

WOOTTON VALLEY NEWS



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BUNGWAHL BUNYAH BULAHDELAH

Australian Hornet (*Abispa ephippium*)

Mud wasps are solitary insects found in most parts of Australia. The adult feeds on flower nectar while the larvae feed on a larder of spiders and caterpillars built by the female. The females can sting but will only do this in self defence. They like a protected, dry place to safely lay their eggs in a clay dome and can often be seen hovering around buildings looking for a suitable site. If they happen to fly into your house, try leaving a window or door open for them to find their way outside so they can catch more spiders and caterpillars for you.



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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Sun 7 April	• Daylight Saving ends - turn back your clocks
Mon 8 April	• Coolongolook Hall: CWAG meeting 7pm
Sat 13 April	• Wootton Hall: Food Swap 5pm • Brush Turkey Café: Supper night 6pm, \$10pp
Sun 14 April	• Wootton Fire Brigade Shed: training, Squires Rd 9am • Brush Turkey Café open for morning tea 10 to 11.30am
Sun 21 April	** EASTER SUNDAY **
Fri 26 April	• Brush Turkey Café: Great Lakes Food Trail 10am to 3pm
Sat 27 April	• Brush Turkey Café: Community Dinner 7pm, \$20pp
Sat 4 May	• Brush Turkey Café: Community Network Meeting, 3pm
Sat 11 May	• Wootton Hall: Food Swap 5pm • Brush Turkey Café: Supper night, 6pm, \$10pp
Sun 12 May	• Brush Turkey Café: Mothers Day lunch, bookings essential • Fire Brigade <i>training date to be confirmed</i>
Sat 25 May	• Brush Turkey Café: Community dinner 7pm, \$20pp
Wootton Library	From 10-12 noon Sundays, come say 'hello' and find a good read.

Please book early for Community dinners brushturkey@live.com.au If you have booked and can't make it please call the organisers so they can use the waiting list.

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Wootton Community Network News

The bi-monthly WCN general meeting was held on Saturday 9th March 2019, with discussions including Hall, Café, Tennis and all other facilities on the crown land.

This was Jim and Fran's last meeting as President and Secretary, and they received a round of applause as we celebrated many happenings from over 10 years.

Many others have also been volunteering for over 10 years, and the May dinner will be a special event to recognise all the volunteers who regularly setup, cook and washup for community dinners.

Thanks to more than 70 members who have already renewed memberships for 2019. New members are always welcome to join in supporting community activities and shaping Wootton's future. **Please become a COMMITTEE MEMBER** or sit in with the next meeting and help continue the Wootton story.

The working bee really made Wootton shine ready for the Taree Vintage bikers visit and we've been busy enjoying dinners, parties, yoga, foodswaps, Holistic Farming and other courses. Maybe there's a photo of you in this newsletter? There's plenty in the Community Calendar, and more events like farm dams, chainsaw safety and beekeeping are in the pipeline as well as the Food Trail in April.

Fred



Buzzy Days In Wootton



"Women Artists of the Myall" Bulahdelah's War Memorial Opening at 7pm on Thursday April 18, 72-74 Crawford St Open from 10am to 4pm daily, until Wednesday April 24. The exhibition showcases the creative work of ten women from Bulahdelah and surrounds. Weaving, sculpture, jewellery, photography, paintings, drawings and prints.



MOTHERS DAY IN WOOTTON Come along to the Brush Turkey Café on Sunday 12 May. Enjoy morning tea with a cuppa and delicious cake, slice, scones and the famous Lemon Myrtle Cheesecake. Light lunch bookings essential, please contact Leanne 4997 7201 brushturkey@live.com.au



WCN Donation to Coolongolook School of \$200

The Wootton Community Network has donated \$200 to Coolongolook Public School helping them purchase and maintain a defibrillator. There will be a plaque with the names of contributors when it is installed.

Return and Earn Wootton.

Recycling your bottles and cans keeps going! The WCN is now collecting funds with the 'Return and Earn' to buy a defibrillator for our community. To all the present and future participants *thank you!*



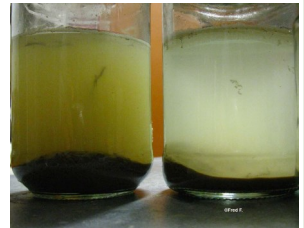
Healthy Farm Dams Course—Monday 27 May, Krambach.

This free course is for anyone with a dam on their property, it was booked out last year so RSVP early to make sure you get a place at this KGLL event.



A healthy farm dam is an important resource to keep stock healthy, provide farm water and wildlife habitat.

