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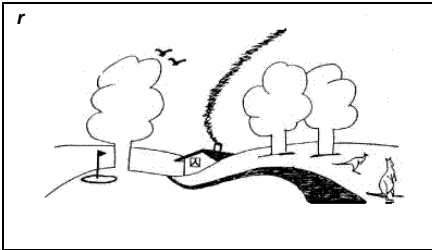
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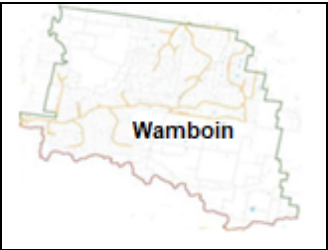
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Wamboin Community Association President's Notes



Wamboin Community Carols Night

It's coming fast - the annual Wamboin Community Carols Night! Put on by the Wamboin Community Association this is a wonderful way to celebrate the end of the year with a community get together. This is a nondenominational event and the emphasis is on the community enjoying themselves particularly the younger residents. However it is not for free. **Admission to the event is a gift under the Christmas tree for the Salvation Army people to take to someone less fortunate. Any gift is acceptable and remember teenagers and the elderly need gifts too.** The Salvation Army will be there to collect gifts and they are always touched by the generosity of the people in Wamboin.

The night features carol singing ably supported by local music group Poetry in Motion; the telling of the Christmas story (in its rather unique style); a performance by Sutton School Choir; a BBQ (gold coin donation which also goes to the Salvo's); fresh fruit trays; drinks; (once again gold coin donation) and of course the arrival of Santa to distribute gift bags to the children. The date for this extravaganza is **4th December 2026 at 7:00 pm sharp** at the Community Hall in Bingley Way. So please come along and enjoy yourselves.

Organizing the Xmas Play is always a special event for me. The children love to take part and dress up and they always bring their own interpretation to a very old story. Its often funny, always exciting and definitely worth it. If you would like your child to take part in the play please ring me **Jenny Richards** on **0490020165**; we can always use little angels, little sheep and little shepherds. Some costumes are supplied but if you can supply one for your child that would be great. Hope to see many of you there. - **Jenny Richards**

WCA Vice President's Report

Jenny is away this month, so I am writing on her behalf. With spring invigorating all around us, I would like to give a vote of appreciation to the volunteers who have been working to make Wamboin such a great place to live. Starting early with the bonfire and fireworks which attracted a record crowd who contributed a record gate taking allowing us to cover the costs and donate to the RFS. A thankyou to the firies who worked so hard to ensure parking order and safety around the fire. And a thank you to the local groups who fed the hordes and sold out in time for the volunteers to actually see the fireworks. The Raffle also brought in a record amount and we would like to thank the generous local donors of prizes: the *trailer of wood from the RFS: Aranya Acres Restaurant; Sapling Yard Winery; Inland Trading; Bungendore Butchers; Mitre Ten Bungendore Rural*. And thank you to the hardy volunteers who have worked to tidy up the native gardens around the hall and to spread the mulch provided by our very local tree service *Hurley Bird*. A new group has been established "Friends of Wamboin Hall" to coordinate the efforts. The Greenways of Bywong/Wamboin group of volunteers has been repairing some of our badly eroded trails and watching in horror as the twice repaired crossing off Weeroona Drive collapsed yet again. Thank you for persevering!

Community events have been welcomed along with the sunny days. The markets have resumed and crafts, food and produce enjoyed by many. The Wamboin Crown Reserve Spring Wildflower walk was oversubscribed so is being repeated. Due to the efforts of many, we have been successful in obtaining funding to support our Thursday social drop in group, and also to build a multifunction court close to the hall, opening up new opportunities for fun and recreation. So thank you all!

The next event to put on your calendar is the annual Wamboin Community Christmas Carols to be held at the Hall on Friday December 4.

WAMBOIN COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CAROLS

Friday, December 4th 2026 @ 7:00pm

At Wamboin Community Hall, Bingley Way

Everyone is invited to come along and:



Join in the singing of Christmas Carols (both traditional and modern), ably led by our local musicians



Experience the Christmas Story, as presented by the local children of Wamboin and surrounding area



Give generously to the Giving Tree (gifts and non-perishable food, preferably unwrapped or in a Christmas bag) for distribution by the Salvos



Say Hi to Santa when he arrives on his special transport, a Fire Truck with a small gift for the little ones



Enjoy the traditional sausage sizzle or fruit platter (There will be a donation box with all proceeds to be given to the Salvos)



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Welcome to the Bywong banter for October 2026. It's the beginning of the fire season so make sure you check out the RFS resources and make sure you are as prepared as you can be...

