DECK THE GATES

Get into the festive spirit this year by entering the first annual CCA Christmas gate / fence decorating contest! We are including all the details in this edition of the gazette, so you have plenty of time to think about how you can participate in this community event – and have a lot of fun to boot.
See page 2 for more details

MESSAGE FROM CCA

Hello Carwoolians and welcome to the first edition of your new look Gazette. The CCA and a number of valued volunteers have worked together to ensure you get what you have asked for - a community gazette about Carwoola, for Carwoola. As usual if you have something to share, we welcome your contributions. We have also been fortunate enough to be joined by additional volunteers to consider what a future Gazette may look like.
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**Entry:** Participants are responsible for notifying the Gazette of their participation in the contest. Send an email to carwoola.secretary@gmail.com no later than 19 December with the participant names, address and preferred contact details.

**Rules:** Gate/fences to be set up by Dec. 19.

Entries will be judged in two categories:
1. Most festive
2. Most original.

No themes are imposed and total creative freedom to decorate the fence gate including theme, material, and colours.

We ask that themes chosen be appropriate for all viewing ages. All gates/fences must be decorated by the individuals/families/organisations named on the entry form (you may not hire a professional to help you).

Safety first – Do not include items that may be a safety hazard or block entry or exit to the residence/block.

**Judging criteria:**
1. Visual impact
2. Creativity
3. Festiveness; an
4. For the second category: originality.

A panel of volunteer judges from the Carwoola district will judge entrants on December 19. The panel of judges will be drawn each year from different volunteers in the community.

**Prizes:** Prizes are still being confirmed, but we already have an anonymous donation of $100 cash for the prize kitty. We will keep you updated through Facebook on the prizes being made available in the lead up to the judging. If any businesses wish to support this community contest, please contact the CCA via email carwoola.secretary@gmail.com

Wishing you all (a very early) good tidings and joy!
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Early days however we are considering the changing demographics of Carwoola, our objectives in meeting changing community needs and the function and format it should take. We will stay in touch on progress and of course welcome others who may wish to contribute.

The major events for the CCA in 2019 are now complete. Our attention will now shift to bedding down the future of the Gazette, website and social media platforms and in 2020 we will look more closely at opportunities for grants and funding so we can pursue opportunities to improve our community. Finally the CCA AGM will be held in November with the final date to be advised via our website and social media - all are welcome to attend.

Matt Linnegar
President CCA

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Yet again we were blessed with great weather for our community gathering, that of the Carwoola Carboot/Fete. Will the help of many fantastic volunteers Megan Dixon and Lyn McKeahnie put together another great event.

This year we had many locals selling their no longer required stuff and local businesses showcasing their produce and services. We even had a local lad entertaining those who chose to sit and enjoy a coffee and something off the BBQ or from the near by Patisserie stall.

This year the kids had plenty to do with the cooking and colouring in competitions. Kaiden won the cooking competition with Fionn and Sophia winning the colouring competitions, a big thank you to Di and Danielle for running these events.

There was the slide and jumping show and of course the animals to pat and get photos with. Thank you to Enthusiation Alpacas and Wildcare.

The inaugural Carwoola Photo Competition was a great hit with many fantastic entries submitted by our talented Carwoolians. Lizzie won the U16’s comp with “The Peron’s tree frog”. The judges said it was a well composed, and exposed photo with a humorous twist, drawing the eye immediately to the frog. Peter Eddington won the open section with “Morning on the dam”. This photo had beautiful lighting, capturing a feeling of early morning chill and tranquility. The photo had excellent composition and a feeling of texture. Honourable mentions went to Bridget and Rebecca in the U16’s and Alicia, Sebastian and Lyn for the opens section. Another thank you to our judges from the Canberra Art Workshop, Prue and Amanda.

We need your feedback and help to keep this event growing and improving, so please talk to us via carwoola.secretary@gmail.com

Business that attended and support our community,
- Pip’s Pet Sitting,
- Landtasia,
- Canberra Native Nursery,
- Flatout Produce,
- Bent Shed Produce,
- Cookie Joy,
- Adam’s Patisserie,
- Anthony’s Sauces & Condiments,
- Dog Trap Winery,
- The Soap Hut,
- Value Life Farm,
- AgWorks,
- Yless4U.

STONEY CREEK COMMUNITY HALL HIRING FEES

*We do not accept bookings for 16th, 18th or 21st birthday parties, school-end-of-year functions, or youth farewell parties. No exceptions.*

All fees include GST except bonds, which are GST-exempt.