RSVP to Joël joel.dunn@glcr.org.au



Before/after photo



THE GREAT LAKES
FOOD TRAIL

26TH APRIL 2019
SAVE THE DATE

www.greatlakesfoodtrailnsw.com.au

Great Lakes Food Trail Friday 26 April, 10am to 3pm

Stay tuned for details of what's happening, pick up a flyer or www.thegreatlakesfoodtrailnsw.com.au/ The Brush Turkey Café will offer light refreshments using local produce including the famous Lemon Myrtle Cheesecake. Take a drive to visit other producers and explore our wonderful region.

WILD DOGS BAITING PROGRAM, KEEP YOUR PETS AND WORKING DOGS SAFE



Poisoned _____ baits
containing 1080 have been laid / buried
on this land to destroy _____
between _____ and _____ inclusive
DOMESTIC ANIMALS AND PETS MAY BE AT RISK
For further information contact:
Name: _____
Telephone number: _____



legal responsibility as a landholder to control feral animals on your property, but because it will help your friends, neighbours & the community at large, and their animals avoid suffering the way we did for so long."

Autumn is the time of year when many wild dogs are on the move, and the Great Lakes Wild Dog Control Group is are coordinating a baiting program. Many landholders have been trained to place and monitor the baits targeting dogs, foxes and feral cats. They will be placing letters in letterboxes including Wootton village with details of when the baits have been put out, as well as signs. Coordinator Art Brown 0400 136 544. Whether using baits or other methods, landholders can make a difference and Kay has shared some of her story about farming and managing wild dogs near Wootton. "We moved to the area in 1988 to farm deer, later Boer goats & Murray Grey cattle. One morning in December 2002 we found 17 of our animals either dead or dying. This was our first confirmed wild dog attack, and it left us shocked, angry, and bewildered. What followed was many months/years of broken sleep checking nightly for signs of activity, and rushing out to noises like cows bellowing and dogs howling. Frustratingly most of this effort made little difference as we seldom saw the culprits & even more rarely culled them as we lacked tools & skills. Our losses (60), and those of neighbours (80 goats) and friends (100 deer) continued to rise.

In early 2015 we purchased a wildlife monitoring camera and what a revelation it proved to be. Soon after we did a trapping course, and joined a reporting system to LLS and the Great Lakes Wild Dog Control Group, who fed back information on where the dogs were active. Also, our neighbours became involved, keeping us posted when they made sightings. Things have turned around. In the last 15 months we have culled 4 dogs with no losses as compared to the previous 12 months prior when we lost 13 head. So, can I encourage every one to keep your eyes & ears open & report all sightings to your neighbours and to Laurie Mullen at laurie.mullen@lls.nsw.gov.au or Art Brown artbrown658@gmail.com, not because it is now your

WEED ALERT—COCKSPUR CORAL TREE

This spiny feral tree can become a major weed of waterways and other moist environments. Look out for its pretty red flowers now, it is deciduous and less obvious in winter.

weeds.dpi.nsw.gov.au/Weeds/CockspurCoralTree



FLORA of the HUNTER REGION



FLORA OF THE HUNTER REGION is a comprehensive selection of 54 trees and large shrubs found between the Manning River and the Hawkesbury. Many are listed as Endangered or Threatened and have not been documented elsewhere. Students from the University of Newcastle Bachelor of Natural History Illustration program have produced stunning botanical illustrations that bring the plants to life in a way that photographs can't match. www.publish.csiro.au/book/7865/



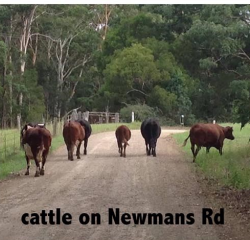
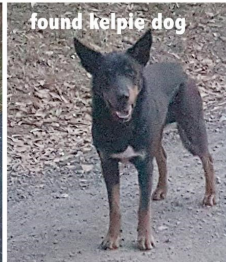
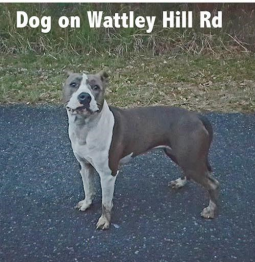
Using a chainsaw after the storm?

Have you given it a good service and sharp chain?
Is the work area clear to work in and escape?
What safety gear are you wearing?
Karuah Great Lakes Landcare is preparing a chainsaw day for Woottonites.

Do you know where your animals are? Really?

We are all responsible to care for and control our pets and livestock, for their safety and for our neighbours. Fencing, food and water are essential to keep them safe and happy. Stray animals can become wild pests.

