

# STONEY CREEK GAZETTE

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## Carwoola Clean Up Australia Day Cancelled

For many years now the Carwoola community has enthusiastically taken part in Clean Up Australia Day (CUAD), collecting hundreds of bags of roadside rubbish.

We have generally concentrated on Captains Flat Rd and several minor roads in the district.

This year, however, ***Clean Up Australia*** has specified the following:

- no children can be involved
- only Council roads with a speed limit of less than 50km/hr can be cleared
- there must be at least a 3 metre exclusion zone between volunteer and vehicles.

Full details can be found at

<https://www.cleanupaustraliaday.org.au/about/index.php?PAGE=/resource-centre/safety>.



Consequently, QPRC has advised that, for reasons of safety and liability, it no longer supports the collection of rubbish by volunteers along any of its roads. This means that unless there is a public space in Carwoola, such as a reserve or river front which needs cleaning up, then our regular CUAD activity will not be happening this year.

If you know of a sizable area where there is a large collection of dumped rubbish, please let me know by 10 February.

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## **The Weed Patch**

### **Diary of a dedicated non-poisoning weeder: Rose-Marie Johnson**

So many baking hot days! To make up for finishing early when it was too hot, I sometimes started at the crack of dawn or worked late into dusk, as long as it was possible to see any weeds. It's not worth searching for weeds in such low light conditions because too many would be missed, but it's fine working on a known dense patch of weeds. Then you can always see another weed to work on and there's only a small area to recheck when the light is good.

Because the soil baked dry and hard, the mattock was better for many of the weeds that can usually be done more easily with the weed lifter. Unfortunately, after tripping on a tussock and landing heavily on my tailbone, I was unable to use the mattock effectively due to pain. Found it worked well weeding out a patch of big, tough **Wireweed** by using the tamping end of my multipurpose weeder to hammer down on the weed lifter, with a stone under the fulcrum when extra leverage was needed. A good aspect of this technique is that it takes less effort than using the mattock, so it's easier to do more weeds in one go before becoming too tired.

With so many weeds going to seed all at once at this time of year, it can make sense to resort to emergency surgery, just cutting the seedy tops off the tall weeds to delay the slower work of digging them out. Scissor style clippers are ideal for this job, because they leave a hand free to hold the seedy top to be bagged up for solarisation. Hedge clippers can be used one handed on weeds that aren't too tough by opening them partway to make a good sized V and pushing that against the stem of the weed you're holding. Tougher weeds need to be clipped and this can be done one handed by pushing one handle against your leg or the ground.

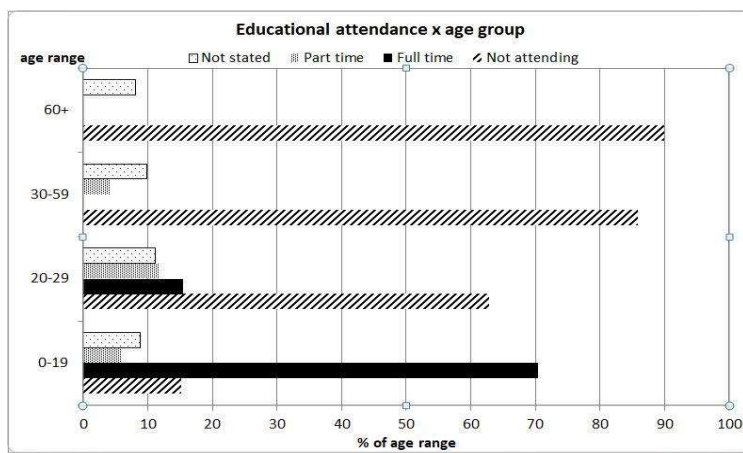
**St John's Wort** is the most urgent noxious weed to work on at present because its seed pods have already developed and it is one of the most invasive weeds and most difficult to get rid of. It's perennial, spreads by suckers as well as seeds and regrows easily from bits of root left behind if you try to dig it out. If the soil is soft, it is possible to dig out the complete root system of small plants up to about ankle height. The bigger plants smothered a few months ago need checking in case the covering has been damaged by stock or plants have grown around the edges. **Skeleton Weed** is even more urgent because it's already going to seed and is also highly invasive and just as hard to get rid of. Since it is also a deep rooted perennial, smothering with newspapers overlaid by cardboard and weighed down with rocks is the most efficient and effective way to control it, too. Ringbarking the roots of individual plants is not so successful because the roots are weak and easily break. Ringbarking **Skeleton Weed** is more successful if done at the very top of the root because it's thickest just below the stem. **Serrated Tussock** and **African Lovegrass** are also urgent because they are already going to seed. **Blackberries** are urgent because some of the berries are already fully ripe. The best way to deal with those is to eat them and send the seeds harmlessly down the septic (although not for me because of my food intolerances). Research has shown that allowing the ripe berries to dry out reduces the viability of the seeds to about half. **Thistles** are another urgent priority, especially the noxious **Scotch Thistle**.