Last week we had the Annual General meeting, I was re elected as the President with Mike Wilkins treasurer, Tony Cotton Secretary along with Liz Van Oyen, Greg

Gougeon and Carol Boughton as Committee Members (extraordinary members of course). If you are interested there are still opportunities for more people to come and join in. The Committee and I are very grateful for your support.

On the weekend before we had the Spring Equinox drinks and were educated thoroughly with a Snake awareness talk from Wayne the "Snake boss" from Wild Care. This was fantastic and everybody learnt something and some of us got new snake bandages for use in a first aid Situation.

Over the next few months we are planning to have a little bit of a survey to see what people are interested in, and what you would like from your committee and what you want from your Bywong Community Association. We would be really grateful for any feedback,(Good / Bad or indifferent) and we would love to hear about the things you might want from us over the next year and into the future.

Please let us know what you think this will help us make things better for you and us and everybody else around us. Keep an eye out for the survey. Thanks again,
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Fire danger period has started! (From October 1 until March 31)

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

Think ahead! Allow at least 7 days for an approval to be processed once you have applied.

1. 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)
2. Your application is only that. IT IS **NOT** A PERMIT TO LIGHT A FIRE
3. Once your online application is completed, it is sent to the brigade, then assigned to a Fire permit officer.
4. You will be contacted to arrange an on-site inspection by a permit officer. The permit officer will then assess your application, and you will be contacted online as to whether your permit is approved or denied.
5. If your permit is approved, you will get a fire permit approval number. 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 and number, this process will be completed easily.
6. 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.
7. Lastly, you always must 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 too dangerous to light a fire.

Preparation

Our Get Ready Weekend event on the 19th September was a success, with many families attending to get their fire plans and discuss preparation for the fire danger period. From now until March 31, 2027, you should be continuing to improve your preparation that could save your home. Five simple jobs that could help save your home if faced by a bushfire.

1. Trim overhanging trees and shrubs that grow close to your home, sheds and other buildings. Remove them.
2. Mow the grass frequently and don't leave piles of cut grass behind, in piles.
3. Remove anything that can burn against, under or beside your home. Door mats, outdoor furniture, mulch, firewood, leaves, paint and fuel all can ignite. Firewood stacks should be relocated until you need it.
4. Clear your gutters and roof valleys of leaves and twigs. Embers landing on a roof can easily ignite these materials. Also, solar panels and skylight can be places where leaves can sit.
5. Ensure you have easily accessible water, hoses in good condition, free of leaks and length to reach around your home. Remember that power is often lost when bushfires occur, and even when the fire is many kilometres away from your home. If you have a portable pump, make sure you know what fuel it runs on, check it starts, how to stop it, and it runs well. Ensure have working hoses, (pressure and suction) and know how to prime it before starting. Learn how to use it. Show your family members as well and make them start it and understand how to direct the water out of the nozzles.

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

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Wamboin Playgroup

Spring has finally arrived in Wamboin, and the warmer weather is bringing a wonderful new energy to our playgroup sessions! With the sun shining and hopefully the winter chill behind us, the children are loving the chance to expand their play, explore outdoors, and enjoy the beautiful community space together. Thanks to the Wamboin Community grounds we are lucky to have a facility that allows children to play safely both outdoors and indoors.

We have a wide variety of activities ranging from toy cars for toddlers to race around in, or the sand pit to dig in. Then there's the cubby, the swings or the slippery dip and climbing equipment for the more adventurous.

Whether you are a mum, dad, grandmother, grandfather, or carer, our doors are always open to you. Playgroup is just as much about the adults as it is about the kids—it's a safe, relaxed space to enjoy a coffee, chat with neighbours, and share the joys (and challenges!) of raising young children.

While our numbers continue to grow we still would love to see new and familiar faces—from every generation—sharing in the fun. So, as the weather continues to warm up, why not pack a hat and sunscreen, and come and join us?.

- When: Every Tuesday during NSW school terms, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

- Where: Wamboin Community Hall, 112 Bingley Way, Wamboin
- What to bring: A piece of fruit for the kids' shared platter. – **Maryanne Ackland**



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Author Catherine Bird

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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Celebrating the Volunteers Who Bring Our Communities to Life

Message from Kristy McBain, our local federal MP

September marked the end of another sitting fortnight in Parliament, and as we head into the school holidays, I want to take a moment to recognise some of the extraordinary people who make Eden-Monaro such a wonderful place to live.

The Southern Inland Volunteer of the Year Awards were recently held in Goulburn, highlighting just how much volunteers contribute to our communities.

