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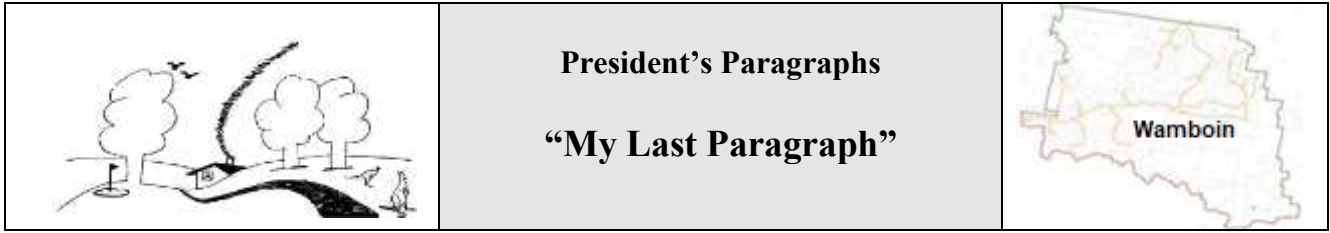
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Well, it's a bit sad for me to say but this will be my last Presidents Paragraph. After five years, I will not be standing again for President or the WCA committee. I have really enjoyed my time on the WCA but after a few recent things, I think it is time for some new blood.

I have to take time to thank a few people, David McDonald has been absolutely fantastic and I would not have lasted this long without out David's support and hard work. Behind the scenes David is the rock of the WCA. Diana and Ned are the other rocks, Diana always puts her hand up to get things done and our unsung Whisper editor Ned is nothing short of amazing. Sam and Col have also been there whenever a hand is needed. Without these people the WCA simply would not be what it is. Over the past five years some real stand outs would be Jenny Warren and John Van Der Straaten. Jenny was a whirlwind force and always the most positive "make it happen" person in the room. John was always there for a wise word and fountain of history.

Over the past five years the WCA has undertaken many activities including the Wheels of Wamboin (what started out as just an idea for an extra interest to the markets and an excuse to wash the car and bring it out for a run) now heads into its 7th show (missed one year due to Covid), a bush dance on the eve of Covid (timing is everything), numerous Meet the Candidates (there seems to be an election every six months at the moment), Bonfires/Fireworks, Spring talks (another Jenny W initiative) and Christmas carols. Another tireless and invaluable worker is Meriel our market convenor. Meriel is a powerhouse of enthusiasm, and nothing seems to faze her. Her contribution to the community via the markets is simply amazing.

So, on that note I bid you all farewell (I'm sure I will see many faces around the traps, it's a small planet).

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Wheels of Wamboin – Will be on, election or not on Saturday 21st May 2022 9am to 1pm. Keep your eye on our Facebook page and the website for any changes.

Wamboin Markets – Don't forget the April market day on Easter Saturday.

Wamboin Art Competition – at the June markets, more details this Whisper.

Wamboin Social Drop-In Group – Wamboin Social Drop-In Group – the drop in group is up and running and operates Thursday morning from 10am – 12 noon at the Hall. The group is open to anyone who wants to get out of the house and have a chat over a cup of tea/coffee; join in a game of scrabble, cards, rummykub, triominoes or something else you would like. It is an informal, friendly, atmosphere that caters for both young and old alike, and welcomes new people. Every fortnight the Queanbeyan-Palerang mobile library visits. For further information, please contact Narelle Pumphrey on her mobile phone 0438 917206.

WCA Meeting – Next meeting is the April AGM at 7.30 pm, Tuesday 19th April at the Wamboin Community Hall.

Happy Easter – By the way happy Easter, please travel safe. Enjoy time with family and friends. Now time to put the fire on. Just a little word of advice as I sign off, "don't look back, you're not going that way".

We are Wamboin.

- **Peter Evans –President until April 19th.**

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Car Boot Sale

A small but resolute team of volunteers from the Bywong Community Association rallied at the Wamboin Community Hall on Saturday 19th March to 're-boot' the venerable (?) Car Boot Sale after a COVID- induced gap of two years. Holding the Car Boot Sale in Wamboin alongside the regular Wamboin Market was an experiment hoped to boost both events. While there were reportedly more visitors to Bingley Way than usual, and market stallholders reported increased takings, the Car Boot Sale was smaller than previous ones, perhaps reflecting the rise of online selling of surplus possessions?

However, events are valued just as much by the 'social capital' they build as the dollars they earn, and there were many comments from punters that they were pleased to see the event re-appear once more and had refreshed old acquaintanceships. The morning also provided an audience for local community groups Abbeyfield House, the Bywong-Wamboin Resilience Project and the Possumwood Wildlife Veterinary Hospital to get their important messages out to interested attendees.

Thanks to the Wamboin Community Association for inviting us across, and a huge shoutout to Tim, Greg, Karen, Sharyn, Thelma and John-Pierre of BCA for helping to marshall car boot sellers and eager treasure-hunters, and for running the BCA "Gourmet BBQ" (none of your Big Warehouse cardboard snags here!). We'll hold the obligatory 'post-mortem' and talk about what we might do next year...Feel free to send us your thoughts at the email address below, or if you would like to join the discussion!

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Wamboin Playgroup Update

My name is Zoe and I am the Wamboin Playgroup Coordinator. I have been involved with the Wamboin Playgroup since 2015 and have experienced the great benefits being involved with our local community group. I have personally made local friendships and connections with other parents and carers with children the same age. I love having an event that the children look forward to each week and actually getting them out of the house! And of course, the benefits of my children interacting with other local children, developing friendships that can continue through their childhood and even once they go to school.