These photos from Wootton's Facebook page are where people found animals on public roads and tried to find their owners.



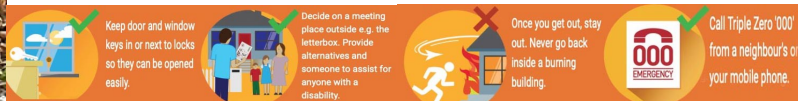


WOOTTON RURAL FIRE BRIGADE

Wootton residents have managed their properties well this summer and callouts have mainly been MVAs or to other localities. Training every 2nd Sunday 9am at the shed. **Fire Burnoff Permits are still required**, and this is not expected to change until significant rain occurs across the area. Even small yard fires need a permit, and must be notified.

Contact Mike Coventry 0407 458 167 to request a burnoff permit.

Adam Garnett - Captain 0428 272 629



Volunteers Dinner Saturday 25th May

Celebrating People in Action, our May dinner will be a special event to recognise all the volunteers who regularly setup, cook and washup for community dinners. *Brush Turkey Café 7pm, \$20pp booking recommended* brushturkey@live.com.au

If you can't make your booking, please let us know. *Helpers needed*



Midcoast Council's planning review is well underway with policies for all residential areas, subdivisions and farming issues. The next major review will probably not happen for 10 years, so this is your chance to take part.

www.midcoast.nsw.gov.au/Council/Works-and-Projects/Council-Projects/Local-Community-Conversations



Rural Strategy

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Residential zones, tourism zone, villages and rural residential

www.midcoast.nsw.gov.au/Have-Your-Say/Housing-Strategy

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Geese flock to take over Bulahdelah main street

This photo was taken around 5am a few years ago by Karel who says "insomnia sometimes has benefits!".

What do you see when you get up early?

To **Jim and Fran** for their many years of volunteer work for Wootton, we only have two big words: **THANK YOU**, Merci, Gracias, Grazie, Go raibh maith agat, Eskerrik asko, teşekkür ederim, 고맙습니다, Terima kasih, ありがとうございます, Dziękuję Ci, 謝謝, Dank je, Vielen Dank, Obrigado, Ευχαριστώ, Gratias tibi, Diolch, Cảm ơn bạn, Dankon, 고맙습니다



Wootton Community Garden Patch

Our community needs a green thumb here, somebody to freshen it up with herbs and flowers. The patch is next to the patio behind the Brush Turkey Café and very convenient at elbow height. It can be accessed at anytime, have fun!



Celebrating something special? Running a Course or a Market? Getting people together?

Susanne Kennedy is taking bookings for all events, functions at the Wootton community facilities. Please call/sms Susanne on 0402 742 226 and leave your contact name
(please note the number printed last issue was incorrect)

Wootton Directory contains important local contacts. **Always dial 000 for Emergency.** Please email brushturkey@live.com.au with others to include here. Thanks.



Wootton Community Network

President: Vacant

Secretary: Vacant

Treasurer: Leanne Wright 4997 7201

Email: brushturkey@live.com.au

Bookings—all facilities

Susanne Kennedy 0402 742 226

Topi Topi Sustainable Farming Group

Chair: Carole Robinson 0428 009 952

Wootton Rural Fire Brigade

Captain: Adam Garnett 0428272629

Sen Dep Capt: Bernard Carran 0409684177

Deputy Capt: Jim Garnett 0422916002

President: Adam Garnett 0428272629

Midcoast Fire Control

Burnoff notifications 1300 643 262
(24hour prior notice)

Karuah Great Lakes Landcare

Joel.Dunn@glcr.org.au 0401932533

MidCoast Council: 6591 7222

State Forests Wauchope 6585 3744

Police: Sector Supervisor, Bulahdelah
Senior Constable Trevor McLeod,
4997 4204, 0427 233 745
mcle1tre@police.nsw.gov.au

State Emergency Service 13 2500

Local Land Services

Wild dogs Laurie Mullen 0407 785 007

Rural Resilience Group

Peter Brown 0437 671 459

National Parks & Wildlife

6591 0300

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6581 4141

Bulahdelah Waste Facility

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65541535 0429 190 142
lynette.arnoldus@bigpond.com



Your membership helps support monthly dinners, community events, maintain the buildings and grounds. You can direct deposit \$12.50 per person to:

Wootton Community Network Inc.
BSB: 633 108 Acct: 162518591

Reference: "WCN19" and your name

Please email when paid to notify the

Treasurer brushturkey@live.com.au