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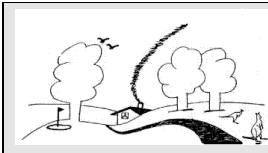
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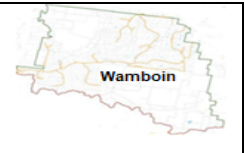
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## Wamboin Community Association

### President's Notes



November already. The year has simply slipped away.

1. **Community Christmas Carols Night.** It's closer than you think – the annual Wamboin Community Carols Night. This is a non-denominational event to herald in the Christmas season. It will be held at the Community Hall (Bingley Way) on **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December beginning at 7 pm sharp.** Once again we have our musicians Poetry In Motion to help us sing carols, and the Sutton School choir will give a performance. The Christmas Play will be performed and there will be a sausage sizzle, cold drinks and fruit platters available afterwards for a **gold coin donation.** As always in Wamboin this is a *cash only event* so bring your gold coins because its all in a good cause as the money goes to the Salvation Army. Entry to the event is a gift under our tree for someone less fortunate for the Salvation Army to collect and distribute – please see the adverts further on in the Whisper. Oh and yes Santa *will* be there, arriving on a firetruck to hand out gifts to all the children. So come and be a part of this special event. Its a great way to begin the Christmas season. Any questions about the event or the Play please contact me **Jenny Richards on 0490020165.** Hope to see as many of you as possible there especially those with younger children.
2. **Christmas Mail Box or Entrance Decoration Competition.** Once again Gail Ritchie-Knight will be running the Xmas mailbox or entrance decoration event. Gail will have information regarding this event further in this edition of the Whisper and prizes will be awarded at our Christmas Market on 20<sup>th</sup> December. The prizes are great so please think about entering.
3. **Monthly Meetings.** Just a reminder to everyone in the Community that the Wamboin Community Association holds its monthly meetings every month at the Community Hall at **7:30 pm on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month.** If you have a question please feel free to come along and ask. Everyone is welcome.  
Well that's all for me. Hope to see many of you at our Carol's Night on the 5<sup>th</sup> December.  
**Jenny Richards – President.**

## Wamboin Community Carols Night

Its 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 non-denominational 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 **5th December 2025 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**

**Friday, December 5<sup>th</sup> 2024 @ 7:00pm**

**At Wamboin Community Hall, Bingley Way**

**Everyone is invited to come along and:**



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This month has been a busy one!

### Greenways Gate Relocation


With efforts of the BCA, the gate at Les Reardon Reserve has been moved approximately 20 metres to the left due to erosion concerns. Please take care when visiting, as signage and track adjustments are still underway.


### Christmas Driveway Competition Returns

And in another collaboration between Bywong and Wamboin Community Associations, the Wonderful Women of Wamboin are once again hosting the festive driveway decorating contest! Dress up your gate or letterbox, snap some photos, and enter to win one of the fabulous prize hampers sponsored by the BCA and WCA.

### Bywong Community Xmas Drinks - Save the date!

Join your neighbours for the annual BCA Christmas Drinks at the Bywong Hall.

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-Justin



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**Callouts and what we have been up to.** Since the last whisper, the brigade has been busy with training and call outs for 4 x MVA's.

**We will be in the "Bush Fire danger period" until at least 31 March 2026.** For the month of October, Wamboin brigade had the most permits applied for out of the 22 brigades in the Lake George District, which also happened during the last fire season on many occasions. Some applicants said there wasn't enough time in the 6 month "off season" to burn off, but the majority of residents were able to do so successfully in that period, without the need for a permit. October 25 proved itself to be the windiest month of the year, so not really suitable for those with permits, and many permits were suspended because of dangerous weather conditions. Remember, an application for a permit, is not an approval to burn or any guarantee that your application will be approved. The Bungendore waste transfer station will take green waste free of charge, so in many circumstances, a better solution to disposing of unwanted vegetation. Some residents will wait until the end of the BFDP with a pile they have, and by then it will have dried out completely. We appreciate those that do burn off in the "off season", as this does take some workload away from the brigade.

**Preparation for the Bushfire period.** We hope that most residents now know the "drill" of what to prepare for. One thing we see regularly is accessibility restrictions for fire trucks. 3.5 metres wide and 4 metres high as a minimum is what we need



to get a tanker in and out safely (not just the gate), but all road/track access, up near buildings and be able to turn an 8 metre long vehicle. Our driver will assess a property on arrival, and will not risk damaging communication aerials, satellite antennas, mirrors, lights or equipment attached to a tanker.

Ensuring your property can be easily identified can save your life or save vital minutes if a fire is involved. A reflective number, with large numbers (75 to 100mm) and if possible, seen from either direction of your road is a must. Most sign makers can easily make these for you at a reasonable price.



Make sure you have a fire plan. Get one online or pick one up from the

brigade at the Wamboin markets. A plan is something that when done, gives you and your family clear instructions as to what everyone has to do, where to go, or meet in a place if you can't all get home at the same time. Mobile phones, internet, and other forms of communication do fail, more often when overloaded and when there is an emergency like a bushfire. Power to your home can be cut during a fire. Always have a backup like power banks or other means to charge your devices. If you lose



communications, ABC 666 radio will have alerts and advice when bushfires occur in the area. A portable radio with spare batteries is important to have. Keep your house surrounds tidy and clean your gutters often. Leaf litter in a gutter will easily ignite and possibly spread flames into your roof space if you get an ember attack from a bushfire. Keep grass around your home cut frequently. Native animals will generally help you if you keep it short. There is plenty of information available from your brigade on preparing your property. Reach out at our Community Engagement days at the Wamboin Markets!

