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GREEN TREE SNAKE (*Dendrelaphis punctulatus*)



This is an agile snake with a very slender body and tail. Its colour varies from green to olive-green to black, sometimes even blue. The eyes are very noticeable and it preys on fish, frogs, and other small animals. It has a mildly toxic venom that is not regarded as dangerous to humans. Catherine found this one stretching out on her verandah.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

*If you book & can't make it please let us know so we can use the waiting list.
Check [facebook](#) for other events TBA (FoodSwap, Meet the Artist etc.)*

Sun 4 April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> EASTER SUNDAY Daylight Savings ends—clocks BACK 1 hour 	
Sat 10 Apr	• Brush Turkey Café: WCN Committee meeting 3pm all welcome	
Sun 11 Apr	• Wootton Fire Brigade Shed: training, Squires Rd 8am	
Sat 17 Apr	• Brush Turkey Café and Hall: Working Bee 9am to 11am	
Sun 18 Apr	• Brush Turkey Café: Great Lakes Food Trail 10am to 4pm	
Sat 24 Apr	• Brush Turkey Café: Community dinner 6.30pm "A Taste of India" <i>Bookings essential details page 2</i>	
Sun 25 Apr	• Anzac Day	
Sun 9 May	• Wootton Fire Brigade Shed: training, Squires Rd 8am	
Sun 9 May	• Brush Turkey Café: Mothers' Day Brunch 10am to 2pm <i>Bookings essential details page 2</i>	
Sat 29 May	• Brush Turkey Café: Community dinner 6.30pm "A Taste of Asia" <i>Bookings essential details page 2</i>	

*People take many **photos** at community events. If you don't wish to be in Wootton newsletter photos, email secwootton@gmail.com before publication closing date.*

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To all the Wootton Community.

As you will see in this issue the WCN is gearing up with more events open to the whole community. Community dinners are back on the agenda and the Cafe will be open on the 18th April for the Food Trail. **A Mothers' Day brunch** is planned for May. Thanks to the coordination by *Sue Williams* bringing her enthusiasm and skills as the Social Events Coordinator. We had a great BBQ/Music night on January 30th. *Mary Lee* gets a big thank you for being the chef on the night. The maximum allowed Covid numbers (80) were in attendance on the night and great fun was reported by all. The "Meet the Artist" evenings are back on the agenda and will be notified on the [facebook page](#) and by email to members.

We welcome all the new members to the Wootton Community Network and encourage others to apply. Your membership helps us greatly in being able to contact you directly with event updates and news of all that the Committee does to enhance the community facilities and social interaction.

You are probably aware that we have received a Crown Lands Grant to **update the tennis shed** with new cladding and an expanded store room. A boules court is also part of this grant along with the provision of a basketball hoop. Construction of this work will commence in April.

Also in the events calendar you will find mention of a **working bee** for the 17th April. Volunteers would be greatly appreciated for the two hours from 9am to 11am on the day.

Ongoing work at the School Masters House to add a water tank and carry out plumbing and repair work will be undertaken in April. The removal of the cattle grid at the Squires Road entry and widening of the entry is also planned for April. There have been issues in the past with this entry and the School Master's House certainly needs maintenance. New committee member *Andrew Holland* has ably taken on coordination of this work.

All members are invited to the WCN Committee meeting on the 10th April at 3pm at the Cafe. **Have your say** about the Committee business.

We are having some difficulty getting the members email list sorted. If you are a member and have not received the Minutes of the 2nd March committee meeting before receiving this Wootton Valley News please contact the secretary *Kate Hosey* by email secwootton@gmail.com to let her know.

Happy Days

Bill Buckland

President WCN

**Sunday 9 May
10am-12noon**

Mother's Day Brunch

Full details for the Community dinners and events will be emailed to WCN members, and posted in social media. Bookings are essential for all events. *Sue W.*



COMMUNITY WORKING BEE Saturday 17 April 9-11am

Come along with your gardening tools and help us with a tidy up and minor repairs around the community area. Meet at the Hall.



RENEW OR JOIN WOOTTON COMMUNITY NETWORK

Annual membership fee \$12.50 pp, please pay by direct deposit to:-

Wootton Community Network Inc.

Regional Australia Bank

BSB 932000 Account: 500023558 Reference = your name

Please email when paid to notify the Treasurer brushturkey@live.com.au



The Wootton January BBQ
if you were there you had a cracker of a great night!
"Rueben Carr Music" kept everyone in the mood and never mind the rain.



