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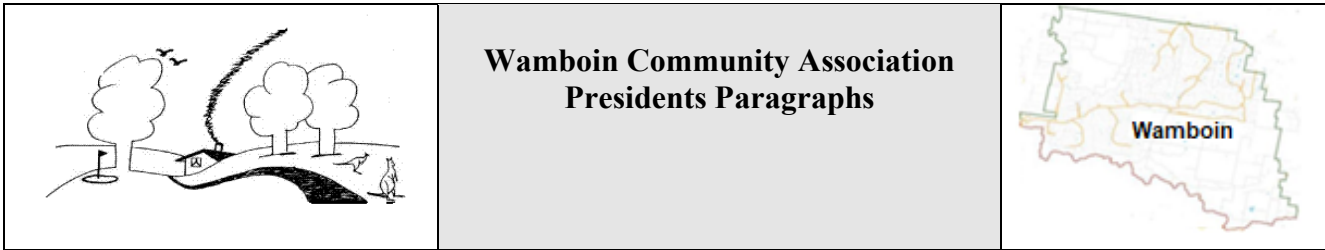


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Well its June and winter begins. Time to huddle around the fire. .

1. A.G.M. On Tuesday 19^h May the Wamboin Community Association held its Annual General Meeting. The small meeting still meant that the office bearers for the following year were able to be elected Positions are as follows:

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

Ordinary Committee Members: Ned Noel, David Macdonald, Denise Hayles, Clare Camilleri

We welcome Clare our newest member to the Committee. She will give a broader perspective on the needs and wants of the younger families in Wamboin and we really appreciate her agreeing to take on this role. Welcome aboard Clare. The President's Annual Report is printed further in this edition of the Whisper which outlines many of the events and issues that the WCA undertakes each year.

All Committee members are there to help residents so please feel free to contact us on our website or by telephone if you need help or have an issue that needs discussion. Only by raising issues can we be of help. Finally thank you to everyone who volunteered to the Committee. Its great to have such a wonderful support team.

2. Bonfire and Fireworks Night. Planning for the Bonfire/Fireworks night is in full preparation. As the person dealing with organizing the food stalls please contact me on **0490020165** to let me know which social group you represent and what you will be selling. Some groups have already done this which assists in easy planning.

Well that's it for now.

Definitely a short President's Notes for this month but maybe more to talk about next month. Next meeting for the Wamboin Community Association is on **June 16th at the Community Hall at 7:30 pm.** All welcome to attend. - *Jenny Richards – President.*

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Hello Friends. Welcome to this June edition of the Whisper.

Later in the year, normally around August, the BCA hold its Annual General Meeting. This is the time when we go through the year and also the time to bring new members onto the committee. Have a think about coming along to the meeting and or joining the committee, it only takes a small commitment and goes a long way to making the community a bit stronger and a bit better. Last year our plan was to increase our partnership with some of the other community groups in the area. This year we have done just that!

This year we have been working with the Greenways committee and holding BBQs at the end of some wonderful walks. We have had some members go and help with the Greenways working bees and the Greenways have never looked better*. A bunch of the local Community and Committee members volunteered at the Queanbeyan Rodeo, which is a local event, put together, in no small part by Bywong Locals.

We have had great success with the Car Boot Sale. It is so nice that the support we show to other groups is also reflected back to us. We are very grateful for the generous Donation the Queanbeyan Rodeo made to the BCA at their presentation night.

If you do not have the time or the inclination to sign up to the committee, we also welcome people who offer their help for particular things. We currently have two "contributors at large" for the trivia night.

Speaking of which.... We introduce the Trivia Night At the Bywong hall. 6:30 for 7PM - 9PM Saturday 20th of JUNE. \$10 per head.


As we move closer to Winter, we must remember the **Bywong Community Association annual Trivia Night**.

This event has been on the calendar for a number of years and each time gets better. Over the years there has been some hot contest amongst tables of locals who all know better than the rest.

Last year's Trivia night was hotly contested, and a hankie could have been thrown across the entire field at the end of the night. There can of course only be one winner... but gee it was close. Following the success of this category we will again have a **YOUTH** category to show the old folk how it's done. Be assured that this will be a broad ranging and fast paced trivia night and a great time to come and enjoy the community. So, grab a bunch of friends / or the smartest people you know, and book a table by sending an email to president@bywongcommunity.org.au See you all around.

