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**Stick insects** are also commonly known as Walking Sticks. These insects are large to very large. They tend to resemble sticks, twigs or leaves. Usually they are green or brown in colour. They spend much of their time hanging motionless in plants, shrubs or trees. Even if they move, they sway slightly, as if caught by the movement of the wind. They are not easily seen because of their camouflage. Stick insects have powerful mandibles. They are herbivorous, eating plant leaves only, usually broad-leaved plants. In general, females are much larger than males. The male can fly, but the female can only glide. Stick insects prefer a humid environment. The stick insect egg or ova has a very characteristic form. It has a very hard and tough shell. There is a cap at one end, called a capitulum, which the baby insect pushes off when it comes out of the egg case. In general, most stick insect eggs look like seeds. Some ants will even pick them up and keep them as if they are real seeds. Most stick insects just drop their eggs onto the ground. Often seen in Wootton so be aware when collecting your kindling.



## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Saturday 14th August	Supper & Movie Night 7pm Brush Turkey Café
Friday 20th August	Ladies Night 5-7pm Brush Turkey Café
Saturday 21st August	Federal Election 8am - 6pm
Sat/Sun 21st/22nd August	Cattle Dog Trials Wattley Hill Rd Wootton
Saturday 28th August	Community Dinner "Greek" Brush Turkey Café
Sunday 29th August	Fire Brigade meeting 9am
Fri-Sun 10th-12th Sept	Small Footprint Initiative Pacific Palms
Friday 17th September	Ladies Night 5-7pm Brush Turkey Cafe

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## **Wootton Community Network**

**New Office Bearers** The AGM for the Wootton Community Network was held on 5th August. Congratulations to the following people. President: Jim O'Connor, Treasurer: Leanne Wright, Secretary: Fran O'Connor.

**Fundraising for this year has enabled us to do the following:**

**New Flooring in Café** Whilst the café has been closed new flooring has been laid which freshens up the café and makes it more inviting. It will also mean easier cleaning.

**Pizza Oven** We have engaged the services of Adam Jones to build a brick pizza oven which will be a wonderful asset to the Centre. Once built, we hope to have more casual nights/afternoons where people can bring their own food to cook in the oven. The concrete slab has been laid by volunteers at a recent working bee.

**Community Dinners Bookings essential on 49977296**

**June's Dinner** was a very successful "Bring a Curry". Some great flavours. We may be country but we know how to cook a good curry.

**July's Christmas Dinner** was packed to the rafters. Over 40 people attended the night and were stuffed to the eyeballs with delicious Christmas fare, turkey, ham, baked veg, pudding, chocolate roulade etc

**August Dinner** is a change of pace with a Greek theme. Please book early to reserve your seat, as dinners are becoming more popular.

**September Dinner** will be a "Bring Your Own Pizza" night.

Weather permitting, will be firing up our new pizza oven.

**Ladies Night** Dates are Friday 20th August and 17th September, 5-7pm. Call Fran on 49977323 for more details.

**Wootton Way Cleanup** Our last cleanup again filled a trailer, from Northern Wootton Way to the Brush Turkey Café. The road looked noticeably better for a few days until the local litterbugs started throwing out their takeaway containers again. How can we stop these thoughtless people? No cleanup is planned for the next few months. Thanks to all the volunteers who cleaned up last time, Bron, Jim, Fran, Rob and Karen.

**Working Bees** Three working bees have been held whilst the café has been closed. Jobs done have been painting, flooring fixed, pressure cleaning the front verandah, re-oiling the outdoor furniture and weatherboards, tidying storeroom and kitchen, whipper snipping, removing old CTC bench, laying the concrete slab for the pizza oven, putting protectors on chairs and tables to reduce scratching on our new flooring. Thanks to Bronwyn, Fran, Jim, Sylvie, Patrick, Leanne, Peter, Pat, Craig and Roger.

**Art at the Brush Turkey Café** Our new artist for August/September is Tom Humphries, a member of the Great Lakes Art Society. Tom always had an interest in art even as a boy, but it wasn't until he retired to the Great Lakes that he got time and opportunity to try his skills at painting. He primarily paints as a hobby for pleasure and relaxation and joined the GLAS to associate with people that have the same interest and enjoy an exchange of ideas.



### **Supper and Movie Night Saturday 14th August 7pm “The Men Who Stare at Goats”**

George Clooney, Jeff Bridges, Ewan McGregor and Kevin Spacey star in this hilarious satire about a platoon of super soldiers trained to wage peace with the power of their mind.

\$10 includes pizza before the movie and supper afterwards.

### **Congratulations to...**

- Beryl Ede on her 80th birthday
- Geoff Freeman on his 70th birthday



### **Membership, advertising and subscriptions are now due for this year.**

- Advertising rates for 2010/2011 for the Wootton Valley News Directory are \$55 for Non-members, \$45 Members - per 4 line ad space
- Membership is \$22.00 or \$5.50 (active volunteers, students, juniors)
- Wootton Valley News Subscriptions is \$11.00

### **Next Wootton Valley News Deadline is 27th September**

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.