Peter D's Kimchi-making workshop
spiced up the Brush Turkey cafe

2021 is our Seventh year of holding the **Wootton Food Swap** and now with the drought well and truly over and a desire in people to get out and about in a COVID safe manner, we hope that this year will be bigger than ever. We are open to new ideas on how the Swap can be improved. Ideas that have been floated already are that we see if we can coordinate the events with the local Seed Savers group (already, there are often seed and plants to be swapped (mostly thanks to Sue F!)), that we encourage more non-food items to be swapped, that we have a give-away table for unwanted goods that others might find useful and that we run occasional skill share sessions before the swap. If you have any ideas or if you would like to get involved in the planning and running of the swaps, please call *Peter Dixon* on 0478 741 111. The swaps are held at the Wootton Hall at 5pm, either in the Shelter or in the Hall when the weather is a bit grotty.





2021 Midcoast Council kerbside collection

Midcoast region 2021 dates TO BE ADVISED, please use your 2020 coupons and keep waste off the road until it's time.

The bulky waste kerbside collection will take place in 2021, pending any restrictions that may be announced by NSW

Health regarding COVID-19. It's a great opportunity to dispose of those bulky, unwanted items without even leaving home. Vouchers that were sent to rate-payers in place of the 2020 Bulky Waste collection remain valid until 30 June 2021. These are a great way to dispose of items not accepted in this year's kerbside collection

www.midcoast.nsw.gov.au/Environment/Bins-and-Waste/Bulky-Waste-clean-up-landing-page/2021-Kerbside-collection



Because of the rain, Karuah Great Lakes Landcare relocated the **Big Picture Soil Health Field Day** to Wootton.

Local regenerative agriculture aficionado and Chief Worm Wrangler *Lee Fieldhouse* of Island Biologicals gave an in-depth exploration of the many dimensions of soil health, and outside-the-square approaches to soil care.

For more news, events and videos:

joel.kgl.landcare@gmail.com

www.facebook.com/karuahgreatlakeslandcare/

Younger Landcarers are also organizing

events at <https://intrepidlandcare.org/>

www.facebook.com/landcareintrepid/

*Intrepid
Landcare*



Meet The Artist at the Brush Turkey Café where Woottonites enjoyed the vibrant works of Robyn North Zaman in March

New South Wales School Holidays
Friday 2 April 2021 to Sunday 18 April 2021

WOOTTON RURAL FIRE BRIGADE www.facebook.com/woottonrfs/



Summary of Recent Events The current wet weather has reduced our bushfire call outs but has increased the motor vehicle accident (MVA) call outs so **we are still active** but in a different role! The shed extension application is still bogged down in Council and there is NO daylight at the end of the tunnel ... very frustrating. We have managed to retain our DGR grant (from the funds raised by the comedian) which was supposed to have been spent by end of Dec and together with the Community donated funds is sitting in our account ... waiting, waiting ?

A number of members have received a **Premier's Citation for the 2019-20 season** and I have now been notified that some members are to be nominated for the **National Emergency Medal**, a government recognition for sustained and significant service during a national emergency. **Congratulations** to those who have received recognition for their efforts.

BEFORE BURNING OFF YOU MUST STILL CONTACT RFS AND YOUR NEIGHBOURS

- Use these links to [FIND OUT MORE](#) and to [USE THE ONLINE NOTIFICATION FORM](#)
- Use this link to find out about the [10/50 RULE FOR CLEARING VEGETATION](#) and check with LLS to burn, bulldoze or otherwise "cleanup" around your farm.



Is your chimney a fire hazard? With winter approaching, please be aware of flammable soot & tar build up in chimneys and flues ... get them cleaned out now. If you have gas heaters, do not use them in bedrooms, turn them off when you go to bed, make sure the filters are clean and the units are serviced. Make sure your **smoke detectors are working**, have fresh batteries installed, clean off the cobwebs, etc. If you do not have detectors, get them installed by an electrician.

For more info - www.fire.nsw.gov.au/page.php?id=80

Captain: Adam Garnett 0428 272 629

Permit Officer: Michael Coventry 4997 7155 or 0407 458 167

Great Lakes Food Trail Autumn 2021

We have adapted to Covid and held our food trail at the **Nabiac Showground market area** so you can meet your local producers on the Great Lakes Food Trail on **Sunday 18th April 2021** from 9am to 4pm.

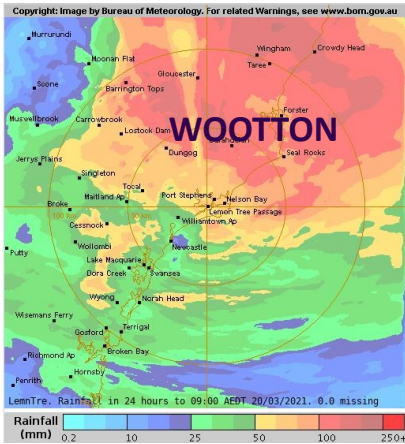
This is your chance to talk to some of our farmers, producers on the Great Lakes Food Trail and take home some of the best food, beer and wine our region has to offer.

