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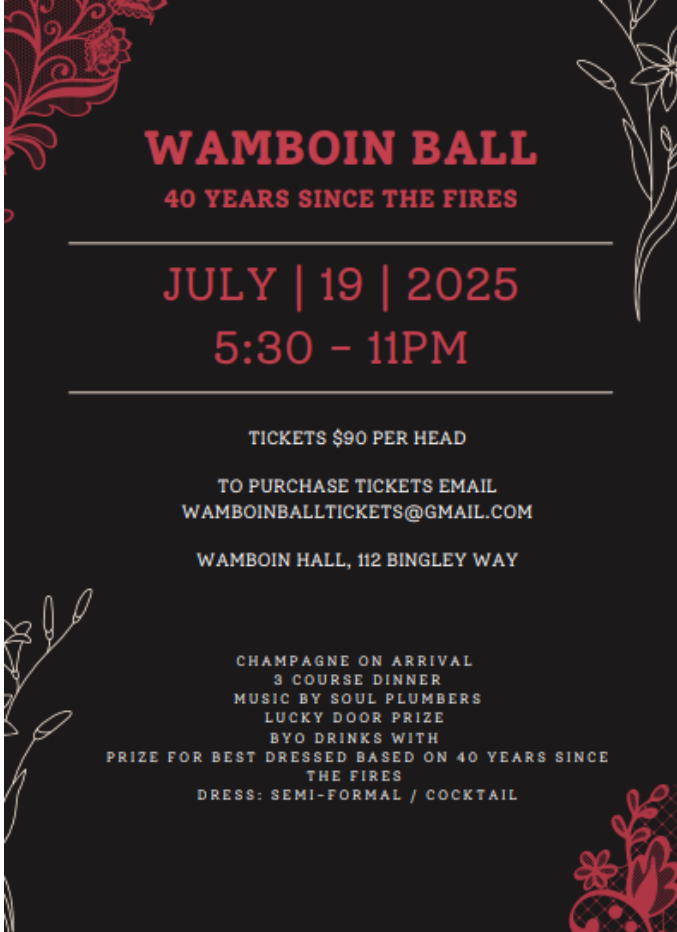
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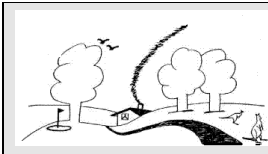
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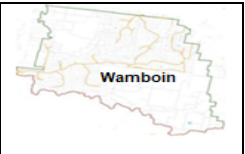
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## Wamboin Community Association President's Notes



We seem to be getting a welcome amount of rain at last. Good to see.

**1. Wheels of Wamboin.** Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May saw the 11<sup>th</sup> Wheels of Wamboin held in conjunction with our monthly markets. It was certainly an enormous event. In excess of 400 vehicles were displayed on the oval and although I was there I have no real idea what crowd numbers were except that it was BIG. Hopefully a full report of this day will appear further on in the Whisper by Pete Evans who organized the day. Thank you Pete for an outstanding event.

**2. A.G.M.** On Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> the Wamboin Community Association held its Annual General Meeting. There was a slight change in office bearers although many positions remain unchanged. Positions are as follows:

**President:** Jenny Richards **Vice President:** Diana Boswell **Treasurer:** Keith France **Secretary:** Denise Lang

**Ordinary Committee Members:** Ned Noel David Macdonald Denise Hales.

All Committee members are there to help residents so please feel free to contact us on our website if you need help or have an issue that needs discussion. Well that's it for now. Definitely a short President's Notes for this month but maybe more to talk about next month. Next meeting for the Wamboin Community Association is on **June 17<sup>th</sup> at the Community Hall at 7:30 pm.** All welcome to attend until then enjoy the rain as we move into winter.

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Hello Friends,

Welcome this edition of the Whisper.

Later in the year, normally around August, the BCA hold its Annual General Meeting. This is the time when we go through the year and also the time to bring new members onto the committee. Have a think about coming along to the meeting and or joining the committee, it only takes a small commitment and goes a long way to making the community a bit stronger and a bit better. If you do not have the time or the inclination to sign up to the committee, we also welcome people who would like to help for particular things.

This year we have had a great committee group; we have focussed on improving our relationships with the other committees in the area.

**Trivia Night**  
**At the Bywong hall.**  
**6:30 for 7PM -9PM**  
**Saturday 21st of JUNE.**  
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As we move closer, to what has been a very late start, to winter we must remember the **Bywong Community Association annual Trivia Night**. This event has been on the calendar for a number of years and each time gets better. Over the years there has been some hot contest amongst tables of locals who all know better than the rest.

This year we have been gathering Prizes and I can assure you that these prizes are far from Trivial.

Bendigo Bank has come to the party with some prizes and bank accounts.

Local legend Joel has offered some accommodation at the MANUKA PARK SERVICED APARTMENTS. So if you want some time in town, or want to go to another Trivia night... This is the prize for you.

Following the success from last year we will have a YOUTH category to show the old folk how its done.

Be assured that this will be a broad ranging and fast paced trivia night and a great time to come and enjoy the community.