## **Election 2010**

Voting for the Federal Election is on Saturday 21st August, 8am to 6pm. Our closest polling booths are at Wootton Community Centre, Coolongolook Public School, Bulahdelah Central School, Bungwahl Public School, Nabiac Public School.

*It is important to visit your local polling booth to keep these facilities available in the future.*

## **Small Footprint Initiative Friday 10th-Sunday 12th September**



You are invited to come and join in a celebration of the Pacific Palms community and the environment with a weekend of activities, information, and practical demonstrations of responsible building design, construction, land use management, permaculture, complimentary therapies and passive recreation opportunities in our area. As a not for profit event it will rely on the support of sponsors and the local community every year. A fabulous collection of market stalls, workshops, food, music, complimentary therapists showcase, information sessions, kids activities and games to be held. Come and join in under the shade of the palms at the Community Centre – relax, listen to music, catch up with friends and let the kids enjoy the fabulous new playground which was constructed with the money raised from previous SFI's!

## **Wootton Fire Brigade News**

The AGM was held on Sunday 30th May at the fire station in Squires Rd, Wootton. The new office bearers are

Captain/permit officer: Mike Badcock,

Secretary: Roger Albans Treasurer: Colin McCallum

A new striker was picked up recently which will assist in a faster response to fire callouts.

### **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.

Next Meeting 29th August Training 4th September

Permits are required from 1st October 2010



**2<sup>nd</sup> Annual WOOTTON WORKING CATTLE DOG TRIALS**  
**21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> August, 2010**

Held on the property of Neil Ede, **105 Wattley Hill Road, Wootton**  
The inaugural staging of this on-farm Working Cattle Dog Trial proved such an outstanding success in 2009 that it is now planned to hold this popular event annually. The 2009 event was attended by many competitors as well as supporters and spectators over the two day event. Interest so far this year indicates the 2010 event will be bigger and better with over 100 entries already with many of last years competitors returning. Trialling will begin on Saturday morning at 8.00 am with heats in Maiden, Novice and Open sections. Finals to be held on Sunday. Canteen facilities will operate both days. Contact Zac Ede 0412496568, Neil Ede 0407787920 or Joanne Ede 4997 7102

The Brush Turkey Café at Wootton will also be open on the Sunday 9am-4pm



**Great Lakes Council versus Eric Wilkes**

The saga of Great Lakes Council versus Eric Wilkes has finally been resolved. For those that are interested, the Land and Environment court outcome can be viewed on the internet at [austlii.edu.au/cases/nsw](http://austlii.edu.au/cases/nsw)  
Eric should be trading again soon in his new premises.



**Mini Tornado**

Remember the big storm that happened a few months ago. Did you notice the big flooded gum on the mountain that was blown out of the ground with the destructive force of the winds. The winds were in excess of 80km per hour. The photograph opposite shows how the canopy has opened up and how regeneration has already started.

### **News from the Wootton Guest House**

Peter and Leanne have had a reasonably busy few months at the Wootton Guest House, with the Australasian Dirt Bike magazine coming to do bike tests and reviews on some very nice dirt bikes. An interesting group of Australian champions in various fields of bike riding and expert "works" mechanics having a great time and awesome rides around some of the challenging forest roads within our area. An article went in the ADB July issue.

A group of lady's from Newcastle, who have found Wootton on the map, love staying at the Guest House for their Scrap booking hobby. A dozen or so of all ages and backgrounds (even 3 generations) come together 2 or 3 times a year for intensive and passionate workshops on Scrap booking.

We've also had a good number of travellers, all with stories, moving about the country and passing through our door. Of course the locals, who make the best of our facility, thank you all.

### **Coolongolook & District Memorial Hall Reunion**

October Long Weekend 2nd/3rd October 2010

Come along and have a chat, share your memories, tell your stories, prompt your memories with the photo gallery.

Contact: Tracey Harwood 49977136 or Neryl Gordon 49977157

### **Wootton Tennis Club**

A new competition is due to start soon.

Any interested players please call  
Alison on 0401 594 357



### **Red Spider Mite Recipe**

John came across a 'recipe' to control red spider mites if you're interested. Spray with a mixture of 1/2 cup milk, 4 cups flour, 20 litres water.

Judy Hammond



Do you have a joke or saying? Let us know.  
This month's come from Pete and Leanne.

**"Never put both feet in your mouth at the same time, because then you won't have a leg to stand on"**





### **It would only happen in the city!!!**

A friend of a friend told me the other day of a story about a local spending some time in a Sydney hospital. The relatives couldn't find any nearby accommodation that would allow three joeys to stay, as they were wildlife carers. The nurses, having heard their plight, offered them a room in the hospital.

At feeding times it was not unusual to find up to thirty nurses and doctors waiting their turn to feed the joeys their bottle of milk. Both city and country people were very happy with this arrangement. The joeys are doing fine.

### **Goodbye to Yoga in Wootton**

After 15 years, Peter Auriac, our much loved yoga teacher, has finally called it a day. He will be greatly missed. Over the years Peter has taught over 100 people and extended his classes to Bulahdelah. Those who attended learnt how to keep their bodies supple and their minds clear, always leaving the class relaxed. Thanks for your efforts Pete.

### **For Sale (This service is free)**

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