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Stuttering Frog (Also known as the Southern Barred Frog) *Mixophyes balbus*

These frogs are large and well built with strong hind limbs. Yellow-grey above with narrow dark cross-bars on its limbs, it is 80mm in length. It's call is soft, short and pulsed with a grating quality lasting 2-3 seconds (much like a creaking door). The Stuttering Frog is currently listed as a vulnerable species, inhabiting rainforest, Antarctic beech and wet sclerophyll forests. The species depends on freshwater streams and riparian vegetation above 100m for breeding and habitation. Degradation of riparian vegetation and siltation or pollution of watercourses reduces the availability of habitat and further exacerbates the impact of other threats. They are also found in moist gullies within areas of dry forest, sometimes utilizing very small trickles of water which hardly flow. A 3 year research program funded by the Endangered Species Program of Environment Australia and the NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service, has recently been completed by the University of Newcastle. State Forests is targeting this species and has recently sighted the Stuttering Frog in Wang Wauk Forest along the Wootton Historical Railway Walk.



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Sunday 30th March	Wootton Fire Brigade Meeting 9am Squires Rd Shed
31st Mar - 4th Apr	Conservation Volunteers/Historical Railway Walk Mon - Fri
Sunday 6th April	Jazz & Blues Great Lakes Winery 12 Noon
Monday 7th April	Seniors Week Free Lunch Brush Turkey Café 11am
Saturday 12th April	Movie/Supper Night "As it is in Heaven" 7pm
Saturday 26th April	Community & Fire Brigade Dance 6.30pm Wootton Hall
28th Apr - 2nd May	Conservation Volunteers/Historical Railway Walk Mon - Fri
2nd/3rd/4th May	Total Field Days Fri/Sat/Sun
Saturday 31st May	Community Dinner - Mexican

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Wootton Community Network News

Network News

The Wootton Community Network is always looking for new active members to keep our community alive. Membership is \$5.50. Your physical contribution will help keep this newsletter published, the Community Resource Centre operating and all the other various activities throughout the year, such as the Historic Railway Walk upgrade and Free Seniors Lunch.

Website

Wootton.org.au is in the process of being updated. The latest edition of the Wootton Valley News will be available bi-monthly for viewing from the first week of every second month. If your business would like to be included or you would like a link please let us know.

Auction

Our Auction in March was a little disappointing as there were not many buyers present. However we managed to raise over \$350 dollars which will all help towards the purchase of a new commercial dish washer. Many goods are still available so make an offer. Open for viewing over the next 2 weekends.

Seniors Day Luncheon Monday 7th April

Our FREE senior's lunch will be held on Monday 7th April. at 11am. The children from Coolongolook are attending and will sing some songs for entertainment. We are also hoping to have a musician on the day. This lunch is free and all are welcome. We would appreciate some helpers to serve lunch and assist with the clean up. Bookings phone Pat 499 77292 or Jean 655 21 253.

Community Dinners

We would like to thank all those who help us at the monthly dinners. We really appreciate the assistance as it allows the cooks to have a social night as well. The February dinner was really nice as we had time to relax and eat our meal.

Jean Price



The next dinner, Saturday 29th March, will be a St Patrick's Day Irish Dinner (wear green) and farewell to long time resident Nick Marshall who is returning to Sydney to be near family. We wish him all the best. Bookings 49977296

In April we will be having a combined Bush Fire Brigade Bar-B-Que and 60's 70's Dance with live music and fireworks. Come along and support your local Fire Brigade. Entry \$10 adults \$5 children.

Put some spice in your life - come along and enjoy the Mexican Dinner on May 31st. Cost \$20 adults children \$10.



Movie & Supper Night (The second Saturday of every second month)

Saturday 12th April 7pm "As it is in Heaven" \$10 for pre movie nibbles & supper.

Advertising for the Wootton Valley News and membership is due on the 30th June 2008.

Art at the Brush Turkey Café “10 green mullet”

This month's artist is Barry Steed. Steed's paintings are more abstract than his drawings. He uses drawings as reference material. The paintings utilise collage techniques to create a three-dimensional feeling. In his paintings of aerial vistas, Steed often uses sand and silicone to give the work added depth.



All of the paintings start with simple shapes which depict movements and large gestures. The shapes suggest the evolution of the painting and then at some time during the process the image of the overall work appears. Steed prefers to paint this way in order to create a final product that has both spontaneity and vitality.

Community Volunteers Australia – Historic Railway Walk

The Community Volunteers Australia Group are working on the Historic Railway Walk and will continue to work there 5 days a week each month. The future days are 31st March-4th April, 28th April-2nd May, 26th-30th May, 23rd-27th June. If you would like to come and work along side international and local volunteers ring Bron



Some of the relics to be found on the walk.

on 49977185 to find out more. Thanks to John Hammond, Sue & John Smith, Linda Gill, Bronwyn Little, Pat & Craig Tate for helping. The first weeks' progress has been impressive.