We welcome you back, look forward to seeing you on the Trail. Sue Williams

www.thegreatlakesfoodtrailnsw.com.au/the-trail



HAVE YOU NOTICED IT RAINING IN WOOTTON?



This recent radar image from the Bureau of Meteorology when over 200mm of rain fell around Wootton in 24 hours, and overloaded the weather station recorder near the Hall.

Dams were overflowing, roads were washing away and animals were looking for any bit of high ground to keep their feet dry.

District Veterinarian *Lyndell Stone* issues regular updates to landholders "...We are seeing elevated worm burdens, at the moment, in young stock ie 4 months to approx 18 months of age in both dairy and beef systems. **Some deaths, others down or lethargic.** This means there are probably productivity reductions occurring in wider

herds throughout the region. Which will be unnoticed unless you are weighing stock regularly or worm egg counting. **The weather is perfect for egg hatching and longevity of worm larvae on pasture** meaning a higher chance a mouthful of grass eaten contains worm larvae.Please assess your stock, Faecal worm egg count to assess burdens (kits available from LLS) and drench if required." lyndell.stone@lls.nsw.gov.au



BOM forecasts and maps are on "Meteye" www.bom.gov.au/australia/meteye/

Have you been to a Farmers' Market?

Taree Park The Secret Weekly Farmers Market – 7.30am-12 noon **every Thursday**

Gloucester Farmers Market, Billabong Park — 8am-12 noon, **second Saturday** of the month

Forster Farmers Market – 8am-12 noon, **third Saturday** of the month, Visitor Information Centre

Nabiac Farmers Market – 8am-12 noon, **last Saturday** of the month, Nabiac Showground

EMAIL CONTACTS for you to receive WCN emails with Community announcements and latest events, we **NEED** your current email address. Please write it on the form when paying your membership or email secwootton@gmail.com Thank you, WCN.

Check emails and [facebook](#) for the next **community dinners....**

24 April "A Taste of India" and 29 May "A Taste of Asia"



Emerging Weed Workshops to help landholders get on top of the rampant weed problems after a hard period of drought now followed by good rain
 Tues 13 April Nabiac, Wed 14 Apr Caffreys Flat
 Thurs 13 May Johns River, Fri 14 May Barrington
 Joël Dunn 0401932533 joel.kgl.landcare@gmail.com



Bec Dallas ▸ Wootton Community

11 hrs · 🗨️

Any chefs out there looking for work? New business owners are taking over Salty Dog at Coolongolook and are seeking experienced Chefs! Inbox for further details



Jo Lyons and 8 others

7 Comments 2 Share

National Volunteer Week

17-23 May 2021

Recognise Reconnect Reimagine



Tired of waiting in queues for 10c recycling?

You can drop clean containers off as a **donation to CWAG** (Coolongolook Wootton Action Group). Funds raised help with local projects like the children's play area and new toilets at Coolongolook. Place them in the trailer parked at the junction of Lombard St and King St, turn off the highway at Andy's Cherry Pie Café. *Thank you, Pam*

Wootton Directory contains important local contacts. **Always dial 000 for Emergency.**



Wootton Community Network

President: Bill Buckland

Secretary: Kate Hosey 0402 776 376

Treasurer: Leanne Wright 4997 7201

Email: brushturkey@live.com.au

Bookings—all facilities

Celebrating something special? Running a Course or a Market?

Getting people together?

Kate Hosey 0402 776 376

Wootton Rural Fire Brigade

Captain: Adam Garnett 0428272629

Sen Dep Capt: Bernard Carran 0409684177

www.facebook.com/woottonrfb

Midcoast Fire Control

Burnoff notifications 1300 643 262
 (24hour prior notice)

Karuah Great Lakes Landcare

joel.kgl.landcare@gmail.com

Joël Dunn 0401932533

Wootton - Topi Topi Sustainable Farming Group

Fred Fetherston 0427 461 101

MidCoast Council: 6591 7222

State Forests Wauchope 6585 3744

Police: Sector Supervisor,
 Senior Constable Trevor McLeod,
New no.—4940 7470, 0438 140 370
mcle1tre@police.nsw.gov.au

State Emergency Service 132 500

Local Land Services

Wild dogs Laurie Mullen 0407 785 007

Rural Resilience Group

Peter Brown 0437 671 459

National Parks & Wildlife 6591 0300

Fawna Wildlife Rescue 6581 4141

Electricity Essential Energy 13 20 80

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