Now my two eldest children are at Sutton Primary School, I have taken on the coordinator role with Heidi my 3 year old daughter. Heidi has really enjoyed helping me select cubby furniture and set up the cubby for all her playgroup friends.

Thank you for the toys! It has been a great start to the year! At the beginning of the year our cubby house was an empty shell. Our old furniture had broken down over the years, and we really needed some new play items. With a couple of toy donations from the Bungendore Reuse Centre and locals from the local Buy Nothing Group on Facebook, our cubby is now fully furnished with a play kitchen, cupboards, and table and chairs. We have also set up some chalkboards on the cubby walls and the cubby continues to be a huge attraction for the children as they learn to play and cooperate together.

What we have been up to: After two years of quiet social isolation, Wamboin Playgroup has been rearing to get back into the swing of things. We started back Tuesday the 8th of February and have been pleased to welcome another six carers and eight children to the group.

As there are a few new faces, we have started off the year nice and slow. Getting to know each other and developing friendships. The weather has been fantastic and we have been able to embrace the great outdoors and enjoy our Wamboin community playground, sandpit and all the trikes, push cars and toys stored in the playgroup shed. We prefer to do all activities out of doors, but we do have access to the Wamboin Hall for rainy or cold windy days.

Coming up.. We are going to get out the paints and get our children to do some Easter craft and finger painting as our special activity for the month. If you have children in your care between 0 – 6 years old we invite you to join us! We are a free community group running on Tuesdays between 10am and 12pm at the Wamboin Community Hall. - Zoe Walker

Picture: Xander and Laila testing the new cubby house furniture and chalk boards



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- **Entry forms** can be obtained from Meriel Schultz, Market Convenor at lmsconsulting@bigpond.com
- **Complete an entry form** for EACH entry by **COB Friday 27 May 2022**.
- **Take careful note of requirements and supporting information** sent with the entry form. In particular, note the maximum size for entries in each category. We have limited space for display so complying with these requirements is essential.
- **Return entry forms by email only** to lmsconsulting@bigpond.com

Note: This is the ONLY method of registering to submit an entry

DISPLAY

- Bring your entries to the Wamboin Community Hall on **Friday 17th June** **between 8am and 2 pm** so we can hang/display your contribution.
- You may nominate to sell your entry. Details about sales and pricing are provided in the entry form information. Be realistic!

JUDGING

- Entries will be judged by a panel of local representatives

PRIZES..... will be provided in each category

Notice of the WCA Annual General Meeting - Tuesday 19 April 2022

The next Annual General Meeting of the Wamboin Community Association, Inc. (WCA), will be held in the Wamboin Community Hall, 112 Bingley Way, Wamboin, at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 19 April 2022.

The main business of the AGM will be the election of a new Committee for 2022-23.

Nominations for the election of Committee members should be made in writing, signed by two Association members, and contain the candidates written consent. Nomination forms can be obtained from the Secretary or downloaded from the WCA's website: <https://wamboincommunity.asn.au/communitygroups/index.php?op=wcadocuments> .

The Committee is keen to have some new members, so please consider nominating as an office-bearer or as an ordinary Committee member. You are welcome to contact me or the President, Peter Evans president@wamboincommunity.asn.au , to discuss what Committee membership entails. The WCA and the events it has promoted have been well managed for many years, and the Committee would benefit greatly from some new members to help maintain this momentum.

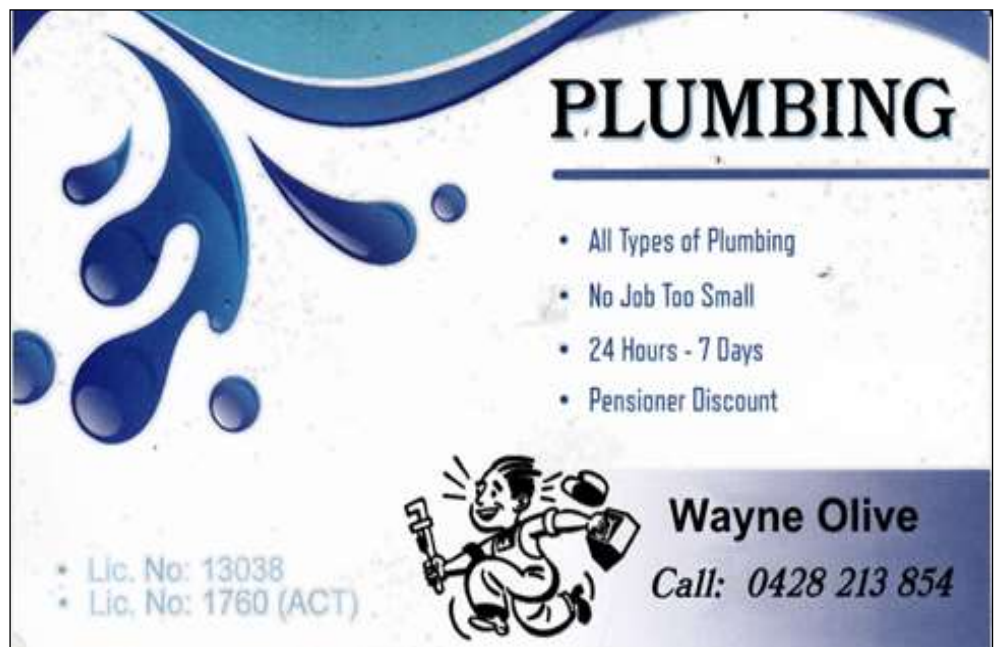
Should any member have any business to be dealt with at the AGM, please advise the Secretary more than 14 days before the meeting, or more than 21 days before if it requires a special resolution.