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

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Back in March 1867, three months before Sutton was gazetted as a village, a meeting at Woodbury decided that the unused Wesleyan Chapel at Newington should be moved to Sutton, where it would be used for church services. So at a cost of £60 the first building in Sutton was erected. Being the only building in town, it was used for church services and as a school for the next 10 years. By 1877 it was deemed to have deteriorated so much that it was unusable.

Now at this stage the local people wanted to continue church worship, so services were transferred to private homes, shops, or wherever was needed, depending on your preferred religion. In 1901 the Methodists built a chapel at Woodfield. Later the C of E's decided they couldn't be outdone, so with strong encouragement from Mrs Jane McInnes, they trumped the Metho's by building a church in the village. It was dedicated to St. Peter and consecrated in 1908 and was used regularly until it was attacked by White Ants in 1924. In 1925 a brick and render building was built to replace the condemned building which then had a reprieve as it was bought and moved to Tallagandra where it was used as a storeroom until consumed by the 1979 bushfire.

The replacement 1925 church building is still in use today, 100 years later. The Foundation stone was laid on 19 September 1925 (which was a Saturday) so on 21 September 2025, 100 years and a few days (this year the 19<sup>th</sup> was a Friday so we couldn't be exactly 100 years as we were all busy elsewhere) after that momentous Sutton event, a celebration was held to mark the occasion. The Anglican Bishop of Canberra Goulburn, Bishop Mark Short, joined the present day congregation, along with many other local residents and visiting past congregation members, to celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the stone laying event. The little church was once again nearly bursting at the seams as it would have many times during its century of life. We prayed for past members, sang hymns, and heard reminiscences of life in the church over the years. (However we did not freeze as the old-timers did because we now have heating.)

Following the service we all trooped next door to join with the Bishop as he dedicated and blessed the new church hall, which finally has been completed after many years. (This compares to the four months it took to build the church- guess they didn't have Council regulations or inspectors 100 years ago.)

When all were assembled the Bishop took his staff and knocked it against the door frame. Most of the oldies expected him to burst into singing 'I'm going to knock on your door' [Eddie Hodges 1961], but to their dismay he just said 'Let the door be opened'; probably because that is what was printed on his script. Inside the hall, the Wardens were thinking to respond by providing a choral rendition of the Hallelujah Chorus, but thought maybe that would go on for too long. So common sense prevailed and they simply opened the door. Bishop Mark then blessed and dedicated the new building, then all moved inside to the sounds of many 'oohs' and 'aahs', as well as the typically Aussie, 'wow'. Whether these were in response to the magnificence of the building, or the sight of the buffet lunch, we are not sure.

We all talked and ate and talked some more and listened to stories told by Ron Hardy and Peter Cartwright of their memories of their early church life at St Peters. This then led to discussing the attempts over many years to provide a toilet for the use of parishioners. This hall building in which we were gathered had over the years evolved from the planned provision of a simple toilet.

Thanks to decrees by Council, we have a building which is above the 100 year flood level and specifically built to survive a Tropical Sutton cyclone. And additionally we are the proud owners of the world's largest toilet (maybe). We had to modify the plans (twice) and now there are three toilets because Council said we must have at least one ambulant toilet and one accessible toilet (which had to include a shower). As a result, this accessible toilet is big enough to position a table and chairs then hold a meeting of 6 or 8 persons - plus one on the throne. I suggest no one use this toilet cubicle, if you are desperate, as it is a long hike from the door to the bowl.

Finally the congregation have their long awaited toilet. So we have banished the outdoor dunny, with its resident redback family, to the far reaches of the block. So the hall is finished, dedicated and ready for use by church members and by the community. – **Alan Rope**



## Wamboin Home Produce and Craft Market

**Saturday 15 November 2025 9-12md**

**Contact: Meriel Schultz 042 261 4304 Email:**

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The October market was busy and lively. Despite competing with the Murrumbateman Field Day it was a very full hall with some new stall holders. We were registered as part of the QPRC Arts Trail which brought some new faces through the hall. Next year, perhaps we could add a small art and photography exhibition to our market and other activities to encourage people to visit Wamboin! Any ideas for this - welcome.

Please check out the photos and range of stalls plus news about the markets on the Wamboin Market Facebook page. Either google 'Wamboin Market' and follow links to the Facebook postings or put in: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61571684975208>

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## Nature Notes – October 2025

Jo Walker

The temperatures are beginning to edge up – some a bit high for this time of the year- but we've had enough rain to keep the ground fairly moist and the countryside green. The worst part of the weather was the occasional strong winds. A lot of the land in Wamboin has shallow soils, causing tall eucalypts to extend their roots outwards rather than deeply down – and this makes them prone to falling in high winds.

The local Wattles have finished flowering and are now developing lots of seed pods. But, *Pomaderris angustifolia* bushes are bearing lots of small cream flowers. There are extensive patches of these plants growing along Sutton Road.

*Hardenbergia violacea* (False Sarsparilla) is displaying its bright purple flowers. It grows along the banks of Norton Road at the Sutton Road end, but is often a climber that twines its way through local shrubs. Another more delicate climber, also in the pea family, is the Twining Glycine (*Glycine clandestina*). It has smaller mauve flowers and trifoliate leaves and is a quite robust climber.

Peas with flowers in the yellow/orange range are also flowering, the most noticeable being the Leafy Bitter-pea (*Daviesia mimosoides*) which grows into a shrub a metre or more tall. The much smaller Showy Parrot-pea (*Dillwynia sericea*) is also flowering. And the similar-sized but bushier Heathy Bush-pea (*Pultenaea procumbens*) is covered in orange-yellow flowers.

