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The Great Wamboin Curry Night ...

...will be at the Wamboin Hall on 15 August 2025. 7:00 for 7:30. All welcome. Gold coin donation requested to pay for event expenses. Make a curry and bring it. Provide a description on paper to tell others a little about your curry. Bring your own drinks, plates, cutlery, and drinking glass. All curries will go on a serving table for each person to sample. Booking essential. Bookings and all other enquiries to Dave Hubbard at dave.hubbard@bigpond.co



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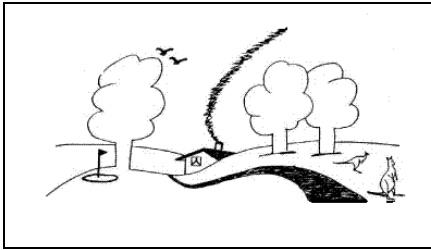
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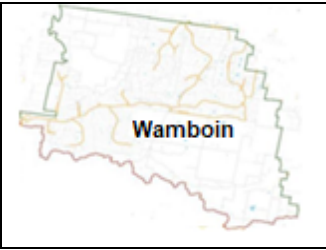
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**Jenny Richards is away looking an ill
parent . Tim Barter, Denise Lang,
and Keith France and Jenny Richards
worked together to prepare this page.**



The Annual Wamboin Bonfire and Fireworks Night



It's on again! Saturday the 29th of August at the Wamboin Community Centre. The annual WCA bonfire and fireworks display provides that unique opportunity to engage in conversation with other community members and partake of the many culinary delights prepared by local community groups, while enjoying the always spectacular display of fireworks.

Support local community groups, including the Wamboin Community Association, Church, Fire Brigade, Pony Club, Play Group, Sutton School, Golf Club (yes Wamboin has a golf club) with their traditional stalls of Hot Dogs, Gluhwein, Soups, Chips, Steak Sangers, Bacon Egg Sangers, Pies, Baked Spuds, Curry Platters, Glo Sticks, Soft Drinks, Tea, Coffee and other Beverages. Food and drinks available from 5.30pm, bonfire lit at 6.36pm, followed by fireworks at 7.06pm precisely!

Please note that this is a **CASH ONLY** event—no EFTPOS or ATM facilities will be available). Entry \$10 per person or \$20 per Family, with proceeds to the Fire Brigade.

This is a major fundraising effort for many of our community groups, so please mark the event in your diary now, and plan to come along and enjoy this social event with your friends and neighbours. Please note that by law the only fireworks allowed will be the display by FIREWORKS AUSTRALIA and no drones are permitted in the area on the evening other than the one operated by Fireworks Australia.

Bonfire Fuel Wanted

The 2026 Wamboin Bonfire and Fireworks Night is planned for Saturday the 29th of August. So why not reduce the fire hazards on your property by clearing unwanted branches, prunings and brush. Delivering suitable material to the bonfire site at the Community Centre, Bingley Way will help make the night a memorable occasion. **Please do NOT mix in: building waste, treated timber, pallets, old carpets, soil, metal fittings, or large logs.** It may be hard to believe but other non-burnable materials such as wire, bricks and old sheets of corrugated iron have been illegally dumped in past years. Pallets are NOT wanted because after they burn they leave a bed of nails, which can puncture the tyres of the clean-up tractors. Very large logs and stumps are also a problem as they smolder and smoke for many days. All of these unsuitable items have to be separated and taken away.

So what should you bring? The ideal is to have a large fire that burns quickly. This calls for prunings, branches and brush compacted and stacked high. We need to stop delivery of material by about mid-August to allow for compacting and stacking. Bonfire Night is the major, and sometimes the only, fund raising activity for our Community groups who run all the food, drink and novelty stalls. – **Tim Barter 0410492750.**

Good Things Happening

As I have reported previously, the WCA has been working with the Hall Management Committee to build a half-basketball court at the Wamboin Community Centre that will cater for multiple sports including basketball (3x3), pickleball, and netball. While we are still awaiting the outcome of two grant applications, Council has included funding for this project in next year's budget. Watch this space for further developments. Council has included funding in next year's budget for lighting at the Wamboin sign. This will enhance the entrance at night and improve safety.

Hall Grounds Working Bee: Thanks to the 30 volunteers who helped to tidy up the hall grounds. See a further article in this Whisper. Seems obvious but please don't drive on the mulched areas. – **Jenny Richards**

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Okay so it's July now and the year is just flying by and we have just been having some of our usual wintery type things. The Kowen Forest trail run was last weekend and this is now the 10th year running. This is as an amazing event that brings out the community whilst raising money for the local RFS. It is such a good event to come and run, it is also a great way to bring out the volunteers and bring out other runners from the area, near and far. A Massive Huge Ginormous thanks to Pam and all the gang for making this even such a wonderful experience. Speaking of volunteers a special shout out to a very well know local and his Dog Gretta who assisted directing runners out on the trail. In particular it is alleged that he had a birthday the previous night.