Agenda: Opening;

Acknowledgement of Country;
Welcome to new members and visitors;
Apologies for non-attendance; Adoption of the minutes of the previous AGM;
Presentation and adoption of the President's, Treasurer's and other reports; Election of the office-bearers of the Association (the president, one or two vice-presidents, the treasurer & the secretary) and at least three other committee members; other matters for which notice has been given; Close of meeting.

-David McDonald, Hon.

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A Special General Meeting of the Wamboin Community Association, Inc. (WCA), will be held in the Wamboin Community Hall, 112 Bingley Way, Wamboin, at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 19 April 2022. It is proposed that the business of the Special General Meeting will be to consider, and vote upon, amendments to the WCA's constitution.

The provisions of the Constitution that are proposed to be amended currently read as follows:

(6) Election of committee members

(7) A person nominated as a candidate for election as an office-bearer, other than the president or vice-president, or as another committee member must have been a member of the Association for at least one year.

(8) A person nominated as a candidate for election as president or vice-president of the Association should have been a member of the Association for at least two years, which should include one year as an office bearer or as another committee member.

Proposal: To amend the text of these two paragraphs so as to read:

(7) A person nominated as a candidate for election as an office-bearer, other than the president or vice-president, or as another committee member, must be a member of the Association.

(8) A person nominated as a candidate for election as president or vice-president of the Association, must have been a member of the Association for at least two years.

Justification statement: The WCA Committee is of the view that, although the restrictions on eligibility for membership of the Committee were useful when they were incorporated into the Constitution over a decade ago, they are now an impediment to the good governance of the WCA. The Committee is keen to see new members nominating for membership of the Committee, including for the office bearer positions, and feels that the current restrictions on nominating need to be reduced. It is expected that doing so will facilitate recruitment to the Committee and office bearer positions.

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Golfers from Wamboin and surrounds gathered on Sunday 7 March for the monthly competition. The sponsors for the month were the Gordon family who provided eats and prizes and declared the event to be stableford.

We thank Lofty Mason for checking in players at the registration desk after Peter Greenwood had claimed to be stuck in Queensland following some rain event. Hopefully he can navigate his way back for the April competition. Glenn Crafter narrowly avoided a one-stroke penalty for an early dummy spit after looking at his handicap prior to leaving the hall, questioning the handicappers decisions and wondering how he was ever going to get a reasonable point score for the day!!

Keith France scored the first hole-in-one that has been recorded on the Wamboin Course since 1992. In that year 2 were recorded on 'Joans Joke' which has since been decommissioned. Keith's drive on Pam Mustons beautifully manicured 'Donkey of Finn' was a definite Wamboin special, cutting through gum leaves, getting a dodgy bounce before rolling straight into the hole. Obviously Keith had taken these local factors into account, so congratulations Keith for your hole-in-one, a feat which the majority of golfers never achieve.

For the competition proper 11 players ventured out onto the course, 8 playing the 18-hole course and 3 playing the 9-hole West course. All were regular locals this month, and our junior golfers had other commitments.

Back at the 19th hole the presentations took place with Vicki Still earning the googly ball for managing to bounce a ball over two players putting out at 'Watergate' on Keith and Kathy's. The ball landed in front of one player who was bending over to take a club out of their bag, bounced over said player, and then bounced over another player standing at the back of the green. Oh to have such control of your shots!

The spit the dummy was shared by Tim Barter and Rob Gorham for varying mishaps on the course. The 18-hole competition was won by Keith France (75/44) from David Bailey (93/42) and Glenn Crafter (77/41) – yes the same player who had the very early dummy spit. The 9-hole competition was won by Joan Mason (43/21) from, well no-one as she was the only eligible player as the other two 9-holers were the sponsors and not eligible for prizes.

A great day, beautiful weather and wonderful company. We look forward to seeing everyone and more back on Sunday 4 April for the Wamboin Mini Masters, sponsored by the Wamboin Community Association. – Ken Gordon