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Wamboin Community Association President's Report 2025-2026

The year spanning 2025 – 2026 as always, was a busy and productive year for the Wamboin Community Association. The Association had the following members as its Committee:

- *President: Jenny Richards Vice President: Diana Boswell Treasurer Keith France Secretary Denise Lang*
- *Executive Committee Members David McDonald Denise Hales Ned Noel.*

Early in 2025 saw the launch of the booklet “*We Are Wamboin*” compiled by Me riel Schultz and given freely to all members of the Wamboin Community.

On the 15th April we hosted jointly with Bywong Community Association a “*Meet The Candidates Night*” for the upcoming Federal election on the 3rd May. A large number of candidates turned out for this event with an equally large attendance of community members. Once again these particular events have shown how much they are valued within the Community.

The next big event was the annual *Bonfire And Fireworks Night* held on the 30th August. Numbers were down at this event due to a clash with another QPRC event, however it still attracted about 2,000 people and most stall holders sold out of their goods, creating a financial success for them. The smaller number of people somehow made the event more personal and enjoyable. Every person remarked on what a relaxed, fun, exciting event it was.

During the year the Wamboin Community Association held a number of sessions with the Queanbeyan-Palerang Local Council to better put forward issues that affect us living here in Wamboin. The first of these was held on 2nd July to do with *complying development*, another on 16th September and a final one last month on 21st April. The last 2 events were more about how Council could direct funds to benefit the Wamboin Community. The last of these events was poorly attended but at least 2 possible, positive outcomes from these events are being considered now. They are:

1. *To supply support funding to help realise the goal of establishing a pickle ball/basketball court on Community Hall grounds to benefit our teenage residents;*
2. *To provide funding for some lighting for the Wamboin sign at the entrance of Sutton and Norton Roads.*


None of these two have been approved yet but Councillor Macdonald has been working tirelessly with his colleagues in Council and representatives of the WCA will continue to support these initiatives in Council.

The final events of the 2025 Year were the annual *Christmas Carols Night* and the *Christmas Mailbox/Entranceway Decoration Competition*. The Carols night held on the 5th December, was a resounding success attracting approximately 90 adults and Santa gave out 73 gift bags to the younger children, showing how much this event is appreciated by the Community at large as a way of beginning the Christmas festivities. The mailbox/entranceway competition is largely organised by Gail Ritchie-Knight but money for the prizes and the judges are donated by both the Wamboin and Bywong Community Associations. Clearly interest in this event is beginning to mount.

Finally of course there are our monthly markets held every 3rd Saturday of each month except July and August and run by Me riel Schultz.

All the members of the Committee and a number of other individuals worked tirelessly for the promotion and advancement of Wamboin during this past year and as President I thank them for their time, support and ideas, all selflessly given **Jeny Richards**.

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Callouts, and what we have been up to

The brigade has been busy with callouts – 2 x MVA’s, 1 x unknown fire and a car fire.

Preparing your property in the cooler months – The best time!



We do attend a number of properties each year as part of our Community Engagement, where residents request a property assessment, usually after they visit us at our Brigade Shopfront at the Wamboin Markets, held each month. There are many things to think about when preparing your property, to give you the best outcome if or when you are faced with a bushfire. At least 85 per cent of houses are destroyed without experiencing direct exposure to flames or significant radiation from a bushfire front. For these houses, ember attack and low-level surface fire either directly ignites or enters the house, or fire ignites nearby combustible elements that then threaten the house. So even if your house doesn't directly border bushland, it is still important you do everything you can to