So grab a bunch of friends / or the smartest people you know and book a table by sending an email to [president@bywongcommunity.org.au](mailto:president@bywongcommunity.org.au)

See you all around. - Justin Jarvis





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## Dry Autumn

The dry weather has continued into Autumn, and a number of fires have occurred in the state. Of concern is escaped pile burns throughout NSW. At all times of the year, you must take precautions when burning off and have the means to control, contain or extinguish a fire you light. A fire that escapes your property and causes damage to another person's property can result in charges brought against you. (notifications on the RFS portal are mandatory, 365 days a year, even when we are not in the bushfire danger period)

## Pile burns

The brigade has had a number of callouts via 000 calls for pile burns. Large bonfires can cause concern for the public where extremely high flame height occurs. A recent pile burn was seen several kilometres away from the fire and sometimes this can be



mistaken as a house or building fire that can result in additional resources getting called out unnecessarily. "Standards for pile burning" is a publication available on the RFS website. Piles should be no more than 1.5 metres high and logs should not be more than 150mm diameter. Pile burns are not bonfires. Large pile burns can produce extreme radiant heat, damaging fences, powerlines or worse, buildings. Grasses from radiant heat can ignite well away from the cleared area and take people by surprise as a grass fire quickly spreads. You can always have multiple piles and burn one at a time until the intensity has dropped. At all times of the year when burning, YOU MUST have a water supply available and any other tools necessary to control, maintain or extinguish the fire. The publication can advise of many requirements and recommendations so you can burn safely and responsibly.

## Managing fire on your property and across the landscape

### *Supporting sustainable fire management for healthy landscapes*

If you have bushland on your property this program is for you! The Hotspots Fire Project enables landholders and public land managers to work together to reduce bush fire risk across the landscape, whilst maintaining and improving biodiversity and protecting Cultural Heritage.

FREE two-day workshop at the Wamboin Hall. Morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea provided.

Landholders from the **Wamboin** area are invited to attend.

## Wamboin Hotspots Fire Project Workshop Series

Discuss risk management and fire ecology, understand how your neighbours and other land management agencies are managing fire and receive a large aerial photo of your property to develop your own Fire Management Plan

**Workshop 1** – 8:30 am to 4:15 pm, Friday 13th June 2025, **Workshop 2** – 8:30 am to 4:15 pm, Friday 27th June 2025

Register Here by - <https://events.humanitix.com/wamboin-hotspots-fire-project-workshop-series-2025>

When you register, answer a simple set of questions to assist the Hotspots team tailor the workshops to your needs.

If you are unable to register online, or for any other queries contact:

Jason McWhirter - RFS Hotspots Officer on 0419 173 211 or email [jason.mcwhirter@rfs.nsw.gov.au](mailto:jason.mcwhirter@rfs.nsw.gov.au)

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

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## **Wamboin Rural Fire Brigade**

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## Bungendore Evening VIEW Club

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We endeavour to have interesting guest speakers at each meeting: Murray Gough and Martina Woodford from the BCCI will be speaking to us at our meeting on June 2nd. To indicate your attendance, please Contact Debbie Hudson, mobile 0418622369, or email: [bungendoreview@gmail.com](mailto:bungendoreview@gmail.com) - **Connie Bachor, Wamboin**

## From Wamboin/Gearys Gap -- Contacts for your projects

Lots of locals ask for contacts to help with projects. We hope these are a helpful start!

The **Yass Area Network of Landcare groups (YAN)** is a network of local Landcare groups: Bowning-Bookham Districts, Murrumbateman, Sutton, Gearys Gap/Wamboin and Yass. YAN supports several nurseries, and habitat linkage projects. Their Climate Ready Revegetation project facilitates easy annual monitoring of your planting over three years. This project is detailed on the YAN nurseries website <https://yan.org.au/member-groups/yan-nurseries> along with the YAN newsletters. While you are there, look for the May YAN newsletter which features an excellent article with tips for successful revegetation planting. Visit the YAN website [yan.org.au](http://yan.org.au) for more information.

The **Sutton Landcare** group is working on the Sutton Reserve behind Sutton Primary School, where a valuable original native box woodland is being inundated with weeds. This project has already removed significant weed infestations with more work planned. Details are in the 1 May 2025 YAN Blog, at the 'Blog' option of the YAN website <https://yan.org.au/>

**South East Local Land Services (LLS)** administer grants and funding for sustainable land management. For details visit <https://www.lls.nsw.gov.au/regions/south-east/grants-and-funding>. The LLS Braidwood office is the closest to Wamboin/Bywong, so it services us.

**Bowning Bookham Landcare** in partnership with LLS, recently hosted a hands-on Small Scale Erosion Control workshop. Discussions covered ways to minimise erosion, such as strategic fencing, grazing, and establishing or managing vegetation to protect soil and water resources. The 1 May 2025 YAN Blog provides detailed information, available from the 'Blog' option of the YAN website <https://yan.org.au/>

**Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council (QPRC) GrantGuru** is highly recommended by members of the Gearys Gap/Wamboin Landcare Group. Look for the 'communities environment program' section of the QPRC GrantGuru website <https://qprc.grantguru.com.au/> The first time you use it you will need to click on 'Sign up'.

The **Upper Shoalhaven Landcare Council (USLC)** have an official coverage area west only as far as the Lake George catchment. Our Landcare group is a member of YAN not USLC. Our group members report that USLC have great resources and courses, and they don't mind attendees from out of their catchment. Details at the USLC website: <https://landcare.nsw.gov.au/groups/upper-shoalhaven-landcare-council-inc/>

**Greening Australia** supports landholders with revegetation and other projects. Visit Landholder Resources and Registration under the 'Landholders' tab and select 'Resources and register' from their website <https://www.greeningaustralia.org.au/>

The **Gearys Gap/Wamboin Landcare** group is a great way to pick up local knowledge, plants and advice. We focus on plant sales of locally hardy native plant species propagated at our nursery.