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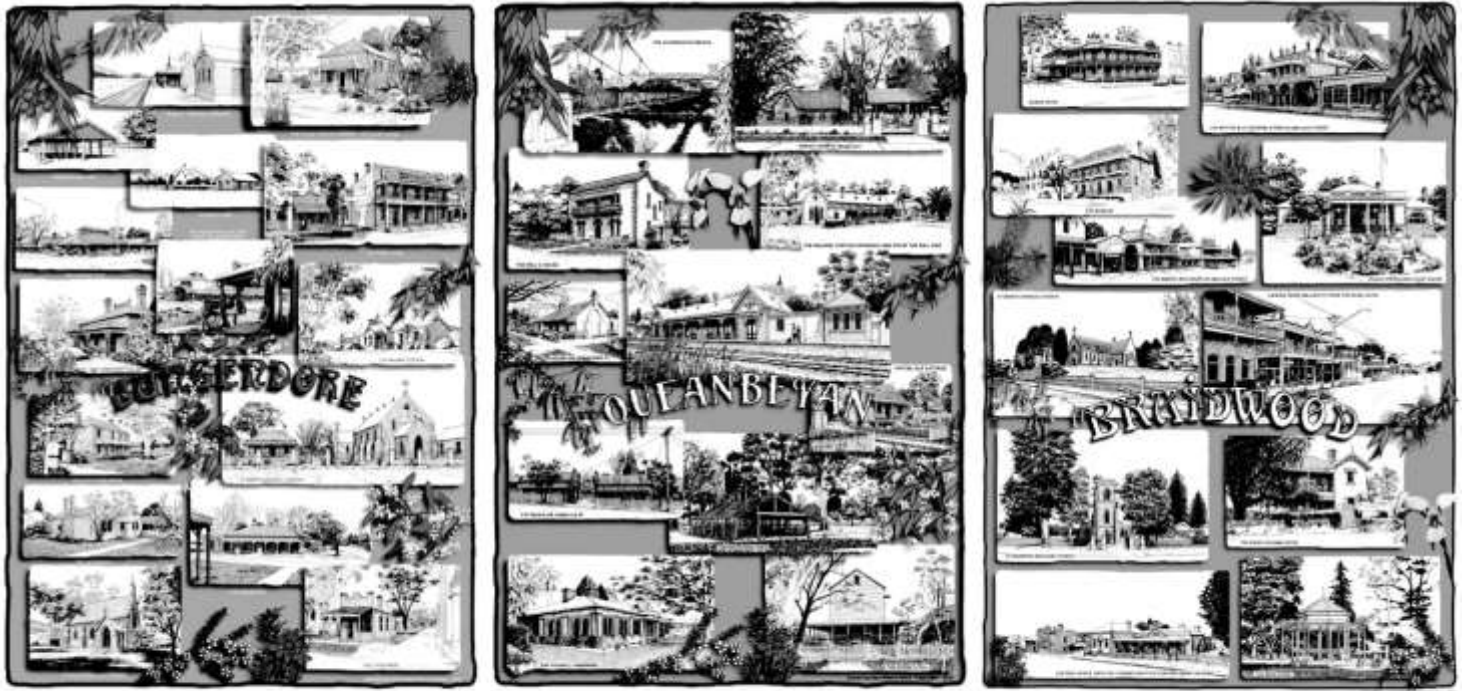
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Tea Towels

Rusden House in Queanbeyan the new council arts centre is holding a tea towel exhibition. From 26th February to 14th May 2022, it is called the *Art of the Tea Towel*. They put the call out last year for submissions of tea towels with a story about the tea towel as its only condition of consideration for the exhibit.

I made a submission and three of my mother's tea towels that I have inherited were accepted for display. There are many lovely designs, some old, some new, some by local artists, some from overseas. When I was dropping off my tea towels in passing I made a comment about the Bungendore Tea Towel and was asked if I would speak about it at the opening. Below is my speech, it was accompanied by Cherry holding up the tea towels I was mentioning and other images I had to show.

"Cotton, linen, waffle-weaves or check.
Hang on this one is still wet.
Plain weave, screen-printed, digital print too.
Bought for a gift, sent overseas, preserved and never used.
Tourist attractions, countries or towns, sent all around the world.
Used in a kitchen fight, where it is often whirled.
On hooks, racks and oven door handles, fundraising and sold in a zoo.
Displayed on walls in homes and now galleries too.

Wash, dried, ironed and folded, on a shelf or in a draw.
Also used on pastry, when it is to thaw.
A household chore, pocket money to earn.
Though sometimes the folding is my turn.
Used till its got holes, so much the print is almost gone.
Then used as a rag or maybe an unused collection passed on.
Each tea towel has a story to tell.
But this one, I used to sell.

Many of you may not know the story behind the Bungendore Tea Towel so I am going to tell you a bit about how it came about. It started with many different things all converging in December 2016. But the glue is John-Pierre Favre (JP for short) who created the tea towel. He is an architect, retired university lecturer, artist and well now a tea towel designer.

In 2015 I approached the Bywong Community Assn about us having a playground at our local hall, as well we didn't have one and my child is playing in the horse riding arena (aged 2) saying "whoo hoo a balance beam playground!"

The association said yes, eventually the hall committee said yes, and well we had lots of planning and fundraising to do. Now JP is a member also of the Bywong Community Assn but in 2016 whilst we were raising funds, he went on an overseas holiday. With bad knees as he put it, many days he would sit and sketch and send these sketches back to his local community, via the local Facebook group. Everyone enjoyed his posts and waited with baited breath for the next sketch to come.

So when JP came home, still with bad knees as he said, he started driving around locally and sketching local buildings and uploading them to the group. Everyone LOVED them! Now with the need to raise funds JP and another local identity Graeme Bamford worked together to create a Bungendore Calendar and some cards to help us raise funds for the playground. JP was so amazed at the sales that he decided that he would create a poster to sell. So at the Bywong Xmas Drinks event he showed Grahame and myself his poster design. In the discussion I said, "That would make a great tea towel" and JP says, "Tea towel, who will buy a tea towel!" So he popped up his poster design on the Facebook group page and asked for design feedback. As the feedback is coming one person writes, that it would make a great tea towel. Next comment was JP saying "Merle, your in charge of tea towel sales." Well once his design was refined he got a sample tea towel to check it and then ordered 200 Bungendore tea towels. But meanwhile he had also been working on a Queanbeyan Poster.

At the Bungendore Country Music Muster February 2017 we were armed with our 200 tea towels, which I had ironed and packaged, and we headed to Foodlovers to sell them. We sold 37 in those few hours and JP was blown away. He did not realise how much love people have for a good tea towel design, particularly a design of their hometown. Emma and Tony at Foodlovers then offered

to sell the tea towels for us to help us raise the much-needed funds for our playground. They were selling like hotcakes, JP needed to get more!

