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Rainbow Lorikeet *Trichoglossus haematodus*

The Rainbow Lorikeet is unmistakable with its bright red beak and colourful plumage. Both sexes look alike, with a blue (mauve) head and belly, green wings, tail and back, and an orange/yellow breast. They are often seen in loud and fast-moving flocks, or in communal roosts at dusk..

The Rainbow Lorikeet is found in a wide range of treed habitats including rainforest and woodlands, as well as in well-treed urban areas. The Rainbow Lorikeet mostly forages on the flowers of shrubs or trees to harvest nectar and pollen, but also eats fruits, seeds and some insects. The eggs of the Rainbow Lorikeet are laid on chewed, decayed wood, usually in a hollow limb of a eucalypt tree. Both sexes prepare the nest cavity and feed the young, but only the female incubates the eggs. Rainbow lorikeet mating pairs stay together for life. They're eaten by falcons and pythons. They can live for about 20 years. Photographed in Wootton recently.



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Easter weekend	Tea Gardens Public School Easter Art Expo 9-4 daily
Saturday 10th April	Supper & Movie Night 7pm Brush Turkey "Charlie & Boots"
Sunday 25th April	Café opens 11am - Anzac Day
Saturday 24th April	Monthly Community Dinner
Sunday 11th April	Wootton Fire Brigade meeting Brush Turkey Café 9:30am
Sat/Sun 1/2 May	Garden Fair "Merriwonga" Open Garden Scheme
Sunday 16th May	Wootton Fire Brigade AGM Squires Rd 9am
Friday 21st May	Ladies Night 5pm Brush Turkey Cafe
Monday 14th June	Wootton Way Clean Up 9am (meet at café)

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Wootton Community Network The Network has been running for 10 years this year, the Brush Turkey café for 6 years. It is a credit to all the volunteers over the years. For the organisation to continue it is essential to have new people involved, with new ideas, fresh eyes and enthusiasm. We will be needing committee members at the August AGM. Meetings are held on the first Thursday of every month, 7pm, at the Brush Turkey Café. Next meeting dates are 1st April & 7th May. ANYONE AND EVERYONE is welcome to attend these meetings. New members are wanted.

Manning River Times Article Over the next couple of weeks look out for an article in the Manning River Times and Great Lakes Advocate on our unique Brush Turkey Café.

CTC Wootton is no longer an outreach for the Nabit Community Technology Centre. Public access to the internet is available in Bulahdelah and Nabit

Ladies Night Next one will be Friday 21st May. We're reading a book to discuss "The Purple Hibiscus" by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie. Last month we watched a movie which everyone enjoyed. Call Fran on 49977323 for more details.

Next Supper & Movie Night will be held on the 19th April 2010, 7pm at the Brush Turkey Café. We have recently bought a new screen which makes viewing easier and we don't have to take the paintings down.

Bus Trip to Hunter Valley Vineyards unfortunately had to be cancelled due to lack of numbers. A few disappointed people.

Wootton Way Cleanup Last cleanup we picked up another trailer load of rubbish. Thanks to Fran, Jim, Bron, Margaret, Yvonne, Pat, Craig, John, Judy, Warren, Robert and Peter. Who is it that eats McDonalds and tosses the packaging out on their way home, on a regular basis? Which local person drinks bourbon and coke whilst driving and flings the empty can out?

The next cleanup will be held on Monday 14th June at 9am.

Pizza Oven on the burn again New enthusiasm has been shown for the building of a pizza oven at the Brush Turkey Café. This will bring a new dimension to the café and the community. Anyone wanting to help contact Peter Auriac.

Café News The Sunday only opening of the café is proving successful. It's good to see more locals coming in. Breakfast's are popular for the early morning bike riders and walkers. Why not bring your guests down for breakfast next time.

If you can spare a Sunday every 4-6 weeks and would

like to meet some really nice people, come along, volunteer and support this unique, worthwhile community venture. All profits are put back into the community.

Cooking Anyone available to help with cooking for the café (cakes etc) turn up Thursday 1st April at 9am.

Anzac Day The café will open at 11am to allow time for people to attend Anzac services. Anzac biscuits will be on the menu!

Easter Sunday Come and enjoy hot cross buns at the café with a complimentary Easter egg with every coffee or tea.



Enthusiastic Wootton bike riders
on a ride in Forster

Art at the Brush Turkey Café

Our new artist for the months of March and April is Ray Elliott. Ray is Tuncurry born and took up art seriously after his retirement. He is mainly self taught painting only in oils. He has had many commissions for portraits and animals as well as abstract paintings. His biggest critic is his wife Lola. Any artists wanting to exhibit please leave your name at the café or contact Pam Dunne on 49977156.



Next Wootton Valley News Deadlines 24th May

If you have any interesting stories, photographs, anecdotes, local events, celebrations, achievements etc feel free to contact the editors for their inclusion. The more input from the community the more interesting and informative the newsletter will be.

