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David Wimble

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From the Newsletter Committee

Welcome one and all to the Spring 2019 Issue.

We trust you are over the winter chills and are looking forward to the warmer weather, being mindful of course of the approaching fire season. Please read the important fire information from Greg on pages 8 and 9.

In this issue we also publish reports from the recent Annual General Meeting, and continue with our mountain artists series, with our thanks to photographer David Wimble.

Residents and friends are invited to attend to the RFS 'Get Ready - Knowing your Fire Risk' Day on Saturday 14 September, the Spring Market on Saturday 19 October, and the ever popular Halloween activity on Thursday 31 October, all taking place in Bowen Mountain Park.

New members are always very welcome. See Page 6 for information on how you can become a BMA member.

If you wish to contribute items of interest for publishing these can be forwarded by email to bmanews@bowenmountain.org.au by the deadline date. It is helpful if all text is in a word.doc file and photos are jpg. Thank you.

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COMBINED ANNUAL PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

INCORPORATING SOCIAL COMMITTEE REPORT - AUGUST 2019

Against a backdrop of change and challenge, the BMA has, once again, notched up another successful year of operation.

A reminder to prepare our houses and land in the event of fire and not be complacent was heralded in September 2018 by a successful Get Ready information and demonstration afternoon. This important and critical event was efficiently and effectively operated by Grose Vale RFS, and the BMA cooked the free BBQ. Many thanks to Greg, Piet and Noel from Grose Vale RFS in organising this event, and for their collaboration with the BMA. This event will be held again in September 2019.

A screaming bat on a zip line, a witch riding a bike across the night sky, life size furry friends, Wizard of Oz flash-mobs, graveyards under the trees, ghosts, ghouls, witches and a plethora of characters heralded the highly successful third Halloween event in Bowen Mountain Park. Over 350 people attended this event which proved to be just as successful this year as it has been in previous years. Halloween revellers feasted on home cooked BBQ sausages in a roll, home made soups, ghoulish popcorn, witches' brains and other devilish treats. Many thanks to everyone who helped make this event so successful. A special thanks to Lance & Hope Mitchell, Sarah & Roy Morgan, Karl & Christina O'Rourke, Bill & Alison Kerr, Evette Sinton, Christine Johns, Crystal Evans and Selena Purcell for their tireless and creative efforts in making this a wonderful event. Expressive photos and commentaries on the "Like" Bowen Mountain Facebook page were a testimony to the popularity, achievement and triumph of this event. Plans are once again underway for a Halloween with a difference this year.

Christmas was celebrated with a successful and entertaining Christmas Party held in the Park Hall by the Community Care committee. Many thanks to Liz and Martha for organizing these events on behalf of the Community Care committee.

It has been three years since the community Bowen Mountain Arts Fest has been organised following the very unfortunate illness of past co-ordinator Marian Hanly. The Bowen Mountain Association, encouraged by local artists and sponsorship from Hawkesbury City Council, Village Kitchen, Kurrajong, Bendigo Bank North Richmond and Vibe Real Estate decided to reactivate the Arts Fest in honour of Marian. Due to an unprecedented number of entries, and opportunities it became necessary to extend the Festival. As this is a Hawkesbury community Arts Fest, it was decided to run the Arts Fest as a travelling festival aptly named "Art on the

Move" using a number of different sites around the Hawkesbury. This is the first time an art exhibition of this nature has been run in the Hawkesbury making it a unique event.

The first site of the travelling Arts Fest was the original site of the Festival in Bowen Mountain Park hall where the Children and Youth Art exhibition was held on Saturday 17th and Sunday 18th November 2018. Deputy Mayor, Councillor Mary Lyons Buckett officially opened the Fest and presented awards and prizes to the winners and place getters, followed by a morning tea for prize winners, their families and guests. Judges, Suzanne, Shane and Jane, found judging challenging due to the high calibre of work entered from preschool, primary and high schools in the Hawkesbury area. Winners and place getters were then displayed at the Village Kitchen, Kurrajong exhibition. Throughout the weekend workshops and demonstrations were held by the three guest artists, Taryn Malzard, Deb MacAuley and Caithlin Murray. These workshops for both adults and children proved to be very popular.