safeguard it. Embers or fine fuel can ignite timber fences, retaining wall sleepers, steps, decks, firewood, and posts, leading to the destruction of a house. CCA-pressure treated pine is particularly vulnerable. Trees or limbs that overhang a house or water tanks can fall or cause a build-up of debris on roofs, gutters or decks. Reducing the risks, especially in the BFDP (bush fire danger period) can improve the chances of your house surviving. These items can create a risk in your yard: trees, including fallen tree limbs, gas bottles, mats, stored firewood, outdoor furniture, containers of volatile fuels like petrol, farm chemicals, paint and solvent liquids stored below gapped verandas and timber decks. What is now known as “Asset protection zones” is recommended around your property. An APZ provides a buffer zone between a bushfire hazard and an asset, an area of reduced bushfire fuel that allows suppression of fire, an area where backburning may be conducted, and an area which allows emergency services access and provide a relatively safe area for firefighters and homeowners to defend their property. An APZ, if designed correctly and maintained regularly, will reduce the risk of direct flame contact on the asset, damage to the asset from intense radiant heat and ember attack on the asset. Further information on APZ’s can be found at https://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0010/13321/Standards-for-Asset-Protection-Zones.pdf



Vehicle access for you to leave, or if the RFS needs to attend is important. The RFS recommends gates be 4 metres wide and have a 4 metres high clearance of trees and overhanging branches, this includes access around the home. Just as important is your property identification. A property displayed number, visible during the night and day,



from both road directions will save valuable time from any emergency service, and lastly, a gate that is accessible in an emergency, ask yourself, “how would someone gain access if I wasn't home?” Remember, power supplies and mobile phone networks are not always guaranteed to work during bushfires!

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

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Morning tea will be provided at 11 am to finish the day on a social note and give you some reward for your labour!

Please let me know if you can come and what tools/machinery you will bring so I have an idea of numbers.

Thanks very much. -Vicki Still, 0404 013 898 or vickistillnow@gmail.com

(On behalf of the Wamboin Hall Management Committee)



Wamboin Crown Reserve - Guided Walk - 27 June

On Saturday 27 June, the Friends of Wamboin Crown Reserve are holding a guided walk we are calling the Wamboin Crown Reserve Twilight Tour!

We'll kick things off at 3:30 pm at the Wamboin Community Hall, where we'll car pool to the entrance of the Wamboin Crown Reserve. From there, we'll hike 2 km to the top of Poppet Hill, arriving just in time to catch the sunset at 5:00 pm.

As the night falls, we'll view the evening panorama of Canberra's city lights before heading back to our cars. On the way back, we'll take in some of Wamboin's nightlife— via the eye-shine of possums, wombats, kangaroos and wallabies.

To make the most of the walk, please bring a torch with fresh batteries, warm clothes (it'll be chilly out there) and sturdy shoes. Just a heads-up: the walk is considered moderate to hard with steep hills and eroded trails, and since it's nighttime, there's always a chance someone might take a tumble. If you're not in good shape, this walk might not be the best fit for you.

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Local history note:

Was it wise ‘to render it desirable to extend the settlements ... beyond Lake George’?

Readers of *The Whisper* undoubtedly find Wamboin and Bywong fine places to make our homes and, for many of us, our livelihoods. However, the early British expeditioners to visit the vicinity were not of that view at all. In October 1820:

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Fortunately, Oxley was proven wrong, as we can all attest!

Source: Johnson 2004 cited in Bradley, P 2025, *The convict and the compass: the untold story of James Meehan*, Ventura Press, Edgecliff, NSW, p. 371. – **David McDonald**



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The Wonderful Women of Wamboin

The Wonderful Women of Wamboin (WWOW) have been meeting as usual on Monday mornings, 10 am–12 noon at the Wamboin Community Hall, on Bingley Way. The only time we don't meet at the Community Hall is when there is a public holiday, where we meet at a WWOW's house (except for ANZAC day holiday this year). Or if it is the fifth Monday of the month and we go out for lunch instead of catching up at the hall. Sometimes we also go out to lunch after our regular WWOW morning catch-up at the hall, and the 25th of May was one of those days. Being the last Monday of May, we headed off to the Kangaroo's Club in Queanbeyan, for those who could attend. How quickly the year is going by!