Minor weeds worth suppressing now include **Barley Grass**, **Narrow-leaf Clover**, **Storksbills**, **Mustard Weed**, **Wild Sage**, **Scarlet Pimpernel**, **Goatsbeard**, **Salsify** and **Sandspurry**, which have mostly gone to seed already. Also **Fleabane**, **Mullein**, **Mallows**, **Black Nightshade**, **Horehound**, **Amaranth**, **Dock**, **Umbrella Sedge**, **Willowherb**, **Prickly Lettuce**, **Hawksbeard** and **Fat Hen**. If you can spare the time, it's also worth suppressing some of the weedy grasses like **Paspalum**, which can be toxic, and **Yorkshire Fog Grass**, **Shivering Grass**, **Quaking Grass** and **Hairy Panic** which are low in nutrition. **Sweet Vernal Grass** (*Anthoxanthum odoratum*) is also worth controlling because it contains coumarin which can cause "bleeding disease" (and is used in rat poison), acting as a vitamin K inhibitor to block the blood clotting process and provoke haemorrhaging. Where they've re-seeded along the roadside I've noticed a new type of grass with furry, cylindrical seed heads containing very sticky seeds, which I would suppress to avoid vegetable fault in our wool, and another grass similar to *Paspalum*, but without the black bits on the seed heads, that may also be worth suppressing. **Centaury** is an environmental weed, but it's a low priority because it is harmless (and pretty).

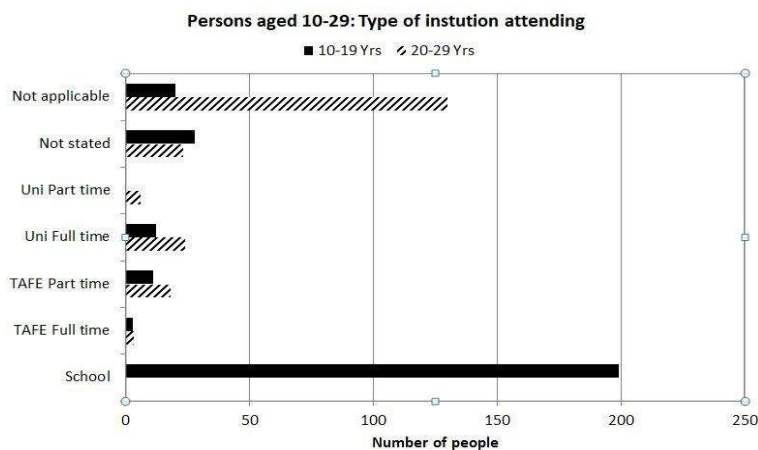
Hope you're not finding the weather too hot to do enough to make significant progress with your weeds.

## Education in the Census (The Census: an occasional series by Martin Butterfield)

I will start with the topic of attendance at an educational establishment.



This chart shows that the information is very much in line with expectations. Other than children attending school the main age group for attending an educational institution is 20-39 years of age.

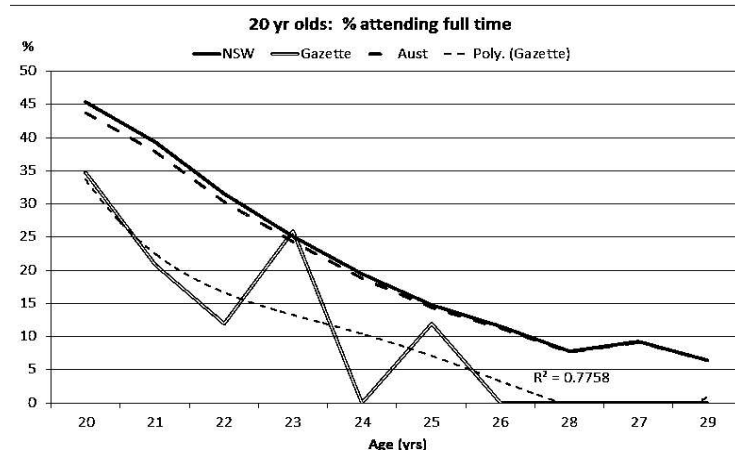


The youngest age group is 0-9 yrs solely concerned with school or preschool.

The next two decades (10 -29 yrs) are a little more mixed.