Hawkesbury artists dazzled with their creativity at the Opening Night of the Bowen Mountain Arts Fest – "Art on the Move" 2019 held in January at the Village Kitchen, Kurrajong. The variety of skills and talents featuring 28 Hawkesbury artists and artisans and over 200 pieces of art and craft, were evident in works from a diverse range of media including oils, pastels, watercolours, lino prints, etchings, ceramics, jewellery, hand woven scarves, wood work, photographs, porcelain, sculptures, hand woven natural fibre baskets, and paper native flowers. Eighty-two people attended the Opening Night and enjoyed a cosy and relaxed atmosphere to celebrate our local art talent. Guest speakers included the Hon. Susan Templeman (Federal Member for Macquarie) who congratulated the BMA on hosting such an inclusive and talent-studded event, and eloquently reflected on the cultural importance of art and community in our modern lives. The event was officially opened by Councillor Mary Lyons-Buckett, who also commended our local artists for publicly displaying such talented and breathtaking work and encouraged us all to support our local artists by purchasing their work. The artwork was on display and for sale until the end of January. Many thanks to Shane Madanowski from the Village Kitchen for providing the venue and a superb Opening Night Supper. Also thanks to Leanne from Vibe Real Estate for lending us the little cottage out the front of the Village Kitchen enabling us to celebrate the talent of Hawkesbury artists of all ages.

On 17 March, the BMA organized another rousing St. Patrick's Day dinner at Thai Angelina in Richmond. Green curry abounded! We had 15 hungry diners who were served a delicious and value-packed all-you-could-eat banquet by Bing and her husband, Sam.

Autumn brought some unprecedented challenges to the BMA. Unfortunately, the date that we chose for our annual Sustainability Fair and Market Day happened to coincide with a large number of other events happening in the Hawkesbury. As a result, many of our usual exhibitors and stallholders were unable to attend. Rather than run a depleted version of the Fair, the BMA had no real option but to cancel the event for this year. The good news is that many of our stakeholders have expressed interest in attending next year. Unfortunately, the ever popular Winter Musical Interlude, did not run this year. We hope to reinstate this relaxing winter activity next year, when we are better able to support it.

Lance Mitchell, BMA Vice President represented the Association at the Grose River Bridge Community Meeting in April. This is not the bridge for the 'third crossing' that is being funded by the federal and state governments, but is the bridge that was promised to Council by the Redbank developers to get their development approved. According to Lance, discussion was very lively and, whilst this was supposed to be a 'consultation' meeting, it was more like the presentation of a fait accompli. If it goes ahead, the bridge will cross the Grose around

Yarramundi, and may have a significant impact on traffic on our local roads.

The BMA organized another delectable dinner at the River Orchid Chinese restaurant in North Richmond, on 30 July, where 12 members shared a wonderful winter's banquet together. Though numbers were somewhat down due to illness and other commitments, hosts Michael and Suzy didn't disappoint, with all diners enjoying copious quantities of the delicious dishes and sparkling conversation.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the hard-working Newsletter Committee, Facebook Administrator and our Website Co-ordinator for being "the official voices" of the BMA. Furthermore, we would like to thank the Bowen Mountain Management Committee and the subcommittees for all their tireless work throughout 2018 – 2019 as they strive to make Bowen Mountain a quality environment for all to enjoy. A special thank you to Ken Barnes who has tirelessly managed to balance the books and keep the finances in order. Without their commitment, dedication and tireless efforts, the Bowen Mountain Association would cease to exist. Finally, thank you, the residents of Bowen Mountain for your interest and support of the Bowen Mountain Association and all its activities.

Bill Kerr

Alison Kerr

President and Secretary, Bowen Mountain Association

2019 CALENDAR OF COMMUNITY EVENTS

DATE		ITEM
SEPTEMBER	Monday 9 th 7:30	BMA MEETING – Bowen Mountain Park Hall
	Saturday 14 th 10 - 2pm	RFS Get Ready Meeting – Bowen Mountain Park Hall
OCTOBER	Thursday 3 rd 7:30	BMPMC ((Park Committee) - Park Hall
	Saturday 5 th 1:00pm	WORKING BEE - Park
	Monday 14 th 7:30	BMA MEETING – Bowen Mountain Park Hall
	Saturday 19 th 3 - 6pm	SPRING MARKET – Bowen Mountain Park
	Thursday 31 st 6 - 8pm	Halloween Happenings – Bowen Mountain Park Hall – All Welcome
NOVEMBER	Monday 11 th 7:30 Date and Venue TBC	BMA MEETING – Bowen Mountain Park Hall BMA Dinner
DECEMBER	Monday 9 th 7:30	BMA MEETING – Bowen Mountain Park Hall Christmas Party

BMA COMMITTEE MEETING: Second Monday of every month * except June on first Monday at 7:30 pm

NOTE: Dates may be subject to change depending on weather and other factors. Due notice will be provided.