From the Snowy Mountains to Queanbeyan, Cooma to Goulburn, volunteers are at the heart of community life. Whether they're running sporting clubs, supporting agricultural shows, serving in emergency services, caring for community spaces or helping neighbours in need, volunteers make so much of what we value in our region possible.

One of the best parts of my job is meeting volunteers right across Eden-Monaro. Their stories are always inspiring and remind me that the strength of regional communities comes from people who are willing to give their time to help others. Congratulations to Jacki Waugh from Goulburn, who was named both the 2026 Southern Inland Volunteer of the Year and Adult Volunteer of the Year for her tireless community work, including with the Goulburn Show Society.

Congratulations also to Steven Pow from Jerrabomberra, recognised as Senior Volunteer of the Year for more than 50 years of service with the NSW Rural Fire Service and his work helping communities recover after the Black Summer bushfires through BlazeAid.

Andrew Heaney was named Emergency Volunteer of the Year, recognising more than three decades of service with the Rural Fire Service, while the We Love Goulburn Gardening Group was named Volunteer Team of the Year for helping maintain Goulburn's parks and public spaces for more than 20 years.

These volunteers represent the very best of our region, but they are also a reflection of the thousands of people across Eden-Monaro who quietly give their time to make life better for others. I look forward to the South Coast Volunteer Awards in October.

To every volunteer across Eden-Monaro, thank you. Your generosity, commitment and community spirit strengthen our region in countless ways.

For those fortunate enough to enjoy a break these school holidays, I hope you have the opportunity to explore beautiful Eden-Monaro. Travel safely, support local businesses, and enjoy everything our region has to offer.

If I can assist you or your organisation, please contact my office on 6284 2442 or email Kristy.McBain.MP@aph.gov.au.

PickleBall in Bungendore

The Bungendore Park Tennis Club now has 3 Pickleball Courts laid out and portable nets to suit. If you would like to try this exciting game then we are holding a come-along-and-try-it session on Sunday 18th October. There will be paddles and balls provided and current players to give you some hints and tips. The session will be free for first timers and run from 9am - noon. You don't need to register, just turn up on the day wearing suitable footwear and a hat. Children under 14 must be accompanied by an adult. The club currently runs 3 open social sessions, Tuesdays, Saturdays and Sundays from 9 - 11am which cater for players who have some experience of the game. Cost is \$6 per session, free for club members. For more information email Lyn at bptc.pickleball@gmail.com

WAMBOIN WEATHER – rainfall and temperature records

(51 years from Cooper Road) by Christine Rieber

September Rainfall Stats

September rainfall to the 27th 10.0mm
2026 total rainfall to 27/9 480.75mm

October Rainfall Stats

2025 October rainfall..... 30.75mm
Wettest October. 197.5mm in 1976 & 2022
Wettest October day.... 59mm on 17/10/76
Driest October..... 4.5mm in 2006

October Temperature Stats

2025 Oct. maximum..... 31.9°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..... 62.2mm
2025 September rainfall..... 66.0mm
2025 total rainfall to 27/9..... 469.0mm
50yr Av. to end of September... 498.2mm

Average October rainfall..... 60.5mm
Average no. rain days in October..... 9.1
Highest no. rain days..... 21 in 1976
Lowest no. rain days..... 2 in 2006

2025 Oct. minimum..... -0.4°C
Oct. 2025. Av. max 21.4°C & min 7.1°C
Av. Oct. temp... 13.1°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
(lowest... 15.8°C in 2009)

September 2026 is on track to being the 2nd driest September on record.

The average daytime maximum temperature in September was 19.6°C, which is 4.9°C above the 50-year average, whilst the average nighttime minimum was 1°C above the 50-year average. September 2026 is the 2nd warmest September after 2023.

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Wamboin Social Group

The Thursday Social Group will celebrate its 10th birthday this month. To mark this occasion the Group will have a special morning tea on Thursday 22 October 2026 at the Wamboin Hall. The group would like to extend an invitation to previous members of the group and anyone who is thinking about joining the group, to come along. A cake will be cut at 11.00am and we would love to see you celebrate the occasion with us.

