

# WOOTTON VALLEY NEWS



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## Wild Field Mushrooms (*agaricus campestris*)

With the soaking we have just received, the good old field-mushrooms popped up. We picked dozens, cooked them with butter. Some formed "fairy rings" of little white mushies in a scattered circle. Inside the circle we saw the grass was greener and growing more because the underground part of the mushroom provides extra nutrients to the grass that the roots could not collect outside. The standard for the name "mushroom" is the cultivated white button mushroom, *Agaricus bisporus*; hence the word "mushroom" is most often applied to those fungi that have a stem, cap and gills.



Wild field mushrooms are called '*Agaricus campestris*' because they grow on open plains or fields.

Lots are edible and lots are not! So, find someone who knows (contact a mushroom lovers club). (*Fred Fotheringham*)

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Sun 2 Apr	• Wootton Fire Brigade Shed: <i>training</i> , Squires Rd, 9am
Thu 6 Apr	• Brush Turkey Café <i>working bee</i> , from 9am
Sat 8 Apr	• Wootton Hall Grounds: <i>Food Swap</i> , , 5pm • Brush Turkey Café: <i>Light supper night</i> 6pm supper \$10 pp
Sat 15 Apr	• Brush Turkey Café: <i>Great Lakes Food Trail Launch</i> , 10am-3pm
Sun 16 Apr	• Wootton Fire Brigade <i>Working Bee</i> , from 9am
Thu 20 Apr	• Field Day: <i>Grow your own forest</i> , Joel 0401 932 533
Sat 29 Apr	• Wootton Hall: <i>Preventive Health Clinic</i> , podiatry, 9am—12 noon • Brush Turkey Café: <i>Community Dinner</i> —'Not only pizza..', 7pm \$20pp
Sat 6 May	• Wootton Community Network <i>meeting</i> Brush Turkey Café, 3pm
Sun 7 May	• Wootton Fire Brigade Shed: <i>training</i> , Squires Rd, 9am
Sat 13 May	• Wootton Hall Grounds: <i>Food Swap</i> , , 5pm • Brush Turkey Café: <i>Light supper night</i> 6pm supper \$10 pp
Sun 14 May	• Brush Turkey Café: <i>Mothers' Day lunch</i> , set menu \$15pp, must book
Sun 21 May	• Wootton Fire Brigade Shed: <i>Annual General Meeting</i> , 9am
Sat 27 May	• Wootton Hall: <i>Preventive Health Clinic</i> , podiatry, 9am—12 noon • Wootton Hall: <i>Bush Dance</i> , bring-a-plate, 6pm, \$10pp

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### **Wootton Community Network News**

The bi-monthly general meeting was held on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> March in the Resource Centre (also known as the Brush Turkey Café) with 15 attendees. We currently have 69 paid up members as at end Feb. If you are a member and are not receiving regular emails about events, please let Fran know on [brushturkey@live.com.au](mailto:brushturkey@live.com.au).

#### *WCN Position on Crown Land Situation*

The most important decision made during the meeting was that the WCN would advise the public meeting on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> that it is willing as an organisation to take on the management of all the facilities under discussion, provided that a minimum of five more people agree to join the Network committee.

#### **Sunday Brush Turkey Café Future**

Although the café is no longer operating on Sundays, it will still be open to the public now and again for special events such as:

- **Sat 15<sup>th</sup> Apr** (Easter Saturday) 10am to 3pm for the Launch of the Great Lakes Food Trail
- **Sun 14<sup>th</sup> May** (Mother's Day) 11am to 2.30pm. Fixed menu \$15pp. Please book.

On other occasions, the Café will be used for private functions such as:

- 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> April, lunch for the Holistic Management course (also in May)
- Thurs 20<sup>th</sup> April, morning tea and lunch for the Grow Your Own Forest Field Day

Our **Monthly light supper nights and dinners continue as normal**. Dates provided in the Calendar on the front page.

**Café/Resource Centre working bee:** Thurs 6<sup>th</sup> April, 9 am: focus on internal jobs, morning tea and light lunch provided.

Planned Café improvements: new fridge/freezer and stove – thanks to Mike C and Mary for suggestions- possible air conditioning units, improved exhaust fan.

**Volunteers:** thank-you to newer volunteers for coming on board to keep things running smoothly, Sue, Mary, Carole for the HMC catering.

