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Orange Thorn Bush (*Pittosporum multiflorum*)

Previously known as *Citriobatus pauciflorus*, the Orange Thorn Bush is a shrub growing in eastern Australia, from Eden NSW north to Qld. Found in or near rainforest areas or wet sclerophyll forest the dense foliage provides a habitat for small birds and animals, the spines a protection from large birds. It grows from one to three metres in height. The leaves are almost circular, 3 to 12 mm long, practically without leaf stalks, mostly toothed. White, tiny, bell-shaped flowers occur in



Spring or Summer, with 5 petals and 5 stamens. The orange fruit often persists on the plant, in huge abundance dominating the visual landscape of the bush during ripening season. A single 4ft bush may produce thousands of fruits in a single season. The berry is orange, globular and 4-8mm in diameter. Reportedly eaten by the Aborigines, the berry ripens May - July and is said to have "not much of a taste and there is very little flesh in it but it is sweet." The fruit is also eaten by the Wonga pigeon and is a food plant for the Bright Copper butterfly. This photo was taken in Wootton.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Friday 2nd August	'Art Exhibition Opening Night' Brush Turkey Cafe 6pm
Sunday 4th August	Wootton Fire Brigade Training at the Fire Shed 10am
Saturday 10th August	Wootton 101 planning meeting, Wootton Hall, 10 am
Saturday 10th August	Supper & Movie Night Brush Turkey Cafe "True Grit" 6pm supper, 7pm movie
Sunday 11th August	Brush Turkey Cafe re-opens 9am to 4 pm
Friday 16th August	Landcare Webinar Brush Turkey Cafe 12pm to 1pm
Sunday 18th August	"Beef Cheese & Bocce" Luncheon Great Lakes Winery 12 to 4pm
Sunday 25th August	Wootton Fire Brigade Meeting at the Fire Shed 10am
Thursday 29th August	Coolongolook & Wootton Action Group community meeting Coolongolook Hall 6.30pm
Saturday 31st August	Community Dinner "Hot Pot" Brush Turkey Cafe 7pm
Sunday 1st Sept	Wootton Fire Brigade Training at the Fire Shed 10am
Sunday 1st Sept	Wootton Sustainable Farming Meeting in the Wootton Hall 12pm
Sunday 1st Sept	"Dads Day" Music in the Back Paddock Great Lakes Winery 12 to 4pm
Saturday 14th Sept	Supper & Movie Night Brush Turkey Cafe "The Help" 6pm supper, 7pm movie
Sunday 15th Sept	Wootton Community Network AGM Brush Turkey Cafe 3pm
Saturday 21st Sept	Coolongolook Wootton Community Soccer Day Challenge - a CWAG fundraiser
Saturday 28th Sept	Wootton 101 Celebration and After party, Wootton Community Centre, 10 am start

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WOOTTON COMMUNITY NETWORK

BRUSH TURKEY CAFÉ REOPENING 11TH AUGUST

Café News The café has been closed for July to give all the volunteers a break. It opens again on Sunday 11th August. Come have a coffee and a chat with the locals.

The AGM will be held on Sunday 15th September at 3pm. All members are welcome to attend and put themselves up for election on the committee. Everyone is encouraged to join. At our last meeting we discussed buying a new screen for the movie nights and whether we should adopt a newer constitution.

Dinners: 31st August: "Hot Pot" dinner at B.T.Café 7pm \$20 Bookings: 49977292
28th September: Wootton 101 After Party 4 pm \$10 Bookings: 49977337

Movie Nights: 10th August: "True Grit"
14th September: "The Help"

Landcare Webinar Series

After successfully hosting the set of three Landcare webinars in June there is another one coming up in August on Holistic Management with Allan Savory. Allan is often cited as one of the fathers of holistic management and is the founder of the Savory Institute. Whether you think his approach to farming/land management is compelling or controversial most people agree that he is thought provoking and a great presenter that engenders discussion. Please join us in the Brush Turkey Café for this webinar, Friday August 16, 12pm to 1 pm. There is no cost and coffee/tea is provided.