Today (25th of May) at our catch-up we were discussing how Wamboin/Bywong as a community has grown lots over the past 20+ years — WWOW is also 19 years young! There are lots of new families moving out to enjoy the benefits of country life and raising their children here. There are now a number of our grandchildren coming out to spend time with us during the week or during school holidays. There are a number of activities and groups locally like Wamboin Playgroup, Social Games Day on Thursdays at the hall, Wamboin Markets, the QPRC Mobile Library Bus, Greenways walks and other activities in Bungendore and the surrounding areas like Sutton. We did not have all of these activities here when many of us moved out. These groups and events are a great way to connect with each other in our community. If you haven't been to the Wamboin Markets, the next one will be on the 20th June. Many of us pop in to see what is for sale and it is a lovely morning where you can catch up with neighbours and other locals, have a cuppa and eat one of the many yummy items made locally, sit outside and chat. Plus look at the items for sale from many of our locals who are so creative and buy gifts for family and friends... or ourselves!

Whilst we don't see some WWOWs as much as we used to, as they have moved into town (Canberra, Queanbeyan and Bungendore) and those who have moved further away, we still have connections with many of them. Some WWOWs who are further afield in the local towns, every now and again manage to make their way out for a catch up on a Monday morning. We sadly have had a number of past WWOW members pass in recent years and we fondly remember their time with us at WWOW. Recently we discovered a photo archive of WWOW from many years ago and some of the activities we held and excursions we went on as a group. Occasionally we have an activity where the BOWWOWs are invited to attend. Who is a BOWWOW, well they are the Boyfriend (partner/ husband) of a Wonderful Woman of Wamboin. WWOW is a fantastic group of women who get together to chat, support each other and share stories of some of the interesting and sometimes funny happenings in our lives.

All women in our local area are welcome to come along to the Wamboin Hall, to catch up. We will be at the hall on the 1st, 15th and 22nd of June (10:00am–12:00 noon), come along and have a cuppa with us. To find out more information about WWOW call Jane on 0479 169 874 or email Merle at wonderfulwomenofwamboin@gmail.com



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Ross' Report

Hi everyone. I hope you're doing well and keeping warm as the mornings and nights begin reminding us that Winter is around the corner.

I'm presently celebrating the demise of a much disliked Wamboin local – that horrendous lump in the road at the intersection of Weeroona Drive and Norton Road. Many would remember that it's been patched and filled on a few occasions though recently works commenced to get down under the surface and repair it for good. Good riddance I say, now I just hope the hoons who favour the intersection to do burnouts find somewhere else!

It's been a busy time for me with a lot of work going into the development of the 2026-27 budget. As many of you would know, the budget, also known as the Operational Plan, sets out the priorities for the coming year – how we invest your rates back into community projects. For Wamboin there's two that I've working on following work and advocacy from the community. The first addresses something that's missing in Wamboin – facilities for youth. A local committee has worked on a proposal for a half basketball court at the Hall which can serve for a range of uses. While I'd encourage all ages to get involved in sport and outdoor activities, I agree that young people – teenagers – should have a place to go, hang out and enjoy. The committee has done a lot of work on the concept, design and quoting and I argued for the project's inclusion in the budget.

Secondly, thanks to local volunteers, our wonderful Wamboin welcome wall at the corner of Norton and Sutton Roads looks great... at least in the daytime. In the evening it's hard to see and the corner can sneak up on people turning onto Norton (remember the wall coming off second best to a car?). A proposal to install a light at the wall has progressed through the first stage of the budget.

If you'd like to have your say on these items or on the budget more broadly then please get in touch or log onto the QPRC website have your say section.

Finally, this is your last reminder waste voucher system for 2026. If you don't have them already, please download the QPRC Waste app and follow the simple instructions to apply for your waste vouchers which allow you to self haul hard waste. It's included as part of your rates so no additional cost. The system will restart for the second year of the trial on 1 July and a strong takeup rate will help me argue to retain the vouchers into future years.

If you're on Facebook or Instagram then feel free to follow my page to keep up with my work and as always, please get in touch with me if I can assist with any Council issues. – Cheers, **Ross Macdonald**, ross.macdonald@qprc.nsw.gov.au



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Cosy Winter Mornings at Wamboin Playgroup



As the weather starts to cool and we settle into the winter months, we are excited to welcome families, carers, grandparents, and children to another wonderful term at Wamboin Playgroup.

Our playgroup continues to grow as a warm, supportive, and truly multigenerational community where everyone is welcome. We meet every Tuesday during the NSW school term from 10 am to 12 pm at the Wamboin Community Hall on Bingley Way, making the most of the cosy indoor hall space as well as the fully fenced playground whenever the weather allows.