AGM TREASURER'S REPORT SUMMARY

Year Ending 30.6.2019

Total Income: \$ 10,518.88 Total Expenditure: \$ 10, 274.90 Nett Income: \$ 243.98

BOWEN MOUNTAIN ASSOCIATION INC.

UNCONFIRMED MINUTES OF THE BOWEN MOUNTAIN ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON SUNDAY AUGUST 18TH 2019 BOWEN MOUNTAIN PARK HALL

Meeting commenced at 2.10 p.m.

Present: As per attendance record. Bill Kerr, Susan Templeman, Elaine Leahy, John Leahy, Alison Kerr, Finn Jackobsen, Ulla Jackobsen, Karl O'Rourke, Dianne Turner, Lance Mitchell, Judith Mitchell, Howard Mitchell, Flynn Morgan, Sarah Morgan Piet Roebbers, Henriette de Koning, Colin Chesterman, John Wulff, Robin Woods, Mel Kerr, Diane Williamson, Pauline Vizzard,

The President, Bill Kerr began by paying our respects to the Elders of the land and a welcome to country. He welcomed everyone to the meeting. Bill thanked everyone for attending the meeting to hear Flynn, Diane and Finn talk on Bowen Mountain – My Home

Apologies: Apologies were received from Ken Barnes, Sue Hoare, Neil Hartley, Lorena Aleman, Peter Jamieson, Martha Allen

1) The meeting was chaired by the President, Bill Kerr who introduced the Guest Speaker – Susan Templeman MP, Federal Member for Macquarie. Susan spoke of the similarities between Bowen Mountain and her home of Winmalee. She spoke of the volunteering nature of the community and thanked everyone for being part of the community and volunteering. Susan spoke of her admiration for the BMA as a small association bringing the community together to have a bigger voice. Individually you make a contribution. Together you make a wonderful team of volunteers. Susan spoke of the Community grants that are available and encouraged us all to apply. 1) Stronger Communities 2) Grant for environment and weed eradication, water, pests. You need to be part of an organisation to apply. All information is available on Susan's website. Susan's office is there to help to "break down the doors of "bureaucracy" and assist in completing grants. The President thanked Susan for her support of the BMA.

2) The President, Bill Kerr, introduced the guest speakers, Flynn Morgan, Dianne Turner and Finn Jakobsen who spoke on "Bowen Mountain – My Home". Each speaker gave a most interesting talk from their perspective of their life on the mountain.

3) Bill Kerr thanked all the speakers and presented them with a token of our appreciation.

4) Bill Kerr thanked all the members of the BMA and all the committees for their contribution to the BMA and the Bowen Mountain community.

5) **Minutes:** Minutes of the Annual General Meeting on 19th August 2018. Complete minutes of the 2018 meeting were printed in the 2018 newsletter.

a. **MOTION:** That the Minutes of the AGM held on 19th August 2018 be accepted

MOVED: John Wulff **SECONDED:** John Leahy **CARRIED**

6) Reports – All reports were detailed, tabled and will be printed in the Spring issue of the Bowen Mountain Association newsletter. Copies of the reports were also made available at the meeting. These reports were from

President, Treasurer, Secretary, Social Committee, Newsletter, Arts Committee, and Facebook.

8) Members were advised that the Department of Fair Trading Form A -12 (as required) was available for perusal before being forwarded to the department.

9) The annual Treasurer's report as at 30th June, 2019, outlined the following:

Cheque Account: Opening Balance (1.7.18)	\$ 2,432.47
Closing Balance (30.6.19)	\$ 2,552.37
Income:	\$ 10,394.80
Expenditure:	\$ 10,274.90
Term Deposit: Opening Balance (1.7.18)	\$ 5,394.95
Closing Balance (30.6.19)	\$ 5,519.03
Income (interest)	\$ 124.08
Expenditure:	\$ 0.00
Net Income:	\$ 243.98

The President thanked Ken Barnes for his efficient work as Treasurer and for creating the accounts onto MS Excel,

a. **MOTION:** "That the Treasurers report be accepted".

MOVED: Sarah Morgan **SECONDED:** Diane Turner **CARRIED**

10) **MOTION:** "That all reports be accepted".