Looking at the attendance rates for the Gazette area compared to NSW, the 30+ age groups show small differences. For the 0-19 group the Gazette area has a much higher proportion of people attending an institution.

The proportion of people attending full time is a lot lower in the Gazette area for the 20-29 age group. This also applies to individual years of age.



I suggest that a major reason the age group is under-represented is because people move away to study not that the population is uninterested in study.

Further information is at <http://franmart.blogspot.com.au/2018/01/learning-from-census.html>

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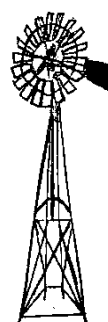
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**Matt Linnegar, CCA President**

To the residents and families of Carwoola. I wanted to take this opportunity to introduce you to the members of your Carwoola Community Association, elected in November 2017. We have just had our first Committee meeting of the year – so what better time to let you know who we are and what we have planned for your benefit and on your behalf for 2018!

First, the introductions:

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Hilary Gunn (higunn@gmail.com) - webpage	

The Carwoola Community Association (CCA) is a Not-for-profit community group that acts in the interests of the greater good of our community. We had a busy year last year, particularly in relating to fire recovery and fundraising. Am pleased and delighted to let you know that we received generous support from the Wamboin and Burra community associations totalling \$3,000. Through our fundraising efforts and your generous support, we were able to match this figure and have provided a total of \$6,000 to the Stoney Creek Fire Brigade for their vital work.

Turning our focus to 2018, we are now planning for the ever-popular Trivia night scheduled for May (date TBC). Last year's event attracted over 100 people and raised much needed funds in the wake of the fire. We will also support the annual car boot sale in September and have some additional, new events in the planning as well. We welcome your input on what events you would support so please feel free to contact me or any other Committee member. (continued...)

(continued...) As you can see from the above introductions, we had renewed interest in joining the CCA. It is only through residents volunteering their time that the Committee can support your community so don't forget to put your hand up at this years' November AGM if you think this could be you!

Finally, I would like to give my heartfelt thanks to the work on the immediate past President, Ian Johnsson, his wife and tireless contributor Sandi Johnsson, the evergreen Hilary Gunn and retiring Committee member Ian Kates. The contributions of these fine people, some of them for over a decade often go unheralded but I would like to offer, on behalf of all residents my sincere thanks for their dedication to our community.



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### **Update on the renovation of the community hall verandah – volunteers needed.**

Discussion with the NSW Rural Fire Service in 2015 about the possibility of upgrading the Stoney Creek Community Hall and Rural Fire Station into a Neighbourhood Safer Place for residents in case of a severe bushfire identified the need to first upgrade or remove the wooden verandah, which, at that time, had many broken windows and a very dilapidated appearance.

A CCA application to the NSW Community Building Grant Partnership Scheme for purchasing timber and glass replacement, paint and other materials was successful in obtaining a grant for \$10,700, and the CCA Committee committed a cash contribution of \$2,000 of community funds. A team of volunteers (Gary Logan, Chris Costas, Mick Street and Ian Johnsson) has completed most of the renovation over many working bees during 2016-17, ably supported by Lucy and Sandi.

Following the Taliesin fire experience, the Stoney Creek RFS Brigade decided not to proceed to upgrade the building into a Neighbourhood Safer Place due to access, congestion and safety limitations with the site. However, the Government allowed us to convert grant monies no longer needed to fully ember-proof the verandah into replacing the glass in the windows in the northern wall of the community hall with laminated glass to meet current safety requirements and improve the overall appearance.

Some further work is now required to complete the verandah and hall window renovation, including replacing the pergola timbers at the eastern end of the verandah and completing the painting. There is also a need to tidy the garden and area immediately surrounding the hall which is currently overgrown.

If you are able to assist us in any working bees over the next few months, please contact me.

**Ian Johnsson**  
**6238 2352**



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**Wildcare training.** Orientation course teaches how to rescue, handle, transport and hold common native animals safely. An essential course for new recruits. At the Senior Citizens Centre, 30 Rossi Rd, **Yass**, on Sat 17 Feb 2018 between 9.30 - 4.00. Contact Sandra 0458843232 or Sherri 0408161752 or email membersrep@wildcare.com.au for details and register.

The next **HotSpot Cafe** is on 28 February at the community hall. 9:30-11:30. Jason McWhirter from Fire Control Centre will give a short presentation on the Bush Fire Risk Management Plan for Carwoola and how as individual property owners we can reduce the risks around our own assets and help keep us safer. Bring your questions?