Wootton Fire Brigade News

The AGM was held in June with Mike Badcock being elected as Captain on the resignation of Roger Albans. Roger is remaining in the brigade as a Deputy Captain with Craig Tate as Senior Deputy Captain. Other office bearers are Adam Garnett, President; Bernard Carran, Training Officer; Stewart Lamond, Treasurer and Sue Mayo, Secretary.

A public information session along the lines of the very successful event two years ago will be held in the hall in October on "Fire Safety and Property Protection". The finalized date to be announced.

Your brigade will be carrying out an assessment of the fire risk in the Wootton valley. This will include a visit to all households.

Training is held the first Sunday of every month at 10am at the fire station. The next 3 training days are: Sunday August 4th, Sunday September 1st, Sunday October 6th (Daylight saving commences)

Meetings are held every three months with the next meeting on Sunday August 25th, 10 am at the fire station. All are welcome especially those who wish to join the RFS.

Fire permits are required from October 1.

Do you keep the old Wootton Valley News?

We are searching for a copy of the Wootton Valley News from December 2001, number 14. If you have a copy we would appreciate it to complete our collection. We are happy to scan a copy if you prefer.

Contact Pat Tate on 4997 7292

Supper and Movie Nights - 2nd Saturday of every month
6pm Supper, 7pm movie Great value at \$10
Brush Turkey Café Wootton Way Wootton
Bookings 49977292



True Grit A tough U.S. Marshal helps a stubborn young woman track down her father's murderer. A Western/Drama stars Jeff Bridges and Matt Damon



The Help A Southern town's unspoken code of rules and behaviour is shattered by three courageous women who strike up an unlikely friendship.

New Artist Exhibits in August

We are privileged to have Coleen Rosa from Wootton exhibiting at the Brush Turkey Cafe when it reopens in August. She tells us how she got interested in art.....

"I started painting in 2000 after seeing a mural done in a magazine, which inspired me to try painting, so went out to the shed and got leftover house paints and painted two murals, one on the dining room wall and another on the wall of the back patio, I was hooked. Must have been ok as I then received my 1st commission to paint a Mexican dancing lady 6ftx4ft on a lounge room wall. Two of my paintings have gone overseas to England and China. In December



2002 a group of artist friends and I put together an exhibition at the Entrance, Central Coast and I sold a large proportion of works. I have exhibited in a few exhibitions on the Central Coast including 'Wyong Adult & Community Education Arts & Crafts Show' in 2003, and was awarded 2nd place for a yellow rose painting, and 3rd for a painting Breaking the Brumby. I enjoy using acrylic paints because of the fast drying time. I started painting on walls then paper and then onto stretched canvas and doors done in 'Trompe l'oeil' (a technique that uses realistic imagery to create the optical illusion that depicts objects exist in three dimensions method) which I find enjoyable. There is no particular theme which I prefer, and enjoy doing trompe l'oeil, portraits, florals, Northern Australia waterholes and gorillas. I enjoy painting a realistic painting, I have used statues, photographs and my imagination for my paintings. My aspirations and endeavours are - to continue to improve my ability to get what I see and feel onto canvas. I have had no training and am self taught."

There will be an exhibition opening night and everyone is welcome. Join us for wine and nibbles at the Brush Turkey Cafe 6pm this Friday 2nd August.

Wootton 101 Day Arts and Crafts Exhibition/ Competition

Entries are being sought for the Arts and Crafts exhibition being held as part of the Wootton 101 Day. There will be two sections, Junior (under 12) and Open. Junior prize will be a \$50 Big W gift voucher and Open prize will be a \$100 gift voucher from All About Arts and Framing in Taree. The subject for the Junior display is "School days through the ages". Contact Pam Dunne, for more information, on 4997 7156

Wootton Hall Happenings

The June dinner was very successful. On a pretty cold and wet night many hearty souls braved the elements to join us – maybe we were all just fed-up being stuck indoors but whatever the reason it was great to see everyone. There were also quite a few children which was great to see so the small desks and chairs were set up for them. As usual there was plenty of hearty food suitable for such an evening. Margaret Dobson won the lucky door prize of a blue and white porcelain vase. All funds raised have gone into the committee's float for the Wootton 101 Day.