MOVED: Sarah Morgan **SECONDED:** John Wulff **CARRIED**

10) The President declared that all positions on the BMA committee were vacant and handed the meeting over to the Returning Officer, John Leahy

11) The election of the BMA Committee was then conducted. The Returning Officer, John Leahy declared the following people elected for the 2019 -2020 year.

a. Committee

- i. **PRESIDENT:** Bill Kerr
- ii. **VICE PRESIDENT:** Lance Mitchell
- iii. **TREASURER:** Liz Rowan
- iv. **SECRETARY:** Alison Kerr
- v. **GENERAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS:**

John Wulff, Susan Hoare, Karl O'Rourke, Sarah Morgan, Colin Chesterman, Robin Woods

General Business – Questions in regard to:

12) Is the Arts Committee currently operational? Yes it is.

13) Huge trucks coming up Wattle Street and realising that they need to turn around. Can we put a sign directing trucks the other end of the mountain? To be investigated by the BMA Management Committee.

14) **Meeting closed at 3.08 p.m. 18.8.19**

Signed as a true and accurate record of the Minutes of the Bowen Mountain Association AGM

President, Bill Kerr

Secretary, Alison Kerr

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL APPLICATION

The Bowen Mountain Association Inc, PO Box 3141, GROSE VALE 2753



It is that time of year to join/ renew my/our membership of the Bowen Mountain Association Inc (BMA) for the 2020 membership year.

* Single Rate \$5.00 * Family Rate \$10.00

Your membership will assist the BMA to run all of its activities throughout the year and publish the newsletter.

EFT Details:

Bendigo Bank

Account Name: Bowen Mountain Association Inc.

BSB: 633 000

Account Number: 1182 44003

Note: Please state your Surname, first initial and 'Membership' in the Reference/ Message section (Example: "Bowen G Membership").

If you are a new member, could you please email the secretary, Alison Kerr on

secretary@bowenmountain.org.au

with the following details First Name, Last Name, Address and Contact Number.

Thank you

PARK REPORT

Bowen Mountain Park Management Committee (BMPMC)

Basketball Hoop in the Park

A basketball hoop has been erected by the Park Committee near the outer wall of the old pool. Happy shooting everyone! Thanks to Stewart, Grayden & the other helpers that assisted in the erection of the hoop.

Cost ~ \$1,250

Suggestions for any further improvements to the park are welcome. Come to the park meeting or send an email. *(see photos below)*

BMPMC Meeting

Thursday 3rd October 7.30pm Park Hall, all welcome

Working Bee

Saturday 5th October 1pm in the park, please phone or email if you are able to attend

Booking the Park Hall

The park hall can be hired for private functions. The hall and the enclosed fenced area are available for the sole use and responsibility of the person hiring the hall. The BBQ and the park are shared public areas. Entry of vehicles to the park is only permitted under special circumstances.

The hire charge for functions is \$100 hire fee plus \$100 bond.

Booking requests can be done by phone (see below) or on the Community Website at

<https://www.bowenmountain.org.au/bookings/booking-community-room/> where facilities and availability (on the calendar) can be checked. Fill in the booking form. Please book early.

Colin Chesterman (Chairman) 4572 1710
Louise Hawkins (Secretary) 4572 2481



Basketball Hoop in the Park



David Wimble – Photographer of Bowen Mountain

David Wimble exhibited at The Bowen Mountain Arts Fest- “ Art on the Move” 2019, which ran from January 11th – 31st 2019 at the Village Kitchen, Kurrajong. David’s photographs drew many admiring comments. Here is David’s story.

“I am an Australian landscape photographer, currently residing in Bowen Mountain. I was born deaf and grew up in Ryde and moved to Bowen Mountain in 2010.

I started a photography course in 1996 and studied at Tafe for 3 years. I studied darkroom, studio and photography with an old camera medium format and 35mm SLR camera. I attended many interviews for photography jobs and unfortunately failed to get a job because I'm deaf. So I gave up.

I have worked in the landscaping business for the last 20 years but rediscovered my passion for photography when I joined Instagram in 2014 and saw so many talented photographers share their beautiful images from travel around the world. I wanted that dream so I picked up my old camera and

have been hooked on photography ever since.

I’m currently working with a camera and have been able to capture many amazing images at many remarkable locations on every weekend. Most of the time I go to Richmond Lowlands early in the morning and photograph the beautiful fog with a famous windmill and lone tree.

