

# WOOTTON VALLEY NEWS

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## Noisy Miner *Manorina melanocephala*

The Noisy Miner is a honeyeater. Despite its moderate size (28cm), it is an aggressive bird, chasing, pecking, fighting, scolding, and mobbing occur throughout the day, targeted at both intruders and colony members. It is a grey bird, with a black head, orange-yellow beak and feet, a distinctive yellow patch behind the eye and white tips on the tail feathers. A vocal species with a large range of songs, calls, scoldings and alarms, and almost constant noise. Noisy Miners are found in woodlands and open forests, as well as suburban backyards, parks and gardens. It feeds on nectar, fruits, insects and sometimes small reptiles and amphibians. Highly social, it usually feeds in large groups and breeds in colonies, several broods being reared in one season. The female constructs the nest and incubates the eggs alone, but both sexes will care for and feed the young birds with additional male 'helpers'. It breeds July to December. Although its population has increased the Noisy Miner is currently a protected species across Australia.



## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Saturday 28th July	Community Dinner (Pioneer Food) Brush Turkey Cafe 7pm
Saturday 4th August	AGM Wootton Community Network B T Cafe 4pm
Sunday 5th August	Wootton Fire Brigade Training 10am
Saturday 11th August	Supper and Movie Night Brush Turkey Cafe 6pm
Saturday 25th August	Wootton Community Dinner 'Italian' B T Cafe 7pm
Sunday 2nd September	Dad's Day at the Great Lakes Winery
Sunday 2nd September	Wootton Fire Brigade Training 10am
Saturday 8th September	Council Elections
Saturday 8th September	Supper and Movie Night Brush Turkey Cafe 6pm
Saturday 22nd September	Wootton Sustainable Farming Group 9.30am
Sunday 23rd September	Bulahdelah Hill Climb Gates open 8am Event starts 10am
Saturday 29th September	Community Dinner 'Bring-a-Plate' Wootton Hall 6.30pm
Sunday 30th September	Music in the Back Paddock - Great Lakes Winery
Sunday 7th October	Wootton Fire Brigade Training 10am
Sunday 14th October	Community Gathering Wootton Hall 10am

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## **Wootton Community Network**

**Next meeting will be the AGM, followed by an ordinary meeting, 4pm Saturday 4th August 2012**

New people are needed to keep this valuable organization going, so come to this meeting. Note that the date has been changed to a Saturday.

**All positions are vacant.**

**Movies** Saturday 11th August & 8th September. 6pm Supper, 7pm Movie

### **Community Dinners**

**July Dinner** Pioneer night, old fashioned food, prizes for dressing up and trivia. Saturday 28th July 7pm.

**August Dinner** The theme in August will be the always popular Italian Food. Saturday 25th August 7pm.

Please book by leaving a message on 49977296, email or ring 49977292

**September 29th Community Hall Dinner 'Bring a plate'**

Contact Caro on 49977337 to book.

### **Cafe news**

#### ***Brush Turkey Cafe reopening postponed***

We are not able to reopen the Cafe on Sundays from the 5th August, as intended. We just don't have enough Cafe volunteers to keep the workload on individual volunteers to sensible levels. It's little effort when we have plenty of people but it is now too much with only a few of us. We will be continuing with the monthly dinners, movie nights, and the occasional events, as usual.

The Wootton Community Network was originally set up for a variety of reasons and the building, which has become known as the Brush Turkey Cafe, was built so Woottonites would have a 'hub', a 'meeting place' to get together. In this it has been extremely successful, the cafe playing a major part. It would be good if we could continue with that purpose, maybe in other ways. If anyone wants to be involved, has ideas, wants to volunteer, come to the next meeting of the Wootton Community Network on 4th August. It is a wonderful organization but it desperately needs "**new blood**"!! Come along with enthusiasm, ideas and ways to build on what we already have in Wootton.

Jim O'Connor

**Farewell to Geoff Williams...**happy travels! Geoff has been a part of the community for many years now and volunteered many hours of his time. We wish him all the best .

### **Wootton Valley News**

#### **Thanks to:**

Scott, Paloma, Mike & Caro for printing and folding the newsletter.

Judy Hammond and Pat for stapling the newsletter.