- A brief history of the establishment of the group.
- An application for funding was developed in 2015 and granted by Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council in 2016. The grant was used to purchase table tennis tables, scrabble, table games, puzzles and cards
- A small group of people were instrumental in getting the group started in 2016. The aim of setting up the group was to provide a meeting place for men and women in the community to get together during the day.
- The Thursday group was very fortunate to have a group of people who were committed and enthusiastic to see such a social group commence. At various times the group had up to 24 participants with ages ranging from young mothers with babies through to 92 years.
- The Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council Mobile Library commenced visiting Wamboin during this time, the visit coincided with the Thursday morning group and continues to operate each second Thursday of the month. Over the years the Library has also provided information sessions in conjunction with the Thursday social group on topics such as the use of ip's and smart phones.
- Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council has also assisted the Thursday social group with funding to cover venue hire, thus ensuring that the Thursday social group continues to operate.
- Over the years the group has developed and now offers a variety of games including scrabble, rummykub, Mexican trains, sequence, mahjong and triominoes. Table tennis is now played at 6.00pm on a Thursday night.
- At this time, the group continues to have up to 20 people attend each week with ages ranging from 63 – 90 years.

The Social group is a wonderful opportunity for anyone to come along, have a chat, a cup of coffee/tea and a game of something if you would like. Members of the group are very supportive of others and if we can help with transport, or other things, we will try our best to accommodate these needs. If you haven't been to the Wamboin Hall previously, parking is easy, a flat walk to the entrance and no steps. If you are not busy on a Thursday morning between 10 – 12 noon, then come along and see what you think. If you want to have a chat about the group, please give me a call on 0438 917206 or email

pumpbnjc@westnet.com.au - Narelle Pumphrey, Convenor

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We were delighted by the response to our latest walk. Tickets to the walk sold out on the day they opened to the public. As a result, as well as a full house, we had 10 people on the waitlist.

Thanks to the kind folks at St Andrew's Church, we were given permission to park our cars at the church before car-pooling to Jo Walker's place. Jo then showed us around her block, pointing out all sorts of plants, both native to Wamboin and some she'd collected from all over Australia. It was like stepping into Wamboin's very own botanical gardens!

At the top of Jo's block, her new neighbour, Jeff Knowles, took the baton and showed us around his property, sharing his plans to protect its natural and historical treasures. We also got to see, up close, the old Gundaroo Copper Mine site, which is on Jeff's property.

Time flies when you're having fun and we didn't

quite make it to the summit of Poppet Hill as we had hoped. With so many people on the waitlist, we decided to hold a second walk. By the time the Whisper hits your mailboxes, the second walk will also have been done and dusted. And maybe we'll have made it to the top of Poppet the second time around! – Peter Komidar

Can You Ad Something to The November Whisper?

Thank you to each of you who delivered this October issue. Without you it would not exist. Thank you also to each of you who contributed an article and to each of you who paid for an ad in it. Your money paid the printer.

Deadline for the November issue is 7 pm on the last Sunday night of October. Guidelines for content are:

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BeeKeeping

The beekeeping season started again in September and I finished my first hive inspections a few weeks ago. The two hives that I manage here in Wamboin have not survived the winter this time. What happened? I am not sure yet. The frames in both hives have plenty of ripe, capped honey in there so I can exclude starvation. I also noticed quite a bit of unripe honey still in cells. I know there was some in there when I did my last inspection in autumn but that was never a problem. Unripe honey will be capped later or consumed. This time the unripe honey that was still there had some tiny air bubbles in there. I suspect it has fermented for some reason and alcohol is a poison.

Despite treatment with an organic miticide (Apiguard, active ingredient Thymol) the Varroa mite count was still high (20+ per 300 bees) when I "closed" the hives for winter. The mites need capped brood for their own lifecycle and the lack of that and lower temperatures should suppress their numbers. Looks like that was not good enough. I have read an article from DPI which mentioned mites already being resistant to miticides. However that is mostly to poisons from the synthetic pyrethroids and formamidines group. Apiguard is different but works in a specific temperature range. Maybe in my case I had a few days where it was too cold or too hot. My advice: read the label carefully and stick to the instructions. In my case Apiguard was not very effective.

I didn't find a massive amount of dead bees on the bottom board which means they must have died somewhere else and/or abandoned the hive at some stage. The Varroa infestation must have had some impact on my colonies disappearing/dying this winter. Just one stress factor too many.

Considering it is already challenging to keep bees thriving by us (hobbyist) apiarists, the feral colonies have even less chance to survive. I would not be surprised if you see no or a lot fewer bees in your garden than before. The bees won't disappear forever but it will take years for natural selection to make them resilient to this introduced pest.

No beekeeper producing and offering honey for human consumption can claim a chemical free apiary and therefore organic 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 be you will create mite bombs that make it worse for the beekeepers who are trying to control the infestations.

Everybody out there who has colonies that survived winter, well done. You are a better beekeeper than me. I am without bees for the first time in 18 years!