My favourite photo is of Sea Cliff Bridge near Wollongong with a huge rainbow. It's been shared millions of times on Facebook and Instagram. This was crazy for only one picture! Sea Cliff Bridge asked me to share my work in a book to celebrate their 10 years birthday on Sea Cliff Bridge. I'm so stoked.

I hope you enjoy my images and see the beauty I see through my lens.”

Check out my work: www.davidwimble.com.au
Instagram - [@david_wimble](https://www.instagram.com/david_wimble) and
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FIRE LIAISON REPORT

Welcome to the Grose Vale Brigade Community Engagement Officers Report for the Spring edition of the Bowen Mountain Newsletter.

A below average rainfall over the Autumn and Winter season has contributed greatly to the drying of leaf litter and other forest fuel in the bushland areas that surround Bowen Mountain and Grose Vale. The Bureau of Meteorology seasonal outlook also confirms a continuance of warmer and drier than normal conditions over coming months. These conditions are of particular concern as they directly influence fire behaviour and intensity making fires fierce and difficult to control.

Bush Fire Season: the Bush Fire Season for the Hawkesbury is likely to be bought forward from the 1st October 2019 to the 1st September and fire permits will be required for those wishing to conduct a burn, in addition to the requirements of Hawkesbury City Council Open Burning Policy (see “Pile Burns” below).

Pile Burns: if you are planning to undertake a pile burn, it is a requirement that you notify Hawkesbury City Council all year round and during the fire season, obtain a permit by contacting Hawkesbury District Fire Control Office.

Further information is available from the Hawkesbury District Fire Control Centre on 4560 6400, the Hawkesbury City Council website www.hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au/environment/health-and-safety/open-burning or contacting Hawkesbury City Council on 4560 4444.

Pile Burns: the NSW RFS Pile Burn Standard notes that piles must be constructed and burnt in accordance with that Standard, for instance:

- Piles should be 2 metres x 2 metres x 1.5 metres high; and
- There is 2 metres clearance around the pile/s; and
- Pile(s) are 20 metres from any building; and
- You notify all residents who adjoin your property at least 24 hours prior to lighting.

Further information regarding the Pile Burn Standard is available from the NSW RFS website: www.rfs.nsw.gov.au Enter in the search bar Pile Burn Standards.

Hazard Reductions: during the next couple of months, weather permitting, Grose Vale Brigade will continue to undertake Hazard Reduction burns of bushland behind properties on the western side of Bowen Mountain. While Hazard Reductions may be inconvenient to members of the community, they are an important adjunct to managing the bushland and lowering the intensity of a bushfire. When a Hazard

Reduction is conducted, residents are reminded to take the following precautions:

- Keep doors and windows closed to prevent smoke entering homes
- Keep outdoor furniture under cover to prevent ember burns
- Remove washing from clotheslines and retract pool covers to prevent ember damage
- Ensure pets have a protected area
- Vehicles must slow down, keep windows up, turn headlights on
- Sightseers must keep away from the Hazard Reduction Burn for their own safety
- Do not enter the bushland that has been hazard reduced for several weeks as there is the possibility of trees falling
- If you have asthma or a lung condition, reduce outdoor activities if smoke levels are high and if shortness of breath or coughing develops, take your reliever medicine or seek medical advice For further information please contact: Hawkesbury Fire Control Centre: 4560 6400 or your local Brigade.

STOP PRESS STOP PRESS

Get Ready Weekend: the Get Ready Weekend 2019 will be held on the 14th & 15th September and in conjunction with The Bowen Mountain Association, Grose Vale Brigade will be holding its “Get Ready” program at Bowen Mountain Park on Saturday the 14th September from 10.00am until 2.00pm.

A primary focus of the Get Ready Weekend program will be *Knowing Your Risk*.

So now is the time to Get Ready. Grose Vale Brigade invites you to come along and meet local firefighter volunteers who will be available to discuss your personal risks and how you can best protect you, your family and your home from fire.



Knowing Your Risk.