By mid March we had an order of 100 Braidwood Tea towels, 200 Queanbeyan Tea towels and another 100 Bungendore tea towels, as we had nearly sold out of them all!

With the Carwoola Bush Fire, JP wanted to help so we coordinated to sell the Queanbeyan Tea towels to raised money for the bush fire appeal. The Association donated all the profits from the sales (\$2000.00), with the sales being made through Beautiful Gifting in Queanbeyan.

By this staged JP was armed with a Braidwood tea towel already completed and printed. He offered it to the church to help raise funds for their roof, but they were not interested and then went to the tourist information centre to see if they were interested in selling it. Now JP is a pretty straight talker and his conversation didn't go down to well with the lady who was working there that day, and as he put it he was banned from the place! The conversation he said went something like, "your tea towel is horrible, what is with this lady and the guitar". So we then sold these 100 Braidwood tea towels to help us with our playground fundraising. (edit: I forgot Pete Harrison walked into the Tourist Centre immediately after this ecounter!) Later in 2017 JP then created a tea towel for Goulburn, which he donated to Abbelyfield house there to help them raise much-needed funds. As you can see JP is a very generous person and has donated his designs to help these associations and groups raise much needed money.

By May 2017 I had ironed 600 tea towels I don't even iron my own tea towels at home!

The sales were going strong and with grants by the end of 2017 we had a playground...but we were still selling tea towels they were still popular.

With the tea towels that were sold being sent overseas and around the country, in 2019 JP was awarded a *Heritage Award* in the category of *Promotion and Contribution to Heritage*, as well as receiving a *Monaro Service Award* for his contribution over 30 years to the Bywong Community. Bywong Community Inc still has the tea towels to sell and JP is still sketching, but has new improved knees."

In our discussion when we were selling tea towels JP did mention that he was going to make a Canberra Tea Towel, which he has now done. If you would like a tea towel they are still for sale via the Bywong Community Inc. – **Merle Ketley**

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Bird Of The Month

By Luke Downey

For April I chose the Little Corella, a small white Cockatoo often found in large flocks.

Little Corella (*Cacatua sanguinea*)

Size: 35-39cm

Status: Occasional visitor (common breeding resident in Canberra)

The Little Corella is a small cockatoo, with white plumage. They have a blue patch of bare skin around their eyes, and a small amount of pinkish colouration on the face (the level of pink is quite variable), usually between the eye and pale-grey coloured bill. Sometimes the pinkish colouration extends onto the neck. Unlike the similar (and abundant) Sulphur-crested Cockatoo, they lack a prominent yellow crest, but when alarmed they can raise the feathers on their head into a small pointy white crest towards the front of the head.

Little Corellas are in the Cockatoo family (*Cacatuidae*) and have a very similar in appearance to Sulphur-crested Cockatoos. Like other cockatoo species, they have a distinctive and loud call; typically a high-pitched, noisy, obnoxious “corella” (hence onomatopoeic name), but they can also give a variety of other screeching noises, although they are much higher-pitched than Sulphur-crested Cockatoos. These birds are very social, almost always occurring in flocks of varying sizes (sometimes even thousands, though rarely so many locally). They are also very charismatic and very playful, often tussling with each other, and doing acrobatics on perches in trees. The distribution of Little Corellas was once mainly in northern, western, and central Australia, however they have benefitted hugely from human settlement, rapidly expanding into south-east Australia and Tasmania, where they are now quite common. They also now occur in coastal areas, though they are typically more concentrated around townships and areas with plentiful food. They typically feed on the ground, eating a variety of seeds, and also congregate to drink at water sources in drier areas.

In Wamboin, they are rather scarce, although there have been more sightings in recent years, from my observations. They are quite common in the surrounding area e.g. Canberra, Queanbeyan and Bungendore. With their distribution expanding, they now often co-occur with the quite similar Long-billed Corella (*Cacatua tenuirostris*), which can be distinguished by having extensive red around the eye and on the throat, and a long upper mandible of the bill. Long-billed Corellas were formerly restricted in range to a small area in the Riverina and western Victoria, but have expanded their range rapidly to now occur widely through NSW and the ACT, and have established ‘feral’ populations in every state. Long-billed Corellas are much more uncommon locally (I have observed them in Wamboin on one or two occasions), usually co-occurring with Little Corellas. Because they co-occur, extensive hybridisation of the two species has occurred in Canberra area, with hybrids showing characteristics intermediate between both species. The local population now consists of many hybrid birds, alongside a lot of Little Corellas, with a very few pure Long-billed Corellas.



Little Corellas

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less common Long-billed Corella

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Writing something for the rest of us is one way you can do something nice for probably hundreds of persons living in the 1300 or so homes around you. . If you’ve ever appreciated someone else’s effort to make a Whisper interesting, you could repay them by taking a turn. If what you contribute could increase your income or improve your business, put it in, but think about paying for it as an ad.

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Accomplished local government general manager, Ms Rebecca Ryan, has been announced as the new CEO of Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council (QPRC).

Ms Ryan is the current General Manager of Blayney Shire Council. Blayney Shire Council was recently awarded the A.R. Bluett Memorial Award for being the most progressive rural council in NSW, an award also won by QPRC in 2020.