This weekend in the middle of "Winter" was the Bywong Community Association Annual Trivia night . We had a number of tables made up of regulars and some new people that we haven't seen before. By all accounts fun was had so we hope to do it all again next year.

This month hosted another edition of the "Bywong and Wamboin Greenways working bee". A bunch of hardy souls turned out to removed some noxious weeds and clear a path along part of the number 7 Greenway near Orana and Yuranga drive. We were additionally lucky this time with a bunch of locals from close by who were able to join in the clearing. It was really nice to see some of the locals that we haven't met before as well as a bunch of people who are the main stays of the Greenways working.

Over the next couple of months there will be more. I will try and coordinate events between the Greenways and the Bywong Community Association so watch this space. The next couple of months are going to be cold and Wintery and I am really looking forward to it. Hope to see you around the area. -

Justin

Can You Create Something to the August Whisper ?

Thank you if you delivered to your neighbours this July 2026 Whisper, wrote something in it, or paid for an ad that helped the Community Association pay the printer. About 100 Bywong and Wamboin residents contributed in one of these three ways to make this issue exist.

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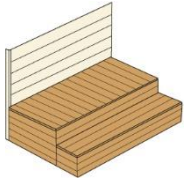
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Callouts, and what we have been up to

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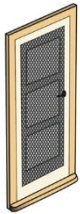
“Out of fire season” – what can you do to better protect your home? Did you know that 85% of houses are lost from ember attack? Anywhere embers can lodge or enter your house can start a fire. To reduce the impact of embers on your home, there are some important building improvements that are recommended. The following provisions are designed to give existing buildings improved protection from ember attack during a bush fire event. Ember attack can occur over distances greater than 100 metres from the bush fire front. Any gaps, cracks or areas where embers and fuel can lodge (leaves, twigs, debris), significantly reduces a building's resistance to bush fire attack. To mitigate against ember attack you should consider some of the minimal upgrades as detailed below.

BUILDING ELEMENT PROTECTION MEASURES



GENERAL - Seal all gaps (>3mm) around the house (excluding subfloor) with appropriate joining strips; fire rated silicon sealants or mesh with a maximum aperture of 2mm, made from corrosion resistant steel, bronze or aluminium.

SUBFLOOR - Removal of combustible materials and keeping areas clear and accessible. Enclose subfloor with non-combustible material.



DOORS - Installing metal screen doors over timber doors will reduce the chance of an ember igniting the door. Seal gaps around door frames. If the door is non-combustible then sealing the gaps around the door will prevent embers from entering your home. Replacing combustible door sills with a non-combustible product will reduce the chance of an ember igniting.

Install weather strips, draught excluders or draught seals at the base of side hung doors. Install weather strips, draught excluders or draught seals at the base of side-hung doors.

VENTS & WEEPHOLES - Seal vents and weepholes in external walls with mesh (with an aperture size of 2 mm) of corrosion resistant steel, bronze or aluminium.



ROOFS - Gaps in the roof pose a high risk for ember penetration.

Sarking (reflective non-combustible sheeting) is an effective treatment to prevent embers from entering through your roof, especially tiled roofs. Unless installed at construction stage this can become very expensive. Metal roofs are generally more resistant to ember attack. Seal gaps by using compressed mineral wool insulation or fire rated silicon sealants. This can be a cheap and effective solution for existing homes.

Careful installation is required to ensure all gaps are sealed. Seal around roofing and roof penetrations with a non-combustible material. If installed, gutter and valley leaf guards shall be non-combustible. Seal around roofing and roof penetrations with a non-combustible material.



WINDOWS - Installing wire mesh screens (not aluminium) with 1.5-millimetre holes over both the window and frame can prevent embers touching the glass or timber. This can also be an effective method for reflecting radiant heat. Installing shutters over both the window and frame will protect windows from cracking from flying embers. Seal gaps around window frames - this is an effective treatment for existing metal window frames. The sealant should be a fire-retardant product. Maintenance of window sills - embers lodging on combustible window sills pose a high risk. Maintain window sills so there is no flaking paint. Replacing glass with toughened or laminated safety glass, double glazing and “BAL” rated windows and window frames will give vastly improved protection. Consult with window manufacturers for advice. Replace overhead glazing with ‘grade a’ safety glass.

EXTERNAL STRUCTURES - External structures to be located >10 metres from the main dwelling.

DECKING – Leaving gaps between the decking timbers will allow most embers to fall through. However, there is still a possibility of embers igniting at timber junction points. Ensure there is no fuel under the decking and that you have access to put out any spot fires underneath. Consider replacing decking with non-combustible “BAL” rated materials.