We couldn't do without our volunteers.



### **Wootton Community Hall Committee News**

The AGM was held on March 11. No new nominations were received for the committee. Votes were unanimous for all 6 current members to continue in their role.

Chair: Caro Badcock.

#### *Position on Crown Land Situation*

The committee supported the decision by the WCN to manage all the facilities depending on the decision voted by the community.

The hall will continue to hold quarterly community dinners, food swaps, other events, host the library and Preventive Health Clinic as usual.



### **The Future of Wootton Community Facilities**

Thank you to everyone who took part in the community meeting or provided an absentee vote. There was overwhelming support for the Wootton Community Network to expand their responsibilities to become the Trust Manager for the whole site. Thank you also to the WCN for agreeing to take on this role.

The Council representative, Andrew Braybrook congratulated us on the process undertaken to inform everyone about the history, situation and options for going forward and for a very well run meeting. Thanks to Megan for chairing the session.

Next Steps:

- The Wootton Hall Committee writes a letter to Council supporting the proposal,
- The Wootton Community Network writes a letter making the proposal, including the minutes and details of the public meeting to show that there has been a process of public consultation, and going on to seek the support of MidCoast Council for the Community Network to take up the role of Trust Manager..
- Andrew will include this correspondence in a Business Paper Report to the Administrator to the April meeting of Council.
- After which the Council will immediately write to the Crown, stating that both organisations are ready to effect a hand-over, and the proposal has broad community support.
- The Wootton Community Network will then write to the Crown applying to take over the trust administration and enclosing supporting documentation from Council
- Andrew recommends that Council also writes to the Crown, relinquishing the trusteeship and including supporting documentation from the Wootton Community Network.

*Future of Wootton Community Facilities Working Group*



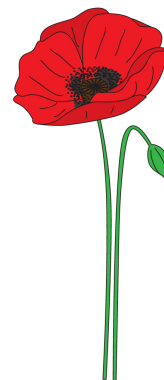
### **ANZAC Day Services - 25 APRIL 2017**

**Bulahdelah:** Dawn Service 6:00am  
Cenotaph, Mead Street, Bulahdelah

**Forster Tuncurry** Dawn Service 6:00am  
Lone Pine Memorial Park, Tuncurry.

**Taree** Dawn Service 4:45 am  
Memorial Clock in Fotheringham Park, Taree.

Other ANZAC events are happening throughout the day at all venues. Please see local websites, local newspapers etc.





### The Great Lakes Food Trail

Looking for something to tickle the tastebuds this Easter?

The Great Lakes is already known for its pristine waterways and beaches, but its best kept secret is its outstanding fresh food produce. On Easter Saturday 15th and Sunday 16th April, a group of like-minded producers are opening their farm gates to the public for the launch of *The Great Lakes Food Trail*.



The aim of the Food Trail is to connect local and ethical producers with the community. The Great Lakes Food Trail is a Landcare initiative that is being supported by the MidCoast Council.

Visitors will be able to discover the region's finest producers from the coast to the ranges in the exceptional Great Lakes environment and taste local water buffalo milk and mouth-watering mozzarella; enjoy locally sourced and produced gourmet meals at the cafes on the trail, including our very own Brush Turkey Cafe. The kids will love hand feeding lambs and chickens, collecting eggs and picking fruit. Taste the region's artisan cheeses, honey, seasonal fruits, sourdough, oysters and wines. Explore the local wares on offer at "Pop Up" Markets. Learn about the principles of permaculture gardening and ethical farming, straight from the producers themselves.

The Trail passes through Bulahdelah, Wootton, Coolongolook, Bungwahl, Charlotte Bay, Blueys Beach and Stroud.