Mayor of QPRC, Cr Kenrick Winchester congratulated Ms Ryan on her appointment and said he, and his fellow councillors, were looking forward to working with her when she commences on 9 May 2022.

'I am delighted to announce Rebecca Ryan as the next CEO of Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council.

'Rebecca is an experienced local government leader and I am excited to work alongside her to continue to drive the organisation towards an exciting future.

'Following the merger in 2016, the organisation has flourished under the leadership of previous CEO Peter Tegart and I am excited by what Rebecca can bring to the organisation as we prepare a new Delivery Program and tackle some important issues,' Mayor Winchester said.

Rebecca holds a Master of Business Administration (MBA) from the University of New England, a Master of Local Government from the University of Technology Sydney, and a Bachelor of Rural Science from the University of New England. In accepting the role, Ms Ryan said she was extremely excited by the opportunity Council has given her.

'I look forward to the move to Queanbeyan with my husband, and leading the organisation into the future, building on the great work that I can see has been achieved over many years, in particular the leadership of Peter Tegart.

'This is an exciting time for Queanbeyan-Palerang with so many opportunities outlined in the Community Strategic Plan. The professionalism and dedication of the Mayor and Councillors is evident, and together we will bring to life these activities and projects.

'I am also conscious that the financial sustainability of the Council is paramount so we can deliver excellent services to our community across the whole council area.'

The staff are key to any successful organisation, and I will be establishing very strong partnerships across all departments. I want to ensure our people have the resources to do their job effectively and to support their professional goals, aspirations and growth.

'One of my first tasks will be to get out and about and meet as many staff, business and community members as I can. I want to hear where Council may improve and they can be assured I am a very good listener, and will be working with Council to build a better Queanbeyan-Palerang,' Ms Ryan said.

The appointment of Ms Ryan comes after a nationwide recruitment process that attracted many high quality applications. Three applicants were interviewed initially, with a final interview held with two candidates on 19 March. - from QPRC website





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For many smaller wildlife species, especially reptiles and echidnas, burn piles provide a safe haven from predators and heat, and they crawl deep within the pile. They can be severely injured or killed when the pile is ignited, so what can you do to make sure they

are not harmed?

The only effective way to ensure the safety of wildlife is to build the burn pile the day you are intending to light it. This minimises the likelihood of animals taking refuge in the pile. It is advisable to thoroughly check any timbers being added to the pile as smaller species such as feathertail gliders and sugar gliders may be nesting in hollows.

If you create a pile over time, it is preferable to move the entire pile prior to burning it. Most pile burns occur around autumn and winter, and at this time many animals are in a state of torpor. This is a condition similar to hibernation, where their metabolism slows down and they sleep for an extended period. These animals have no chance of escaping a fire. Reptiles and echidnas are particularly vulnerable in these circumstances, and it is estimated that many perish in pile burns every year.

If you are unable to move the pile prior to burning, please don't use accelerants such as petrol. It is best to light the pile on one side only to allow any animals within the pile adequate time to escape. Stand to observe the pile on the side that is burning as frightened animals will flee from the nonburning side if they are able to do so.

If an animal is injured whilst a pile burn is being conducted, please contact Wildcare on 6299 1966 immediately. Our Helpline operates 24/7 year-round. Remember, injured animals feel very vulnerable and frightened and need prompt medical assistance.

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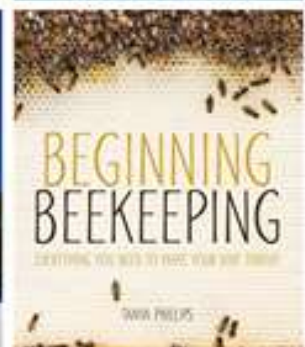
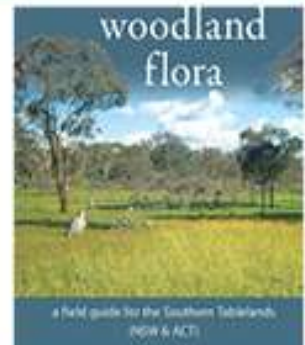
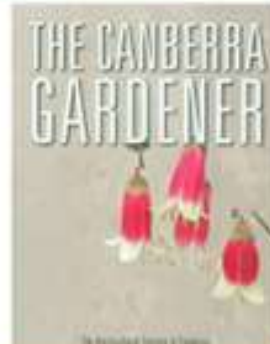
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We had a full hall of stalls and some outside too, with a lot of beautiful fresh garden produce. Stallholders had gone the extra hard yard and made a plentiful supply of home-cooked goodies for hungry visitors and stall-holders to buy. Visitors made good use of the 'café' tables set up outside and enjoyed Lou and Georgia's coffee, the pleasant weather and a chat with neighbours/time with their families. Music from Poetry in Motion added to the ambience and the time went past very quickly – even with the extra hour of market time!

Yes there will be an Easter market, so if you are home and have visitors – come and visit!

This will be followed by the May market which will combine with **Wheels of Wamboin**. We may have to vacate the hall for that one – if the election falls on that Saturday – who would know? However the market will still be on – just out on the oval!

The June market will see the culmination of our **art, photography and sculpture competition** – see elsewhere in the Whisper for details! *See you at the Market!*

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David McDonald

I am pleased to advise that the third edition of an historical timeline of our local area, titled 'A Chronology of Wamboin and District, NSW', is now available at the Wamboin Community Association's (WCA's) website. Visit <https://www.wamboincommunity.asn.au/localhistory/> and navigate through the left-hand-side menus Wamboin Locality | Chronology.