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## Carwoola Weather January 2018 (Martin Butterfield)

Temperatures °C	(Jan 1993 to date)			
<i>Current year</i>	Max	Min	Average	
<b>January 2018</b>	<b>40.0</b>	<b>6.4</b>	<b>21.6</b>	
<i>Past years</i>	Max	Date	Min	Date
<b>January</b>	<b>45</b>	24 Jan 2001	1	25 Jan 1996
All Months	45	24 Jan 2001	-10	02 Aug 1997
<b>Rainfall (mm)</b> (May 1984 to date)	Current year		Past years	
	Total	Average	Max	Min
<b>January</b>	<b>36.2</b>	<b>75.3</b>	<b>156.3</b>	<b>8.7</b>
Annual total	<b>350.6 (pro rata)</b>	672.1	1004.5	409.7

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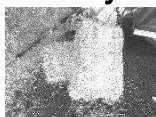
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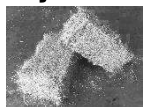


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**Operations.** So far we would have to call this a quieter than average fire season with respect to the number of calls we have had - which is great. Of course it isn't over yet, so we aren't getting complacent (and you shouldn't either).

**Durrán Durra.** The first significant fire we had this season began on 19 January, about 15km north of Braidwood, off the Nerriga Rd. Stoney Creek sent a relief crew in to take over for the night shift on the first night, another two crews the next day and yet another for the second night. The fire burned around 400 hectares in rough country along the Durrán Durra Range under a wind that, unusually for such hot conditions, was blowing mostly from the south-east.

**Hunter Valley deployment.** Over this Australia Day long weekend Stoney Creek participated in a Strike Team that was sent all the way to the Hunter Valley. Five members were sent to the TJ's fire north of the Putty Road and another member went with the Remote Area Firefighting Team (RAFT) to the Elyl fire (go Lewis!) Stoney Creek worked with Burra, Jerrabomberra Creek and Queanbeyan City Brigades in the tedious work of blacking out and gave the local crews some much-needed relief. So spare a thought for those crews who all missed out on their long weekend and instead worked pretty hard for three days a long way from home.

**Other Firecalls.** The last few months however have been very quiet with only the following call outs:

- **17 Nov** Wires down across Captains Flat Rd.
- **23 Nov** A non-permit pile burn off Widgiawa Rd
- **01 Dec** Report of a fire in the back yard of a house in Captains Flat village. Called off en route as the Captains Flat Brigade dealt with it quickly.
- **19 Dec** Report from Cronin fire tower of smoke in the vicinity of Foxlowe Station. Hoskingtown-Rossi and Stoney Creek Brigades spent an hour chasing this but nothing was found. It was suspected that a dust cloud from sheep mustering in the approximate location indicated by Cronin fire tower was the probable cause of this report.
- **20 Dec** Several Brigades including Fire & Rescue from Queanbeyan were called to a structure fire in Rossi. Most units were called off en route as the small fire was extinguished quickly by Hoskingtown-Rossi Brigade and structure was not badly damaged. This was discovered to be a failure in a dangerously set up power board.

**Australia Day.** We were very proud to have two of our younger members selected as this year's Queanbeyan-Palerang Young Citizens of the Year. Callum Anderson & Cody Southwell joined us in 2016 and their first two fires were Currandooley & Taliesin, which was quite an introduction to the business of rural fire fighting. Callum & Cody have taken their training and service with the RFS very seriously and given a lot of their own time to help out. This is what good community service looks like and they are great role models for younger people. We can be proud that we have people like this as our neighbours. The QPRC Mayor, Tim Overall, presented them with their awards at the local Australia Day celebrations in Queanbeyan. Congratulations to them both. (continued....)




**HotSpots.** Our last HotSpots café was all about portable pumps and we had a good turn up of residents come to learn from an expert, Stuart Morrison. We had been concerned that some of our recent HotSpots cafes hadn't been very well attended so this was a great event to have lots of people attend. We will keep offering interesting events for you to experience as long as you, the residents, want them.

Let's hope the rest of this summer remains quiet.


**David Hanzl**

**Captain, Stoney Creek Rural Fire Brigade**

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### **Gardening February 18**

Last year our tomatoes in the vege patch suffered 'Tomato Russet mite'. Spray with Natra-soap or dust with Tomato Dust. The leaves went yellow with speckled black spots and then died. This travelled from the bottom of the plant upwards.

Pear and cherry slug has been everywhere again this year. Plants affected are Pear, Cherry, Quince, some Malus (apples) and Hawthorn varieties. I usually save a good size bucket of my winter wood ash from my fire and dust my Cherry tree each Sunday when the slug is about. But you could spray with Dipel® or Success®.

