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BUNGWAHL BUNYAH BULAHDELAH



Superb LyreBird

Menura novaehollandiae

The Superb Lyrebird is unmatched in vocal repertoire and mimicry. Its syrinx, or voice box, is worked by three instead of the usual four intrinsic muscles, giving flexibility. Although the birds are capable of imitating almost any sound - from a mill whistle to a cross-cut saw - they usually restrict their mimicry to loud clear sounds made by other birds & mammals. To attract the female, the male scratches

up an earth display mound, breaks into song, spreads its tail up and over the head, vibrating, prancing and stamping. They are found in wet Eucalypt and rainforest coastal areas. You can hear them, but because they are wary birds and escape by running & dodging rapidly through the undergrowth, they are difficult to see. Breeds May to Oct.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Wednesday 12th April	Bulahdelah Music Night 7:30pm
Thurs 13th, 27th April	Bingo Coolongook Hall 7pm 'eyes down'
Saturday 29th April	French Dinner Brush Turkey Café 7pm
Friday 14th April	School Holidays Commence
Tuesday 2nd May	School Resumes
Wednesday 3rd May	Community Workshop Tuncurry
5th, 6th, 7th May	Tocal Field Days Paterson
Saturday 6th May	Dyers Crossing Landcare Aboriginal Awareness Day
Thurs 11th, 25th May	Bingo Coolongook Hall 7pm 'eyes down'
Sunday 14th May	Mothers' Day Luncheon
Saturday 27th May	Spanish Dinner Brush Turkey Café 7pm
Sunday 28th May	Wootton Fire Brigade AGM 9am

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Wootton Community Network News

- ◆ Have you noticed the beautiful new flags at the centre on the weekends? Thanks Pat, for your handiwork and Garry for installing the flag holders. It is an eye-catcher. Kevin & Jean, over the next couple of months, will be recovering the café chairs which will freshen up the place.
- ◆ Now that the heat has left us and it is possible to work outside without melting we will endeavour to erect the shade sails over the pavers and reclaim and reorganise the vegetable garden. Anyone interested in helping out can contact the Centre on 49977296 and leave a message.
- ◆ We are still investigating the 'unemployment mutual obligation scheme' to help unemployed locals meet their obligations locally. If you are interested contact the Centre or Centrelink.
- ◆ **Spring Garage Sale** We are intending to hold a garage sale in September. If you would like to donate to our stall or have one yourself, start collecting. Stall hire will be \$10.

Brush Turkey Café News

Community Dinners

Our February Thai Dinner was well attended and everyone enjoyed the exotic Asian flavours.

Our March Italian Dinner was flavoured with lots of classic Italian tastes such as basil, parsley and garlic, as well as being very filling. Bookings have already started for next

month's French Dinner, so book as soon as possible as numbers are limited. Call 49977296 and *leave a message*.

Future Dinners..... 29th April French, 27th May Spanish, 24th June Indian, 29th July 'Christmas in July', 26th August Japanese, 30th September Fondue Night, 28th October German, 25th November Barbeque, December Bring a plate to share.



Samara Smith, Grace Harding, Dulcie Joester & Linda Gill - valued volunteers at the community run Brush Turkey Cafe

New Artwork on Display

Local artist, Amanda Bicknell, is exhibiting her work at the Brush Turkey Cafe for the months of April and May. Her inspiration is taken from the natural world, re-presenting familiar forms in a fresh way. Most works are a combination of multi-media, acrylic and pastel. Enjoy an organic coffee, a delicious burger, meal or treat yourself to a slice of lemon myrtle cheesecake, carrot cake or warm scones jam & cream whilst viewing these new works. If you are looking for a reasonably priced gift we also have hand crafted stoneware pottery for sale by Rose Maher.

Mothers Day Luncheon

Brush Turkey Café

Sunday 14th May

From 12 o'clock

3 course meal \$20

Bookings Essential Phone 49977296 (leave a message)



Community Workshops

The following workshops are being run by Great Lakes Council in conjunction with Regional Arts NSW geared towards volunteers from any community based organization. It is a wonderful opportunity to develop skills and networks to assist you in planning & management.

Develop Funds and Resources

South St Tuncurry - In the Loop Youth Centre - Wed 3rd May 2006

Plan and Program Events

Tiona Sundowners Conference Centre - Friday 23rd June 2006

For further information please contact Chloe Beevers 6591 7221

DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE IS

31ST MAY, 2006

WE WELCOME CONTRIBUTIONS & FEEDBACK

What's happening in your neck of the woods?

Eg: Bunyah, Bungwahl, Coolongolook...

Contact the editors.

Coolongolook School News

The creatures from outer space have invaded! There was an invasion during the week at Coolongolook Public School. The classrooms and playground were covered with UFO's and



A Coolongolook Space Creature (otherwise known as Shai-Anne Howell)

space creatures of all shapes and sizes. When all the invaders were rounded up a special 'Space Munch Crunch', organized by the Student Representative Council, was enjoyed by the whole school. The Library has been set up as Fantasy Land and is the home of, not only the Space Invaders, but dragons, goblins, fairies, trolls and other mythical creatures. The SRC, under the leadership of President Samantha



Coola students enjoying "Breakfast at School"

Rinortner, recently organised a great 'Breakfast at School' morning and everyone started the day with a lovely healthy breakfast of fruit, cereal, toast and juice.

Peter Mason Principal

Wootton Hall News

Council has recently had painted the southern and western walls of the Wootton Hall, which has given the building a little face lift. The mess on the tennis courts has been removed and the surrounds mowed and tidied. The hall and it's grounds are coming back to the lovely little country hall we know it to be. The tennis club has advised that the prefabricated metal fencing needs some welding before erection. If anyone has skills in this area and could help out, contact the tennis club. It is a big job and many hands will make it easier.