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

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Wamboin Playgroup

Hello everyone, We are excited to welcome families, carers, grandparents, and children to another wonderful month at Wamboin Playgroup. Our playgroup continues to grow as a warm, supportive, and truly multigenerational community where everyone is welcome. We meet every Tuesday during the NSW school term from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm at the Wamboin Community Hall on Bingley Way, making the most of the beautiful hall and its fully fenced playground. Children are free to play, explore, and learn in a safe, relaxed environment while adults

enjoy a cuppa, share recipes, exchange favourite quotes, and catch up on life's adventures.

If you would like to, please feel free to bring along a whole piece of fruit or some baked goods to share. This is always completely optional, but it is a lovely way to contribute to our shared morning tea. This month, we are delighted to officially introduce our Chief Welcome Officer – Charlie! Charlie is Ross and Maryanne's friendly Border Collie, who faithfully joins us each week. He loves quietly watching the children play and has become a much-loved member of our playgroup community. Over the past month, the children have loved using our mini whiteboards to create their own Abstract Expressionism artworks while sipping hot chocolates and enjoying marshmallows to keep their little fingers warm during the chilly winter mornings. As we settle into winter, we look forward to continuing to embrace the changing seasons together through play, creativity, and friendship.

Save the Date! The annual Wamboin Bonfire will be held on Saturday, 29 August 2026, and Wamboin Playgroup will once again be running a community stall. Be sure to stop by for our delicious pork bun rolls, homemade baked treats, lolly bags, and lucky dips. It's always a fantastic community event, and we'd love to see you there supporting our playgroup. Thank you for being part of the Wamboin Playgroup community. We look forward to another month filled with fun, laughter, and meaningful connections. We hope to see you there! – **Kimberly Riding**



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Wonderful Women of Wamboin

Recently I was tidying up the house and found the WWOW patterns box, which was given to me to store and scan in the patterns for those who wanted a digital version. For those who don't know, WWOW have over the past two decades crafted for charities a variety of items, such as: trauma teddies, blankets, beanies, quilts or breast surgery drainage bags, to name a few. Whilst checking out the patterns I discovered our archive, which contained a few thank you letters and certificates from our donations and volunteering over the years.

What I also discovered was a Whisper article on the beginnings of the group. We have had a few discussions the past year on how long WWOW had been running and had thought it was started end of 2007....but we were wrong. WWOW first met on the 11th September 2006, which means we are turning 20 this year! In 2006 we were not known as the Wonderful Women of Wamboin. The article calls the group the Wamboin Wobbles....with a suggestion of a name change, which clearly happened. The group not only had the crafting/social group (then meeting fortnightly) but a walking group and a book club. They also had a 5th Monday lunch out and about, a traditional we are still doing.

WWOW now meet weekly and have been for well over a decade, offering a social connection for women in our region. So now one of our next discussions is how will WWOW celebrate our 20th birthday this year!

If you are interested in coming for a social catch up on a Monday please make contact with either Jane on 0479 169 874 or Merle at wonderfulwomenofwamboin@gmail.com to find out more information. – Merle Ketley

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Words from our MP – Kristy McBain

As January draws to a close, it's a moment to pause and reflect on the values that define us — inclusion, respect, and tolerance — and on the work ahead to protect the things that make Australia strong.

Over the past month, I have visited communities in Victoria recovering from severe bushfires and parts of Queensland affected by major flooding. As Minister for Emergency Management, I was pleased to announce financial assistance to help impacted communities access vital support as quickly as possible.

Parliament returned early this year to pass urgent national security legislation following the horrific antisemitic terrorist attack at Bondi Beach. These reforms strengthen laws relating to hate speech, extremism and firearms, sending a clear message that violence and hatred have no place in our country.

I want to thank everyone who contacted me about these reforms — your feedback has been heard and shared. Coming from a family that shoots and hunts, I understand the importance of clarity around what these laws will and won't do. What the new laws include:

- The mechanism to establish a National Gun Buyback Scheme
- Allowing Commonwealth intelligence to be used in firearms licensing decisions
- Strengthening importation controls for firearms, while maintaining access for legitimate users
- A new criminal offence for accessing, distributing, or possessing material enabling the manufacture of 3D-printed weapons

Import permissions will still be available for government, law enforcement, and sporting purposes. Items such as wearable ammunition equipment — including vests and belts — are not affected by these changes nor is accessing online material about guns and ammunition if you have a legitimate reason to access them.

Most importantly, the reforms do not prevent primary producers, pest controllers, or sporting shooters from owning or using firearms for legitimate purposes. They will not affect Australia's competitive shooters or the equipment they require. I do understand the frustration from Law Abiding Firearm Owners (Inc.) in Australia about licensing changes from the State Parliament and I will continue to pass that feedback on.

Closer to home, I was proud to join Australia Day ceremonies in Goulburn, Bungendore and Queanbeyan to celebrate local award recipients and welcome our newest citizens. Congratulations to all those recognised across Eden-Monaro. January also marks the beginning of the 2026 Country Show season, which kicked off in Pambula and Candelo. Country shows are more than a great day out — they are the heart of regional communities. I encourage families to support their local shows in the months ahead.