At this stage there is still no feedback from the Council on the termite inspection. We are still waiting for final approval from the Council on the layout of the community sign to replace the one opposite the end of Wattle Hill Road. Once approval is received the sign will be commissioned and erected in plenty of time to advertise Wootton 101 Day.

Wootton 101

Preparations are progressing well for the 101st birthday celebrations since the opening of the school. The media blitz has netted numerous phone calls and emails with people saying they are organizing their extended families to attend. You can expect to catch up with the Stamp, Muxlow, Squires, Smith, Keaton families and many others. Jack Smith, 97 and probably the oldest living ex student of the school will be there. Tim McDonnell from Wattle Hill Rd was working out past Lightning Ridge and was informed by a colleague out there that there was a reunion happening in Wootton! He had seen it in the Daily Telegraph!

The next community meeting to discuss preparations for the event will be 10 August at 10am in the hall. Anyone interested is welcome.

Draft Programme:

Wootton 101 Day: 28 September, 10 am to 4 pm. Free entry

All Day:

- Walk through time and Wootton Today display – hall
- Arts and Craft exhibition – Brush Turkey café
- Games: marbles, quoits, horse shoes, skipping, hop scotch, jacks, tug-o-war
- Stalls: bric-a-brac, plants, local produce
- Fire engine
- Food:
 - Hall - sandwiches, cakes, tea, coffee, soft drinks, Dutch pancakes
 - Fire Brigade – sausage sizzle, soft drinks
 - Brush Turkey Café – cappuccinos, light refreshments

At various times during the day:

- Guided walks through Wootton bush (at the back of the old school/hall)
- Wood chopping demonstration (Ken Murrell and colleagues)
- 1pm – formal birthday celebrations with birthday cake
- 3pm – Arts and Craft Exhibition prize giving, any other competition awards

After party: 28 September, 4 pm til late

Pizzas (from the pizza oven) and bar-b-q

Volunteers from the Wootton 101 Day (Free meal, drinks extra)

Any others are welcome (\$10 a head, drinks extra)

Caro's contact details: 4997 7337, caro_badcock@bigpond.com

Wanted:

- Volunteers: can you spare an hour on the day to spend in the kitchen making sandwiches, on the stalls or supervising the games?
- Bric-a-brac: any clean, good quality bric-a-brac; NO clothes, shoes or furniture. Donations can be dropped-off at the Brush Turkey café on any Sunday from August 11 or at the hall at anytime (call Caro to let her know to go and move into safe storage)
- Cakes, slices, scones, toffees, chocolate crackles, plants, produce etc. These can be dropped off at the hall on Friday the 27th September or on the morning of the 28th. Please let Caro know if you are planning to donate so she has an indication of what to expect.
- Locals: would you like your business or property identified on the Wootton Today presentation? Photos and brief description welcome.
- Arts and Crafts: contributions can be dropped off at the café as for the bric-a-brac.