From now up to mid summer is the time for colonies to swarm. Although considering the above, I don't think there will be many. Every beekeeper should take measurements throughout spring (and in fact even before winter) to avoid or at least discourage their natural swarming tendency. If you find a swarm of bees on your property contact a beekeeper to try to catch the swarm. Don't wait too long. If they choose to settle in your walls or chimney you have a problem. The ACT regional beekeepers association has a list with names and phone numbers of swarm collectors on their website.

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This was our first market of the season. Quite a few stallholders were away but it was good to catch up with all those who could attend. We enjoyed the usual good fare, good company and the music from Poetry in Motion. The RFS provided expert advice on preparationS for the upcoming bushfire season.

Merle demonstrated spinning techniques to some interested visitors. For anyone keen to start learning how to spin I have a spinning wheel for sale! Let me know.....

This coming month we hope to hold a small art exhibition together with the market. (See advertisement just below.) This means we are on the Queanbeyan Palerang Arts Trail. Please let m know if you would like to exhibit art work - including photography.

New residents - and those who don't usually attend our market. Please consider visiting us to support your local market. And to check out the wide range of produce and craft on offer. You don't know what you are missing out on! And we are always looking for new stall holders, including children and teenagers wanting to sell their craft, cooking or garden produce!

See you at the October market!

Art and Photography Exhibition - At the Wamboin Markets - By Meriel Sxhultz

We will hold an exhibition of local art and photography at the market on 17 October. This is part of the QPRC Arts Trail. See flyer below. All ages are welcome to display their talent.

Kids - you may like to draw, paint, photograph - or perhaps make up a collage - that shows 'Growing up in Wamboin'?

Adults - pick your theme and medium!

How many can I display? Max of three items per person.

Does it cost? No this is a community event

How will they be displayed? We will display items around the walls and on dividers provided to us by Bendigo Bank. If you would like to sell your work it would be good if you could be there on the day. If that's not possible we can put your name and phone contact on the items and interested parties can follow up with you directly.

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What the Heck Chapter 50

Welcome to the half century chapter of 'What the Heck'.

When I wrote chapter one it was just to be a one off, letting readers know what was the Wamboin/Sutton group known as the SRMD. I guess if you are reading this you probably now know what the letters mean, even if you did not way back then.

Just to confuse you, we have recently taken to calling ourselves Sutton Road Anglicans, or SRA, because we were being asked what branch of Christianity we followed. We know it is only one letter less than SRMD, but even one less letter is a start to simplification, even if it has taken us 14 years. One cannot rush these things. By the time we get down to one letter, the then members will have forgotten what we started as. Maybe that question could be incorporated into a trivia quiz night.



Speaking of which, how many of you attended our Trivia and Curry night at our St Peters hall last month? If you did not then you missed a great evening of fun, food and friendship.

Judging by the noise created at times, one would think that there were about one thousand people in the hall, though the actual figure was a little less than that; actually less than one hundred. I am being a little vague because I have forgotten the final

number, which probably was close to the age of the oldest attendee, and there were definitely some octogenarians there. At the other end of the spectrum was a little one that had not yet even celebrated a birthday. This babe will be a trivia champ in the future.

So by not attending you missed out on a mind-blowing choice of curries all of which were far superior to any available at expensive (or otherwise) restaurants. Then after filling up on those we were tempted by an assortment of waist-bursting desserts. Many people – not knowing which to choose - opted for some of each. Luckily they had Sunday to recover because Monday's work clothes probably would not have fitted

Interspersed amongst all this eating there were the trivia questions. The younger generation, led by Joanna, had prepared a video presentation of the questions which made it easier for hearing impaired oldies like me to hear/see the question; except for the music questions which to me were just noise. However even this visual aid, did not help me to answer the questions. When my group did ask me to answer something from fifty odd years ago, I was full of confidence, but still got it wrong. Guess I was not meant to be a trivia buff.

So if we decide to hold another Curry and Trivia Night, why don't you get together a table of experts and come along. You may end up going home with one or more of the magnificent Hamper prizes like other people did last month. I can assure you won't have any competition from me.

- Alan Rope

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Lizards Rounded Not Grounded

As I write this missive, it’s spring and our local fauna and flora is getting active after our (relatively) weak and mild winter. Already, those cold-blooded (ectotherm) animals are being sighted as they wake from their Brumation (fun fact is that cold blooded animals brumate in a state of torpor and do not strictly hibernate).