Visit The Great Lakes Food Trail Facebook page for details of participating properties:

<https://www.facebook.com/The-Great-Lakes-Food-Trail-NSW>

### Karuah Great Lakes Landcare (KGLL)

#### Field Day – Grow Your Own Forest: Wootton, Thursday April 20<sup>th</sup>

Karuah & Great Lakes Landcare with Hunter Local Land Services invite you to an inspiring field day looking at three biodiversity tree planting projects in Wootton. Get practical insights into project planning, preparation and planting techniques and species selection. Featuring *Noel Jupp* of Riverdene Nursery and *Craig Tate* of Hunter Farm Forestry Network, this free workshop includes lunch at the Brush Turkey Café. For more information on these projects see <http://www.landcare.nsw.gov.au/groups/karuah-great-lakes-landcare/recreating-wootton2019s-forest>



#### Are you interested in hosting a Field day: Turning Camphor Laurels into Figs?

#### KGLL would like to hold this field day in Wootton on May 29<sup>th</sup>

The highly invasive Camphor Laurel is capable of forming single species communities that exclude most desirable native vegetation. Its invasion of the Wootton area is only in its early stages, so it is a high weed management priority for Wootton. Bushcare Officer Isabelle Strachan and Noxious Weed Coordinator Terry Inkson will give a practical demonstration of how to destroy Camphor Laurels, and replace them with rapidly growing native fig trees. *If you have this noxious tree on your property and would be interested in hosting this field day, please contact Joël on 0401 932 533.*

### **Help Needed – can you spare an hour or two now and again?**

We can't do without your help. There are many small jobs that can be done to help the local Wootton community groups hold fundraising and community events and maintain the facilities.

Some of the jobs can be done at your place (eg wash table cloths and tea towels, cooking); some on your own time (eg gardening, floor washing and outdoor maintenance) and some in the facilities during events (the list is too long....).

*If you would like to help, please contact anyone you know on the WCN committee or email [brushturkey@live.com.au](mailto:brushturkey@live.com.au)*

**Fundraising Meal events** (jobs: menu planning/organisation, food preparation, table setting, taking orders, taking money, serving, washing up, clearing tables, tidying up, washing tea towels.)

- Sat 15<sup>th</sup> Apr: Café open to public for Great Lakes Food Trail Launch: 10am to 3pm
- Thu 20<sup>th</sup> Apr: Café function: Grow Your Own Forest Field Day, morning tea and lunch, approx. 20 people: 9.30 am to 2pm
- Tue 9<sup>th</sup> May: Café function: Holistic Management course, lunch, approx. 20 people; 11 am to 2pm
- Tue 9<sup>th</sup> May: Café function: Holistic Management Course, dinner, approx. 40 people; 6pm to 8pm
- Wed 10<sup>th</sup> May: Café function: Holistic Management Course, lunch, approx. 20 people; 11am to 2pm
- Sun 14<sup>th</sup> May: Café open to public for Mothers' day; 11am to 2.30pm (Note this could be very busy)
- Last week May (two days TBC): Café function: Holistic Management Course, lunch, approx. 20 people; 11am to 2pm

### **Community events:**

- Thu 6<sup>th</sup> Apr: Café working bee, morning tea and light lunch provided; from 9am (mainly inside jobs)
- Sundays\*: Hall open to the public: Library, 10am to 12 noon  
\*Jobs: opening/ closing the hall, stamp new books, shelve book returns, tidy up. Contact Caro if you can give us a Sunday.
- 8<sup>th</sup> Apr, 13<sup>th</sup> May: Café supper and movie night, from 6pm (jobs as for meal events)
- 29<sup>th</sup> Apr: Café dinner, from 7pm (jobs as for meal events)
- 27<sup>th</sup> May: Hall, Bush Dance, from 6pm (jobs: washing and cleaning up)

### **The Waterbombers, Bush Dance Band returns to Wootton Hall**

After so much fun last year the band is excited to perform on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> May. It will be our second dinner/ bush dance in the hall. Wear your dancing shoes for a night of toe tapping fun. Bring a plate of food to share. The band has a caller to help with the steps. Starts 6pm, costs \$10 pp, raffle \$1/ticket. Limited places, RSVP Megan 0418 420 608 by 13 May 2017.





### Food Swap

Last Food Swap of the summer season will be 13th May.



Keep your eyes open for a Winter Food Swap, date TBA.

### Verandah library naming competition

As explained in the last newsletter, we have organised a 'book cabinet' where you can borrow and return books between standard library opening times. We are holding a naming competition.

Please send entries to Caro and Sylvie by April 26 and we will announce the winner at the community dinner on April 29. The winner will receive a gift voucher to the Brush Turkey Café to the value of \$20.



### Bendigo Bank agency.

Opening soon in Bulahdelah Agency.

Here at our agency we will provide personal, friendly and professional service to all our customers. We will be open 10am to 5pm, 7 days a week. Please call us on 02 4997 7102 for more information.