These sales are held at some of the monthly Wamboin markets and the annual Bywong Car Boot Sale. The purpose of these sales is to educate the local community about the value of native plants, their establishment and care, and to provide plants that do well in our region. Details at our website: <https://landcare.nsw.gov.au/groups/gearys-gap-wamboin-landcare-group/> also our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/ggwlandcare/> - **List prepared**

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## Wildcare

On Saturday 24 May, the Wamboin community had the privilege of hosting Wildcare's Basic Macropod Rescue & Care course, held right here in Wamboin at the Community Hall on Bingley Way. This full-day training brought together locals and wildlife enthusiasts keen to learn how to support the rescue, rehabilitation, and release of some of our most iconic native animals Kangaroos, Wallabies, Wallaroos and Wombats

Designed for beginners, the course is ideal for anyone who has little or no experience but is interested in becoming a wildlife carer. With a strong focus on practical and compassionate care, the program covered essential topics including:

- What it means to be a wildlife carer and how the carer network operates
- Basic macropod anatomy and how to identify different species
- How to determine the developmental stage of joeys and adult macropods
- Rescue techniques, initial assessments, and safe transport
- Day-to-day care practices for macropods in rehabilitation
- Basic first aid and recognising health issues

Participants received a comprehensive set of course notes, and the day included hands-on learning and engaging discussions with experienced carers. It was wonderful to see such a diverse and committed group in attendance. Locals from Wamboin were joined by participants from Googong, Queanbeyan, and Bungendore, while others travelled from as far afield as Shoalhaven Heads, Vincentia, and Jervis Bay to take part.

Picture: An Eastern-grey joey being raised by one of our carers is fed while safely inside their sleeping pouch.

Special thanks to Natalie and the team at Wildcare for offering this important training in our region. With the increasing number of wildlife incidents on our roads and in rural areas, local knowledge and support can make all the difference

Wildcare Queanbeyan is run entirely by the tireless work of volunteers and funded by generous donations from the community. Vet bills, supplies, medication and petrol are all funded by our volunteers and these donations. We rescue, raise, rehabilitate and release sick, injured and orphaned native animals throughout the Wildcare service area of over 22,000km<sup>2</sup> in south-eastern NSW.

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July 13 – Sutton Markets July – Basic Bird Care Course (TBA) – article by Clare Camilleri, Wamboin, for Wildcare



## 🌸 WPC MOTHERS DAY RALLY 2025 🌸

We had our very special Mother's Day rally! We warmly welcomed guests from BDPC as well as new members to our club! Riders split into two groups and kicked off the day with showjumping instructed by Sarah and flat work instructed by Sofie, we then had an enormous range of food for morning tea (special thanks to Stacey) and wished Freya a happy happy birthday. Riders then split up again and headed to mounted games and sporting with the help of Toni, Sarah + others.

Overall the day was super successful and everyone had heaps of fun and learnt heaps! Massive thank you to Stacey for our roast lunch and of course cannot forget the mums, happy Mother's Day to all,

WPC hopes your day was so special ❤️ 🐎 - by Zara Warren



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## Wamboin Produce and Craft Market      Saturday 21 June 2025 (9-12md)

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The May market was huge! The atmosphere despite the heavy fog - was so upbeat and enjoyable. This was of course because of the accompanying attraction of the wonderful 'Wheels of Wamboin' event. Congratulations to all those involved in the Wheels organisation - such a big event and managed so successfully and it drew so many new visitors to our market. So, plenty of sales, pleasing our stall holders. Most stall holders made far more than usual in sales - great stuff. Also, there were a lot of new stalls and it was lovely to see several new or returning 'young entrepreneurs' selling their wares. Bit of competition there, as most of the young people were selling similar products. Maybe at other big events it will be good to specify exactly what will be sold so we avoid duplication! I must say, coffee and scones were the highlight of the morning. And egg and bacon rolls sold out by 9.30am! The June market is the last before our winter break so come along and stock up on:

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## Wamboin Golf

Sunday 4 May 2025. Fifteen Wamboin golfers ventured on course to compete in the Ted Evans Memorial GST competition. The sponsors for the month were Kathy and Keith. Typically this competition involves pairs of golfers participating in an American Twosomes. To assist players understand the complexities of the competition rules were explained and a rule sheet was provided for ongoing support, with interpretations open to each team! To add further intrigue to the scoring system, an additional tariff of 10% was to be added to 10% already added to team handicaps, with the implementation of the tariff to be determined by the handicapper! No confusion whatsoever. No visitors this month. The weather gods were very kind with great conditions for play.

The googly ball was awarded initially to Deb for waiting for her playing partner to replace his club in the golf bag and then proceeding to target a rock on the fairway and having the ball return to the tee. Playing partner had to then get the same club out of the bag again. The googly ball then went to Pete for acclaiming the miracles in play for both he and Steve for managing to walk down the fairway on most holes this month without the need to go into search and rescue mode. The spit the dummy was awarded to Vicki in her absence for no reason other than being too unwell to attend the presentations after the game. Was possibly a strategic decision by Larry to avoid any additional increment to the annual points tally for this award.

The encouragement award went to Emma. The nine-hole competition was taken out by Pete and Steve (33/26.045), with Ken and Gerard (30/27.3) in second and Deb and Ken (35/28.95) in third. The eighteen-hole competition was taken out by Nev and Col (69/60.2275) from Paul and Stephen (74/62.8075) and Tim and Vicki (74/65.2275).