Letter to the Editor

My details of my time at Wootton. I was born Diane Squires, father Neil Squires, mother Dorothy Winifred Clark. We lived at Newmans Rd, Wootton. Jack Smith and wife Grace Smith on one side of the property and on the other, Minnie and Charlie Squires with Mr and Mrs Madely on the hill across the road. I went to Wootton School. Charlie Squires drove us in his utility. We lived on a dairy farm and had many farm jobs to do. I remember Joan Squires and Thelma Squires on the school trek. My teacher's name in kindergarten was Mr Allan and I really liked him even though he gave me the cane for eating bread crusts in the classroom. Then I was kept in and I missed the homeward journey. In the mean time Jack Squires was kind and gave me ice cream with flavouring and I was eating it when they came back to get me. There was two classrooms and in my room was kindergarten, 1st class and 2nd class. In the other room was 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th class. I can't remember the name of the headmaster but his wife taught the sewing. The girl that sat next to me was Lorraine Kevis. She lived on the corner. Maybury's shop at the end. Mr Allan was a very good teacher. We did tongue exercises, eye exercises, education games, played shops with make believe money. We made fruit and vegetables out of dough and painted it, exercises and games outside. In the afternoon he would ask if anyone would sing or say poetry. I said a poem written by my grandmother Mryth Clark:

“A Little Star”

A little star ran away one night into a silvery black lagoon
All night long it slept there rocked gently to and fro
'Til the first soft light of the morning fell on the earth below
The sun got up and stretched itself and made the shadows grow
And the little star grew frightened and knew not where to go.

I can't remember the rest or if it was in that order. There were a few verses but in the end the sun kissed the little star and took it home to bed. Mr Allan was amazed, I think, for a five year old to remember it.

I loved my time at Wootton . I was very happy. I will look forward to the reunion.

Yours sincerely, Diane Foster

Judy and John Hammond visit the village of Wootton in the U.K.

We drove into Wootton Village a few km away from a bigger town called Abingdon which is south of Oxford. I approached a lady in the local grocery store/post office and had a lovely chat with her. Unfortunately she is not on the internet, but I told her I would mail a WVN to her which hopefully will have her photo. I am hoping that Anne will show the newsletter to others and perhaps then I can make further contacts with locals. The lady's



name is Miss Anne Byrne. She said the village is mainly retirees with a few younger families.

John says he found 12 villages called Wootton and 9 others with a second name such as Wootton St Lawrence in our UK Road Atlas. We drove into Royal Wootton Bassett which I think Jim O'Connor is familiar with and came across some gypsies in the centre of town with their horses and wagons. I asked the fellow sitting in his wagon for a photo with him and his horse. The fellow said his name was Pixie, not the horse, him!

What's been happening at the winery??

Usually things slow down a little in the winter months but it hasn't slowed down this year - the weather is certainly helping!! We kicked off June with Galleri playing in the back paddock on the June long weekend - a good crowd of approx 200 enjoyed the day - great band so if you didn't get along to our music day make sure you see them while they are still doing small local gigs! Local piano accordion muso Steve Gawthorpe and friend did a spontaneous set which was a bonus to the day! Manning Support Services treated their volunteers to a well deserved hosted wine & cheese tasting and luncheon at the winery.....our second Beef Cheese & Bocce day (scheduled every 2nd month) was a nice way to spend a gloomy Sunday in June - Ray from Comboyne Culture joined the group and talked them through the delicious range of Comboyne Cheeses while we in the kitchen preparing a delicious grass fed angus beef dish being a duo of spice rubbed roasted sirloin & slow cooked oyster blade fillet in ale - not much bocce was played but everyone went home with full tummies and planning to book in for the next BCB day in August.....we packed up the wines and tasting cups to take the show on the road down to Bulahdelah for a hosted tasting for the Lakelanders (Campervan & Motor Home Association) who had taken up residence at the showground for a few days.....local Forster pre-school Lilly Pilly joined us for a celebratory lunch for achieving accreditation of the highest standard and being awarded NSW State winners for educators and care - impressive!! Our friends at Newcastle Uni visited us again for their annual get together for their central coast and Port Macquarie campuses.....New management of the Plough Inn have introduced our wines to their offering...there is a whisper that they have a great chef at the pub and is well worth a visit!.....July kicked off with twins from Forster celebrating their 50th birthday with a BBQ and games in the back paddock on a lovely sunny Saturday.....Jan & Ian from Kingfisher Cafe hosted a wonderful Winemakers Dinner with chef Nick creating a delicious menu matched with a selection of Great Lake Wines - a great night out and a very talented team in that kitchen! Oh and one last event being the opening of Martines Riverview Wine Bar at 4 Pulteney Street, Taree who are stocking our wine - a nice addition to the Taree scene (ex Martines from Old Bar) ...while all this was happening Gav managed to get the vineyard pruned while the vines go dormant and store all the goodness in readiness for budburst in September. Robyn