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To hire the Community Hall, email hall@carwoola.org.au
If statues could talk, what stories would they tell? Carwoola has its fair share of artists and art connoisseurs both. This has led to a myriad of interesting yard decorations in the district, however the series of phallic stones surrounding a dam have been a source of amusement and intrigue for those travelling along Captains Flat road for many years.

What are they? What is their purpose? Who owns them? Are the owners committed members of a fertility cult? People of Carwoola are here to answer these and many other questions!

The statues are actually a satirical art work by Ian Houssenloge and Roz Szell called Texas Tea Party and originally consisted of nine statues. Each statue has a little face on the front side depicting the faces of global political figures, religious fundamentalists and key media stakeholders and include those of George Bush, John Howard, Saddam Hussein, Kerry Packer and Alexander Downer. The figures originally appeared at their silver service tea party, protecting their treasured golden oil barrel. Casting back through newspaper and online articles, including the ABC and Sydney Morning Herald, you can find a number of interpretations about the meaning of the artwork. Ian has insisted that the intent of the artists was to provoke reflection on world politics in 2004 and, in particular, the Iraq War.

Unsurprisingly, the artwork has seen its fair share of scandal. In 2004 the Mayor of Cowra, Bruce Millar, banned them from a sculptural exhibition next to the Japanese Gardens as he considered them ‘in pretty poor taste’, but Ian reckons the overwhelming majority of folk have a good laugh and move on. At other exhibitions, the artwork has proved so popular that people can’t keep their hands of it – Kerry Packer’s phallus was stolen quite early in the piece.

Ian originally came to Carwoola in 2001 in order to have the space to devote to his art. Ian is also responsible for “Legionairres”, a 6m tin man installation on the side of the Monaro Highway just before Royalla. He still makes art, but not prolifically at the moment. When asked what he most loves and loathes about the Carwoola he says “The answer is the same for both: everybody has their own agendas and things they are into. I love when people do their own stuff, I hate when they become righteous about it.”

People of Carwoola is sorry to report that during this interview process we couldn’t find nary a sniff of a fertility cult; but has concluded that Ian’s artwork gives a whole new meaning to John Howard’s endearing title of ‘Little Johnny’.
Well it is that time of the year when the weather can’t seem to make up its mind what it wants to do. One day I am in shorts and t-shirt and the weather is in the high 20’s and then it is hailing. Spring is always a great time of the year as the lambs are running around and you see the trees and plants come back to life.

August brought us some good snow showers but ended up with the driest winter on my records (since 1984) with only 44.1mm falling over the 3 month period. The rains in September have gone some ways to greening up the grass but we are going to need more for it to make a real difference.

We moved into Carwoola about this time 2 years ago and it is amazing to see the difference in the landscape. Very early on we were worried about the bushfire danger of the knee high grass so ended up getting some sheep to keep the grass down. Pretty much since then it has been tough going and we had to downsize the flock and bring in hay to keep them healthy. I guess it is a similar story through the whole region.

**August 2019**
Overall for the month of August, Carwoola experienced above average temperatures and below average rainfall. We also experienced our coldest day on record of -7.0 degrees, this is likely due to the fact our weather station is a bit more exposed than Martin’s (the previous weather man).

**September 2019**
The month of September again brought us above average temperatures and some good rainfall that was just below average with a total of 41.8mm.

**3 Month Forecast (Oct to Dec)**
The long term forecast from the BoM indicates that there is a:
70% chance of lower than average rainfall
Very High likelihood of above average maximum temperatures

There has been a persistent Positive Indian Ocean Dipole which is a feature to the north west of Australia where usually warm ocean temperatures stay offshore instead of hugging the coast. This has been present for most of the year. At the moment this feature is weakening and so there is a potential we'll see a return to more normal rainfall and temperature in the summer months.

Summary
The last few months have produced a real mixed bag, with relatively dry conditions mixed in with rain, snow, hail but of course lots of sunny days in-between.

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POEM ABOUT WEEDING

Pink and grey puffballs Of fright.  
Exploding into flight; Silly Galahs!  
Sharp, scraping screeches It's only me  
Digging the weeds 
Under your tree.
Media Release 25 September 2019

The NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) is reminding Lake George District (QPRC) residents that fire permits are required during the statutory Bush Fire Danger Period.

NSW RFS Superintendent Paul Jones said hotter and drier conditions mean fires are more likely to start and spread quickly during the Bush Fire Danger Period, which officially begins on 1 October.

“From now until the end of the Bush Fire Danger Period, people wishing to light a fire in the open will require a permit, which are free and can be obtained from your local fire station or Fire Control Centre,” Supt. Paul Jones said.

“When conditions are particularly bad, such as on days of Severe, Extreme or Catastrophic Fire Danger, the NSW RFS may declare a Total Fire Ban, prohibiting the lighting of any fire in the open, even if you have a fire permit.”