We hope you can join us at the community hall at 12.15pm on Sunday, 1 June for a 12.30pm. - **Ken Gordon**



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## Possumwood

A blotched blue tongue lizard was rescued from the side of a road and brought to Possumwood where it was treated for a facial abscess. It was a very large lizard and was named Fatso; and the question was asked; Is it a pregnant female lizard? Fatso was checked at the next Possumwood vet clinic and an x-ray revealed that she was indeed a pregnant female with nine babies. We felt embarrassed naming her Fatso. Not long after, Fatso gave birth to her nine beautiful little lizards. Fatso and her nine babies were released in the rock overhangs at Two Thumbs Koala Sanctuary which is just up the road from where she was rescued. A very happy outcome for this beautiful lizard and her babies. - **Dr Rosemary Austen, Possumwood Wildlife Vet Hospital**

## Can You Create Something for the July Whisper?

Thank you to each of you who took a May Whisper to the mailboxes of other residents, or ran an ad or wrote something to make this more useful or interesting for your neighbours. Without your donation of time or ad money, nobody would have a copy. Deadline for the July issue is 7 pm Sunday night, June 29.

These guidelines seem to me to work when you are generous enough to compose something for the Whisper:

- Written by a Bywong or Wamboin resident and signed with your name so readers will know they can trust it
- About or at least related to living out here - Respectful of the many lifestyles among us – a bit of humor always welcome
- Not printed elsewhere - Can be a fictional story if you wish - If it could increase your income, run it as an ad

Thanks for anything you can prepare. - Ned Noel, volunteer editor on behalf of the Wamboin Community Association, which owns the Whisper. [Nednoel@optusnet.com.au](mailto:Nednoel@optusnet.com.au) or [whisper@wamboincommunity.asn.au](mailto:whisper@wamboincommunity.asn.au) , phone 0409 997 082



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## Kowen Kapers - Glenburn Precinct

Peter Komidar

It may come as a surprise to learn that as well as being the site of Canberra's largest pine plantation, Kowen is also home to an important heritage area. Known as the Glenburn Precinct, the area was entered onto the ACT Heritage Register in 2015 as "an excellent example of a 19th century pastoral landscape". The listing, as subsequently amended on 9 February 2017, covers the Glenburn valley from just north of the Glenburn Homestead south to the Molonglo river.

The Glenburn Precinct contains evidence of mineral exploration, sheep farming and subsistence farming. It shows how a small community formed in the area, supported by shared resources of a shearing complex and school.

The Glenburn area was first settled by Europeans in 1831, which is early in the history of the Canberra/Queanbeyan region. The very first European settlers were squatters Luke and Mary Colverwell, both ex-convicts. Subsequent settlement was influenced by widespread gold and copper prospecting in the area from the 1850s. Following the introduction, in 1861, of the *Lands Act*, there was an increase in the number of people settling in Kowen for the purpose of grazing stock. With an inn nearby and a proposed railway from Sutton to Queanbeyan (later from Bungendore to Queanbeyan), purchasing land in Kowen would have been considered a sound investment.

Over the years, the area became home to a vibrant rural community with many families living on small holdings or working for absentee landlords. It even had its own railway station. However, by the turn of the 20th century most of the families had left: due to the poor soils, low rainfall, small landholdings, rabbit plagues and broader unfavourable economic conditions.

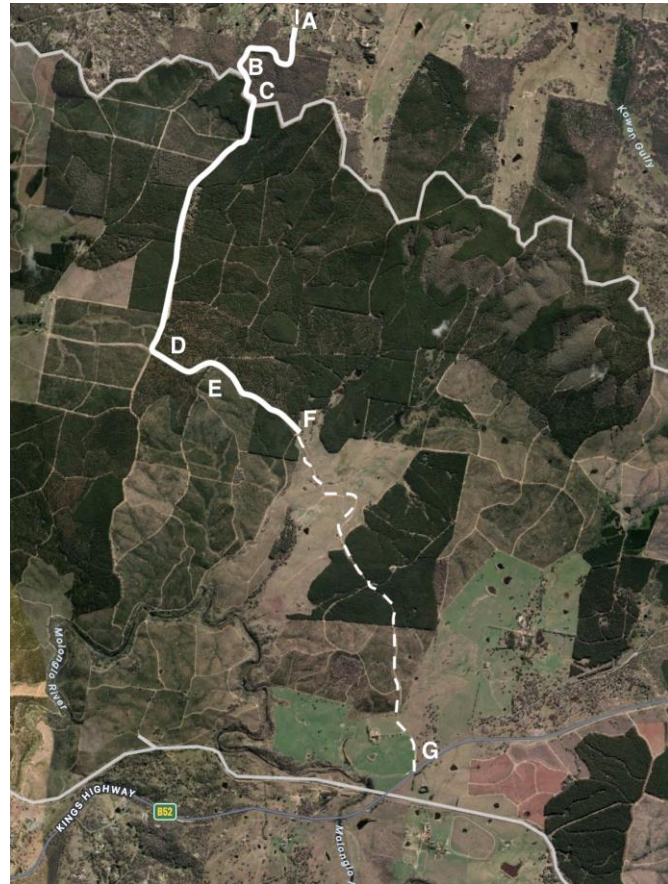
All of the land in Kowen, including in Glenburn, was subsequently resumed by the Commonwealth in 1915 after the formation of the Federal Capital Territory (as it was then called) and from 1927, Kowen began to be planted with pines. While the Glenburn precinct escaped the pines, primarily because its soils were considered too poor, by 1980 almost all of the rest of the rural land in Kowen had been converted to plantation with the pre-existing built landscape destroyed.

While much of what the early residents built has been lost to the pine plantation, many relics of early colonial settlement still remain in the Precinct. These include remnant buildings, fences, roads, fords and fruit trees. In succeeding issues of the *Whisper*, we will explore the various heritage sites within Glenburn Precinct.