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Bywong and Wamboin Greenways Network – winter update and upcoming AGM

Winter seems to have finally arrived – with cool crisp mornings these last few weeks and just enough rain to make a few of the greenways a little boggy – but it's still a good time to be out and about on the Network.

For the Greenways Committee (a QPRC s355 committee providing advice to Council on the maintenance and development of the Network), it is almost the end of our cool weather working bee blitz. As foreshadowed in our autumn update, we held working bees in May and June. These involved filling badly eroded spots and some impressive potholes on

Greenway 3, greatly aided by Council arranging a delivery of 'scalpings' and blue metal at the top of Majors Close; and on Greenway 7, where it runs past the community dam in Birchmans Estate, tackling blackberries and better defining the path to minimise disturbance to waterbirds. Both working bees involved some serious weeding (briar rose, Sifton bush and thistles), great engagement with many of the neighbouring landholders, lots of volunteers (38 in total across both days) and excellent morning teas.

At our request the Council also installed some new Greenways signs to better help users clearly identify access points to the Network. The new signs are at Newington Road (after the bridge where the road was extended into the Woodfield Hills estate) and in the Birchmans Estate, where the Greenway runs past the community dam.

While we hope to have one further working bee in July (11th or 12th) to do a bit of patching on Greenway 3 (the otherwise very welcome rain the day after the last working bee there washed out some of the blue metal before it could settle), the Committee's next activity is the Annual General Meeting (AGM) which will be held at 6pm on Thursday 27 August in the Bywong Community Hall (yes it does have heating). So, if you use the local Greenways Network, your property is adjacent to a Greenway, or you are interested in helping to look after the Greenways, please join the Committee at the AGM. We will be considering the next program of works and planning our spring activities. Reminders of these dates will also be placed on Bywong / Wamboin Facebook sites nearer the time.

The photos illustrate that part of Greenway 7 which runs past the Birchmans Estate dam in Wamboin. The first is from March 2008 with Landcare members after planting the newly established greenway and the second is from June 2026 with Greenways volunteers on the now well vegetated greenway after their work (view in brown and green at www.wamboincommunity.asn.au/thewhisper - Chris Schweizer, s 355 Greenways Committee





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Ross's Report

Hi whisperers, I hope you're well and enjoying the downhill run from winter (which seems to have just arrived) and finding time for some indoor jobs and open fires among your busy lives. There's been a lot happening at Council with the budget passing in the last weeks of June. Aside from the area wide investments in services, there's a bit in it for Wamboin.

The budget included funding for new sporting facilities for the hall – a multifunction half court which, as Tim Barter spoke about when addressing Council in support, will provide a necessary social outlet for all ages but importantly for young people in and around Wamboin. Secondly, a lighting option for the Wamboin Welcome Wall has been funded which will enhance safety along Sutton Road and also highlight (excuse the pun) Wamboin to visitors. Thank you to everyone who wrote in, spoke in support and to those who for a long time have advocated for these projects. We'll hopefully see some work commencing before too long.

Talking of local work, I recently joined a crew of about 25 people who joined s355 Greenways committee volunteers along with lots of locals who turned out with chainsaws, brush cutters, mattocks, secateurs and trailers today to remove the blackberry and briars from Greenway 7e (joining Orana and Yurunga drives). Despite the chilly morning the crew got through lots of work under the promise of a delicious morning tea (thanks to the cooks!). Aside from getting the job of weed clearing and Greenways access done, it was also a great opportunity to meet people and for neighbours to connect with each other. Have a look at the report from the Greenways Committee in the Whisper to read more about their work.

The Greenways are just one of the important local volunteer groups I have the pleasure of seeing contribute to our community and another is of course the Rural Fire Service. At the end of June, I spoke at the Lake George District RFS medals presentation in Bungendore where we recognised the remarkable service of many dedicated locals. Two members of the Wamboin Brigade were recognised - Geoff Foster and Nev Schroder. Hearing about their years of dedicated service to our community was a good reminder of why the Wamboin community works so well – because people give their time to make our region a better place. Congratulations Geoff and Nev and thank you for your many years of service.

While my Whisper column is an original piece of work, the world of artificial intelligence (AI) is growing rapidly and there's a lot for all of us to learn about the risks and benefits (though I won't be giving up the chance to attend community events and meet locals to some computer!)

As Chair of the NSW Public Library Association's South-East zone I work with library services across the south-east of the state and recently hosted a dozen library reps in Queanbeyan for our quarterly meeting where we talked about the role libraries can play in combatting misinformation and disinformation and the work for libraries as we all come to understand AI and developing technologies better. Our fantastic local libraries will be hosting in person events to help understand AI and online safety so please check them out and book a place if this interests you.