You don't have to live close to the bush to be at risk. A bush or grass fire can happen at any time but the risk is higher during the warmer months, when bush, grass and or scrub is drier. Even if your home is a few streets back, you may be at risk. You can check for bush fire prone areas in your location by checking the Hawkesbury City Council website (look for Bush Fire Prone Land Map) or on the NSW RFS website at:

<https://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/plan-and-prepare/building-in-a-bush-fire-area/planning-for-bush-fire-protection/bush-fire-prone-land/check-bfpl>

Think about the area you live in

If you live in an area surrounded by bush:

- Fires in bushland can be hot, intense and fast moving
- Burning embers may be blown ahead of the fire front, landing on your home and starting spot fires or setting fire to your home
- Embers may continue to land for many hours even after the fire front has passed, so you will need to patrol your property for several hours after the fire front has passed
- Smoke will likely impact your area making it difficult and sometimes dangerous to leave
- The radiant heat from a fire may set fire to your home and surrounds



If you live in an area where the bush or grasslands meet built up areas:

- Grass fires can start easily and spread quickly, destroying homes, paddocks and crops
- Grass fires can move much faster than a bush



fire catching people unexpectedly. They can be very hot producing huge amounts of heat killing anyone caught in its path

- As grass dries out it can catch fire more easily
- Fires in tall grass will have tall flames that may burn across trails, roads and fire breaks

If you live in an area where the bush or grasslands meet built up areas:

- Fires can spread quickly from parks and reserves and may threaten your home, fences or gardens
- Thick smoke from the fire can make it difficult to see or breathe
- Even if you live a couple of streets from the bush you are at risk of ember attack
- Burning embers can travel long distances through the air setting fire to homes even a few streets back



Keep yourself informed on days of increased fire danger

If a bushfire is in your area or you are unsure, its important to stay up to date. In an emergency, call **Triple Zero (000)**, check the NSW RFS website (www.rfs.nsw.gov.au), download the **Fires Near Me** app, listen to local radio, local ABC, TV etc or check [facebook.com/nswrfs](https://www.facebook.com/nswrfs) or twitter.com/nswrfs



Grose Vale Rural Fire Brigade welcomes new members and if you are interested in joining your local Brigade please contact Hawkesbury District Fire Control Centre on 4560 6400 or find us on [facebook.com/GroseValeRuralFireBrigade](https://www.facebook.com/GroseValeRuralFireBrigade) or [facebook.com](https://www.facebook.com) search for Grose Vale.

Greg Walker

Grose Vale Brigade Community Engagement Officer

Newsletter AGM Report

This past year has seen a few changes to the Newsletter and the Committee. Unfortunately, due to various circumstances Sue Hoare made a decision to resign as Editor, although she has continued to be on the committee. Alison Kerr was able to step in until she was unable to attend meetings, but via emails is able to provide us with BMA executive reports and other input. Thanks to Bill Kerr for organising our advertisers. This has meant that the small committee has banded together to produce the newsletter each quarter.

To John Wulff who spends many hours laying out the pages ready for Tom to print. Thank you both. Thanks to Caithlin Murray and others for our covers (now printed in colour), to our advertisers, Colin for sorting each issue ready for the deliverers, and to everyone who has contributed an article and continually supports this publication. To you all our sincere thanks.

BMA Newsletter Committee

Facebook AGM Report 2018-2019

In July this year the Bowen Mountain Association's FaceBook page reached 2,000 "Likes", which is another significant achievement for a small community organisation page. The page is now followed closely by almost 4,000 people globally, making it one of the largest community Facebook pages in our area.

The page is an interactive community noticeboard, providing the BMA with the opportunity to communicate with local residents, friends and families from around the world. The page provides information about community events such as the Arts Festival, Halloween, RFS and emergency services information and more. It broadcasts and redistributes important information such as local and state government announcements, consultation processes, and emergency information, such as that provided by NSW Police or the SES. The page regularly reposts information relating to weather, hazard reduction efforts, RAAF base exercises, local events and more.

As always, the page dedicated a substantial amount of time this year to exploring the local area. The administrators of the page shared beautiful photographs of Buralow Campground, Wheeny Creek, Cabbage Tree Rd, The Wolgan Valley and of course, Bowen Mountain Park. There were photos from Koala sightings, Gang Gangs, Lyrebirds and sunrises, lookouts, glow worms and a huge diamond python.

The page also reposts information about local school carnivals, fetes and fundraising initiatives. The BMA attended the Hawkesbury Council consultation meeting concerning the Grose River Bridge and

uploaded notes from the meeting to the page.

Significant community events were covered in detail. Halloween, Cleanup Australia Day and RFS Santa touring the mountain to name just a few.