It's been a good year for the Common Buttercups (*Ranunculus lappaceus*) growing in a moist area below my dam. The bright yellow flowers are dotting an extensive area – just over a hundred flowering at present.

It's a good time for the daisies too. Hoary Sunray (*Leucochrysum albicans*) can be seen growing all along Norton Road near Valley View Lane. And there are lots of minute blue flowers appearing on the tiny plants of the Narrow-leaved New Holland Daisy (*Vittadinia muelleri*). An interesting and much taller daisy shrub (up to about two metres) grows locally in forest areas and is bearing clouds of white flowers right now. This one is *Olearia lirata*.

It's time to keep an eye out for movement on local roads as more wildlife ventures out. I've already moved a Shingleback Lizard and a Long-necked Turtle to safety and have seen a Pacific Black Duck with a line of little ducklings following her and an Echidna on a road verge. We need to take care of our wildlife neighbours. Part of the satisfaction of living in such a wonderful place as Wamboin is watching them go about their lives close to us.

### WAMBOIN WEATHER – rainfall and temperature records

(50 years from Cooper Road) by Christine Rieber

#### October Rainfall Stats

October rainfall to the 26<sup>th</sup> ..... 20.0mm  
2024 total rainfall to 26/10 ..... 489.0mm

#### November Rainfall Stats

2024 November rainfall ..... 83.0mm  
Wettest November ..... 200.0mm in 2021  
Wettest day ..... 77mm on 19/11/86  
Driest November ..... 0mm in 1982

#### November Temperature Stats

2024 November maximum ..... 32.8°C  
Hottest November day... 39°C (2 times) on  
27/11/97 & 21/11/19  
Hottest November night... 22°C 26/11/02  
Average day (max.) temperature... 22.4°C  
Warmest November ..... 1982 and 2009  
82 (Av. day temp. 26.8°C & night 12.5°C)  
09 (Av. day temp. 26.2°C & night 12.7°C)

Average October rainfall ..... 61.1mm  
2024 October rainfall ..... 30.0mm  
2024 total rainfall to 26/10 ..... 550.5mm  
49yr Av. to end of October ..... 559.9mm

Average November rainfall ..... 79.8mm  
Average no. rain days in November... 9.5  
Highest no. rain days ..... 19 in 1992  
Lowest no. rain days ..... 0 in 1982

2024 November minimum ..... 6.0°C  
Nov. 2024. Av. max 26.4°C & min 11.6°C  
Av. Nov temp... 16.2°C (day+night comb.)  
Coldest November day ..... 9°C (2 times)  
on 11 & 12/11/13  
Coldest Nov. night ..... -1°C on 1/11/16  
Average night (min.) temperature.. 10.0°C  
Coldest November ..... 1992  
Av. day temp. 18.8°C & night 8.5°C  
(lowest 6.5°C in 13)

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## How do I care for my Landcare plants? The potted edition

By Leanne Brown

Around this time last year, our Landcare Whisper article gave you some advice on how to plant and care for your Landcare plants. The first piece of advice was to plant as soon as you can. What if you can't plant straight away? Then watering is key. Here are some pointers to help maintain your plants in their tubes (pots) for a short while if needed.

**Watering.** Make sure you water your plants at least once each day, twice on hot days if possible. Our plants are grown in forestry tubes, about 12cm tall and 4cm wide. The long, narrow shape of tubes can make it hard to get enough water into the pot. Watering needs to be below the leaves direct to the soil, or the water will simply wet the foliage and run off. This waste of precious water may create a humid microclimate which makes the plants susceptible to fungal diseases.

Water plants with light, rosette style nozzles to wet the soil rather than jets that can blast the soil out of pots. It might take a few passes to wet the soil properly given the pot is such a small catchment area. Most natives prefer good drainage, so allow water to drain away after watering and avoid leaving the pots to sit in water.

**Location.** Unsupported tubes may be unstable and topple over easily. Keep tubes securely upright to avoid them falling over. Locate them in dappled sunlight. Under a tree canopy or shade cloth that allows for around 50-60% shading is ideal. Be aware of structures such as brick walls or rocks that may radiate heat. This can be useful when it's cold, but plants can overheat if they are baking near a wall during the hottest parts of the day.

If you still can't plant after some time, consider potting into a larger pot as a last resort.

These tips will ensure your plants are jumping from the ground on your block instead of from their tubes! – **Leanne Brown**

Landcare will hold our second plant sale for Spring at the next Wamboin community hall markets on 15 November, 9am-12.00pm.

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## Wamboin Pony Club

WPC have been out and about lately braving the Braidwood weather at Braidwood camp for nearly a week, riders learnt lots and made lots of new friends with smiles on their faces the whole time! Our very own Sammi Quick entered her horse Tiger in the Equimillion showjumping event in Sydney earlier in October and came home with a third place! Massive congrats to Sammi and Tiger!

Pony club NSW is holding their last online school instructors courses for 2025, these being; Silver-29th-30th October Bronze-5th-6th November These are all held over Zoom and are open to all eligible Pony Club NSW members looking to complete your coaching accreditation before 2025 comes to an end!! – **Zara Warren**

## Wonderful Women of Wamboin

October has been a busy month for WWOW. Not only have we had our usual hall catch up on Monday's, but we had a Lunch out at the end of September, and a morning tea at a WWOW's house for the October public holiday. We have another lunch out after our usual hall catch up on the last Monday in October too. Lunch out gives us another social opportunity, whilst also supporting local businesses.