A sea of yellow hardhats as local & overseas volunteers, Forestry & CVA personnel check out the walk



Sam's Camp has been cleared of lantana. The entrance way has been cleared for a more defined access. The repairs needed for the bridges have been identified for future work. Approximately 1½ kilometres has been worked on so far. This heritage walk has received positive comments from the international

MOVIE AND SUPPER NIGHT

Saturday 12th April 7pm
Brush Turkey Café Wootton
\$10 includes pre-dinner nibbles , delicious supper

"Swedish, with English Subtitles. Nominated for an Oscar last year for Best Foreign Language Film of the Year, "As It Is In Heaven" is a moving film about how one man unknowingly fulfils his greatest desire in a place where he least expects it.

This Swedish film will leave you feeling inspired and possibly more appreciative in the motivating and binding strength of music".



JAZZ & BLUES with Bruce Mathiske

Great Lakes Winery

Sunday 6th April, 2008 from 12 noon

\$15.00 Adults prepaid - \$20.00 at the gate

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Wootton Hall News

The hall and residence has seen a major face lift with renovations of painting and new carpet and a massive garden makeover. New tenants will be interviewed soon.

For hall hire ring Garry Williams on 49977167 to book your next function. Arrangement can be made for catering through the Brush Turkey Café.

FIRE BRIGADE 60's/70's DANCE

Saturday 26th April 6.30pm

Wootton Hall and Brush Turkey Café

Live Music, Fireworks & BBQ

\$10 Entry \$5 Kids

Come along and support your local Fire Brigade.



Coolongolook School News

- ◆ Friday 4th April will see our school captains and S.R.C office bearers attending a leadership program in Taree. They will be attending this each semester.
- ◆ Students will be working towards a rewards day at the end of the month of either bowling or the movies.

SCHOOL CONTACT DETAILS

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Lance Sharp (Principal) & Jan Oxford



Leave that Red Bellied Black Snake alone

Although they are venomous, and are classified as dangerously venomous, the toxicity is not considered fatally dangerous. The venom of the Red Bellied Black Snake destroys muscle tissue, but does not effect the central nervous system. Few human deaths have resulted from a bite from this species, and no adults have died from a bite.

They are excessively shy creatures, who will evade humans rather than strike.

It's also a fact that if you have red bellies in your yard, you are not likely to have Brown snakes! Red Bellied Black Snakes will actively chase and kill Eastern Brown snakes as the Red Belly toxin kills Browns. Brown Snakes are responsible for around 65% of the deaths by snake bite in Australia. This makes Red Bellies good to have around!

Juvenile Brown Snake photographed on



Wootton Fire Brigade News

Hi everybody, Our next meeting is on Sunday 30th March at 9.00am. This meeting is a little bit different, in that, we will have some practice on a real fire (the council has requested we burn some rubbish next door), so everyone WEAR YOUR UNIFORMS.

Also, I have organised Winnie Wilson from the RFSA to give us a quick talk regarding that organisation. The Basic Training Course for Jim, John & Judy should be soon. Also we will need to discuss our roles at the upcoming dance in April. Cheers Mike

Dates to remember

Next Meeting is on Sunday 30th March 9.00am at the Squires Rd Shed
Fire Permits are in force until Monday 31st March 2008.

Fundraising Dance/Barbeque is on Saturday 26th April. It will be a 60's/70's Dance with live music, fireworks, barbeque, coffee and cakes. \$10 entry, \$5 children. 6.30pm start, 7pm fireworks, 8pm dance.

New Members are always needed and appreciated. Call for more info or come to meetings. Mike Badcock (Captain) Phone: 4997 7337.

Fact

Between 2000 and 2005 the NSWFB responded to 366 fires resulting in 35 fire-related injuries involving caravans, campers and recreational vehicles. Unfamiliar surroundings, poor preparation and lack of attention to detail can quickly result in a fire. Simple precautions, prioritising, pre-planning and care can help ensure you have a safe and relaxing holiday.

- Turn off any pilot lights before towing or when vehicles engine is running.
- Install a smoke alarm as well as having a fire extinguisher and fire blanket .
- Develop a fire escape plan that considers all occupants of a caravan.
- At camp sites familiarise yourself with any fire routines or equipment.
- Ensure all electrical /gas equipment is tested and in good working order.
- Gas cylinders should be external, secure, valves facing away from the van.
- Check the connections after driving on country roads.
- Keep heaters away from the internal fittings in caravans.
- Have a radio to keep updated on weather conditions and fire restrictions.
- Never leave children or pets unattended in a caravan or tent.
- Never cook or smoke in tents and consider buying a flame retardant tent.
- Locate campfires downwind and a safe distance from any tents.
- Turn off any lanterns and extinguish campfires before going to bed.
- Never leave cooking unattended, always secure any matches and lighters.
- On arrival at a campsite locate a safe refuge place in case of a bushfire.

For Sale (This service is free)

- ◆ Lemon Myrtle Cheesecake \$25 only made to order. To order in advance Ph Bronwyn 49977185
- ◆ Push Lawn mowers from \$100 Ph 49977404
- ◆ 2 washing machines 1 Hoovermatic twin tub-\$20, 1 upright Simpson auto Minimatic \$50, 1 massage table-\$40, Double deep fryer \$50, pie warming oven \$50 available on the weekend from the café.
- ◆ **MAKE AN OFFER!** Hewlet Packard Laserjet printer, National Juicer, Sharp microwave, small deep fryer, Garrard turntable, assorted oddments, prints, games, books, chairs etc Wootton Hall available Saturday/Sunday

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