If you have an interest in the history of our area, you are invited to peruse the document, and pass on to me any suggestions for additional entries, additional topics, or other comments on its contents. I can be contacted at phone 0416 231 890, or email david [at] dnmcdonald.id.au. This is the fourth article presenting some items from the Chronology that focus specifically on Wamboin and district, rather than the broader, contextual happenings. It covers 1878 to 1886, and future issues will continue the series. The full version of the Chronology at the WCA website provides the documentary sources (including URLs where appropriate) underpinning these contents and, in some cases, additional information, as well as other entries for the time period covered below.

Date	Occurrence/comment
1878	Epidemic of typhoid fever in Queanbeyan and district.
1878, Jun	The telegraph line reached Bungendore from Goulburn.
1880s	The limekiln on 'Millpost' Station is believed to have operated there from the 1880s to at least 1919. Unfortunately, it is not on the Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council's Heritage Register.
1880	'The Old Coach Road was constructed in 1880 to link the rural settlements of the Canberra/Queanbeyan region to the railhead which at the time terminated at Bungendore' (NTA 2011, p. 13). '... the main route which linked the early rural settlements in the Canberra/Queanbeyan region to Bungendore, Lake Bathurst and eventually Sydney. It was also a link between Bungendore and Gundaroo, offering a much shorter route than the former way via Queanbeyan and Canberra. ... It soon became an important road linking dotted homesteads and isolated rural regions to the railhead at Bungendore after 1885' (ACT 2011, p. 7). From Mulligans Flat to Macs Reef Road and the current Bungendore Road (then called Gundaroo Road).
1881	The first editions of the Parish of Wamboin, Parish of Amungula & Parish of Majura maps published, each priced one shilling.
1881, 12 Sep	Notification of Schofields Travelling Stock Reserve as a Camping and Water Reserve, no. 125, County of Murray. 'Area about 60 acres', i.e. 24 ha. On both sides of Bungendore Road; a triangle with its southern point at the Gum Flat Creek crossing. It is now Travelling Stock Reserve R1002475, category 5, i.e., 'TSRs that are no longer used or valued' for any of the reasons that apply to the other categories. 3.6 ha. And see 14 Aug 1886 when its status and reserve number changed. James Schofield (former convict, b. 1807, Lancashire, England, d. 1901 at Emu Creek, Bywong) and his wife Maria Schofield née Ablett (b. 1815 Richmond NSW, d. 08 Jan 1884 at Creekborough, Bywong), were pioneer settlers of the area. (Source of genealogical data: Ancestry.com)
1882, 22 Sep	Many of the earliest NSW parish maps and other documents recording land dealings, etc., were destroyed when the Garden Palace Exhibition Building in Sydney's Royal Botanic Gardens burned down. Most of colony's official maps were stored there while the Lands Department's building on Bridge Street was being constructed.
1882, 17 Oct	The NSW Surveyor General reported that 'Twenty-two [maps of the] parishes of the county of Murray have been compiled with the assistance of the "trig points," the relative positions of which have been determined by the trigonometrical survey ...' The article adds: 'During 1881, observations of the principle (<i>sic</i>) series of triangles connecting the base lines at Richmond and Lake George were completed. with the exception of those at one station. This long series extending over 250 miles, will supply a reliable test of the accuracy of the whole survey.'
1883, 15 Mar	Michael James Day (1859 - 1924) was granted a Conditional Purchase in the centre of the parish of Wamboin, 640 acres (one square mile). The centre of the block was in the Weeroona Drive/Majors Close vicinity. It was the largest selection granted in the parish during the selection era, the only one of one square mile.
1884 onwards	A large proportion of the land of Wamboin was alienated by means of conditional leaseholds, i.e. an extension of the selection process: 'The [NSW] <i>Crown Lands Act 1884</i> made provision for conditional leaseholds for land adjoining existing conditional purchases. They were not to exceed three times the area of the conditional purchase.'
1885, 4 Mar	Bungendore railway station opened.
1886	Publication of the <i>Picturesque atlas of Australasia</i> which includes the 'Railway postal & telegraph map of New South Wales'. The map shows, <i>inter alia</i> , the postal routes and telegraph lines servicing our district then.
1886, 14 Aug	Notification of Schofields Travelling Stock Reserve as a Camping and Water Reserve, no. 2,141, 'area about 60 acres', i.e. 24 ha. On both sides of Bungendore Road; a triangle with its southern point at the Gum Flat Creek crossing. It is now Travelling Stock Reserve R1002475, 3.6 ha. Initially reserved, with a different reserve number, in the <i>Gazette</i> of 12 Sep 1881.
1886, 10 Oct	St John's Presbyterian Church, 48A Butmaroo Street, Bungendore, was opened by the Rev. Dr. Steel, following the demolition of the original one to allow for the construction of the Bungendore railway station. Construction was financed '.. with compensation funds paid by railway authorities' (Plowman 2008, p. 42). 'The building was owned by the Presbyterian Church until 1997 and was sold to a buyer who lovingly converted it into a comfortable home' (https://www.allhomes.com.au/news/enchanting-former-bungendore-church-775428).

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Nature Notes - March 2022

Jo Walker

The first month of autumn has brought us some warm and pleasant weather, so the trees and shrubs are still putting on a bit of new growth. Not a lot is flowering at the moment, so it's the time of year to appreciate the many different shades of green in the landscape. These include the soft grey-green foliage of the Silver Wattles (*Acacia dealbata*), the bright green Cherry Ballarts (*Exocarpos cupressiformis*) and the many different colours of the new growth on the various species of local eucalypts.