### Bulahdelah Post Office

Since the closure of the Holiday Coast Credit Union facilities the Post Office has been working hard to find a banking organisation to meet the banking needs of local business and residents.

They are pleased to announce a partnership where they will be an Agency for the Bendigo Bank.

Keep your eyes peeled for opening date.

### Wootton Rural Fire Service

**Fire permits:** Not required from 1st April. But you still have to notify Tuncurry Fire Control on 65397700 at least 24 hours before you light up and also notify all your adjoining neighbours including State Forest and National Parks.

**Note:** fines for not notifying are over \$1000.

**Working Bee:** Sunday 16th Apr from 9am.

**AGM:** Sunday 21st May from 9am

**Training:** as usual, 1st Sunday of the month.

### Wootton Working Cattle Dog Trials

9.00 am Sat 22nd to lunch Sun 23rd Apr  
105 Wattley Hill Rd, Wootton  
Free entry. Canteen facilities available.  
Neil Ede 49977102, 0407787920



### Books Donation

Late last year, John Smart from Topi Topi ordered books from the Folio Society in the UK. Not receiving them on time, the company sent a second set. Eventually John received both boxes and approached the Folio Society who gracefully wrote that they would be happy for him to donate the second set to a local community library. So thank you to John and the Folio Society for the wonderful donation of new books.

### In and around Wootton

- School holidays: 8th Apr—25th Apr
- Easter public holidays: 14th -17th Apr
- Stroud Show: 21st-22nd Apr. One of the few traditional Agricultural Shows  
Stroud Showground, Cowper St, Stroud NSW 2425  
<http://www.aroundyou.com.au/whats-on/events/stroud-show-2017>
- Earth Day: 22nd Apr. Feel good to earth today , why not build a birdhouse, take a nature walk, cook a special Earth Day meal, support local growers
- ANZAC Day: 25th Apr—parades in Bulahdelah, Forster-Tuncurry, Taree
- Back Paddock Music Days, Great Lakes Winery: 16th Apr, 30th Apr, 14th May
- Mothers Day lunch, 14th May Brush Turkey Café, see front page calendar.

### Honey

A new supply of local honey has arrived and is available at the Resource Centre/Brush Turkey Cafe during events and at the Hall in the library on Sundays from 9am to 12noon. Please bring the exact amount as no change is available. (\$18.50—\$11.00—\$7.50)



**Wootton Directory** contains important local contacts . Please email Caro (ed) if you know of an important contact that we should include here. Thanks.



#### Wootton Community Network

President: Jim O'Connor 0412963161  
Secretary: Fran O'Connor  
Treasurer: Leanne Wright 4997 7201  
Email: [brushturkey@live.com.au](mailto:brushturkey@live.com.au)

#### Wootton Community Hall Committee

Chair/Bookings: Caro Badcock  
0408 415 420

#### Wootton Preventive Health Clinic

Osteopath, Jenna Norrie 0488 520 456  
Podiatrist, Dot Williams 0406 287 694

#### Topi Topi Sustainable Farming Group

Chair: Sue Williams 0438 433 063

#### Wootton Rural Fire Brigade

Captain: Mike Badcock 0409 448 330  
President: Adam Garnett 0428272629  
Sen Dep Captain: Craig Tate  
0431644953

#### Karuah Great Lakes Landcare

Joel.Dunn@glcr.org.au 0401932533

**MidCoast Council:** 6591 7222

#### Police

Senior Constable Trevor McLeod,  
Sector Supervisor, Bulahdelah  
4997 4204 0427233745

**State Emergency Service** 13 2500

**Local Land Services** (Wild dogs)  
Wingham 6553 4233

**State Forests** Wauchope 6585 3744

#### National Parks & Wildlife

6591 0300

**Tuncurry Fire Control:** 6539 7700

#### Bulahdelah Waste Facility

##### opening hours

Tuesdays 1—5pm

Fridays 12—4pm

Sundays 10-2pm

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## Bulahdelah Post Office

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Mon-Fri 9am-5pm and most Sat 9am-12noon  
**Ph/Fax 4997 4283**

## Health

### **Dot Williams**

Local podiatrist available for all foot care services: home-visits, weekly clinic  
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**0406 287 694 Williams.dot@gmail.com**

## Podiatrist



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