Of all the posts from 2018-2019, a post showing photos of a Koala in Bowen Mountain Park unsurprisingly gained the most reactions collecting 14,511 views from right around the world. Second on the list of most viewed posts was a photo of a road sign for Glossodia in Freemans Reach on which someone had stuck letters over half the sign so that the sign now reads "Gloss Vegas". This reached a total of 13,414 people. This post was closely followed by the reports on Halloween, which has quickly become somewhat of a local highlight on the calendar.

The page is linked with a number of local organisations such as the Hawkesbury Gazette, the Crago Observatory, Hawkesbury Council and local businesses. It also shares a love of natural photography with Rhys Pope Photography, a local photographer who posts incredible pictures of our natural surroundings.

Residents work together on the page to help lost pets find their home, buy swap and sell or discuss upcoming events.

The Bowen Mountain Association Facebook page brings residents closer together, helps communicate a greater understanding of the Hawkesbury area and connects people who would otherwise be strangers.

The page serves as a way of bringing us all closer together, wherever we are in the world, and share a love for the place we call home.



Will you be out and about
HAUNTING the Mountain
this Halloween ???



Why not drop into the Park
for some Halloween Fun?

Thursday 31st October, 2019, 6-8pm
BBQ, drinks and treats.

Best dressed costume competition,
Live music and much, much more.
'Like' Bowen Mountain, NSW on FaceBook
for all the gory details!

Ph. Alison 0419 167 088
A Bowen Mountain Association Event.

Bowen Mountain Spring Market

Saturday 19th October, 3-6pm
Bowen Mountain Park

Various stalls with gift wares, candles,
local services, natural products, food,
beverages and so much more.

So come along and support some of our
amazing local businesses while the kids
visit our free activity stations!

Culinary Corner

MARY BERRY'S BEST APPLE CAKE

350g self-raising flour
1 level tsp baking powder
225g caster sugar
3 large eggs
1 tsp almond extract
1 tsp vanilla extract
225 g butter, melted
375g cooking apples, peeled and cored
40g flaked almond



METHOD

1. Use a deep 25cm diameter loose bottomed cake tin lightly spread with butter and dusted with bread crumbs.
2. Preheat oven to 160°C/gas 3.
3. Thoroughly mix the melted butter and sugar with a hand blender in a bowl and then mix in the eggs.
4. Add flour, baking powder, almond and vanilla extract. Mix well until blended.
5. Spread half the mixture into the prepared tin.
6. Slice the apples into 2 mm slices (a combined apple peeler, corer and spiral slicer does this very quickly - see illustration).
7. Cut apple in half, lay apple slices on top of the mixture in the tin, piling more to the centre.
8. Spoon the rest of the cake mixture on top of the apples.
9. Sprinkle with flaked almonds.
10. Bake in the pre-heated oven for 1¼ - 1½ hours until golden.

Best served warm with ice cream or whipped cream.

John Wulff



Benzer
apple peeler, corer and spiral slicer

SWEET POTATO AND BACON SOUP

1 large sweet potato
1 brown onion
2 potatoes
1 cup chicken stock – I use Massel chicken powder mixed in hot water. You may need to add more stock depending on how thin you wish the soup.
250g of bacon pieces
Olive oil for frying onion and bacon



FRITTATA MUFFINS

6 eggs
salt and pepper to taste
¾ cup chopped spinach or baby spinach leaves
½ cup red capsicum
8 cherry tomatoes cut into ¼'s
½ cup baked pumpkin cubes
1 tbs. mustard – Dijon or other

METHOD

1. Turn oven to 180°C fan forced.
2. Whisk eggs, salt, pepper, and mustard.
3. Stir through all vegetables.
4. Spoon into greased muffin pan.
5. Sprinkle crumbled feta cheese on top of each muffin.
6. Bake for 20 minutes or until brown on top.
7. Allow to cool and turn out of pan.
8. Can be eaten hot or cold. Heat each muffin in microwave for 30 secs.
9. Can be frozen. Wrap individual muffins in glad-wrap to freeze.

Great for lunches.