On a day of Total Fire Ban the lighting of fires is prohibited. This includes cooking fires using incinerators and barbecues which burn solid fuel, such as wood or charcoal.

Gas or electric barbecues are permitted during a Total Fire Ban under the following conditions:

- They are on residential property within 20 metres of the house or dwelling, or
- They are in a picnic area and the appliance is approved by Council, National Parks and Wildlife Services or State Forest, and
- They are under the direct control of a responsible adult, and
- The ground around a barbecue is cleared for 2 metres of all material which could burn, and
- You have an immediate and continuous supply of water available.

“We urge all residents in the Lake George District area to be vigilant and extremely careful with fire during the Bush Fire Danger Period,” Supt. Paul Jones said.

“Every resident should have a Bush Fire Survival Plan so they know what to do on days of increased fire danger and can immediately put their plan into action if their home is threatened by fire.”

Information about Total Fire Ban declarations is published at www.rfs.nsw.gov.au. Locals can also call the Lake George Fire Control Centre on 6128 0600 (bh) or the Bushfire Information Line on 1800 NSW RFS (1800 679 737).

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT
THE LAKE GEORGE FIRE CONTROL CENTRE ON 6128 0600

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BUSH FIRE SEASON GUIDELINES
Flood Planning—This may seem a somewhat irrelevant subject for those of us living in the hills around the ACT, where there’s a far greater risk of bushfire than flood, but it’s been a relatively quiet month on the Council front and little else worthy of discussion has surfaced, if you’ll pardon the pun. Flood planning also involves a raft (there we go again) of acronyms that might benefit from some explanation.

Two items that have come before Council in the past month or so are the Floodplain Risk Management Plans for Braidwood and Queanbeyan. While the Bungendore Floodplain Risk Management Plan was presented to the Palerang Council back in 2015, the related subject of inundation due to overland flows has also been very much on the agenda in Bungendore of late.

The current approach to flood planning has its genesis in the 1955 floods in the Hunter Valley. Management has progressed since then from the implementation of targeted mitigation measures to the present, more uniform [across the State] strategic exercise. Typically, flood planning now focuses on potential impacts on residential areas, although a range of social, economic, cultural and environmental factors come into play in balancing the relative risks and benefits of allowing ongoing development on a floodplain.

Flood planning controls are currently applied through a Development Control Plan (DCP) in accordance with the Flood Planning Map within a Local Environmental Plan (LEP). The Flood Planning Areas (FPAs) identified on this map are those, invariably adjacent to a watercourse, that lie below the relevant Flood Planning Level (FPL).

Prior to the introduction of the NSW Flood Prone Land Policy in 1984, the adopted FPL was simply derived from the highest recorded flood in the relevant location. These days, sophisticated flood modelling software is used to predict the impact of flood events and FPLs are based on the calculation of Annual Exceedance Probabilities (AEPs). An AEP, expressed as a percentage, is a measure of the probability of a particular flood event occurring, or being exceeded, in any one year. A 1% AEP event is thus one that has a 1-in-100 chance of occurring in any one year, although it should be noted that the fact that such an event might occur, on average, once every 100 years does not mean that two or more successive events cannot occur within a much shorter period. Nonetheless, a 1% AEP event is more serious than a 2% AEP (1-in-50) event, which is more serious than a 5% AEP (1-in-20) event, and so on.

Interestingly, the ACT was one of the first jurisdictions to adopt the 1% AEP for determination of the FPL, following the Woden Valley flood in 1971 that had an AEP of around 1% and where seven lives were lost. The subsequent adoption the 1% AEP nationally followed a series of major floods, with 1% – 2% AEP, in the ‘70s. For anyone who can remember them, the 1974 and 1976 events in Queanbeyan reached levels slightly lower (less serious) than a 2% AEP event, while the 2010 floods in Captains Flat and Queanbeyan reached a slightly higher level (more serious) than a 5% AEP event.

Floods in Wollongong in 1984, Nyngan in 1990, Coffs Harbour in 1996, and Wollongong again in 1998 all exceeded the 1% AEP.

While the FPL is now broadly based on the 1% AEP, it usually includes some additional freeboard, to provide allowance for uncertainties and events that might exceed the 1% AEP. The appropriate amount of freeboard is usually determined by considering, amongst other things, the level that might be reached by the Probable Maximum Flood (PMF), which is derived by modelling the impact of the Probable Maximum Precipitation (PMP) in the area in question. This freeboard is typically around 0.5 m, but can be more, with the result that the FPL, which is effectively the minimum floor level specified for dwellings constructed in the FPA, is typically 0.5 m above the 1% AEP.