**Directions Bingley Way Entrance:** Starting at Bingley Way (A) walk to the Bingley Way horse entrance (B) and turn left at Wamboin Break. Follow the fence line until the first intersection (sign posted) and turn right onto Jack's Break (C). Travel along Jack's Break for 2.7 km until you reach a signposted intersection with Fearnside Way (D) (The Fearnside Way sign is only propped up against the base of the Jack's Break sign, so may be obscured from view). Turning left onto Fearnside Way continue on until you reach the next intersection. At this intersection you'll find a right hand turn. Continue along Fearnside Way past the intersection for another 30 m and you reach the main intersection of Fearnside Way, Charcoal Kiln Rd and Keef's Rd (also signposted) (E). Proceed down Charcoal Kiln road for 1 km until you reach a locked gate with a pedestrian entrance (F) - the entrance to the Glenburn Precinct.

**Charcoal Kiln Rd Entrance:** Alternatively, starting from the Charcoal Kiln Rd entrance off the Kings Highway (G), follow Charcoal Kiln Rd to the locked gate at (F).

The return journey from Bingley Way is 12 km and from the Charcoal Kiln Rd entrance 8 km.



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## Bird Of The Month

By Luke Downey

For June I chose the Yellow-tailed Black-Cockatoo, a huge black cockatoo with a loud call that is well-known in our region.

### Yellow-tailed Black-Cockatoo (*Zanda funerea*)

Size: 55-65cm

Status: Fairly common breeding resident

The Yellow-tailed Black-Cockatoo is a huge cockatoo and is actually one of the biggest parrots in the world. It is mostly black, with pale feather margins, and a bold, contrasting yellow cheek and yellow panels in the long tail. Male birds can be differentiated by having a dark bill and pink eye-ring, whereas females have a pale grey bill and dark eye-ring. Both have pale feet. Yellow-tailed Black-Cockatoos also lack a distinct crest, though can raise their crown feathers when excited. Immature birds are like females with a pale bill, but browner overall. They usually occur in pairs to flocks, sometimes numbering hundreds. They feed primarily in pine plantations locally, though also feed on natives such as banksia, hakea or trees with hard capsule-like seeds. Sometimes they also gouge out borer grubs from branches, leaving large chew-marks on trees. Yellow-tailed Black-Cockatoos have a very slow and buoyant flight with deep laborious wingbeats, and are very distinctive if seen flying.

Their call is a loud screeching "wee-aarr" that is quite distinct, they also give rolling chuckles in flight. The immature birds produce a very tiring raspy begging that is near-incessant.

Yellow-tailed Black-Cockatoos are common in most wooded habitats, such as forest, woodland, parks and pine plantations, sometimes ranging into urban areas. They favour the pines for food, though require large hollows for nesting. The similar Glossy Black-Cockatoo is rarely seen locally, and lacks the yellow cheek and has a red tail panel instead. Keep an eye out for these large and charismatic cockatoos, they are always an enjoyable bird to see! (photo from Google images)



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## Councillor's Report – by Councillor Ross McDonald

I hope you're all keeping warm as we get further into the cold and wet months. I know for many volunteers, particularly in the RFS, SES and wildlife organisations that the weather has meant more time away from families helping our community and, with this past week being volunteer week, I want to send my thanks to everyone who gives up their time to give back – thank you.

There's been a lot happening both locally and across the region that I want to let you know about.

Firstly, roads. I was pleased to see the Weeroona Drive remediation works completed. Thank you to all you who had spoken to me about the need for work to repair patches along the road (including my 8 year old who persistently points out things I need to work on for our region). I know it's taken a while to get there but I hope you'd agree that the repairs have addressed a lot of the safety and condition concerns along Weeroona.

Commencing soon is the work to enhance safety at the corner of Macs Reef Road and Bungendore Road. As many would know, this is the site of many near misses, accidents and sadly a fatality. While driver behaviour is what ultimately keeps our roads most safe, notable problems or black spots need to be addressed and I'm really pleased that work is under way to make our local roads safer. Please remember that for our road crews, that's their workplace and they deserve to be treated with respect and safety, even when the work they're doing may slow you down a little.

Wamboin's community spirit was again on show at the 2025 Wheels of Wamboin and I'd like to add my appreciation to the volunteers and community groups that made the day such a success, particularly Pete Evans for pulling together the main event of the day. Without a village square, corner shop or town centre we really do punch above our weight in events and a sense of community and it's all due to the dedication of people who love our region.

Council's committees are taking shape and work has begun. I chair several committees including those dealing with issues relating to seniors, small business, disability access and Queanbeyan's historic showground. I'm also a member of many other committees, including the Wamboin Community Hall. There's a lot on the agenda for each committee across the term of Council and I'll provide updates on our work in my monthly e-newsletter - the link is available on my Facebook page.

Finally, the 2025-26 integrated plans are currently out for public consultation and comment. There's a lot of documents but they're important because they detail Council's proposed mid term priorities and the things we're spending on in the coming year. I'm pleased to see some proposed funding allocated to issues I've championed based on community feedback but encourage you to have your say on the plans by 13 June. I'll provide a link to Council's website in my e-newsletter but I'm also happy to hear from you directly and I'll feed that into the discussion.