There has been interest shown regarding hiring of the courts.

The Wootton Hall is available for hire at reasonable rates.

Dyers Crossing Landcare Group Inc

Aboriginal Awareness Field Day Saturday 6th May, 2006

Starting point Bundacreek Country Lodge, 226 Minimbah Road, Nabiac
9am to 4pm Course presenters: Mick Leon (Culture and Heritage Officer at Purfleet) and Kevin Carter (Area Manager of the Department of Environment and Conservation in Taree and President of the Bulahdelah Historical Society).

The day will start at 9am with brief talks from Mick and Kevin. Around 11 am we will leave Bundacreek Country Lodge and will spend the rest of the day touring important Aboriginal sites in our area, including sites at Bulahdelah, Mt Chapman, Coolongolook and Minimbah. Please bring your own picnic lunch and morning snacks. We will supply tea and coffee in the morning.

The day will be free for Dyers Crossing Landcare Group members and \$12 for others. To book a place, please contact Lindsay on 6550 2190. Best wishes, Lindsay Gething

Garden Guide

Seeds to plant now are broad beans, cabbage, cauliflower, celery, lettuce, onion, silver beet, spinach and seedlings of broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower, celery and silver beet. Jobs to do now are:

- ◆ Have an autumn clean up
- ◆ Plant bulbs
- ◆ Choose evergreen trees, shrubs & climbers for planting after rain
- ◆ Plant flower and vegetable seedlings
- ◆ Sow last of Spring flowers and crops
- ◆ Divide and replant perennials and buy new ones
- ◆ Fertilize fruit trees
- ◆ Spray deciduous fruit trees with Bordeaux mixture and white oil as leaves fall

Source: Australian Gardening Calendar
published by Penguin Books



'Young Life Myall Lakes' is a concerned team of people from Bulahdelah who have been organizing activities to connect young people and their families from across our wide area through social, physical, emotional and spiritual activities and support. You are invited to the following activities:

- ◆ Friday 7th May after school till 9pm - \$5 for afternoon snacks, a bbq, activities and lots of fun. Wootton Way, opposite Forest Lodge.
- ◆ Saturday 6th May Water Ski Day at Pacific Palms \$25

Please let us know if you are coming to either of these activities or need a lift. Whole families are welcome Kathy & Dave Barker 49974675

It could only happen in the Country ...

The Moo Off...

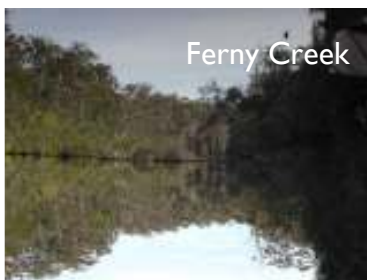
Whilst walking along Squires Road the other day, I noticed the cows in the paddock next to me. They were happily eating. One looked up at me and mooed. It's friends around them started mooing too. Then the moos became louder and then they kept in time. Long moos that echoed down the valley. Then there was a momentary silence and then as if in reply the cows on the other side of the hill started mooing. Long slow moos all in time. A silence, then the cows on my side started again. I stood and watched for a while, it seemed rather bizarre. Then they finally stopped and I started to walk away. All of about 2 minutes would have passed and then this side started again. I could still hear them mooing in the distance when I got home. Has anyone had this experience? What does it mean?

Bron Little



Foreshore Access

Access to waterways through private land is prohibited unless permission from the owner is given. The area of shoreline/creek line below 'mean high water mark' is considered crown land as is the waterway itself. Crown land is for public use. Therefore access to the waterways through private land is only by the owner's permission. Check with the Dept of Natural Resources Taree 65913500 or visit www.maps.nsw.gov.au for information on what areas are privately owned or for public use (crown land or reserves) Information obtained from the Dept of Natural Resources Taree.



Coolongolook Sports & Tennis Club

Bingo Dates 7pm Coola' Hall 13th, 27th April, 11th, 25th May
Court Hire keys are held by Neryl on 49977157

Wootton Rural Fire Service News



The **Next Meeting** will be an **AGM** and will be held at the Brigade Fire Shed on Sunday 28th May at 9am

New members are welcome.

Fire permits are no longer needed as from 1st April. Before lighting any fire you are **legally required** to inform your immediate neighbours.

This includes State Forests and National Parks. You must also inform Fire Control in Tuncurry on 65555782

Wootton Fire Brigade members have been fighting the fires in Bungwahl alongside many other local brigades. Thanks to all these men and women who give up their valuable time to train and attend these fires, sometimes risking their lives. Another reminder that you have to be responsible when lighting any fire either during 'permit time' or not. A reminder that a total fire ban can be implemented at any time and it is each individual's responsibility to ensure that a 'fire ban' is not in place when lighting a fire.

Craig Tate. Captain.



Bulahdelah Music Night

7.30 pm Wednesday 12th April

Bulahdelah Golf Club



If you want to perform give Trevor Knight a ring on 49974597 or 0414903237 to arrange a rough running order.

All ages and abilities welcome. Come and have a go!

Courses/Tuition

Yoga classes are held 6pm Mondays at Bulahdelah RSL Hall and Wednesdays at Wootton Hall Call Peter on 49977201

Computer Help Marie Power, our CTC manager, is available 2-4pm at the Brush Turkey Café every Saturday to help with any questions you may have with your computer. Marie is an I.T. teacher at TAFE so take advantage of her wealth of knowledge. This is a free service but any donation would be appreciated.

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