**Deadline for the next newsletter is 17th September,2012**



*Supper and Movie Night  
Saturday 11th August  
6pm Supper, 7pm movie \$10  
Brush Turkey Café  
Wootton Way Wootton*

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*Extra Movie  
in September*

*Saturday 8th September  
Election Night Movie*

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for details*

**Coolongolook and Wootton Action Group**

Including the areas of Bunyah, Willina, Coolongolook and Wootton

Since the last newsletter the Community Information Brochures have been delivered to all mailboxes in the area. Additional copies will be available from business establishments in the area. These brochures were sponsored and funded by our local businesses listed on the brochure. Also, as per item in our Strategic Plan, a copy of the Wootton Valley News, the Community Information Brochure and an application form for RFS membership will be made available through estate agents to new property buyers. The final Community Strategic Plan for Coolongolook, Wang Wauk and Wallingat River Communities has eventuated and will be officially presented to GLC meeting on Tuesday 24th July. Endeavours will be made to allow access to the document for all locals. Many of the items are already "works in progress". We appreciate the interest and input from the local community, NSW Trade and Investment, GLC Councillors, GLC senior staff members, particularly Deb Tuckerman [Economic Development Manager]. It is envisaged that a meeting will be held with GLC in the near future for mutually cooperation to assist in advancing our Plans. A workshop was held at our meeting on 19th of June with Richard Old, the GLC Tourism Manager. Information from that meeting is presently being reviewed. The next monthly meeting will be on Thursday 16th August at 6.30pm in the Coolongolook Hall. Oval volunteers work the first and third Tuesday 10am until midday.

Contacts; Brian Parry 65591671, Jeni Locke 49977334, Orla Murtagh 49977402

### **Wootton Rural Fire Brigade**

So far the brigade has not been called out this winter. Training is continuing on the first Sunday of every month at 10:00 am. Although it is now a fairly wet mid winter, it is also the best time for you to prepare your property for the warmer months ahead. Have you considered:

- If your boundary fence lines form a clear fire break;
- If there is an old wind row of timber that should be burnt;
- If your paddock (like mine) is full of Whiskey grass that has dried out and forms a fire risk?

Soon it will be Spring and the brigade is expecting a busy fire season as the prolific growth dries out during the warmer months ahead.

We are always seeking members, so give some thought to joining.

My contact is 0401240007 (best between 7 and 9pm)

Roger Albans (Captain)

### **WOOTTON SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURAL GROUP**

We all met at Mike's place on a very cold day last month. The guest speaker, Peter Beale, District Agronomist, from the NSW DPI, talked about pastures and answered lots of questions. We were given some booklets on 'Legumes & Herbs' and

'Grasses' which should prove to be very useful for identification. Unfortunately Stacy has left the council and some of us attended a farewell for her at Coola Hall. We wish

her all the best. Next meeting will be at Alex's property, 865 Newmans Road, 9.30 to 12.30 on Saturday 22nd September. This workshop will be on animals. If anyone would like to join contact Karen Bee at the Council 65917305



Peter & Stacey answering questions



### **Wootton Community Facilities Future!**

A community gathering is planned to discuss the future of the Wootton community facilities (the hall, the resource centre, tennis courts, the old horse paddock and reserve adjacent to the fire shed).

We are looking to make a plan for the whole area, so bring along your ideas and join us for a barbeque afterwards. Sunday, 14th October, 10am.

This will be a joint project of the various Wootton community groups.

More information will be in the next newsletter.

## **Wootton Hall Happenings**

**Geoquest Fundraiser** Many thanks to all those that donated time, food and materials to the GeoQuest race over the long weekend in June. Between the Hall Committee and the Wootton RFS we managed to man the food stall from the time of the first 24-hour team arriving around 11pm on Saturday to the second last 48-hour team arriving around 9 pm on Sunday evening! Special thanks go to Robyn, Doris and Mary for the scones, slices and fruit cake. The number of people who came back for more with the comment that they were the best they had ever had was enormous! Special thanks also to Roger, Bernard and Adam who manned the bar-b-q with a bit of friendly rivalry as to who could get the best compliments about their cooking (I think Adam won with his heart attack burger for one of the race officials as we were closing the bar-b-q on Sunday evening) and Michael and Roger who were there for the long haul from Saturday evening through to Sunday lunch with no break with Mike returning mid-afternoon to be there for the final flurry. The Wootton Hall and the Wootton RFS are splitting the monies raised. A final special thanks to Manning Valley Free Range Eggs and Wootton Meats for their generous donations.