Have you thought about purchasing some bulbs or plants for this year? This is the time of year that plant catalogues are full of bulbs that will be planted in autumn. Daffodils, Iris, Tulips, Hyacinths and Ranunculi to name a few. Try some new ones that can then be propagated and divided later to fill any bare spots in your garden. Be sure to add compost, mushroom compost or animal manure to improve the soil before planting. Try [Tesslaar.com.au](http://Tesslaar.com.au) or [gardenexpress.com.au](http://gardenexpress.com.au) to name 2 but there are others out there.

Try and be sure to provide long, deep watering for your plants rather than short, shallow watering times. They will be far better protected against heat and drought. Heat stress and sunburn can be very bad for flower and fruit production too. Try to maintain sub surface moisture levels to reduce and plant stress. 'Long and slow' not 'short and sweet'.

It's the time of year to keep a watch for powdery mildew on your pumpkins, cucumbers and zucchinis. Spray with 1 part milk to 10 parts water regularly.

I've noticed a few grasshoppers about in my gardens. A natural remedy is to crush some garlic in hot water and let cool. Then spray on affected plants. A second home remedy is half a cup of Treacle or Golden syrup mixed with warm water, cool, and then spray on plants. Apparently grasshoppers don't like sticky feet.

Wanda Egan



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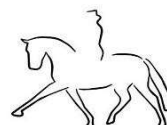
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## From the Corner

**Owner Builder Permits** — I had occasion recently to apply for an Owner-Builder Permit. I've done building work myself before, but hadn't previous required a Permit. This was due in part to the work being undertaken, but also recent (2015) changes in home building laws.

Owner-builder work (requiring a Permit) is work (including supervision and coordination) involved in the construction of, or alterations, repairs or additions to, a dwelling:

- where the market value (labour and materials) exceeds \$10,000, and
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Other overarching conditions apply, but in general an Owner-Builder Permit is designed to allow people, who have the skill or capacity, to build their own house or supervise construction by coordinating appropriate sub-contractors. While an Owner-Builder Permit is not a builder's licence, as an owner-builder you are responsible for the building work, as a fully licensed builder would be.

Under the Permit, you become ultimately responsible for managing and coordinating the completion of the building work. You must still engage licensed contractors to complete any specialist work related to the construction unless you are licensed to do so yourself.

If you don't want this responsibility, be wary of a builder who suggests you obtain an Owner-Builder Permit while they do all the building work for you. This may be a ploy where the builder is shirking responsibility, is unlicensed, or is unable to get necessary insurance. As an owner-builder you are guaranteeing the work that is undertaken and the next immediate owner of the property is entitled to the benefit of the statutory warranties set out in the Home Building Act 1989.

There's one more little hitch that I discovered—all Owner Builder Permits are not created equal... If the value of your building work exceeds \$20,000 (labour and material), you must first complete an owner-

builder training course. This is not an insignificant task and, while the course can be completed through a number of distance education providers, it takes around 90 hours to complete.

The course material covers work health and safety requirements (a substantial component of the material), project management, including estimating and costing, and reading and interpreting plans. Some institutions offer credit for 'prior experience', but I ultimately found it quicker to complete the coursework and assessment than to fill out all the paperwork required to gain credit for the prior experience.

This is just an overview of the requirements here. If you're interested, refer to the NSW Fair Trading website ([fairtrading.nsw.gov.au](http://fairtrading.nsw.gov.au)) for more information.

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

Owner Building (Jan 2018)  
Development Applications (Aug 2015)  
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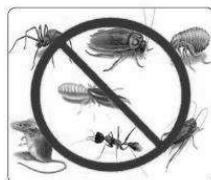
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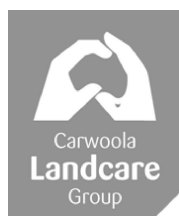
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### LANDCARE MEETING – MONDAY, 12 FEBRUARY 2018

HAPPY NEW YEAR LANDCARERS!!

Here's just a reminder to let you know that Carwoola Landcare Group meets regularly on the 2nd Monday evening of each month at 6.30-8.30pm. Guest speakers are regularly invited. Workshops and field days are also conducted on weekends.

At our next landcare meeting – we'll be talking about and planning our priorities and activities for 2018. We'll also be joined by Alice McGrath and Janelle Dennis from Molonglo Catchment who'll be telling us about funding and opportunities to work with us in 2018.

**DATE:** 12 February 2018

**TIME:** 6.30-8.30pm

**LOCATION:** (to be advised – get on the email list to stay tuned, and watch the Facebook page – see below)

**GUEST SPEAKERS:** Alice McGrath & Janelle Dennis, Molonglo Catchment Group

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