Finally, I recently wrote about the installation of 1.2 km of virtual fencing on Macs Reef Road between Bungendore Road and Denley Drive – this is now complete. This is part of a 12-month trial to assess the how effective this technology is in reducing collisions with animals and it's important not just because we don't want to see animals harmed on our roads or vehicles damaged, but because insurance companies consider animal collision rates in setting premiums! While not an expert in the technology, I'm advised that the green posts with small boxes attached activate by vehicle headlights and emit a sound and flashing lights to alert nearby animals. Other trials using similar technology have recorded a 30% reduction in collisions. Thanks to the Wildcare volunteers who have assisted in the getting this trial up and running and will provide monitoring services and remember, it doesn't replace driving for the conditions and watching out for the wildlife on verges.

For all the parents, grandparents and carers of young people enjoy the upcoming school holidays and please stay safe on the roads if you're travelling over the break. Please get in touch if I can help with anything.

Cheers, - Ross, ross.macdonald@qprc.nsw.gov.au

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What the Heck Chapter 47

I was recently asked how the names of churches are selected. In our Sutton and Wamboin area we have St Peters and St Andrews. In Australia most, not all, Anglican, Roman Catholic, and Orthodox churches are named for a Saint. Other denominations tend to use locality names. But there are exceptions in both cases, such as St Andrews Presbyterian in Forrester. Holy Cross in Hackett is an Anglican church which shares the same building as a Uniting church called St Margaret's. Are you confused yet?

So why are our churches Peter and Andrew? Why were these names used? Wamboin's St Andrew is the newest, having been opened in 1998, so is the easiest to research. This building was provided by the Robertson family and Robyn tells me that the name was a suggestion she and her husband David made, which was then approved firstly by the congregation, then by both the Bishop of Canberra/Goulburn, and the Rector of St Johns, Canberra, as this area was then part of the St John's parish.

The reasoning behind the Robertson's selection of the name Andrew was sensible and logical. It was not just because they liked the name. Firstly, they did not want to use a name currently in use in the nearby area, and the closest Anglican church named for Andrew was in Braidwood, considered a far enough distance away to prevent confusion.

Secondly, the two churches with a connection to the Wamboin church were St Peters in Sutton and St John the Baptist in Reid. Churches with a Saints name celebrate with an annual patronal festival for their Patron Saint - usually a dinner and a lot of talking - with a special service held on the closest Sunday. Peter is 29 June and John 24 June, so the closest Sunday is often the same day. The thought was that the name selection should have a celebration date as far away from June as possible. Thomas (21 December) and Stephen (26 December) were ruled out because they are too close to Christmas, so the logical choice was Andrew, on 30 November.

The selector/s of the name Peter at Sutton is difficult to confirm due to the current lack of members of the congregation of 1907 being available for consultation. Thus I will presume it was chosen by the congregation. However I will not state emphatically that was the case. The church is no different to other organisations, businesses, public service, political, etc. where there are some who wish to stamp their perceived authority on the group. There may have been a priest with an iron fist who thumped the table. Then again it may have been an authoritarian parish councillor, or maybe a pushover parish councillor. Just look at Dibley! But I like to think it was the church goers who had the say at Sutton. So I suspect the answer to the asked question is; the name is chosen by the members of the church congregation. Perhaps! – **Alan Rope**

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It was a pleasure serving food and coffee in the new kitchen in the fire station built by another volunteer, Don Evans, a local plumber.

Note: We have removed the bunting from around the large gum tree near the hall and have mulched the area. PLEASE DO NOT DRIVE OVER THE MULCH as it is there to protect the roots and allow water penetration.



We will be having another working bee in a few months time and I look forward to joining with the community again to help make Wamboin an even better place! – Vicki Still



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The County of Murray, and its map

David McDonald (david [at] dnmcdonald.id.au)

This is one for the many cartophiles (map enthusiasts) who live in Wamboin and Bywong. Given that, there would have been a flurry of excitement here when, on 10 May this year, they saw the email from the prominent Ultimo (Sydney)-based company, Antique Print Map Room. The map sellers announced that they had for sale, at a price of \$650, a copy of the rare, hand coloured, map of the County of Murray, published by Basch & Co., Sydney, in 1879. (Wamboin and Bywong are, of course, parishes and localities within the County of Murray.) The map has now been sold.

The map is online at <http://nla.gov.au/nla.obj-231004552> as a single sheet dated 1872 and it is catalogued as such by the National Library of Australia (NLA). However, it is Map 11 in a book with the fulsome title *Atlas of the settled counties of New South Wales: this valuable series is complete in nineteen numbers, with the addition of a road and distance map of the entire colony: these maps have been compiled with great care from the latest government surveys; the mineral information has been obtained from the government survey and others; and the geographical and geological information from the works of the following authors, viz.: Wentworth, Lang, Hovel and Hume, Bennett, Mitchell, Wells, the Rev. W.B. Clarke and W. Wilkins*. The NLA gives the authorship as Basch & Co and Bishop, George, and the date 1872.