**June Dinner** June also saw the Hall Committee hosting their second community dinner for the year. Again, a wonderful evening was had by all. The hall looked a picture with the tables, flowers and standard lamps giving a warm homey feel.

**Historical Collection** The first set of photos donated by Doris and Beryl and framed by Mary were on display and generated interesting discussions about yesteryear. We look forward to increasing the number on display. If anyone is interested in contributing to the collection we are happy to organise to get the photos scanned with originals returned to you. Please contact me on 49977337. Caro

**Next dinner will be 29th September.**

## **LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

Dear Pat,

We wrote to you earlier with some news regards Jack Smith, who settled in the Wootton area, and my mother (Loris) Hastten, the following to add to his profile.

My father John Smith purchased 300 acres of bush land at Wootton in around 1912 and set about clearing it for dairy farming. While doing this he also worked as a sleeper cutter, to keep the family going, up Allan-Taylor's line, on a steam engine into the bush.

His property was later purchased by Eadie Squires, in about 1946, who had lived there ever since, until her death (approx. three years ago). I am sure everyone in Wootton would know Eadie.

My Mum and Dad raised a family of ten children at Wootton and took an active part in all sport and functions in the area. Two of my brothers played rugby league and Dad managed the team with many successes. My youngest brother went away to high school in Maitland where he captained the cricket team. They were all excellent athletes.

My middle brother Harry (Cash, as all the Wootton folk knew him) was one of the first to enlist, when World War Two broke out, with the headmaster of Wootton school, Mr Sid Ham, a really wonderful teacher.

We all began our school life at Wootton. There are seven of us still living. Our ages are Jack 96, Miriam 94, Alice 88, Clarice 86, Arthur 84, Myra 82 and Loris 79 (80 in October this year). Loris

Sister Clarice also wrote...

My childhood was happy, I had a large family, milked cows, gathered blackberries and wild strawberries from the banks of our creek that ran through my Dad's property.

In 1940 my brother Harry came home to Wootton with his friend Jack Morris. That year Harry was sent to Egypt and Jack Morris was sent to Singapore. I played basketball at Wootton school and can remember my Mother's Sunday dinners and holidays at Harrington and Blackhead with the Maybury family (who owned the general store in Wootton). My friend at school was Ida Newton. I was 14 when I left school and later, during the war, I worked as a machinist at the ammunitions factory in Newcastle. There I met my husband Ralph Rowe and married in 1944. On our wedding day we were given a pair of blankets, it was the most memorable gift (together with my brother Harry returning home from the war) because of the war and they almost impossible to get.

It was the hardest of times for my parents, the loss of cattle, their son away at war and many other hardships but there were no complaints...my mum had a very happy nature.

Kind regards  
Denice Clifford

## What else is happening

### 11/12 August Myall Stages Rally

Held in the forests around Bulahdelah  
Rally Headquarters, Bulahdelah Showground

### Saturday 18th August International Lighthouse Day

Sugarloaf Point Lighthouse 10am to 3pm The lighthouse tower is not open to the public so this is a once a year chance to see the lighthouse and the magnificent views. Contact National Parks & Wildlife 65 910300

### Sunday 2nd September

#### Dad's Day at the Great Lakes Winery with Matt Zarb

Music, Food and Drinks 49977255 for more info

### Friday 14th/Saturday 15th September Stroud Rodeo & Campdraft

### Saturday 15th September Tuncurry Mile Race Meeting

### Fri 21 to Sun 23rd Sept 'Walk on the Wildside Festival' Hawks Nest

### Sat 22 Sept - 7th Oct Great Lakes Arts Society Members Exhibition

### Sunday 23rd September Bulahdelah Hill Climb Wootton Way

Gates open at 8am, event starts 10am

### Sat 29th & 30th Sept Stroud Country Fair & Heavy Horse Show

### Sat 29th September to Mon 1st October

#### Forster Film Festival

Coastal Patrol Building Forster  
Breakwall

### Sunday 30th September

#### Music in the Back Paddock

#### Great Lakes Winery

For more events and information go  
to [www.greatlakes.org.au/events.asp](http://www.greatlakes.org.au/events.asp)



Gleny Rae Virus and her  
Tamworth Playboys  
in the Back Paddock

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