Whilst we have said many times that coming to WWOW doesn't involve bringing a crafting activity, many of our members choose to do so. Recently we have had a number of WWOWs knitting towards making charity blankets. Earlier in the year we were given the opportunity to choose some yarn from a local deceased estate, which we are using for these charity blankets. A number of our members knit the panels and another member stitches them together. We also have a member knitting scarfs for DVCS, some members knit beanies and trauma teddies too. Some members come along for a cuppa and a chat without crafting.

Over the many years of WWOW, we have helped support the local community with not only our craftings, but also running food stalls at local events and helping at local schools. We also started the Christmas Decorating Competition too. Which over the years has seen many community members show how creative they can be. It is a great opportunity for the community to bring some festive cheer to our streets, sometimes humorous too. Now is the time to start thinking about the gate/letterbox decorating competition!! It is only two months till Christmas. Don't forget that both the Bywong and Wamboin Community Associations hold Christmas events which you can attend. Plus the winners of the competition are announced at the December Wamboin Markets.

How do I become a member of WWOW? Turn up to one of our catch ups. We meet most Monday's at the Wamboin Community Hall 10:00 am - 12:00 noon (with the exceptions of the public holidays and the occasional Monday). Drop in when you can and say hi. We post on our Facebook page what we are doing, so please follow s. <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61559480500285> For more information you can contact a WWOW member on 0479 169 874 (Jane) or email [wonderfulwomenofwamboin@gmail.com](mailto:wonderfulwomenofwamboin@gmail.com) - by **Merle Ketley**.



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## Councillor's Column

G'day everyone,

I hope you all had a great October though if you're like me, you missed the memo about the shock return to winter and are wondering if I can wait it out or if I have to get the bag of warm clothes out again! The rain is great for dams and keeping things green but not so great for roadworks so I appreciate your patience as crews work to get repairs and works done in between the wet days.

The last month has been busy with committees, community events and Council work taking up lots of time. We started the month with International Day of Older Persons – a day when we recognise the impact of older persons in our community. It's something I'm passionate about and as Chair of the Seniors Advisory Committee I'm interested in doing some work on how we can make our region even more seniors friendly and ensure that people can stay in their homes for as long as they want to – something that is a challenge in Wamboin, Bywong and the surrounds given maintaining a property can be a hard ask. I look forward to talking to you about some ideas I have and getting your feedback.

Unsealed road maintenance has been—and remains—one of the issues I hear the most about in and around our area. For many years, Council has had a policy for how it dealt with unsealed roads which I was not satisfied with. After a lot of good work from our Council staff, a policy which I believe better addresses the way our regional and rural road networks are maintained has been developed. In the most recent Council meeting, I strongly advocated for the enhanced and more proactive approach to the Unsealed Road Grading Policy. I highlighted specific examples provided by residents (thank you to everyone who shared photos and feedback with me!) to underscore the need for consistent, high-quality maintenance. The policy is open for your feedback and will remain open for a few more weeks so I'd encourage you to have your say on the Your Voice part of Council's website.

I'm really pleased with a recent initiative I brought forward to deliver a youth hub for Bungendore. There's not much for young people to do in Bungendore and as the town grows, this needs to change. Following discussions with residents, parents, teachers, community leaders and local young people I brought forward an idea to provide fee-free space at the Community Centre to serve as Bungendore's Youth Hub. I'm in discussions with community groups about how to deliver this initiative and look forward to the seeing it up and running. It's turned my mind back to what we could do for young people in Wamboin and as I begin to develop my budget bids for the next budget I'd like to hear if you have any ideas so please get in touch.

Over the last weekend speaking to some RFS crews I was shocked to learn how many fires they'd been responding to already. It was a good reminder that we are in fire season (despite the cold and rain outside as I write this) and to be prepared. Please have a chat to one of our awesome local RFS crew members if you haven't got a fire plan already.

Finally, if you haven't already heard, the Australia Day awards nominations are now open! I was pleased to advocate for new categories of Community Group of the Year and Senior Citizen of the Year. They'll join the Young Citizen, Citizen and Event of the Year in Braidwood, Bungendore, Captains Flat and Queanbeyan. On Australia Day 2026 we'll celebrate them and the way they've made our community even better. If you know someone who should be recognised, please nominate them via the Council web page.

Thanks for reading and as always, please get in touch if I can assist you with any issues.

p.s. If you wrote the sign on Norton Road asking drivers to slow down for the lovely family of ducks that take their lunch on the road verge then thank you. That kindness makes me smile knowing I'm part of this community.

Cheers, **Ross, Councillor Ross Macdonald**, [ross.macdonald@qprc.nsw.gov.au](mailto:ross.macdonald@qprc.nsw.gov.au)

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## Our Federal MP's Report

As the weather gets warmer, it's been good to see more people out and about in the mighty Eden-Monaro. The school holidays are over, and Year 12 HSC exams are underway - good luck to all our students sitting their HSC!

October is the start of the Show season – the Bungendore Show is on 26 October, and the Queanbeyan Show 8-9 November – these are fantastic community events, and I would encourage everyone to get along and support your local Show! You can find a full list of shows on the AgShows NSW website at: [www.agshowsnsw.org.au/shows/all-shows](http://www.agshowsnsw.org.au/shows/all-shows)

The Australian Government is taking world-leading action to reduce online harms experienced by young Australians, by introducing a minimum age for social media.