Upcoming Events

Sunday August 18th - "Beef Cheese & Bocce" Luncheon 12 to 4pm

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

Sunday September 1st - Dads Day Music in the Back Paddock with "Craic 'n Fiddle" a *Matt Zarb collaboration*

Picture: Kingfisher Cafe chefs with Steve at the winemakers dinner



Coolongolook Wootton Action Group

The CWAG committee elected at the recent AGM are Brian Parry (President), Steve Panos (Vice President), Pam Dunne (Secretary), Jeni Locke (Treasurer). The committee members are Orla Murtagh, Wendy Seymour, Alison Curnow, Karen Roberts, Jeremy Saba, Jason Tindall, Bill & Jilliana Zikos. It was decided to hold four Community Meetings each year and bimonthly committee meetings. The next Community Meeting will be held on Thursday August 29th, Coolongolook Hall at 6.30. Representatives from Great Lakes Council will attend to discuss our Coolongolook, Wang Wauk and Wallingat Rivers Catchment Communities Strategic Plan. Everyone is invited to attend.

It's on Again!! The Coolongolook Wootton Community Soccer Day Challenge for the Prized 'COOLONGOLOOK CUP' Saturday 21st September. A fundraiser for CWAG. Start to organise your teams for the Adult teams and Childrens teams. More info closer to the day. Phone Alison for any soccer day details 0401594357



Are you concerned with the state of Newmans Road???

Newmans Road residents have become concerned with the condition of the road, with numerous potholes and corrugations. Residents who have contacted council, asking if anything can be done about repairing it, have been told that "unless they get a large number of requests from residents it probably won't get done." The road is in need of roadbase as well as grading. The grading just fills in the holes with dust and the corrugations are not completely removed so the first lot of rain and it is back to bad roads. So, if you are concerned even after the current grading:

email the **Engineering Department** at the Council, council@greatlakes.nsw.gov.au
Or you can write a letter and send it to PO Box 450 Forster 2428

Sustainable Farming Group

The last get together was at Kevin and Coleen Rosa's place on the 22nd June. It was a glorious sunny, warm day after threatening rain and we all enjoyed morning tea in the sun outside. Coleen and Kevin enjoyed the discussion with Michael Barberie from the CMA who came to talk to us about erosion and, in particular the erosion concerns that Coleen and Kevin have with their waterway and a large tree that is having the soil washed from its root system during rain events. Michael gave lots of helpful suggestions agreeing that there was no one particular way of fixing their problem. He agreed you could build retaining walls and plant out but needed to take care the water didn't just go around the end of the wall and cause other problems. He suggested that native plants with long roots such as lomandra prove very useful. He also suggested the phased removal of the wattle in the gully, replacing them again with something with a long root system. Craig suggested a fig might be a good approach. So, their plan of action is to continue to tidy up the gully and plant out an under storey with strong root growth.

At the beginning of the day Helen Kemp from Great Lakes Council explained to the group about the changes that need to be made if the groups want to continue. The funding for the SFGs as they currently exist is not continuing and Karuah, Great Lakes Land Care (KGL) have offered to take them under their wing. There will be a meeting in the hall on Sunday September 1 at mid-day (immediately after fire brigade training for those in the RFS) to discuss our way forward. Everyone is welcome. For those who have received a copy of the KGL sub-group guidelines it would be a good idea to read them before the meeting and bring them with you.

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The new concrete bridge, Pacific Highway, Wootton taken August 1960 (Photo from the 'Trove' website Dept. Main Roads)