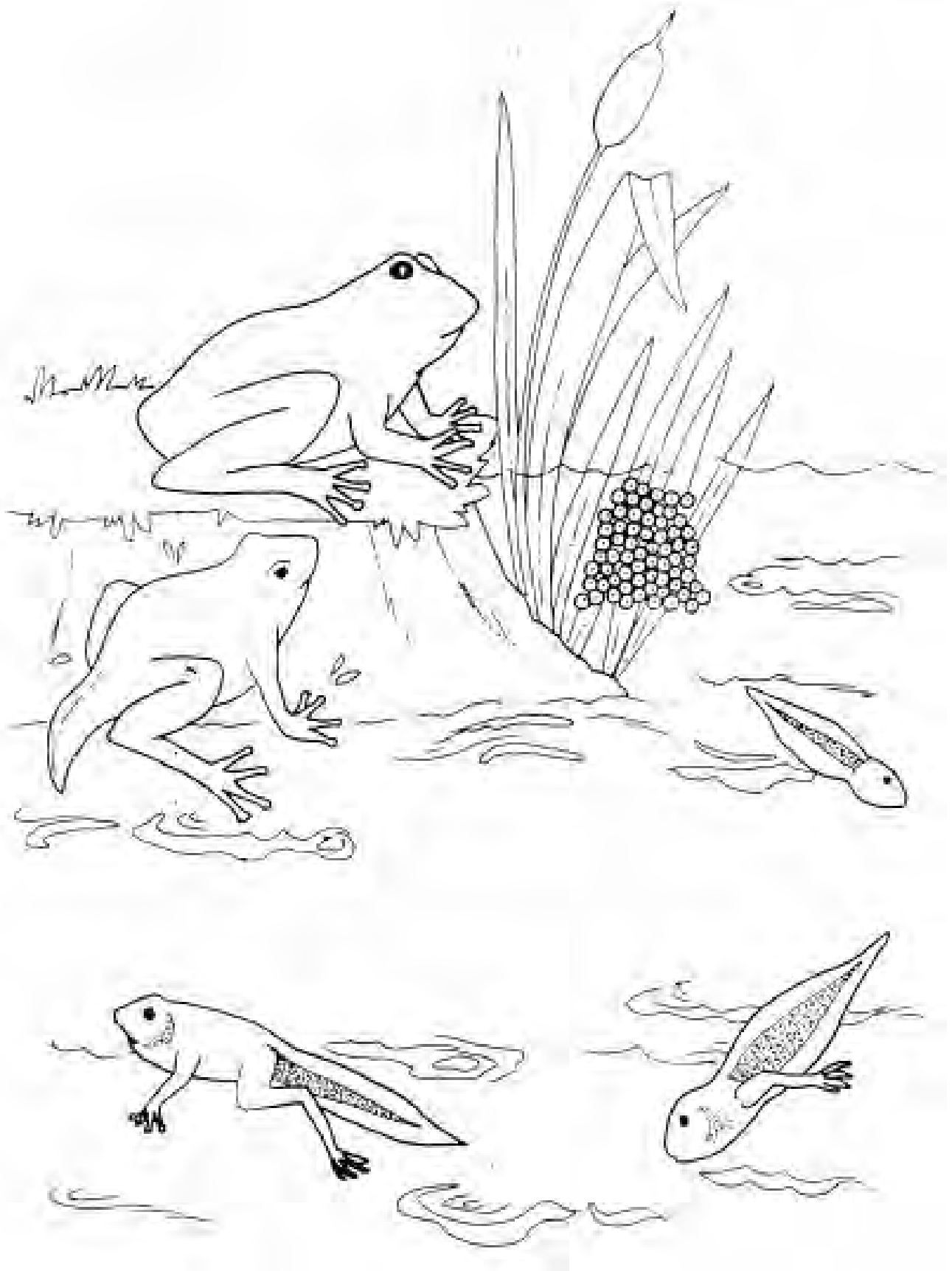
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METHOD

1. Turn oven to 180°C fan forced.
2. Peel and chop the sweet potato into cubes.
3. Spread sweet potato on a baking paper lined baking tray. Bake in the oven until soft.
4. Peel and chop potato. Cut into cubes and par boil on stove or in microwave.
5. Peel and chop onion. Cook in a fry pan with olive oil until translucent. Add bacon pieces and continue to cook until bacon is soft.
6. Put the cooked sweet potato, onion, bacon, potato and chicken stock into a pot to cook on the stove so all flavours are blended. Cook until potato is soft.
7. When soup is cool, blend and if necessary add more chicken stock.

A satisfying winter soup, which can be frozen.

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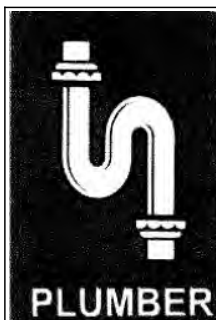


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