From 10 December 2025, social media platforms will need to take reasonable steps to prevent Australians under 16 from having a social media account. Importantly, the onus will be on the social media companies to follow the law and ensure their users are over 16.

Delaying access to social media until the age of 16 will protect young Australians at a critical stage, giving them three more years to build real world connections and online resilience.

Thank you to members of the community who have made their concerns about the proposed Tarago incinerator loud and clear. I fully support the concerns raised and have made my own submission to the NSW Government Select Committee Inquiry on Proposed Energy from Waste Facilities.

I reiterate that I am categorically opposed to waste to energy in our region and have contacted the NSW Premier and Planning Minister on several occasions to voice my concerns. Sydney's waste is Sydney's problem. Regional NSW cannot be the default location for facilities that metropolitan areas reject.

This project has no social license, no regard for health or environmental risks, and is at-odds with the move towards circular economy.

**Submissions are due by 31 October 2025**, and I encourage anyone in the community who is concerned about this issue to also make a submission via this QR code:

And finally, my latest Seniors and Pensioners Kit is now available. The Kit is filled with clear and

up-to-date information on health concessions, financial assistance, and local services to support you, your family, and your friends. You can pick one up from my Queanbeyan Office or contact my office and I will pop one in the post to you.

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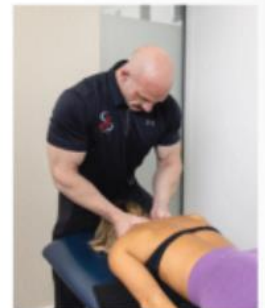
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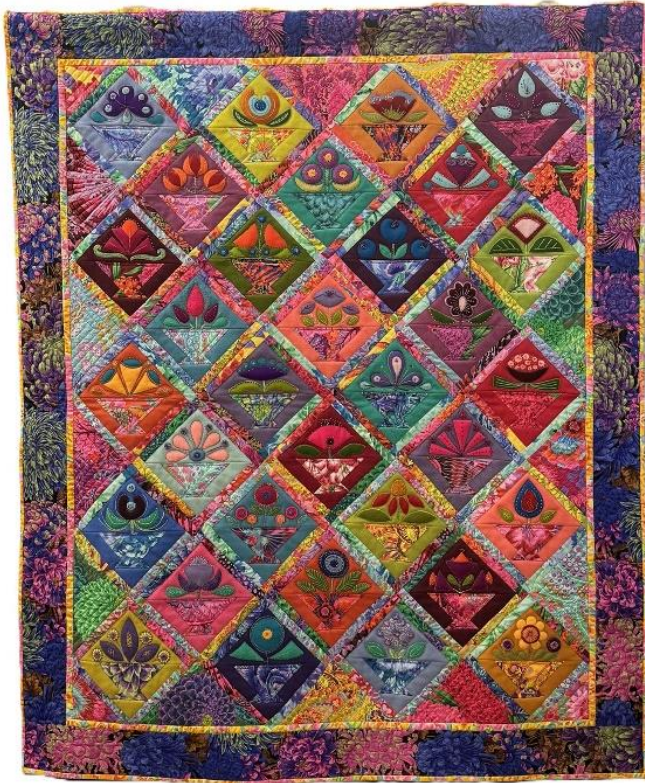
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## Bungendore Quilters Annual Quilt Exhibition

The Bungendore Quilters 18th Annual Exhibition will be held on Saturday 22nd and Sunday 23rd November 2025. Come along either Saturday or Sunday (or both!) to see what our members have been up to during the year. Featuring displays of handmade quilts, patchwork and textiles, it has become one of the signature events for Bungendore and draws visitors from across the state, and beyond.



The exhibition includes a members' challenge, raffle quilts, viewer's choice, quilt block hunt and guessing competition. We will also have some 'make and take' mini workshops over the weekend. We have a sales table providing good quality, handmade craft which make ideal gifts for Christmas. Our members come from around the region, including not only Bungendore but Wamboin, Bywong, Queanbeyan, Canberra and further afield. We will also have some items made by our junior members on display too.

Each year Bungendore Quilters holds a raffle to raise funds for our gift quilts and other projects as well as to continue to hold our annual exhibition. We have three prize quilts for our raffle this year and you can see them on our website. Tickets are \$2 each and are available until the end of the exhibition on the Sunday. You can also buy raffle tickets before the exhibition at the Bungendore Markets or at the Wamboin Markets (from the Sweet Treats Stall, which one of our junior member's runs). The raffle is drawn on the Monday after the quilt show and winners are notified by phone and published in the *Regional Independent*.

well as our own members such as renowned quilter Chris Gillespie, who was last year's guest exhibitor and our current President.

This year our guest exhibitor is another local from Bywong, and a Bungendore Quilters member. Merle Ketley is a designer and an award winning sewer, who makes interesting art pieces, as well as costumes, clothing, toys and now quilts. She uses interesting materials to make costumes, such as metal fly screen, as well as plastic sleeve folder covers. Currently she is collecting used sewing thread bobbins, broken tape measures and empty sewing machine packets. If you have any at home come along to the exhibition and bring them with you.

You can see some of the amazing quilts our members have made for past exhibitions on our website. There is a wide variety of quilt designs on display every year, making the viewer's choice a challenging task.