With cooler days ahead, we have plenty of indoor activities planned for children to enjoy. From craft and sensory play to books, imaginative play, puzzles, and seasonal activities, there is always something to explore in a safe and relaxed environment. Adults can enjoy a cuppa, a chat, and the chance to connect with others in the community while the children play. If you would like to, feel free to bring along a piece of fruit or some baked goods to share, although this is always completely optional.

To help strengthen connections within our playgroup, we now have name badges available for all adults. We encourage everyone to wear one during sessions to help create a friendly and welcoming environment for new and returning families alike. Over the past month, children have enjoyed seasonal activities including painted flowers and creating beautiful Mother's Day cards using pressed flowers collected last term. We love embracing the changing seasons together as autumn rolls into winter.

Thank you for being part of Wamboin Playgroup. We look forward to another term filled with play, friendship, warm cups of tea, and community connection. We hope to see you there!

- Kimberley Riding



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- Barista brewed coffee Egg and bacon rolls and sausage rolls from the kitchen And more.....

The clothing stall is going well. There are plenty of new bargains just waiting for you!

The June market is the final market for the season. We take a break until September, noting that the September market will celebrate World Spinning Day. So if you have always wanted to know how to spin wool or are a keen knitter/crochet person - that is a date to keep in mind. -- *Meanwhile, see you at the June market!*





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In May, many volunteer organisations celebrated Volunteer Week, and Wildcare was no exception. As an organisation founded by, managed and operated by volunteers, Wildcare Queanbeyan harnesses the collective power of diverse, everyday people who are passionate and dedicated to providing positive outcomes for sick, injured and orphaned native wildlife.

With nearly 65% of the Australian population volunteering, there's really something unique about being in a volunteer organisation and the sense of community that accompanies it. When your spare time is spent making a difference, that's where that something special really shines. That's the case for Ali, Wildcare's very own resident Bat Coordinator, who rescues and cares for many different species with Wildcare. "For me, wildlife rescue is incredibly rewarding because even small actions can have a huge impact on an animal that's scared, injured or vulnerable. It can be challenging and emotional at times, but it's also deeply meaningful work, and I've met some truly wonderful people through volunteering."



Many of Wildcare's volunteers start off with rescue, and build their way up into caring, like Kirri. Since joining, Kirri has spent nearly every day rescuing and expending her knowledge of wildlife. She has many fond memories of rescuing native animals and has now started caring for Brushtail Possums. "The difficult rescues, the successful rehabilitation, and even the sad endings are all part of why I love what I do. Wildlife rescue and rehabilitation gives me

the chance to help protect our beautiful native animals while also teaching my son compassion, respect, and empathy for the wildlife we share our land with" Kirri said.

"I've seen how many amazing people volunteer their time, open their homes, lose sleep, drive hundreds of kilometres, and give absolutely everything they can to save wildlife."

But for these rescues to happen in the first place, it takes our local community members making a simple phone call to our 24/7 Wildcare Helpline, where there are dedicated volunteers on the other side working hard to organise rescues and logistics for the animal in need. People like Kim, who has been a Helpline Operator for three years, "I enjoy doing the Helpline because I get to talk to some amazing members of the public, Wildcare volunteers and neighbouring rescue organisations. The Helpline team is the operational centre and the first step to achieving Wildcare's mission. I really enjoy being part of the team". The 24/7 Wildcare Helpline is crucial to the rescue and rehabilitation of sick, injured and orphaned native animals, and our helpline operators make a huge impact from the comfort of their homes.

It's everyday people with big hearts like Ali, Kirri and Kim's that make Wildcare what it is. Thank you to all of our dedicated volunteers for being there when our native animals need it most. If you've been thinking about volunteering, have a passion for native animals and enjoy a community of like-minded people, take a look at the ways you can contribute with Wildcare on our website - wildcare.com.au - **Krystal Hemsworth**, Communications Coordinator

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Bird Of The Month

By Luke Downey

For June, I chose the Welcome Swallow, a common species found throughout the local area that I have seen recently.