The book contains 20 plates, one each for the 19 counties in the colony on NSW at the time of publication, plus the NSW colony map mentioned in the book's title. The plates were reproduced in the *Sydney Mail and Advertiser* in 1875. The NLA advises that 'Maps drawn by George Bishop while he was draftsman in Surveyor-General's Office, 1866-1870', citing Ferguson's *Bibliography of Australia*. In 1986, a reproduction of the 1872 map was published by the ACT Branch of the National Trust of Australia.

We have not reproduced the map here as the information on it would be too small to be read. The online version can be enlarged for easy perusing.

Before we look more closely at this map, we should note that it was not the first map of the County of Murray. The counties were surveyed and created progressively from 1788 (County of Cumberland) until 1884: in all, 141 counties across the State of NSW.

The county maps were developed for cadastral purposes, i.e. they are maps created for the purposes of land administration. Prior to the surveys being conducted that made the cartographical work possible, land administration was becoming increasingly chaotic. Land grants were made to many people, but without a survey of the 'settled' parts of the colony their boundaries were not clearly defined in relation to the location of other land grants.

In 1848, Governor FitzRoy directed surveyors that '... when instructed to form Counties ... you will as a general rule, yourself apportion the land, so that each County will contain as nearly as may be forty miles square ... ' (cited in Beaver 1952, p. 94).

The first map of the colony was produced by the Surveyor General, Thomas Mitchell, largely in his spare time, using data from surveys conducted by himself and his staff (*op. cit.*). It was published in 1834 and is generally referred to as the 'Map of the 19 Counties': <http://nla.gov.au/nla.obj-230696897>. Mitchell was knighted in recognition of this achievement (*op. cit.*).

The County of Murray was created in 1829 as one of the 19 counties that made up 'limits of location'. Settlers were allowed to take up land only within this area. It was named after Sir George Murray (1772-1846). The *Australian Dictionary of Biography* (1967) records that, from May 1828 to November 1830, he was Secretary of State for the Colonies in the Government of the UK.

The initial map of the County of Murray is dated 1843, produced by Baker & Mitchell. No parishes were shown on the map as they had not yet been created. The first *official* county map, published by the colonial government, is dated 1888: <http://nla.gov.au/nla.obj-233902109>. It shows the parishes and portions. The final edition seems to be the fourth, 1935. Edited versions, not labelled as new editions, were issued subsequently.

Let us return, now, to the 1872 county map advertised as for sale in May this year. Its key features include the following:

- Perhaps the most obvious feature is that it is not the familiar 'portrait' oriented map with north to the top; it has the west at the top. Lake George is lying on its side. This seems inconsistent with its shape: we are told (on the map) that the county is '... seventy-eighty miles long, and forty-four in breadth, and contains 1,458,080 acres'.
- The county boundaries are highlighted in colour, with the Murrumbidgee, Yass, and Shoalhaven rivers particularly prominent. The ACT is shown as part of the county but, of course, it was excised from it in 1909 when the NSW Government transferred land to the Commonwealth for the creation of the Federal Capital Territory.
- It shows the roads and 'Telegraphs': the telegraph lines. The telegraph from Sydney had reached the county, via Goulburn (off the map), Boro, Braidwood, and thence to Queanbeyan where it terminated. The railway from Goulburn is not shown; it did not exist then, reaching Bungendore in 1885.
- Bywong Hill is identified, spelled 'Byong'.
- The key waterways in our area, Brooks Creek and Shinglehouse Creek (interchangeable names at various times) and the Yass River, are misplaced and confused.
- The 'post towns' identified, along with their distances from Sydney, are Bungendore, Canberra, Ginniderra (*sic*), Gundaroo, Michelago, Molonglo, Queanbeyan, and Yass. An 1848 source stated that 'The towns [of the county] are Queanbeyan, the capital ..., Bungendore, Yass, and Larbert' (Wells 1848, p. 276).

Also of special interest are the marginal annotations. The central one provides details of the county's boundaries. Other information is found under the headings of Rivers, Towns, and Creeks. Some of the descriptions in our broader area deal with Bungendore, Queanbeyan, and Brooks Creek.

We do not have much use, nowadays, for the 'counties' cadastral division of the state, other than on land title documentation. Nonetheless, their creation was a crucial step in the 19th century development of NSW, facilitating the implementation of the Torrens Title system, our method of land ownership and registration based upon a state-guaranteed title.

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Wamboin Golf – June



Sunday 7 June 2026. A group of 14 golfers ventured out to play in the Wamboin Golf competition sponsored this month by the Urquharts and Crafters. We thank them for the refreshments and prizes. It could have been more players except for a number of our golfers who are members of the RFS having their sleep interrupted by an unexpected callout to a well-publicised incident on Macs Reef Road.