So, to summarise, we have DCP controls that apply to FPAs identified in an LEP and determined by FPLs that are based on the 1% AEP together with the PMF that’s derived from the PMP. Got it?

The QPR Blog—New or related entries in my Blog (http://peteharrison.id.au/blog) include:

Flood Planning (July, 2019)
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Wildcare's role in rescuing and rehabilitating injured and orphaned animals is well known and hopefully everyone has the Wildcare helpline – 6299 1966, in their Mobile contacts list. Among our volunteers is a small group of specialists who we call upon to euthanise injured animals that cannot be rehabilitated. Especially when hit by vehicles on our roads.

It’s illegal to harm native wildlife unless appropriately authorised. Wildcare volunteers are authorised to euthanise (harm) wildlife using a firearm, including in a public place, such as a road, because their NSW firearms licence is endorsed with “animal welfare”, as an additional genuine reason. This requires successful completion of Wildcare’s one-day firearms safety & basic rescue course.

Wildcare is seeking additional volunteer shooters throughout its operating area (Bredbo to Young and out towards Braidwood, Collector and Tarago). The workload is not onerous and becomes even less so the more it is shared in numbers and geographic coverage. If you own a firearm, please consider volunteering. Even if you work in town, you may be able to help out after hours or at the weekends. Contact Wildcare’s Firearms Coordinator at: firearms@wildcare.com.au.

In our urban-fringe and rural areas we can all do much more to stop animals being hit on our roads in the first place.

Most native animals have no instinctive or learned “road sense”, and except for birds, poor judgement about vehicle speed. At night, when blinded by headlights, their instinct may be to stop, not move, or move suddenly and towards the danger, not away from it. Wombats in particular will often stop to assess a danger (such as an approaching car), not scurry off to avoid it. Kangaroos and wallabies cannot move
their back legs independently so can't move backwards or swerve easily. They may jump further into the road rather than off it, or hop in front of you rather than veer off to safety.

When driving at night in unlit rural areas, the 60-80-100 rule-of-thumb helps. Given the range of high-beam headlights, at 60kph you are likely to see nearly every animal on or aside the road with enough reaction time to avoid hitting it. At 80kph you will still have enough reaction time to miss most of them but still hit some. At 100kph you are likely to hit most of them before you can otherwise react.

If you hit an animal, and if it safe to do so, please stop and check the condition of the animal. But be very careful because there is a danger to you of also being hit by an oncoming vehicle. No matter whether the animal is dead or injured, please contact the 24/7 Wildcare number 6299-1966 so that help can be given. An injured animal may be treated and/or a pouchied joey saved from a dead mother. Or it may be necessary to euthanise the animal.

When ringing Wildcare we need your contact number and, especially at night, accurate location information. Include the name of the road, your direction of travel, the side of the road the animal is on, the nearest property number and/or the distance from the nearest junction or geographical feature. Tie a rag or shopping bag to a tree or fence if having to leave before Wildcare can arrive.

Depending on the location, and the extent of any traffic hazard involved, you may also need to notify the Police.

Please consider volunteering to help Wildcare. And safe motoring.

Philip Machin for Wildcare
Meet Gilbert Real Estate Agents Kim & Ben

The region’s 2 most experienced, trusted and vibrant agents who work together and engage with property owners, ensuring their selling experience is stress free and produces a great result.

Kim left a senior public sector career in 2000 to raise her daughter whilst working in the background of the agency.

In 2009 Kim obtained her Real Estate licence and commenced full time marketing property and as the licensee of the Bungendore office. In the last 10 years Kim has made her mark in the region, with her personality and sense of humour resulting in growing repeat business and recommendations from past clients to family and friends.

Outside of work, Kim is involved in the final stage of a full design and renovation of their family home and loves spending time in the kitchen making fresh pasta and bread. She also loves spending time in the garden and more recently has found a passion for combat fitness training with her daughter Zoe.

Ben joined Gilbert Real Estate 2 years ago following 18 years as an extremely successful agent in the region.

Despite his success, he has a jovial and low key attitude that immediately attracts him to sellers, yet he leaves no stone unturned when it comes to first class service and negotiating the best outcome for his clients. He is admired and respected for his integrity and diligent approach to his business dealings and receives glowing testimonials from those he deals with. Ben is focussed and disciplined, developed from a life long interest in personal fitness and self defence, which has resulted in him building and instructing a popular martial arts training school in Bungendore. Ben also enjoys gardening and constantly improving his historic home in Bungendore with his wife Sonia, son Harrison & their much loved dogs.

If you want to ensure your selling experience is positive and driven to achieve the best outcome for you, call Kim and Ben today at Gilbert Real Estate on 6238 1900.