Welcome Swallow (*Hirundo neoxena*)

Size: 15cm Status: Common resident

The Welcome Swallow is a small swallow with long forked tail. It has dark, glossy blue upperparts becoming blackish on the wings and tail and a rusty rufous front from the forehead to the upper breast, which merges into pale greyish underparts. The vent has some dark mottling and the dark undertail has a row of lace-like white spotting. Immature birds are duller, with a paler face and shorter tail. Welcome Swallows occur singly, in pairs or small flocks, though sometimes form large flocks of several hundred especially around large bodies of water which they like to hawk over. They often mix in flocks with other swallows such as Tree and Fairy Martins, which are smaller swallows that differ by having a short squarish (slightly notched) tail and bold white rumps. Tree Martins have a pale throat and glossy head that is concolorous with the upperparts, and Fairy Martins have a pale throat and rufous head. Welcome Swallows are acrobatic aerial foragers, hawking insects near the ground or often over water. They also often roost on powerlines or bare branches in flocks. They can often be heard flying over giving a complex twittering and trilling song with harsher chirrups, or a thin single "tship". They also have a high pitched alarm call "tswee". In the summer months they build a nest of mud bound with grass, lined with feathers and fur, on sheltered wall, tree or building, and raise 2-5 young. Welcome Swallows are one of our commonest local birds, being found in virtually all habitats including woodlands, grasslands and parks, though they do tend to prefer more open areas for foraging, especially around water, and tend to only be passing overhead in denser forests. You can keep an eye out for these birds around your place, you should have a good chance of seeing one! - (photo from Google images)



The Southern Tablelands Spoke: Regional Communities Unite Against Waste Incineration

Communities across the Southern Tablelands stood together at the recent NSW Parliamentary Inquiry public hearings to oppose the proposed Waste-to-Energy incinerator at Woodlawn. Farmers, health professionals, local residents, business owners and community leaders delivered a powerful and united message about protecting regional health, agriculture, water, air quality and community wellbeing. CATTI's latest article reflects on the hearings, acknowledges the many people who spoke with courage and conviction, and highlights the growing call for genuine waste-reduction solutions rather than regional waste incineration. Read the full article on the CATTI website and stay informed about the ongoing campaign.

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What the Heck #46

If you have been reading this regular missive, and noticed the author's title, you may be wondering 'what is a Rector's Warden'.

Our churches have Wardens. We have a Rector's Warden for the district and a Peoples Warden for each church. The Rector (the Priest in charge) appoints his Warden and the parishioners elect the People's Wardens. Quite a simple procedure really! And all done without the annoyance of miles of corflute signs, multiple how to vote papers, then having to run the gauntlet of 'helpers' to cast one's vote. Not to mention weeks of TV and radio propaganda. Our current elected wardens are Alan, Robyn and Gai, who successfully fought off all other contenders.

But what is the purpose of a warden and what does a warden do within the church?



Alan Rope Front Left, Robyn Hardy Front Right, Gai Donald Third From Right

Well officially the list is quite comprehensive. The Anglican Church description includes: *churchwardens have a duty to represent the laity and co-operate with the incumbent. They are expected to lead the parishioners by setting a good example. They have a duty to maintain order and peace in the church and churchyard at all times, and especially during services. Duties may vary with the customs of the congregation, the desires of the priest, and the direction of the congregation as a whole. A definition of their duties is that they are "ultimately responsible for almost everything in a church which does not have to be done by a priest. If the churchwarden does not do it, then she/he is responsible for making sure that it is done by someone"*.

But for us, these days, I guess the correct answer to the above question is, 'not a lot'. One pleasant duty is to welcome any who walk through the doorway, be it a visitor or local who would like to join us at the service. But basically it just involves assisting in the preparing of the church for each service, and following up queries regarding the buildings and church activities, that is those that cannot be palmed off to the Priest-in-charge.

But in the past it was a different matter. 'The Complete Parish

Officer', a book published in 1772, records the substantial duties of a warden, several pages of duties, running to about 650 words. I would not have stood for the position in 1772.

One duty is; *"Churchwardens shall see that the Lord's Day be duly observed by searching alehouses on Sundays"*.

So if you are naughty enough to risk a visit to our local on a Sunday morning, and you see any of us Wardens seated therein, be assured we are there for no other reason than to ensure you are not.