The exhibition is held in the Bungendore War Memorial Hall in Molonglo Street, Bungendore. Opening hours are: Saturday 9:00 am - 6:00 pm and Sunday 9:00 am - 4:00 pm. If you would like to know more about our exhibition or the Bungendore Quilters, please check out our website where you can find our contact details and more information about our sew and chat days. <https://www.bungendorequilters.com.au> - Jane Bloomfield, Exhibition Committee

**Image: Viewer's Choice from the 2024 exhibition. *Little Baskets on the Go*, by Jo Tregear**

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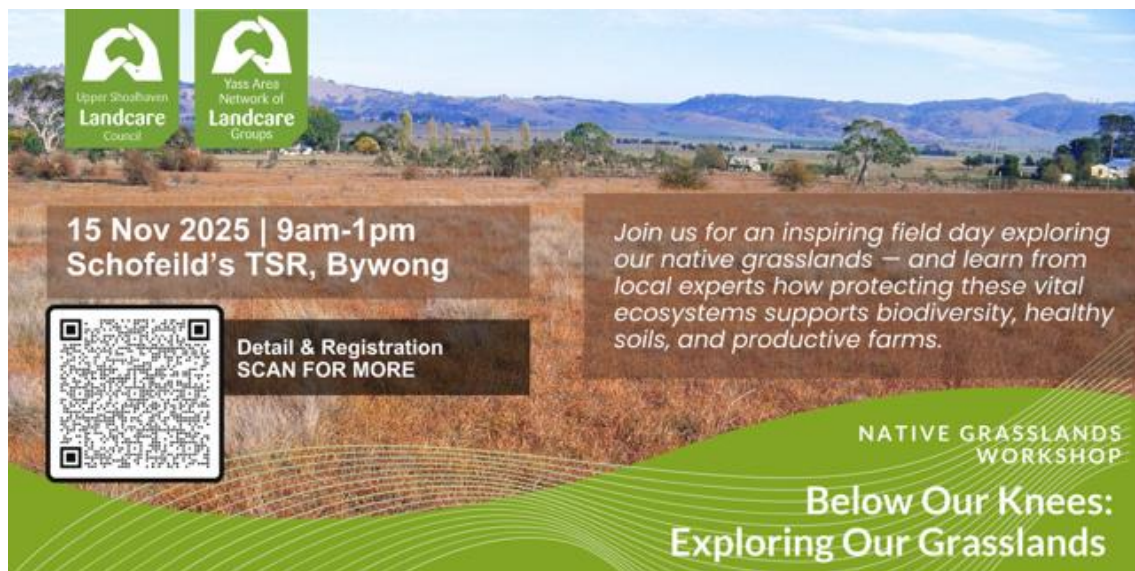
**Date:** Saturday 15 November, 9am–1pm, with morning tea and lunch included.

**Location:** [Schofield's Travelling Stock Reserve \(TSR\)](#), near Bywong

**Find all the details and register here:** <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/below-our-knees-exploring-our-grasslands-tickets-1826500033769>

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## Kowen Kapers - Glenburn Shearing Shed

Back in their heyday, shearing sheds were more than industrial buildings. In many respects, they were the heart and soul of the local community. As well as shearing sheep, the buildings were used for hosting dances and other celebrations during the shearing season. They became an important meeting point for people far removed at other times of the year. This would certainly have been just as much the case here in Kowen, as it was elsewhere.

Bulbeck & Boot (1990) suggest that John McInnes built the woolshed in the 1880s, making it one of the oldest in the ACT. Colin McAlister (2007) has provided later research that suggests that the central part of the woolshed may date even further back into the 1860s. Most of the present structure and associated sheep dip and yards are of later construction. The shed itself has been subject to extension and repair resulting in a mixture of original and later materials. Many of the additions were added during the post-war wool booms of the 1920s and 1950s. Glenburn shearing shed had its heyday in the wool boom of the 1950s when up to 10,000 sheep were shorn each season with sheep brought in from across the region.

Inside the shed there are several sheep and wool storage pens, wool classing tables and three wool presses. Moreover, the shearing equipment (overhead Lister mechanisms) originally installed 1922 (over 100 years ago!) is still in working order. Outside the shed are sheep yards and a plunge dip that was used to treat parasites.

Alongside the shed are the shearers' quarters which were constructed in 1950. Prior to that, shearers were accommodated in the Glenburn homestead. The corrugated iron building has six rooms and a hip roof (a four-sided roof with sloping sides) with two brick chimneys. There are six bedrooms with only external access (no internal access between rooms) as well as a communal living room and kitchen. An additional two bedrooms were later added as an extension. On the eastern side of the building you'll find another small brick and corrugated iron building with an iron roof that served as the meat safe. Other buildings in the complex include a laundry/shower block and the remains of a pit toilet.

By the turn of this century, the buildings were no longer used and had become neglected and vandalised. However, with heritage listing in 2015, conservation works have been carried out throughout the precinct, including on the shearing shed complex.



*Inside the shearing shed*



*Shearers' accommodation*

**Directions** to the west gate of the Glenburn Heritage Precinct can be found in the June edition of the *Whisper* via the Wamboin Community Association web page. From the gate follow Charcoal Kiln Rd east for 900 metres and take the mown path north to the shearing complex. – **Peter Komidar**

## Can you create an article, drawing, poem or short fiction piece that will make the December Whisper a good experience for Bywong and Wamboin residents?

This November issue, like every other issue, exists only because over a hundred of us contributed an important piece of it. 50+ residents put a copy in 1300+ mailboxes or divided up a batch of 200 or so into smaller quantities for other residents to put into mailboxes. 35 or so persons paid to run an ad their services and gave over the money that has paid for 1,370 for printed copies. 40 or so took the time to write an article or invitation or a story in it. Thank you for what you did.

Deadline for the December 2025 issue is 7 pm the last Sunday of November, so November 30.