The course was in good condition following the recent rain, and once the fog lifted it was a fine sunny day. Nine players competed in the 18-hole competition and despite two being sponsors and neither eligible for a prize the placings came down to one shot. There did appear to be some possible handicap maintenance occurring as well (deliberately or otherwise). Tim B (74/64) took out the 18-hole event from Andrew H (83/65) in second and David B (88/67) in third.

Five players contested the 9-hole competition with Craig P (39/25) taking out first place, creating more work for the handicapper and soon to have a new mail-box adornment. Ken G (38/34) was runner up with Rob G (46/36) in third. A googly ball was awarded to Vicki S for her efforts to go above and beyond to appease Keith following his dummy spit last month when an unnamed golfer retrieved a golf ball from the dam on Watergate. Vicki's generosity included depositing five golf balls back into said dam. She also decided that she should include other property owners whilst being in such a generous mood and put two more golf balls into the dam at Masons. The highlight of the day for Vicki may have been winning the meat tray (lucky door prize).

The dummy initially went to Col U for his monthly complaint regarding his handicap but soon moved to Rob G for complaining that now he could see the green on Pine Slice it made it harder to get close. He claimed his shots were better when he didn't know what he was aiming for. Tim B was a late nominee after Vicki noted that all he did was whinge all the way around the course (must have been tactical to disguise the fact he was heading for a good score!)

Longest drive and nearest the pin winners were: Craig x3, Ken, David, Paul, Glenn and Stephen.

Ted's Jokes contained inferences to a public service announcement regarding drink driving.

We hope you can join us at the community hall at 12.15pm on Sunday 5 July for a 12.30pm start for the much anticipated GST competition sponsored by Keith and Kathy. This is a pairs event and given the recent overhaul to the tax system who knows what adjustments will be in store to our handicaps for the day. – **Ken Gordon**

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Wildcare – Queanbeyan District

We share our homes with some of Australia's most incredible wildlife, and it's a frequent occurrence that we come across native animals. For Wildcare, road safety is a serious concern, and it's this time of year which we find the number of orphaned joeys spikes exponentially. It's important for motorists to understand the risks and take steps to reduce them for their own safety, and that of our wildlife.

Kangaroos are most active during dawn and dusk, their unpredictable behaviour and speed mean they can suddenly leap across roads, giving drivers little time to react. In rural areas, especially where vegetation is close to the roadside, kangaroos may be hidden until the last moment. If you travel, particularly along rural roads, there are some precautions you can take to avoid having a collision.

- Drive with caution at dawn and dusk. Avoid driving during these times and if you must drive reduce your speed and stay alert.
- Take note of wildlife signs, they are placed where wildlife crossings are common. If you see a sign, slow down and increase your awareness especially around corners and along verges.
- Stay alert, kangaroos often travel in mobs (groups), so if you spot one there is likely to be more.
- Don't swerve if a kangaroo jumps out in front of you, at high speeds you risk loss of control or rolling your vehicle. Instead, brake steadily and firmly in a straight line.

Each year, we respond to hundreds of accidents involving native animals, with kangaroos making up a vast majority of these. Accidents happen, but it's important to know what to do after that is key.

- Pull over safely and turn on your hazard lights.
- Check for injuries - to yourself, passengers, and from a safe distance, the animal.
- Do not approach an injured kangaroo directly. They can be dangerous when scared or hurt.
- If the kangaroo is alive and injured, or is deceased and a female, contact the **24/7 Wildcare Helpline on (02) 6299 1966** for assistance assessing the kangaroo or advice with checking the pouch.

Sharing the road with wildlife is a reality of life in Australia, and it comes with responsibility. By driving with extra caution, especially during high-risk times, you can greatly reduce the chance of a collision and keeping our kangaroos thriving. Stay alert, know what to do, and always put safety first - for yourself and the wildlife that makes Australia so unique.

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- Garden produce Home baked goods Bread Cheeses Craft all all kinds Jewellery Plants
- Jams and preserves Barista brewed coffee Egg and bacon and sausage rolls from the kitchen
- High quality 2nd hand clothing stall

In September we will hold our market on World Spinning Day and so we invite along any spinners, weavers, knitters and crocheters (or is it crocheteers??).....Come and learn about preparing wool, spinning yarn and more.....

In October we will combine with Queanbeyan Arts Trail and hold a local Art and Photography exhibition in the hall (+ the market of course)....so get drawing, painting, photographing NOW! See separate flyer in this Whisper for details. ***Have a warm and safe winter See you at the September Market!***

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WAMBOIN WEATHER – rainfall and temperature records

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June Rainfall Stats

June rainfall to the 29th 41.5mm
2026 total rainfall to 29/6 340.5mm

July Rainfall Stats

2025 July rainfall..... 74.0mm
Wettest July..... 142mm in 1993
Wettest July day..... 50.5mm on 10/7/91
Driest July..... 4.5mm in 1982