Whilst I have no issues with our native snakes’ right to belong and flourish in our area, it’s the lizards I really like to have around Wamboin. This has got me thinking to a roadside sign I once saw while I drove in the Northern Territory a large number of years ago. Its purpose was to promote fire safety using a witty

Those that know me, also know how much I like using double entendre words in a joke. Therefore, by slightly plagiarising that witty official sign from the NT, I have come up with a slogan we might consider around Wamboin: “*We like our lizards rounded NOT grounded.*” This is not a fire prevention message, but something to promote diver awareness of the need to look out for all the fauna on our country roads (snakes included). Our cold-blooded natives will seek out a nice warm road to help them regulate their core body temperature, particularly in Spring when temperatures can still be cool. We should all want them to remain nice and round, not ground into the road. Please take care as you use our roads.

Bruce Legge
(Wamboin Resident)

Victorian Inquiry Warning for Tarago

Victoria’s recent waste-to-energy inquiry has delivered a clear warning for Tarago. Its findings reinforce concerns already raised before the NSW Parliamentary Inquiry: cumulative impacts matter, productive agricultural land must be protected, a proponent’s past environmental performance matters, and genuine community acceptance cannot be manufactured.

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Wamboin Community Center Multifunction Court

The Wamboin Community Association (WCA) in conjunction with the Wamboin Hall Management Committee has been working for a number of years to have a multifunction court built at the Wamboin Community Center (WCC). It is hoped to commence work on the court in early 2027. The proposed location of the court has been marked out by four star pickets in the car park to the north of the existing play ground.



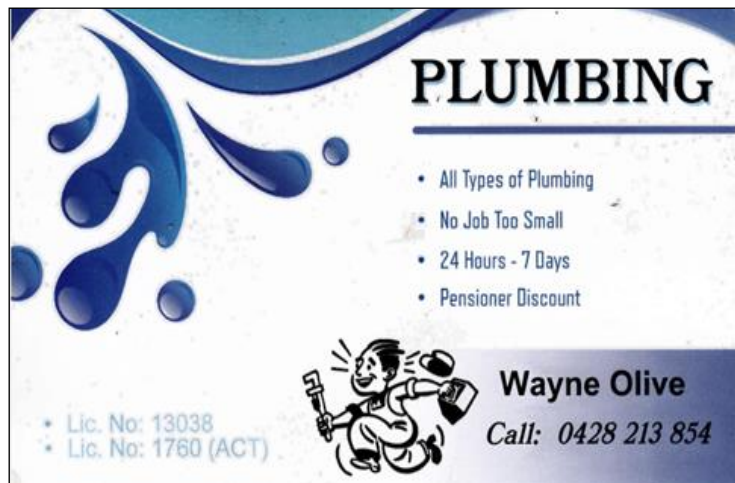
The Court Intent: The court will be based on a half basketball court that could cater for multiple sports including basketball (3x3), pickle ball, netball and cricket practice. The initial build will be for basketball and pickle ball but additions can be made in the future depending on community input.

How will it be managed? The court will be a Queanbeyan/Palerang Regional Council asset and will be managed as part of the WCC. It is expected that local basketball and pickle ball groups will form around the multifunction court and that these groups will become part of the WCA. Day-to-day use of the court will devolve to these groups so we are seeking interest from community members who may wish to lead or be part of these groups.

How can you be involved? We seek community members who want to help with the planning and implementation of the court and/or

the set up of court user groups including a basketball, pickle ball or half tennis group.

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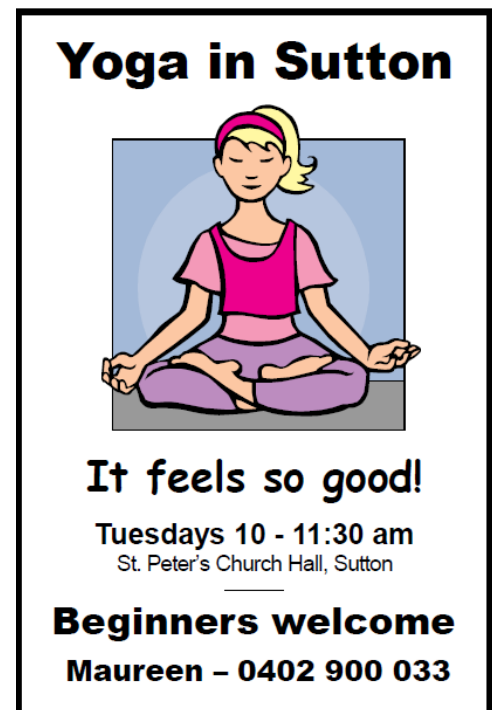
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Many people assume wildlife rescue receives state or local government funding, but Wildcare is entirely volunteer-run by people like your neighbours, colleagues, local teachers, nurses, tradies and retirees. Covering a massive area of 22,000 square kilometres across SE-NSW, our volunteers drive hundreds of kilometres every week at their own personal expense to ensure no animal that needs out help is left without the care they deserve.

