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TAWNY FROGMOUTH (*Podargus strigoides*) at Patrick's.

The bird that looks like a dead branch! Tawny Frogmouths mate for life and can live up to 14 years in the wild.

They are nocturnal and carnivorous but are not owls.

Unlike owls they have small feet without curved talons.

This makes them walk as if they have gout, so they were

given the genus name "*Podargus*" from the Greek words

for gout, and species name "*strigoides*" meaning owl-like.

They build nests from sticks and breed from August to December. At night the breeding pair take turns incubating the eggs, but the father normally takes the day shift.

www.bushheritage.org.au/species/tawny-frogmouth



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

The details of all Events will be confirmed on Social Media and conducted in accordance with Public Health Orders. Wootton Community facebook group	
Sun 3 April	DAYLIGHT SAVING FINISHES — WIND/RESET CLOCKS BACK ONE HOUR
Tues 5 Apr	• Brush Turkey Café: WCN committee meeting all welcome 10.00am
Sat 9 Apr	• Shelter shed (near café): Food Swap 5pm, Peter Dixon 0478741111
Sun 10 Apr	• Wootton Fire Brigade Shed: training, Squires Rd 8am
Fri 22 Apr	• Wootton Library: community hall, 10am to midday. (<i>changed for Easter</i>)
Sun 8 May	• Wootton Fire Brigade Shed: training, Squires Rd 8am
Tue 10 May	• Brush Turkey Café: WCN committee meeting all welcome 10.00am
Fri 13 May	• Brush Turkey Café: Meet the Artists 6pm Sue Williams 0438 433 063
Sat 14 May	• Shelter shed (near café): Food Swap 5pm, Peter Dixon 0478741111
Sun 15 May	**Copy deadline for June-July Wootton Valley News**
Fri 20 May	• Wootton Library: community hall, 10am to midday.
Sat 28 May	• Wootton Hall: "Old Skool" Community Dinner 6pm Sue W 0438433063

The Wootton Valley News is usually delivered before the 1st day of each *second* month.

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Visit our website www.wootton.org.au and [Wootton Community](#) facebook public group

WOOTTON COMMUNITY NETWORK NEWS

Committee meetings are held **each month as per community calendar** in the Brush Turkey Café and are **open to the community to attend**, please RSVP secwootton@gmail.com

Who's who committee members: (left-to-right)-

Sue Williams, Robyn Piper, Andrew Holland, Leanne Wright



Susanne Kennedy, Chris George, Tracy Smith



Thanks to volunteers at the Brush Turkey Café, Hardwood Espresso, KGLL and local stallholders, Wootton was a Hub Partner in the **Great Lakes Food Trail** over the weekend 26-27 March. Visitors enjoyed a range of refreshments and hot and cold foods, including the *world famous lemon myrtle cheesecake*.

Photos by Arjen



!!!**Changed Library dates:** opening in April on **Friday 22nd April, 10am to midday** avoiding Good Friday. In May, it's back to normal, **Friday 20 May.**

Artists and Craftspeople— We Need You

Our next “Meet the Artist” in May will be a group show. If you are a maker of anything. Quilts, paintings, spoons, bowls, ceramics, mosaics, prints, photographs, sculpture....Hobby or professional, let's strut your stuff. Contact Tracy Smith 0400311157 **before 13th April**



Saturday 26 February was the **Great Wootton Working Bee** on the grounds and buildings of the community centre and café. There was a great turn out for the afternoon and a lot of great work was achieved. Areas around the Bocce Court were **weeded**, old and damaged signs and fences were dismantled, trees were **pruned**, paths, outdoor furniture and other areas were **pressure cleaned** and a huge amount of **whipper-snipping** and **blower vacuuming** were done on the day. A huge thankyou to all the people who turned up and brought along their equipment, their positive attitude and enthusiasm to see the community centre and café stay **well maintained and ready for future activities.**



The following people are to be thanked for their efforts on the day – *Mary, Allan, Gabrielle, Patrick, Sylvie,*

Susanne, Andrew, Paul, Peter, Victoria, Trent, Neal, Jo, Mark, Cath, and Chris.

The **evening continued with a BBQ dinner and drinks in the café.**

A very friendly and social night was had by all who attended. A few **laughs recalling the working bee** activities of the afternoon and some delicious BBQ meats and salads on offer. A few hardy souls continued into the night on the verandah of the café enjoying a calm and clear Wootton night, **good**

conversation and more than a few laughs. Big shout out to *Sue, Mary, Neal and Chris* for their efforts in buying, preparing, cooking the foods. **The beloved WCN water tank** had succumbed to age and the huge amount of rain we have been experiencing lately. The old tank had sprung a few leaks and required some much needed attention. Due to its historic and sentimental value, it was decided to do whatever we could to keep the tank functioning. **A contractor was sourced and hired** to



clean, dry and water seal the inside of the tank and several spots on the outside to prolong its life. This was done successfully a couple of weeks ago and the tank is just about refilled and successfully up and running. **Come along to the next working bee** and help rebuild the wooden fence posts and rails at the side of the café and to refurbish and support the retaining wall near the Pizza Oven. A call out for assistance will be made through the social media and members email system to seek help with these projects. *Chris George*

"WOOTTON BE ANYWHERE ELSE"



A photographic exhibition by Jo Lyons

On display from 11 March to 10 May 2022
in the Brush Turkey Cafe

Photographs of some of the wonderful people who are living and loving life in our beautiful Wootton.

Jo has a passion for bringing our community together and hopes this exhibition will ignite a new energy to encourage others to participate in all things community.

The Wootton Community is a haven for talented artists, writers, gardeners, craftsman and all-round awesome people.

In a nutshell, most who have found their home here, Wootton be anywhere else!