Thanks for reading and particularly for the feedback I receive on my Whisper column – hearing your thoughts and suggestions really helps me to represent you. - Cheers



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## WAMBOIN WEATHER – rainfall and temperature records

(50 years from Cooper Road) by Christine Rieber

### May Rainfall Stats

May rainfall to the 25<sup>th</sup> ..... 44.5mm  
2025 total rainfall to 25/5 ..... 246.5mm

### June Rainfall Stats

2024 June rainfall..... 60.5mm  
Wettest June..... 178.25mm in 2016  
Wettest June day..... 84.75mm on 6/6/16  
Driest June..... 0mm in 2017

### June Temperature Stats

2024 June maximum..... 16.8°C  
Hottest June day..... 21.9°C on 3/6/23  
Coldest June day..... 3°C (4 times)  
9/6/11, 24/6/14, 30/6/14 & 25/6/16  
Average day (max.) temp..... 10.1°C  
Warmest June..... 1991  
Av. max day temp. 12.5°C & night 7°C  
(highest 14.3°C in 2020)  
Av. June temp.... 6.5°C (day+night comb.)

Average May rainfall..... 46.9mm  
2024 May rainfall..... 55.0mm  
2024 total rainfall to 25/5..... 367.50mm  
49yr Av. to end of May..... 275.6mm

Average June rainfall..... 54.9mm  
Average no. rain days in June.... 10.0  
Highest no. rain days..... 22 in 1978  
Lowest no. rain days..... 0 in 2017

2024 June minimum..... -5.5°C  
June 2024.. Av. max 11.4°C & min 1.9°C  
Hottest June night..... 11°C (7 times)  
1991 (5 times) & 1995 (2 times)  
Coldest June night..... -6°C on 9/6/96  
Average night (min.) temp..... 2.8°C  
Coldest June..... 2015  
Av. min day temp. 7.5°C & night -0.3°C  
(lowest -0.6°C in 2001)

The six coldest weeks occur after the winter solstice which is on 21 June. Whilst June 21 is the shortest day it does not have either the latest sunrise or the earliest sunset. The earliest sunset occurs about 1 week before the 21<sup>st</sup> and the latest sunrise about 1 week afterwards. This phenomenon is due to the tilt of the Earth and that the Earth's path around the Sun is not a circle, but more like an oval.

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## Wamboin Playgroup

As winter settles over Wamboin and the mornings turn crisp and misty, playgroup provides a cosy and welcoming space for local families to gather, play, and connect. At Wamboin Playgroup, we embrace the season with a mix of outdoor adventure on the playground and indoor comfort of the hall. Families with babies, toddlers and preschoolers are all welcome – whether you come each week or drop in now and then, there's always a warm cuppa and a friendly face. What to bring each week:

- A hat and warm layers – it can still be chilly even after the sun comes up.
- Gumboots or outdoor shoes and a spare pair of socks
- A water bottle for each child.
- A piece of fruit or some baking to share
- Your sense of humour, a warm smile, and a willingness to join in the fun!

Whether you're a regular or coming along for the first time, Tuesdays at Wamboin Playgroup (10am–12pm, every week of the school term) are a lovely way to connect with local families and enjoy a relaxed, welcoming morning of play. Playgroup is free and is coordinated by a dedicated group of community volunteers. For further information, please email [wamboin.playgroup@gmail.com](mailto:wamboin.playgroup@gmail.com). – **Clare Camilleri, for Playgroup**



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## Recipe Of The Month by Jules Clancy

Winter is one of the things I love most about living in Wamboin. Frosty morning where you really feel alive. Getting cosy by the fire. And steaming bowls of soup. While I love a soup that simmers away for hours, soup can be a fast comforting dinner. This 5-ingredient spinach soup is one of my faves because all the ingredients will wait patiently in the freezer or pantry until you need a quick bowl of nourishment. Feel free to substitute in home grown spinach or kale.

### Spinach Soup with Smashed Feta & Walnuts

Takes: 20 minutes

Enough for 2.

- 2 onions
- 2 packets frozen spinach 250g / 9oz each, defrosted
- 2 cups chicken or veg stock
- 200 g feta (7oz)
- 2 large handfuls roast walnuts

1. Heat a generous glug of olive oil in a medium saucepan on a medium heat. Peel and slice onion and add to the pot with a pinch of salt to help the onion soften. Cook covered, stirring occasionally for 10 minutes or until onions are soft.
2. Add spinach and stock and simmer for a few minutes. Taste and season with extra salt if needed, remembering the feta is going to bring a lot of salt.
3. Divide hot soup between two bowls and top with crumbled feta and chopped walnuts.



### About the Author

I'm Jules Clancy from Norton Rd. I'm a former food scientist turned cooking coach. I help food lovers cook without recipes so you enjoy more healthy meals with less effort. Join my free workshop to **discover the 3-Unexpected Secrets to Cooking WITHOUT Recipes**.

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## What Is Wild-Life Friendly Fencing?

By Maria Taylor, Bywong

In the past decades the dedicated people at Possumwood Wildlife hospital in Bywong have rescued, organised veterinary treatment and rehabilitated thousands of wild animals: mostly kangaroos and wallabies, but also wombats, possums, birds, bats and reptiles that were caught and injured in wire fencing on properties in our district. Animals get caught as they try to make their way to water, food, shelter and safety.

I write the following as an advocate for wildlife and all animals, having learned of the hurdles to humane co-existence over years of environmental reporting and research, including in recent years volunteering with the Australian Wildlife Protection Council. I learned of the lethal hazards in much traditional fencing design. I also helped encourage our previous council (pre-amalgamation) to develop the wildlife-friendly fencing design that is in the planning instrument for rural residential properties. More on this animal friendly fencing design, below.