July Temperature Stats

2025 July maximum.....14.7°C
Hottest July day..... 18.3°C on 10/7/20
Hottest July night..... 9°C (5 times)
1988 (3 times), 24/7/90 & 8/7/93
Average day (max.) temp..... 9.4°C
Warmest July..... 1993
Av. day temp. 10.8°C & night 5.1°C
(highest day 14.1°C in 2023)

Average June rainfall..... 54.5mm
2025 June rainfall..... 34.5mm
2025 total rainfall to 28/6..... 285.75mm
50yr Av. to end of June..... 329.7mm

Average July rainfall..... 51.1mm
Average no. rain days in July.... 10.7
Highest no. rain days..... 17 in 1980
Lowest no. rain days. 4 in 1982 & 1994

2025 July minimum.....-3.1°C
July 2025. Av. max 11.4°C & min 1.9°C
Av. July temp. 5.5°C (day+night comb.)
Coldest July day..... 1°C on 14/7/16
Coldest July night..... -5°C (7 times)
10/96, 12/11, 3 & 5/15, 22/17, 16 & 22/18
Average night (min.) temp..... 1.7°C
Coldest July..... 2015
Av. day temp. 5.5°C & night -1.5°C

Daylight hours in July increase by 30 minutes from 9.7 to 10.2 hours.

June 2026 had two nights close to the hottest June night temperature of 11°C, with 10.5°C and 10.6°C. The average June day time maximum temperature was 13.8°C, which is 3.6°C above the long-term average, and the June night time minimum was 4.4°C which is 1.7°C above the long-term average.



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Kowen Kapers - The *Right Mine*

While the search for gold proved to be elusive, copper, by contrast, was present in Kowen and present in quantities that verged on being commercially viable. In my forthcoming book on Kowen, I argue for the existence of six mines in Kowen, four of which were copper mines. What all six mines have in common is the fact that none of them feature in records of the day kept by the Department of Mines and Agriculture. Neither do they appear in: the NSW Department of Mines and Agriculture's 1899 copper mining industry report; the 1963 Bureau of Mineral Resources report on mines in the ACT; the 1975 Metallogenic map of Canberra; or the 1991 book *Lost Mines Revisited: Historic Mining Communities of the Monaro, Southern Tablelands, and South West Slopes Districts of NSW* by Barry McGowan. They do, however, appear in fairly extensive newspaper coverage of the day, and traces of their former existence remain in the landscape.

Described in the *Goulburn Herald and Chronicle* as situated "about three miles [as the crow flies] from town [Queanbeyan] in the direction of Bungendore, but lying about a mile off the road," the first discovery of copper in Kowen occurred in 1866, when men gathering timber for repairs to a bridge (most likely over Glen Burn Creek) noticed copper ore on the ground and brought a sample to Queanbeyan. Realising the potential value of the ore, a number of investors formed a syndicate, and an 80-acre mining lease was secured. The syndicate initially consisted of John James Wright (Queanbeyan's first postmaster, first Mayor, future NSW MP, Magistrate, and member of the Queanbeyan Prospecting Association), Dr A Morton (the district coroner), C Stephen (a solicitor in Sydney), and Messrs Walters and Armstrong (the latter two possibly being the original discoverers of the ore). The mine was optimistically named the *Right Mine* while also being a play on the name of a principal investor, J J Wright.

At the time of discovery, the lode ran from the Molonglo River, near *Collier's Homestead*, in a northeasterly direction for 500 metres. The ore lay on the surface over much of the distance. There is no mention of a shaft being sunk, and given that ore could readily be obtained at ground level, it is likely that no actual mining was undertaken. The samples, collected from the ground, were sent to Sydney and Currawang (in its day, the site of a major copper mine in the vicinity of the present-day *Woodlawn Mine* site) for assay. The ore samples were found to contain very high quantities of copper: 47.5 percent copper from the Sydney assessment and 54.9 percent from Currawang. Of course, the temptation is to send the very best samples for assay in the hopes of attracting investors - but nonetheless, the samples would seem to indicate a commercial lode as a 20 percent copper

content was considered economically viable at the time. However, while the ore was likely viable, the costs of haulage to the nearest smelter, in Marulan, were prohibitive, and the venture was abandoned.

The *Right Mine* had a second lease on life in 1873. In his 2007 publication on the Glenburn Heritage Precinct, Colin McAlister notes that annotations "... on a survey plan of Portion 20 of 30 July 1873 indicate that a mining lease was issued in 1873 for minerals other than gold or coal, and that it was cancelled on 14 November in the same year". (At the time, mines were classified in three types: gold, coal, and 'minerals other than gold or coal'). The most likely location of the successor to the *Right Mine* lies about 30 metres to the southeast of *Collier's Homestead*. Here you will find a sizeable gorge. Given the site's characteristics, this gorge is unlikely to be a natural feature, but rather the remains of a surface mine (a quarry). It seems that the lode quickly petered out, and once again the venture was abandoned. - **Peter Komidar**, Wamboin

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