Supper and Movie Night Saturday 10th April 7pm

“They're on the road to somewhere”
An Australian father and son
Comedy/Drama featuring
beautiful scenery of Eastern Australia
from Victoria to Cape York.
**\$10 includes pre-movie light meal
and supper after the movie.**



Wootton Fire Brigade News

The Bush Fire Danger Period

The statutory Bush Fire Danger Period runs from October 1st to March 31st, however it may vary due to local conditions. If you are planning to light a fire in the open during this time, you will need a permit. Depending on the type of fire, a permit may be required all year round or only during the Bush Fire Danger Period. For example, a Fire Permit is required at all times if a fire is likely to be dangerous to a building. RFS Fire Control Tuncurry (6555 5782, Mon-Fri 9.00am to 4.00pm) must be notified 24hrs prior to lighting of any fires. All neighbours must be notified 24hrs prior to lighting of any fire.

When are Fire Permits Not Required?

Fire Permits are **NOT** required for fires that are lit for the purpose of land clearance or the creation of a fire break during the NON Bush Fire Danger Period. Additionally, fire permits are not required for fires for the purpose of heating or cooking, provided that:

- the fire is in a permanently constructed fireplace;
- at a site surrounded by ground that is cleared of all combustible materials for a distance of at least two metres all around;
- The fire is completely extinguished before leaving.

Permits will be issued on Thursday. To make an appointment for a permit, contact Mike Badcock on 49977337.

Next meeting is scheduled for Sunday 11th April at 9.30am at the Brush Turkey Cafe (you can have breakfast etc. there) The AGM will be held on Sunday 16th May at the fire station in Squires Rd, Wootton.

New Members Required

If you're over 16, male or female and have any spare time please consider joining the Wootton Fire Brigade. Application Forms are available from Mike Badcock 49977337.



34 Lake St Forster
 Official Opening
 & presentation
 of awards held
 Saturday 27th March at
 7pm
 Exhibition open daily
 10am to 4.00pm until
 11th April



WOOTTON SUSTAINABLE FARMING GROUP

The 2010 Sustainable Agriculture farming day held recently at Badcocks place in Newmans Rd Wootton was attended by 21 people. The test pastures were viewed and grasses were identified. Anyone in the Wootton area with acreage not necessarily for commercial purposes is invited to join this group. It is a good opportunity to swap ideas. The CMA (Catchment Management Authority)



will organise talks and courses driven by the wants of the group. A meeting in May will officially set up the group, date to be advised. Contact Stacey Tyack 65917378 Stacey.tyack@greatlakes.nsw.gov.au

The Annual Tea Gardens Public School EASTER ART EXPO

Opening Night at the school on Thursday 1st April.

The Art Expo is organized by the Tea Gardens Public School P&C Association and is the school's major annual fundraiser, with more than \$12,000 having been raised at previous Expo's. Funds are used to assist the school with capital purchases such as new computers, basketball facilities and canteen up-grades.

Local and renowned artists' works are on display. General admission to the Art Expo is only \$2 per person, with children under 12 years admitted free. The Expo is open from Good Friday to Easter Monday, 9am until 4pm daily. Well worth a visit. Food available.

Howling in Wootton

Has anyone in Wootton recently heard the dingoes howling? They howl as a way of announcing where their territory is and make many different sounds to communicate within the group or to call pups that may stray. Because dingoes mate in Winter their young are about 5-8 months old now and are probably starting to wander. The haunting sound of a dingo's howl echoes through the valley as they call to each other. Dingoes don't bark so their sound is uniquely Australian. They are actually very timid and wary of humans (unless in a National Park where they get used to humans and easy access to food). Dingoes eat almost anything and are most probably taking advantage of the increasing numbers of rabbits around Wootton at the moment. A dingo usually lives in a small family group. Only the most important male and female are allowed to be parents but the whole pack will help to bring up the pups. A dingo pair stays together for life. Each dingo group has its own territory.

Some scientists think that the dingo is related to wild dogs that live in parts of Asia. Dingoes have been in Australia for about 3,500 years. They may have been brought to the country by Australian aborigines who traded with Indian traders. Aborigines kept dingoes in their camps and the dogs hunted with the men. In Aboriginal languages, 'dingo' is warrigal, maliki, noggum, boolomo or mirigung.



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Gallery hours: Friday 11am to 4pm

Saturday / Sunday 11am to 5pm

Or by appointment. Contact Sandra Baker

EXHIBITION OPENS FRIDAY 16TH APRIL 2010

CLOSES SUNDAY 9TH MAY 2010



Garden Fair Open Garden Scheme

Saturday/Sunday 1st & 2nd May
10am ~ 4pm

“Merriwonga” Ferny Creek Road, Wootton

Small admission charge
in aid of Westpac Rescue Helicopter

Plants, White Elephant and craft stalls
Garden Pottery

Morning & Afternoon Tea available
Bring a picnic or lunch at the nearby
Brush Turkey Café

Cheese making demonstration

Any market stall holders are welcome
Contact Mareah Rhodes-White on 49977197

What Markets are on in April

- Bulahdelah Markets Sat 3rd April Visitor Centre Grounds 8-1pm
- Blackhead Bazaar Sunday 4th April 8.30-1pm
- Pacific Palms Markets Sunday 4th and Sunday 25th April

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