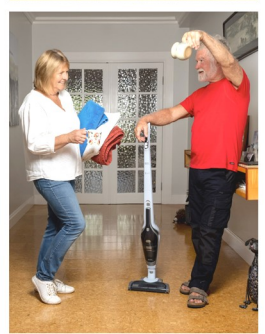
OPENING HOURS
8.30AM TO 11.30AM
THURSDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY

HARDWOOD ESPRESSO
AT THE BRUSH TURKEY CAFE
1633 WOOTTON WAY, WOOTTON

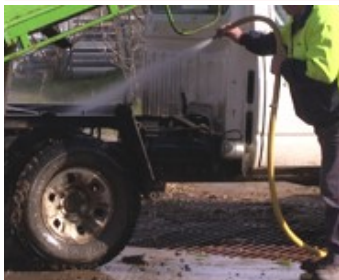


Do you have another community group based in Wootton

4 *Email us to be included in the newsletter. secwootton@gmail.com*



Wootton Rural Fire Brigade members have been assisting flood areas up north, where people who drove down and helped us out in the big fires are now flat out cleaning up mud [see Wootton RFS photos online](#). **Stay fire-safe this winter**—check online for tips about heaters, chimneys and smoke alarms at [Winter fire safety - Fire and Rescue NSW](#)
Captain **Adam Garnett** 0428 272 629
Permit Officers **Mike Coventry** 0407 458 167; **Renee Spiteri** 4997 7149



STOP PROBLEMS AT THE FARMGATE

If it can move, it can carry diseases, pests and weeds. People, vehicles and equipment pose a high biosecurity risk—*who wants new weeds onfarm just because the contractor didn't clean their tractor between jobs?*
www.farmbiosecurity.com.au/essentials-toolkit/people-vehicles-equipment/

Landcarers around Wootton are planting more winter-active permanent pasture trials, making use of near-average rainfall.

Wednesday morning 6th April, join **local bird expert Sue Gould** to walk through the lovely **Wingham Brush** for spectacular local birds. And on **Saturday afternoon 30th April** Dr Alex Knight will share her passion for **Frogs at Wootton** and take us walking to find some.

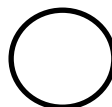
RSVP for both events Isabelle Strachan mc2t.plconservation@gmail.com

Wednesday 4th May, Nabitac Village Bushcare Crawl will look at site assessment, regen strategy and techniques, plant ID, garden escape plants and their management, and will discuss conservation agreement opportunities. RSVP Joël Dunn joel.kgl.landcare@gmail.com

More field days on **DRONES** are being planned and will be advertised at www.facebook.com/karuahgreatlakeslandcare/

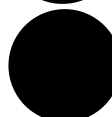


MOON PHASES



FULL MOON

17 Apr & 16 May



NEW MOON

1 Apr & 1 May

LLS Every Bit Counts Small Landholder Network is now on Facebook!

The idea is, that you guys can engage with us more AND with each other!! This is a very exciting new development for our network to share plans, issues and photos with each other, upcoming events and any interesting resources with other small property owners of the Hunter and Manning Great Lakes.



34 Lake Street Forster

forstergallery.org/2022-406th-open-exhibition

<https://www.midcoast.nsw.gov.au/Environment/Bins-and-Recycling/Bin-collection-services/Bulky-waste-collection>



BANKING DETAILS FOR WOOTTON COMMUNITY NETWORK

Same banking details apply for all MEMBERSHIPS and EVENT BOOKINGS, please direct deposit to **Wootton Community Network Inc.**

- **CBA Forster BSB 062669 Account No 10250496**

- Reference = Name and Reason eg "Joe Blow mship" or "Jill Doe Feb dinner"

Please email when paid to notify the Treasurer woottonguesthouse@gmail.com

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



Wootton Community Network

President: Sue Williams 0438 433 063

Secretary: Robyn Piper

Treasurer: Leanne Wright 4997 7201

Email: secwootton@gmail.com

FoodSwap: Peter Dixon 0478741111

Bookings—all facilities

Celebrating something special? Running a Course or a Market?

Getting people together?

Sue Williams 0438 433 063

Wootton Rural Fire Brigade

Captain: Adam Garnett 0428 272 629

Sen Dep Capt: Bernard Carran 0409684177

www.facebook.com/woottonrfs

Midcoast Fire Control

Burnoff notifications 1300 643 262
(24hour prior notice)

Karuah Great Lakes Landcare

joel.kgl.landcare@gmail.com

Joël Dunn 0401 932 533

Wootton - Topi Topi Sustainable Farming Group

Fred Fetherston 0427 461 101

MidCoast Council: 6591 7222

State Forests Wauchope 6585 3744

Bulahdelah Police: 4940-7470

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

Wootton Justices of the Peace (JPs)

Warren Richardson 0407 146 373

Paul Spiteri 0407 298 954

Renee Spiteri 0407 516 089

Gary Cross 0418 251 090

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Dr Lynette Arnoldus-Lewis

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Yoga Classes with Naomi Patton

Wootton Hall. Mondays 9-10am we unwind with a gentle yin/restorative class, suitable for everyone, even those nursing injuries. Wednesdays from 9.15-10.45am it's an active Hatha class where we get moving. All welcome. 0414 387 008

Earth Elemental Massage

Hawaiian Lomi Massage; Earth elemental massage (Hot stones, Herbal Compress, Sound Healing); Remedial Massage (health fund rebates available) By Appointment Only 0466 881 030 Charmaine Nielsen, Willina

HELPERS NEEDED!

Some of the volunteers who deliver your Wootton Valley News are unavailable in 2022.

Please email secwootton@gmail.com if you can help.



Sunday 8 May is Mothers' Day