Steve Garlick and Rosemary Austen from Possumwood tell me that fencing injuries represent the largest number of rescues they do. Today they are regarded as national experts in the field of fencing injuries, treatment and rehabilitation. The physical injuries that occur from being caught in a wire fence include hip dislocation or fracture, loss of a limb, severe wounds, head injuries, ligament and tendon damage and severe dehydration. Stress is a huge component for a wild animal caught in a fence. At worst, the wild animal caught in a fence can be preyed upon and eaten alive by foxes and passing dogs or have their eyes pecked out and tongues eaten by crows while still alive. Rescuing, treating and rehabilitating a wild animal caught in wire fencing can be a huge effort and costly.

Many old fences in the area contain barbed wire. Injuries from barbed wire are horrendous. Yet, even today landholders are sometimes encouraged to go for maximum wire designs and barbed wire – denying wildlife safe passage to water, feed and shelter. This approach can also lead to traffic accidents when property fencing allows no escape route from neighbouring roads. Recently, local members of the Australian Wildlife Protection Council made representations to QPRC with concerns about the design of some recent subdivision fencing, accompanied by Dr Austen from Possumwood testifying on her experience of the consequences. Council is being urged to support/enforce its existing wildlife-friendly fencing standard for boundary fences with development.

The following elements of that animal-friendly fencing standard are a useful guide for landholders who want to modify existing old fencing or erect new sections and be kind to wildlife and at the same time protect other animals such as horses.

### No Barbed Wire

Image at right provided by Possumwood

- **height 1.2 metres** or less (unless higher required for stock like deer)
- one 4.0 mm high tensile, **high visibility PVC coated wire** on top ('horse sighter' or similar)
- one carry 2.5mm high tensile wire **at least 300mm** below the top wire. This distance between the top two wires is to avoid kangaroos/wallabies catching and twisting a leg as they jump over. (Possumwood has rescued many joeys in recent times caught in this way).
- one bottom 2.5 mm high tensile wire **at least 150mm above the ground**. This distance from the ground is to allow passage of wildlife at ground level. Consider small joeys, echidnas, lizards and other reptiles, wombats...



Also hazardous is hinged wire, ringlock or mesh, when it is extended to ground level or in a loose fashion extends towards the top wire without the due 300 mm gap. Considering this, residents with old fences featuring barbed wire, particularly facing local Greenways, are encouraged to take off the barbed strand and otherwise ensure safe passage through the neighbourhood. Many people have done this by cutting a portal/ opening at the bottom of a hinged or mesh fence. Or removing a bottom wire that is near the ground.

(Maria Taylor is a Bywong resident. Her family and neighbours have taken down old barbed wire and cut other fencing for wildlife transit. She was the publisher of *the District Bulletin* and is the author of a recent book: *Injustice, hidden in plain sight the war on Australian nature...* Maria is also a long-time member of the Greenways management committee.)

**Postscript:** At its 14 May meeting QPRC council voted to rationalise differing development control fencing standards (for subdivision) within the amalgamated council to favour the animal - friendly specifications developed by former Palerang Council. Testimony by Possumwood's Steve Garlick regarding the daily toll of wildlife fence injuries he attends, was persuasive.

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## Calling All Budding Writers - by Meriel Schultz

*Keep the stories flowing! Let's celebrate our Wamboin 'living treasures'.*

The new Wamboin Booklet is a no-name book. Some locals have suggested that a way of honouring some of our Wamboin people *by name* would also be good. **Here is your chance!** *We have Australians nominated as national living treasures so why not acknowledge our local living treasures?* Tell us a story (max 1x A4 page) about the person you wish to nominated as your *Wamboin living treasure*. Aim for a word portrait that is original, complimentary, funny, true! **Highlight the significant contribution** that person has made to our Wamboin community. **Add a drawing or photograph** if you wish **Open to all ages.** **If more than one story about the same person is received**, stories will be edited and combined to make up ONE composite story. **Final stories will be subject to approval** by the person selected as your 'Wamboin living treasure'. All authors will be acknowledged. **All approved stories will be published in the Wamboin Whisper.** Expressions of interest to Meriel Schultz at [Lmsconsulting@bigpond.com](mailto:Lmsconsulting@bigpond.com) *Story criteria and permission to publish forms will then be provided.* Closing date for entries : 31 August 2025. Presentation of stories at the September Wamboin market.



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## What the Heck Chapter 36

Last month we discussed how the merry month of May was Sutton Bonfire month, so this month's chapter was supposed to be a big thankyou to all the volunteers who helped make the bonfire night a big success. Well as you know, the bonfire did not eventuate. After we had made the plans, and with all the volunteers primed and ready, Hughie decided to 'send it down'. This was just a few days before the scheduled lighting of the fire, leaving us with a very large soggy bonfire pile. Reluctantly, the decision was made to postpone bonfire night for a few weeks.

So the good news is that you can join us at the 2025 St. Peters Sutton Bonfire Night on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> June from 5.00pm. For your budget priced evening meal you will be able to start with a hot soup, followed by a curry and/or sausage sanger and/or steak sanger, washed down with a mulled wine, whilst watching the Dragon dancers and listening to The Shadies. All whilst sitting being warmed by the roaring bonfire, and socialising with friends and neighbours, having sent the kids off to toast marshmallows.

The funds raised by the bonfire and other activities over recent times have been put towards the building of a multi-purpose hall adjacent to the church and we can now say that this building is very close to completion and soon will be ready for use by local groups and residents, as well as church members. As you read this the painting has been completed or very close to completion, leaving just the fitting of electrical items, such as switches and power points, and the laying of floor coverings.