In addition to transport costs, the financial burden of medical care rests on our organisation. Wildcare pays for vet bills, specialised medications, milk and foods, and essential rehabilitation equipment. These can all add up very quickly and we rely solely on donations from generous community members, as well as our own rescuers and carers.

If you love our native animals but don't have the time to commit as a rescuer or carer, there is another vital way you can protect our region's wildlife - by donating.

As a registered charity, every donation made to Wildcare goes directly toward our core mission to rescue, raise, rehabilitate, and release sick, injured, and orphaned native animals. Like Ellie, the Brushtail Possum (pictured), who was found clinging to her mum after her mum had been hit by a car and left in the middle of the road.

Whether you choose to make a one-off contribution or set up a recurring monthly donation, every dollar helps keep our volunteers equipped and native animals fed and treated. Best of all, all donations to Wildcare are tax-deductible. We love making a genuine, tangible difference for every single animal that we have the opportunity to help, but we cannot do it alone. Our native wildlife needs your support — please consider donating to Wildcare today. Head to wildcare.com.au/donate for details, or scan the QR code. — Krystal Hemsworth for Wildcare

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The Wonderful Women Of Wamboin Celebrate 20 Years

The Wonderful Women of Wamboin (WWOW) are still alive and kicking. In fact we recently celebrated our 20th anniversary.

COVID had a strong

impact on our numbers, but even though some had moved into town or taken on other commitments, our core of members has continued to get together on Mondays. We invited quite a number to our party e.g. previous WWOWs and BOWOWs (the boyfriends of WWOW) as well as our local Councillor Ross MacDonald who was able to pop in for a chat.

It was so good to catch up with everyone, enjoy an absolute gastronomic feast and view many of the craft WWOW members created over the years. We also walked down memory lane as we watched the 500 or so photos scroll on the big screen. There was many a comment as we watched the photos e.g. 'oh yes I remember that' or 'WOW didn't we have a lot of fun'. The Wamboin Hall is a great venue with great facilities, so we were able to accommodate all who came along. We all enjoyed our celebration and continue to meet on Mondays from 10am to 12noon. To find out more information about WWOW call Jane on 0479 169 874 or wonderfulwomenofwamboin@gmail.com -Gail Ritchie Knight Photo caption: WWOW celebrating 20 years

Kowen Kapers – Cohen Homestead

We now return to our starting point on the River Road above the ford across Glen Burn Creek near its confluence with the Molonglo River. Directions to this point are set out in the March 2026 edition of the *Whisper*, which can be accessed through the Wamboin Community Association web page. From here, we follow River Road south for 500 metres and take the second road on the right. Follow the road for 75 metres and you come to the remains of *Cohen* homestead.

No doubt, you will have heard of the recently bypassed Coppin's Crossing at Stromlo. But did you know that John Coppin, after whom the crossing is named, also lived in Kowen? John Coppin was born on 1 June 1840 in the village of Sutton Valence in Kent, UK. At 17, he emigrated to Australia, paying £1 for an assisted passage on the *Washington Irving*. He arrived in Sydney on 27 September 1857 and found work as a servant in the Deloitte family home. His wife-to-be, Catherine Sheedy, originally from Ballina, Ireland, was a lady's maid in the household. John was sacked in 1859 after being found drunk in the cellar with the Deloitte's son, Quentin. Catherine resigned in sympathy, saying that Quentin instigated the situation. They married days later at the Roman Catholic Church of St Augustine, Balmain, Sydney, on 7 January 1859.

The couple moved first to the Majors Creek goldfields, by the time they arrived, however, very few of the remaining prospectors made a decent living working the reef. John Cunningham, a friend of the Sheedy family back in Ireland, helped John get a job at *Ginninderra* station. Not having a horse and notwithstanding that Catherine was heavily pregnant, John and Catherine walked the whole way from Majors Creek; a trip that took four days to complete. Their first child, John Jnr, was born in a tent at Emu Bank, Belconnen.

In 1860, John began working as a shepherd at *Goat Gully* Station, on the right bank of the Molonglo River in present-day Stromlo. Working his way up from farmhand to landowner, in 1878, John purchased 200 acres on the southern bank of the Molonglo, upon which he built a house. The house was situated near present-day Coppin's Crossing, so named because he was the nearest landowner. John and Catherine raised seven children in that time.