– Alan Rope



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This wonderful service visits Wamboin Hall every second Thursday. The mobile library contains a wide selection of materials for all age groups. You are able to reserve items from Bungendore, Braidwood and Queanbeyan libraries and collect these from the mobile library when it visits. Printing and photocopying facilities are also available on the bus. This is a great community resource and I would encourage all residents to support the service. The next visits for the Library at Wamboin are scheduled for Thursdays 4 and 18 June 2026 (10.30-11.30am)

WAMBOIN WEATHER – rainfall and temperature records

(51 years from Cooper Road) by Christine Rieber

May Rainfall Stats		Average May rainfall..... 47.0mm	
May rainfall to the 31 st	80.25mm	2025 May rainfall.....	55.25mm
2026 total rainfall to 31/5.....	299.0mm	2025 total rainfall to 31/5.....	252.25mm
		50yr Av. to end of May.....	275.1mm
June Rainfall Stats		Average June rainfall..... 54.5mm	
2025 June rainfall.....	34.5mm	Average no. rain days in June....	10.0
Wettest June.....	178.25mm in 2016	Highest no. rain days.....	22 in 1978
Wettest June day.....	84.75mm on 6/6/16	Lowest no. rain days.....	0 in 2017
Driest June.....	0mm in 2017		
June Temperature Stats		2025 June minimum..... -3.2°C	
2025 June maximum.....	16.8°C	June 2025.. Av. max 11.8°C & min 0.4°C	
Hottest June day.....	21.9°C on 3/6/23	Hottest June night.....	11°C (7 times)
Coldest June day.....	3°C (4 times)	1991 (5 times) & 1995 (2 times)	
9/6/11, 24/6/14, 30/6/14 & 25/6/16		Coldest June night.....	-6°C on 9/6/96
Average day (max.) temp.....	10.2°C	Average night (min.) temp.....	2.7°C
Warmest June.....	1991	Coldest June.....	2015
Av. max day temp. 12.5°C & night 7°C		Av. min day temp. 7.5°C & night -0.3°C	
(highest 14.3°C in 2020)		(lowest -0.6°C in 2001)	
Av. June temp....	6.4°C (day+night comb.)		

The average daytime maximum temperature for May was 17.2°C, which is the equal hottest with May 2025, and 3.5°C above the 51-year average of 13.7°C. The 1st of May was close to the hottest May day of 24°C. The average night time minimum temperature for May was 7.1°C which is the equal sixth warmest. The 4th of May was close to the warmest May night of 14°C. May 2026 was the warmest May on record.

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



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Wamboin Golf – June 2026



Sunday 3 May 2026. A select group of 8 golfers ventured out to play in the Wamboin Golf competition sponsored this month by Tim and Vicki. We thank them for the refreshments and prizes. The weather was overcast and breezy, but the showers stayed away.

Five players contested the 18-hole competition with Paul (77/60) taking out first place from Col (84/65) and David (88/67).

The 9-hole event was taken out by Ken (33/29) on count back from Gerard (34/29) and Pete (48/34). The googly ball story went to David for apparently hitting a rock. Not an uncommon feat in Wamboin, but it is said this is the same rock that presented itself in a previous game. The end result of the impact was the ball travelling as far vertically as it did horizontally.

The dummy spit started with Tim after his comments regarding a drink purchased for him by

Vicki, but finished with Keith, who as the greenkeeper of five holes on the Eastern course complained that a player had recovered a golf ball from the dam on his property which should have meant it was now in his possession. I think there are still lots of balls at the bottom of that dam anyway. Longest drive and nearest the pin winners were: Ken (3), Vicki (2), David, Pete and Col.

Ted's Jokes provided advice on improving your game as you age. We were also updated on the exploits of young Robert whose team won the 2 ball championship for the national association of left handed golfers. He even managed to take out the nearest the pin on the final hole.

