families, work and age in communities like Wamboin. As a starting point, I want people to live in their own homes for as long as they can and want to but I'm conscious that transport in our region can make that a challenge, particularly as we age or become less mobile. As Chair of both the Disability Access Committee and the Seniors Advisory Committee I've been having a lot of conversations about access to transport for people living outside of urban centres. If you've got some thoughts or even your own story about how transportation impacts your life or factors into your thoughts for the future I'd love to hear them as I develop some work on these issues so please reach out or say hello when you see me out and about.

Finally, in recent weeks I've been working on something in Royalla - quite a way away from Wamboin but the community has a lot of similarities to our own.

A proposal for a rock quarry has been lodged with State authorities as a State Significant Development.

When it came before Council I spoke against the proposal having spent time drafting a contribution to Council's submission which will register our objections with Council voting unanimously against the proposal.

During the debate I detailed my concerns which ranged from environmental and economic impacts through to human health. I also stated that I am not a NIMBY, I am not anti-progress nor am I anti-development though the community that elected me wanted me to stand up and fight for them which I was proud to do. I do not believe the project is right for the area and am convinced that the overwhelming majority of the community of Royalla and the surrounds do not support the project.

The reason I mention this in the Whisper, aside from the similarities that Royalla has to Wamboin, is that through this issue I saw a community come together, work collaboratively, make their case convincingly and bring Council together to fight alongside them.

There are a lot of things that our community needs or will need into the future. Not all are at great cost and not all are big and shiny but if they only exist in your mind as a great idea, chances are they'll never get done so please, reach out to talk about your ideas to make our community even better or come along to a community meeting to talk to others about your ideas - I'd love to hear them.

Thanks for reading. Cheers, - Ross, Councillor
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Kowen Kapers - Colverwell Graveyard

By Peter Komidar

From the *Glenburn* homestead we now follow a mown path east to Glen Burn Creek and up to the Colverwell graveyard. The graveyard is protected by a post and rail fence. Inside the enclosure are two marked graves complete with sandstone headstones and footstones belonging to Margaret and Elizabeth Colverwell, aged five and six respectively. The two girls tragically drowned in Glen Burn Creek in December 1837. Apparently, one of the girls attempted to rescue her sister who had gotten into difficulties in the flooded creek. Three other Colverwell family members are also buried here in unmarked graves: the girls' parents Luke and Mary Colverwell and another daughter, Eliza.

These graves are, in fact, the oldest European marked graves in the ACT and ten years older than the oldest European marked grave in Queanbeyan. The inscriptions include several errors, not least the misspelling of the family name. The headstones are engraved with the following: "Sacred to the memory of Elizabeth Colver (sic) / Margaret Colver (sic) who departed this life the (sic) 16 December 1837 aged 6 years. Erected by Luke Colowell (sic)". And the footstones read "EC/MC 1837". The graveyard and gravestones were restored in 2005.

It is hard to imagine Luke and Mary's grief at the time. To make matters worse, they were the only residents for miles around. There were no neighbours to help bury the girls or console the grieving parents and siblings.

The Colverwells were, in fact, the first permanent settlers in Kowen moving there in 1831. Both former convicts, Luke and Mary, along with their six children, lived in a primitive hut on the banks of Glenburn Creek in the vicinity of the graveyard site. All six children were born in Kowen. For over a decade, they were the only Kowen residents as the 1841 census only refers to six people and one wooden dwelling at 'Cowen' (a variant spelling of Kowen). Those people were Luke and Mary and their four surviving children.

Luke's story is one of rags to riches and riches to rags. Despite their impoverished start as squatters in a wilderness area known at the time as *Dirty Swamp*, by 1840 Luke had purchased the land he squatted on and by the mid 1800s, he owned 5,000 acres (over 2,000 hectares) at Glenburn and across the Molonglo River at Burbong. By 1856 being overextended financially, Luke resorted to mortgaging *Dirty Swamp* to Queanbeyan entrepreneur, John James Wright. When he subsequently defaulted on the mortgage he was forced to relinquish the 1,270 acre property and the family moved to its Burbong holdings. It is possible, however, that Luke didn't join the rest of the family at Burbong. Luke seems to have had an arrangement with subsequent absentee landlords that allowed him to continue to live on the property until he passed away, presumably to be near to his interred wife and children. Luke died in 1876 and rests in the Glenburn graveyard along with his wife and daughters Eliza, Elizabeth and Margaret.

Directions: Directions to the west gate of the Glenburn Heritage Precinct can be found in the June edition of the *Whisper* via the Wamboin Community Association web page. From the gate follow Charcoal Kiln Rd east for 300 m and take the mown path north to the homestead and then east across Glen Burn Ck and up to the graveyard.





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The 1882 dispute over the Old Coach Road, Mulligans Flat–Bywong–Bungendore

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Have you ever visited Mulligans Flat Nature Reserve at Gungahlin, ACT, on the eastern side of Ginninderra? It is a beautiful Yellow Box-Blakely's Red Gum Woodland reserve that is understood to be '... the largest remaining patch of Yellow Box-Red Box woodland left anywhere in the world'ⁱ. This ecological community is classified as Critically Endangered under both Commonwealth and ACT biodiversity legislation.

Soon after leaving the Nature Reserve's car park at Forde, you meet what is now known as the Old Coach Road. This is not a registered name, but is now widely used, particularly since, in 2011, the road was placed on the ACT Heritage Register. The Statement of Heritage Significance advises that '... there are few roads which have a level of intactness comparable to the Old Coach Road, able to bear testimony to the rural character of the nineteenth century including its gravel nature and tree-lined corridor. As such, it is a rare and notable example of this kind of place'ⁱⁱ.