In April 1890, John, now in his 50s, selected a 1,280-acre property in Kowen. John called his property *Cohen*, a variant spelling of Kowen. This must have caused some confusion as there already was the McInnes' *Kowen* station to north of *Cohen*; both names being phonetically identical. In their 1990 assessment of Kowen's heritage values, Bulbeck and Boot note that the homestead was of 'imposing size' for the times, comprising a main building, a separate kitchen, a smaller structure, possibly a dwelling, a toilet and a well. Being of wooden construction, little remains of the *Cohen* homestead today other than a standing stone fireplace from the main building and the remains of a second fireplace that was situated in the kitchen. The ruins, part of the Glenburn Heritage Precinct, are preserved behind a fence.

In the late 1890s, both John and Catherine suffered from bouts of ill health. Catherine died at *Cohen* in 1901. Shortly after, John's condition rapidly deteriorated to such an extent that he could no longer work the farm. John moved to live with his daughter's family at Naas where he died in 1903. In a macabre turn of events, in 1977, forestry workers unearthed an unmarked grave containing the remains of a one-month-old foundling of unknown parentage who, according to newspapers of the time, died of exposure. The baby was buried on the site after being given permission to do so by the investigating officer. This incident occurred in 1885, long before the arrival of the Coppins. - Peter Komidar, Wamboin.



Wamboin's 'Majura Heights' Lookout and Recreation Reserve

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Have you visited the lookout in Wamboin's Majura Heights Recreation Reserve? Noela and I went there on a warm spring afternoon. We found no shelter shed, gas barbecue or fire-pit facilities for cooking a few snags, no water tank, and no playground equipment.

This made us wonder what lay behind the NSW Planning Portal Spatial Viewer's mapping. It shows the site, shaded green, as a recreation reserve. The land in question is 32 Cooper Road, Wamboin: Lot 30, DP 244439, comprising 4 hectares (10 acres) and zoned RE1 Public Recreation. Its entrance—a walking track—lies between 30 and 38 Cooper Road.

Nowadays it is a bush block but, back in the late 1960s, that was not the plan.

On Saturday 3 May 1969, the *Canberra Times* published, on its front page, an article titled "'Gracious living' plan near ACT approved' that foreshadowed the development of the Wamboin we know today. Its author, Douglas Cole, wrote (my emphasis):

*The NSW State Planning Authority has approved a \$1.2 million subdivision of 'gracious living' five-acre lots on the ACT border. The authority is believed to have over-ruled strong objections to the proposal from the National Capital Development Commission. The commission has no rights beyond the Canberra city limits. The sub-division is on the Queanbeyan–Sutton road and provides for 31 blocks of about five acres and two of about 30 acres. ... The Trend subdivision was taken to the planning authority in an appeal early this year after the Yarrowlumla Shire Council had rejected the proposal under the requirements of an interim development order. ... Under the terms of the proposal the company will be required to provide sealed roads, connect electricity and carry out landscaping. **About 10 acres of the subdivision will be reserved as a lookout to which the public will have access.** Each block will carry a \$20,000 building covenant. The company expects to market them for about \$5,000 each.*

The expression 'The Trend subdivision' reflects the fact that the first proponent of what became Wamboin was the then prominent Canberra construction firm David Trend Pty Limited. It was one of a group of companies with overlapping directorships and complex, interrelated finances. One of the companies was Majura Heights Pty Limited, and the new subdivision was proposed to be called 'Majura Heights', presumably because it overlooks the ACT District of Majura. Pines and eucalypts now obscure the views from the reserve.

The land shown on the map as zoned RE1 Public Recreation is an elongated east–west parcel, measuring approximately 550 metres from east to west and 215 metres from north to south. From Cooper Road, the track leads up a slope through the reserve to the ACT border. This is Greenway #11, approximately 20 metres (one chain) wide, as are most of the Greenways. Along the way, visitors pass the better block, concrete, and steel footings of the original Wamboin Volunteer Bushfire Brigade's fire shed, where the Wamboin Community Association held its early meetings.

This route is popular with equestrians as well as walkers: on the right, after you reach the border gate, there is a cavaletti crossing through the border fence.

In March 1912, Surveyor Percy Sheaffe and his party surveyed this part of the border, following the 1909 handover of land from NSW to the Commonwealth to create the Federal Capital Territory. On the border fence at the southern corner of the reserve is one of Sheaffe's border markers: a robust wooden post about 25 cm high, pointed at the top. Yes, it has been there for 114 years!

The first advertisement published in the *Canberra Times* for the blocks in what became known as Wamboin appeared in December 1972. The developer, Norton Tower Pty Limited, which had acquired the land from the Trend companies, called it 'Canberra Country Estate'. The advertised land lay along Norton Road from Sutton Road to Fernloff Road, including Cooper Road. The block reserved for public recreation abutting the ACT border has remained part of the subdivision plan from those early days to the present.

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