We hope you can join us at the community hall at 12.15pm on Sunday 7 June for a 12.30pm start. - by **Ken Gordon**



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Kowen Kapers - Collier's Homestead

From *Curley's Hut*, we follow the mown path east for 80 metres, to the ruins of *Collier's Homestead*. In its day, Collier's Homestead was easily the finest building in Kowen. It was large and surpassed all other buildings in the area in terms of the quality of the build. Whereas almost all the other homes in Kowen were made of wood, *Collier's Homestead* was made of stone. (An earlier, but more rudimentary, stone cottage was constructed by Archibald McDonald. Remnants of the cottage remain in the form of a rubble pile on the left bank of the Molonglo River west of the old Burbong Railway Station). Collier's Homestead had six wooden-floored rooms, a galvanised iron roof, two brick chimneys, two verandahs, an attached baker's oven and a separate kitchen. A substantial orchard of apple, pear, plum and quince trees was planted alongside the homestead, several of which exist to this day. The house was situated on a now-non-existent road which ran from the Queanbeyan-Bungendore Road (today's Kings Highway) across a nearby ford on the Molonglo River and up to Kowen Public School.

The origin of the homestead is a bit of a mystery. It was most likely built in 1879 on the 40-acre Amungula Parish Portion 20, a portion that remained unsold until 1906. But who would build such a grand homestead on land they did not own?



According to received wisdom, the house was likely built for George Campbell, the owner of the *Duntroon Estate* and the wealthiest landowner in the district. This contention is buttressed by the fact that Campbell unsuccessfully sought to purchase the portion. Notwithstanding considerable circumstantial evidence in support of the Campbell thesis, in my forthcoming book on Kowen, I identify another possible individual equally well placed to have had the building constructed. But for the purposes of this article, I will stick with the general consensus on the matter.

It is believed that the homestead's first known occupants were the Collier family, and it was from the Colliers that the homestead got its name. William Collier, a *Duntroon* employee, was born in Queanbeyan, the only child of Thomas and Ann Collier. He married Bridget Curley in Queanbeyan in 1866. They moved to Burbong in late 1880, conditionally purchasing 162 acres in 1882, and increasing their landholdings, over time, to 462 acres. Collier's run formed a unified block west of *Glenburn Station* that came to be known as the *Schoolhouse Paddock*. Bridget and William had a family of 11 children while living in Burbong, to which they added a further two children after leaving the area. The Colliers left Kowen in 1887 and sold their property to (surprise, surprise) *Duntroon*. It is likely that Collier was 'dummying' for Campbell - a process by which large landholders could subvert the intent of laws designed to assist yeoman farmers gain access to land ownership. By 1891, the Colliers were recorded as living in Queanbeyan. They subsequently moved to Goulburn, where they ran a boarding house.

With the departure of the Colliers, John and Jemima Edmonds, and their only child, John Jnr, took possession of the home in 1887. John Snr, formerly the owner of a 390-acre run at Gidleigh near Bungendore, most likely leased the *Schoolhouse Paddock* from *Duntroon*. In 1891, John Jnr purchased the neighbouring *Glenburn Station* and began construction of *Glenburn Homestead*. He married Agnes Worthington in 1897, and the couple moved into their newly built home. John's parents subsequently moved to *Glenburn Homestead* in 1898 following John Snr's bankruptcy. Eight years later, the extended family moved to Glencoe in the Northern Tablelands. Shortly after leaving the district, John Jnr purchased Portion 20. John Jnr continued to run his Kowen holdings remotely for a number of years before leasing them to Robert McInnes. During this time, *Collier's Homestead* would have been used as accommodation for farm workers and/or McInnes family members.

In 1914, in preparation for the resumption of land by the Commonwealth, a site inspection was undertaken in which the building was described as being in a neglected state. Following resumption, Portion 20 was split into three; the northernmost section, which included *Collier's Homestead*, was leased to Bob McInnes as part of Block 13, the central portion leased to Frank Hyles as part of *Murryong* (Block 29), and the southern part leased to Rhuben Colverwell (Block 30) as part of *Argyle*. The McInnes family continued to work the area until 2017 when the land was incorporated within the Glenburn Heritage Precinct. Over the years, the house has fallen into ruin through a combination of neglect and vandalism. Considerable conservation work, however, had been undertaken in the lead-up to and immediately after heritage listing in 2017. Works included the removal of a blackberry infestation, the capping of walls with mortar to slow down erosion, the pruning of the quince and plum trees and the installation of a rabbit-proof fence around the building. Today, the ruin remains one of the heritage precinct's more photogenic highlights. – Peter Komidar