Once these things are finished, and the necessary legal approvals have been issued, it will be all systems go for use. And a little further down the track we will have an official opening, a dedication by the Bishop, and landscaping of the adjacent grounds, when the climatic conditions are suitable.

The foundation stone for the existing church building was laid in September 1925, so this shows that the congregation's dreams of a kitchen and toilets for the church have been achieved in less than 100 years. How is that for getting around bureaucratic hurdles? – **Alan Rope**

**QPRC Mobile Library:** The QPRC Mobile Library bus will be at the Wamboin Hall from 10.30-11.30am on Thursday 12 and 26 June 2025, and then fortnightly. It really is worth visiting the Mobile Library. It provides a wonderful opportunity to borrow books, CDs, audio books etc and the staff are very helpful if you need any additional items. Please support this great service. After you have visited the library drop into the Social Group and have a cuppa.

**Wamboin Thursday Social Group:** The group operates every Thursday morning from 10 – 12 noon at the Wamboin Hall, Bingley Way and if you have a Thursday morning free, we would love to have you pop in for a tea/coffee, chat or a game or scrabble, rummykub or cards. The group is very welcoming to new comers and provides a wonderful chance to meet up with some local residents. We look forward to seeing you. – Both Items prepared by **Narelle Pumphrey**

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## Nature Notes – May 2025

Jo Walker

After a rather dry April, May has delivered some good falls of rain. The ground is quite damp now and the weather still warm, so the countryside should enter Winter looking green and healthy.

It will be a while now before there is any colour – other than the interesting tapestry of shades of green – evident amongst the vegetation. It looks as if it will be a good flowering season for the Wattles. The local Silver Wattles (*Acacia dealbata*) are heavily laden with buds, as are the many other species of Wattles planted here.

There is one little plant almost in flower – the Urn Heath (*Melichrus urceolatus*) is bearing lots of long cream buds. This is one of several local heath plants. It grows to only about 40cm tall, is densely covered with sharply pointed leaves and is one of the first heath plants to flower. The tubular cream flowers produce nectar and are attractive to some of the smaller Honeyeaters such as the Eastern Spinebills.

The wet weather seems to delight the local ducks. There were several flocks – both Wood Ducks and Black Ducks foraging along Norton Road recently.

A month or so ago, the flock of Sulphur-crested Cockatoos that visit here suddenly diminished in size from 100+ birds to about forty. The people in the road who throw out some seed for them and the other seed-eaters were a bit worried as to what had happened to them. But suddenly they are all back again. There are also two young ones with them now – still begging raucously for their parents to regurgitate some food for them.

The five long-term resident Crested Pigeons were joined recently by two others – and then two more. The White-winged Chough family has also expanded.

Winter – the quiet season – will soon be here. But there's usually something interesting to be seen in Wamboin at any time of the year.



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## Wheels of Wamboin No.11

We got off to a foggy start but the sun finally broke through to a beautiful May day. Over 400+ automotive marvels made their way to the Wamboin Community hall and Oval (I think this year broke our record yet again).

The cars started rolling in from 7am and by about 9am the oval was full, forcing us to divert some cars to the general carpark and unfortunately some had to park out on the road. Once again, the variety was enormous with a great roll up of cars and even a big green Kenworth truck.



The markets, and Wamboin RFS BBQ were flat out along with Lou's coffee and the local Landcare group sold plenty of native plants to perhaps offset our carbon emissions for the day. It was a bit cool for the ice cream but I think Rhonda pick up some sales once the sun came out. The market stalls all were busy and there was a great buzz.

There were all makes and models with some stand outs for me. The yellow DS Citroen attracted plenty of interest along with the dark blue XB panel van complete with surf boards and a very plush deck out in the rear. A white Holden HZ Sandman panel van was a good looker from the 70's. A very unusual Mitsouka Le-Seyde confused a lot of onlookers so did the Volvo Bertone coupe sporting a 350 chevy V8. A superb MGTC in racing livery and what looked like an aluminium bonnet was a treat and so was the 1971 International flatbed truck with an outstanding restoration. It is great to see these old trucks preserved for the next generation. A wonderful Allan Moffat tribute XY Falcon GT in full race regalia revived memories of those

early Bathurst racing days when you spent all day in front of the TV watching the great race. Another feature were the go karts

showing our next generation of enthusiasts. The MG's, BMW's, Mustang clubs were all out in force along with a great selection of early Ford falcons and early Japanese models of Sunnys and Datsun's. The Mercedes club had a great display. A Corvair, Rambler Matador, Oldsmobiles and Buicks all made the journey. The EV Association brought out a great display of EV's maybe showing future classics. A couple of Charity Bash cars were on display including Marcus Hughes 1978 LTD decked out in Mario Bros livery (I hope to be joining the Camp Quality EsCarpade this year in "Sabby" our 1971 Mercedes 280SE but that will be another story). This year the "People's Choice" was Rod Styles with his 2015 Mustang S550 GT.

Really there was so many different cars to mention so it is best just to look thru the albums on our Facebook page. There was so many great cars I could just keep writing highlights.

A massive thanks to The Wamboin RFS who provided the traffic control and logistics on the day and the BBQ yet again. Without them the event would simply not happen.



A big thanks to our generous sponsors, The Douros Group, Ollie Garage and Shannon's.

Our donations will go to The Wamboin RFS, Possumwood and Camp Quality.

We are very appreciative for all the owners and clubs to bring their pride and joy to our little car show. It is very humbling to see your support and enable people to appreciate automotive history. Hopefully many memories and maybe dreams were made.

Once again thank you and maybe see you next year. – **Peter Evans**





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