But what has that got to do with the Bywong/Wamboin area? The answer is plenty, and the context was tensions over a road construction proposal in the 1880s.

On 29 September 1882 a public meeting was held at Carroll's Hotel, Bungendore (now the 'Beehive' residence in Monaro Street). It was '... one of the best attended we have seen, every person in town being represented, and all desirous of securing the object for which the meeting had been convened'ⁱⁱⁱ. The object referred to was to discuss, and vote upon, a motion:

That it is the opinion of this meeting that our member should immediately urge upon the Minister for Works the pressing necessity of placing at once upon the Supplementary Estimates a sufficient sum to make the road from Gininderra to Bungendore fit for public traffic, which would give the residents of Gininderra easier access to railway at Bungendore by 15 miles than to another point.

By this stage tenders had been let for the construction of the Goulburn to Bungendore section of the railway, with the expectation that it would reach Bungendore by 1885.

The following week, the *Queanbeyan Age* reported on a meeting of the Gundaroo Vigilance Committee at which this initiative was discussed. The meeting deplored:

... the actions of the Bungendore Vigilance Committee in trying to divert the Gininderra traffic from [the Gunning/Gundaroo/Queanbeyan] road. It was resolved that a public meeting be held next Saturday ... to take the matter into consideration as the committee think the centre of the earth should not be entirely snuffed out. The Bungendoreites defeated us in the matter of the railway, and we are not going to quietly allow them to wrest from us the traffic that passes through the place if we know it. So the Gundaroo and Gunningites are taking time by the forelock. ... consequently we are not going quietly to submit to be put in the shade altogether'^{iv}.

The people of Ginninderra, however, were having nothing of this! The paper reported that:

The people of Gininderra are determined to render every assistance in their power to aid the Bungendore folks in having the direct road between the two places named put in a state of thorough repair, as it is generally believed that even when the railway is opened to Queanbeyan, a large portion of the Gininderra people will avail them-selves of the Bungendore station in preference to Queanbeyan, as there is very little difference in the distance, while there will be a saving of 18



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miles trainage. I understand the road recently laid out, with the exception of one or two places, will be an excellent one when cleared. Great indignation is felt by the residents here at the assurance of the Gundaroo people in holding a meeting to consider what steps they would take to prevent us having this road put in repair. Like their impudence indeed.

The Gundaroo community meeting was duly convened. The newspaper report on the meeting records that the chairperson:

'... said action had been taken because the Bungendore people were trying to divert the traffic there that should go through Gundaroo to Gunning. Mr W. Affleck, J.P., then said he had communicated with Mr Harcourt, J.P., respecting the road, and read the letter received in reply; after which he said he had been told that from the mountainous and rough character of the Bungendore road they need not fear that Gininderra traffic would go there'^{vi}.

Additional arguments about the relative distances from Gundaroo to Bungendore in one direction and to Gunning in the other were also significant. Given that, the meeting resolved, unanimously, 'to leave matters as they are'.

This meant that the views of the Ginninderra folk and the 'Bungendoreites' prevailed, and the government decided to have the road surveyed. The road was 'Preliminarily Notified' in the *Gazette* on 1 May 1883 (p. 2303), with the following description: 'Road from the Gundaroo and Bungendore Road, within W. Moore's 640 acres to the Ginninderra and Gundaroo Road, at the north-west corner of M. Walsh's 40 acres, C. P., portion No. 185, parishes of Bywong and Goorooyaroo, county of Murray,—being part of the road from Bungendore to Ginninderra.' In other words, the route of the road was from today's Bungendore Road, west along the track to the Macs Reef diggings (today's Macs Reef Road), across the Yass River, and continuing west to cross McLaughlins Creek (Sutton) and thence to the Old Gundaroo Road, Ginninderra (today's Amy Ackman Street, Forde).

The National Library of Australia (NLA) holds a plan of a survey of the western ca. 3.5 miles (5.6 km) of the road which states that it was surveyed in September 1880; see <http://nla.gov.au/nla.obj-234003151>. This may be the reason that the Heritage Register states that it was built in that year. The NLA's catalogue entry states, however, 'Estimated date of issue: 1883'. This may reflect an annotation to that date made at the foot of the plan. The 1883 date accords closely with the road's gazettal dates.

The Old Coach Road 'from Bungendore to Ginninderra', as the *Gazette* had it, was confirmed in the *Gazette* of 27 February 1885 (p. 1369), and was opened on 23 March 1886^{vii}, 12 months after the opening of the Bungendore Railway Station. Its route can be clearly seen in the 1914 military map^{viii} online at <http://nla.gov.au/nla.obj-230577189>. Mulligans Flat is near the top-centre of the map. The road runs east from there, across Sutton Road to Macs Reef Road at the Yass River ford; 'Reardon' there is the 'Lumley' property. It follows today's Macs Reef Road and Bungendore Road to Bungendore.

Apparently, although the traffic on the road reduced following the opening of the Queanbeyan railway station in 1887, it was still well used two decades later, given the 1908 report of 'A large waggonette, drawn by four spanking horses, ... now plying daily between Mulligan's Flat and the Bungendore Freezing Works with rabbits. The turnout is the property of Mr. H. E. Gozzard, of Aston^{ix}.' (The 'Aston' homestead was about 2 km south of the Old Coach Road.)

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