Some of the eucalypts – mostly *Eucalyptus mannifera* (Brittle Gum) – are flowering at the moment, covered in clusters of cream flowers. And, of course, the *Cassinia quinquefaria* bushes are still going strong, bearing dense heads of tiny yellowish-green buds and flowers. In the damper grassy areas there are still a few Golden Stars (*Hypoxis hygrometrica*) providing a bit of colour. The Bluebells (*Wahlenbergia stricta* and *W. communis*) have almost finished flowering but there are still a few spots of blue visible amongst the grasses.

But one flower usually evident at this time of year is largely missing. There are about twenty populations of Little Dumpy Orchids (*Diplodinium truncatum* – previously *Pterostylis truncata*) scattered over my place and, in most years, a sizeable number of the little hooded green and white flowers will appear in most of these. But this year I've only found a dozen over the whole area – almost certainly because some trigger in the weather system didn't occur at the right time.

On the other hand, the Water-lilies (*Ottelia ovalifolia*) have spread along the shallow edges of the dam and produced quite a few three-petalled white flowers. It has large oval leaves floating on the water surface, but the underwater growth is a forest of long, soft strap-shaped leaves. The Long-necked Turtles seem to enjoy this vegetation as there are usually one or two moving around under the surface when I walk past. And the Turtles are obviously breeding here as there were two quite small ones moving through the leaves recently.

There seem to have been a few more small insects around this summer – although Bogong Moths, the large Ghost Moths and Christmas Beetles were mostly absent again. This is probably why I don't hear the Boobook Owl any more. But there do seem to be a few more of the small insectivorous or seed-eating birds around again. There was a small group of about ten Red-browed Finches here the other day, a little bird that used to be here in larger numbers then disappeared – so it was good to see some back again. There were a few Yellow-tailed Black Cockatoos here for a few hours last week – some of them chewing into some woody Hakea fruit. And three Gang-gangs spent a while flying around.

A few years ago, some Bower-birds moved into our road. I was aware that a few had taken over the Burgan bushes (*Kunzea ericoides*) that grow densely along the creek just down from my house as I'd heard them regularly and seen one or two occasionally. But a few days ago there were seven females and juveniles (they have similar plumage) on the open area, and a male bird was perched in a nearby tree.

After a long time in Wamboin it's interesting to see the changes in the landscape and the climate and the plants, animals, birds and other living creatures that appear less often while others move into our lovely piece of the countryside.



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Wheels of Wamboin -The Rise of the Compacts

Last month we had a peek to what cars were parked on the streets fifty years ago in 1972. Around this time was also the rise of the compact car mainly headed by the Japanese manufacturers. The oil crisis in 1973 really spurred along the downsizer market. In 1970 the petrol price was about (wait for it) about 9 cents a litre and by 1980 it had reached 30 cents per litre. When prices shot up in the 1970s we switched to smaller cars, most of which weren't made in Australia, and helped trigger the decline of the Australian car industry. Although we had the mini since 1959, the front-wheel-drive, transverse-engine layout of the Mini was copied for other "supermini" designs. The layout was also adapted for larger subcompact designs. The mini and the oil crisis pioneered the way for small car thinking.

Mitsubishi continued to sell its latest version of its Colt sedan and Isuzu, which still sells SUV's and trucks in Australia, enjoyed sales success with the Italian-styled Florian four door sedan. The Isuzu Florian's replacement was re-badged and sold as the Holden Gemini.

In July 1972 the Honda Civic was introduced initially in two-door coupe format, followed by a three-door hatchback version that September. With the transverse engine placement of its 1169 cc engine and front-wheel drive, like the British Mini, the car provided good interior space despite overall small dimensions.

The Honda Z600 "Scamp", designed and built by Honda, went on sale alongside the first Civics. The 354 cc version was also available in Australia. You might remember A Honda Z featured in the Australian film Malcolm as a get-away car that split into two.

The Corolla name is the second oldest in the Toyota stable and sold over 35 million worldwide. The first generation Corolla was introduced in 1968. Toyota quickly recognised the need to make the Corolla larger and endow it with more power. Thus the second generation Corolla arrived in 1970, with its wheelbase stretched and power coming from a new 1.2 litre version of the OHV four.

The second-generation Datsun Sunny was launched in 1970 in Australia as the Datsun 1200. This new model was slightly larger in all dimensions to match its market rival, the equally popular Toyota Corolla. The third generation Sunny, sold as the Datsun 120Y in Australia, was released in 1973 just as the petrol supply crisis of the 1970s began to bite. The cars disappeared off the showroom floors as fast as the importers could bring them in, thanks not only because of its misery fuel consumption but also because it was one of the least expensive cars available. At the time body styling was also a hit with buyers (mmmmmm remember 1970's taste).

The Datsun 510, sold alongside the Sunny, was similar to the Sunny, but larger. It was powered by a sporty 1600cc engine, and marketed in Australia as the Datsun 1600. It proved to be one of Nissan's most popular models ever sold in Australia with a cult following.

Manufactured by Fuji Heavy Industries, Subaru vehicles were first into Australia around 1970. Subaru is the Japanese astronomical name for the star cluster called Pleiades m45, which is what all those stars are in the Subaru logo.

Mazda made a buzz with their innovative Wankel rotary engines with the RX-2, RX-3, and 1000, 1300, 1500 and 1800 sedan models.



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