Guidelines for content that seem to me to work are:

- Written by a Bywong or Wamboin resident and signed as a way to show readers a real person is behind the words
- About or at least related to living in Wamboin and Bywong
- Respectful of the many lifestyles in any group of 1300+ homes
- Not printed elsewhere
- An article, a poem or a drawing or a photo
- A bit of humour almost always helps
- If it is likely to increase your income, run it, but pay for it as an ad so help pay for printing
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## A Proliferation Of Dead And Dying Orphaned Dependent Kangaroo Joeys. What's Happening?

Local property owners have been reporting a proliferation of dead and dying kangaroo joeys during the last couple of months of winter. Some have been brought to our Possumwood Wildlife Veterinary Hospital, but almost all have died within 24 to 48 hours of arrival.

In all cases these have been normally dependent out-of-the-pouch joeys that have been orphaned. They have not had the benefit of mother's milk they would ordinarily have that is so important for their growth at this stage of development. Add to this the particularly bleak winter and the lack of feed in the fields at that time, a heavy burden of various kinds of worms and very high levels of stress have proved all too much for their survival and they just shutdown.

We have collected a lot of blood pathology data from these joeys before they died. Stress levels as measured by the cortisol hormone are generally three to four times the 'normal' level and calcium levels are dangerously low. Usually, the animal dies from respiratory failure. The animals brought to us receive IV and sub-cutaneous fluid treatment and are given calcium supplement, and worming treatment. They are then given lots of follow up TLC by our in-house rehab volunteers to reduce their stress.

The Humane World for Animals (formally the Humane Society) have asked us to continue our research work in this area so we can minimise the losses during future winters. The take home message is that if you see a dependent size joey (6kg to 15kg) by itself looking miserable and lethargic let us know and we will come and collect it. The earlier we can begin treatment the more successful we are likely to be. - **Professor Steve Garlick, Possumwood Wildlife**

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## Bird Of The Month By Luke Downey

For November I chose the Australian Pipit, a common resident of the local grasslands and farmland.

**Australian Pipit (*Anthus australis*)** Size: 16-19cm Status: Common breeding resident

The Australian Pipit is a rather plain, medium sized bird, though they have a lot of character. Its overall buffy brown plumage, with dark streaking across the breast, helps it blend in well with its grassland habitat. It also has long, pinkish legs, a thin pinkish bill, white outer tail, pale eyebrow and face broken by a dark moustachial stripe. Younger birds are more heavily marked and mottled. Pipits are often seen perched up on fences, rocks or other vantage points in open areas, where their upright posture is notable. They forage by running on the ground, taking insects. They will often run in short bursts and if approached tend to run a short distance ahead rather than flushing at first. In flight, they appear fluttery, with a raised head and depressed tail (revealing the white outer feathers). They are usually seen singly or in pairs to loose parties, sometimes forming larger groups. Pipits have a thin, high pitched, quavering call, "tzweeer!", or sometimes a brisk "pip". They frequent open grassy areas such as grasslands, farmland and cropland, recently cleared pine plantations and alpine areas, avoiding more treed areas. There are several similar species

such as the



Singing Bushlark which is a lot smaller and squat, with a heavy, stubby bill, or the Eurasian Skylark which has a crest, stubbier bill, white trailing edge to the wing in flight and heavier, squat structure with short legs and a long hindclaw. Rufous and Brown Songlarks can also look somewhat similar but both are larger, Rufous has a bold rufous rump and plain breast, and Brown has a dark belly patch and appears very large and lanky. All of the larks also have a rather pleasant, rolling melodious song very unlike Pipit. If you are passing through any open grassy areas keep an eye out for Pipits.



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## The Road that Never Was: the Canberra/Wamboin/Millpost/Bungendore road

David McDonald (david@dnmcdonald.id.au)

Earlier this year I discussed, here in *The Whisper*, aspects of Wamboin's 32 roads. But another one was mooted at the time the first sub-division was being planned for our locality. In this 1969 *Queanbeyan Age* article, the 'residential sub-division' referred to was Majura Heights that later became known as Canberra Country Estates, and then (as now) Wamboin.

### Direct road link possible

*Queanbeyan Municipal Council has asked the National Capital Development Commission if it has any plans for the construction of a direct road linking Canberra with the main coast road near Bungendore.*

*The question was raised by Ald. R. Torrens, who said he had heard that such a road was envisaged and that businessmen in Yass Road, Queanbeyan, were concerned about the traffic which at present uses this route if future traffic is diverted.*

*The fact is that such a road was first mooted several months ago by Yarrowlumla Shire Council, which has already carried out some preliminary investigations.*

*The proposed route moves from Canberra's northern suburbs along the northern boundary of Fairbairn airport, moving into Yarrowlumla Shire a short distance before its projected junction with the Sutton Road.*

*The route then proceeds through the Kowen Forest area linking up with the existing Mill Post Lane, which joins the main coast road about three miles from Bungendore.*

*The proposed road would shorten the distance between Canberra and Bungendore and therefore to the coast by up to eight miles, depending on where the traveller resides.*

*A residential sub-division has already been approved in principle by the shire bordering the Sutton Road and the proposed new route.*

*It provides for the construction of a section of the proposed new road bordering the sub-division to main roads standard.*

*The shire put the proposal to the NCDC, which advised last meeting that it believed the long range growth of traffic east from Canberra and particularly to the coast, will call for the planning of an improved road system.*

*The Commission stated it would be pleased to maintain liaison with the shire council on the matter.*

The matter was still a live one in 1974, two years after the first homes had been built in Wamboin:

### Road to bypass

*Proposals to construct a direct road from Canberra to join the present coast highway at Burbong have been under consideration for some years, according to the Department of the Capital Territory. In a letter to Queanbeyan City Council, the Department said the proposed road appeared the most sensible approach to the overall problem of traffic in the Queanbeyan area. The Department was acknowledging receipt of a copy of the Pak Hoy report on traffic in Queanbeyan. It said many of the issues which had been raised concerning traffic between Canberra and the South Coast infringed on the responsibilities of the National Capital Development Commission. A copy of the report had therefore been forwarded to the NCDC requesting that it maintain liaison with council in the development of any proposals. Yarrowlumla Shire Council has had correspondence with Commonwealth authorities on an alternate direct route by-passing Queanbeyan and has suggested it pass through the Kowen area, joining the existing road near Bungendore.*

Sources: 'Direct road link possible', *Queanbeyan Age*, 25 March 1969, p. 1, <http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article271540727> and 'Road to bypass', *Queanbeyan Age*, 6 March 1974, p. 11.

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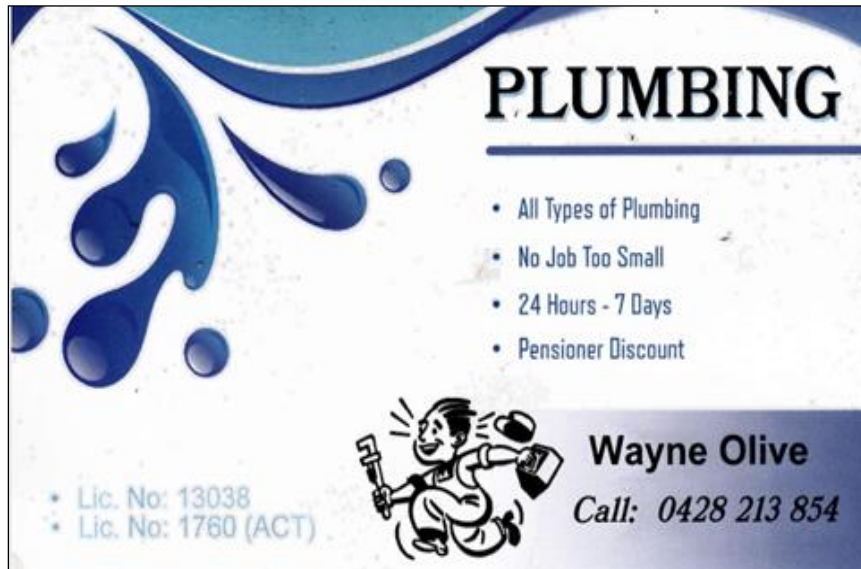
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**QPRC Mobile Library:** The QPRC Mobile Library bus will be at the Wamboin Hall from 10.30-11.30am on Thursday 13 and 27 November 2025, and then fortnightly. I would encourage Wamboin residents to visit this wonderful resource. The staff who work on the mobile library are extremely helpful and can help with all enquiries. After you have visited the library drop into the Social Group and have a cuppa. – **Narelle Pumphrey**

**Wamboin Thursday Social Group:** The Thursday Social Group operates every Thursday morning from 10 - 12 noon at the Wamboin Hall, Bingley Way. If you have a Thursday morning free, we would love to have you pop in for a tea/coffee and a game of scrabble, rummykub, Mexican trains, mahjong or other game that you might like. Men and women are welcome to attend which provides a wonderful opportunity to network with other residents living in the Wamboin and surrounding areas. The group is grateful to Queanbeyan Palerang Regional Council for the recent approval of a funding grant which will cover the venue hire for the group and ensures that the group is able to continue to operate. If you have any questions about the group, don't hesitate to give me a call on 0438 917206. – **Narelle Pumphrey**



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## Wamboin Golf. October

Sunday 5 October saw 10 players front the starter for the Octoberfest Wamboin Golf competition. The sponsors this month were Pete, Barb and Steve Harrison. We thank them for the prizes and refreshments. Pete declared the event would be 'Stableford' and the captain had the trusty computer ready to do the calculations.

The nine-hole competition was played using the Western course this month, and as usual the holes were in great condition. Ken G (16 points) took out the competition from Vicki S (10 points). Unfortunately, due to sponsors not being eligible for prizes Pete (19 points) missed out on taking out the win, but will be rewarded with a handicap reduction for next month's Open championship.



The junior competition was taken out by Robert T with 17 points. Robert is to be congratulated on his performance in recent Jack Newton Junior Golf tournament and we look forward to hearing about his future competitions. The 18-hole competition was taken out by Tim B (39 points) from Paul G (34 points) and Dave H (28 points). Tim's off the stick score (71) was an equal course record. Ball winners for longest drives and nearest the pins went to: Col (2), Tim (4), Paul, Robbie and Dave.

The googly ball was not awarded this month but given some of the stories being told it was mentioned that perhaps a BS trophy could be established!! The dummy spit was shared Larry (my longest drive was scrubbed off) and Steve questioning how Col could possibly have a handicap over 20. The dummy spit commenced with Tim B (something to do with new strides and pine poisoning, before moving to the lack of shade on the refurbished course at the Masons). It was then handed to Neville S for the reduced challenge on the

refurbished holes due to the lack of a pine forest. Robert Thompson provided us with a joke regarding the relationship between a golf umbrella and the forecast.

Next month, the November event will be the Wamboin Open, sponsored by the golf club. We hope you can join us at the community hall at 12.15pm on Sunday, 3 November for the usual 12.30pm start. - **Ken Gordon**





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